

DEBBIE TRAVIS
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Q&A with Debbie Travis: Using reclaimed wood in a cabin; replacing an old medicine cabinet

Dear Debbie,

We are in the process of building a cabin in the woods, a dream we have had forever. As much as possible, we are using reclaimed wood and any other salvaged materials to complete the rooms. Have you any sources or ideas for the kitchen and bathroom?

~ Hannah and Doug

Dear Hannah and Doug;

I admire your adventurous spirit and know how it feels to make a dream like this come true. I have been renovating an 800 year old villa and farmhouse in Tuscany for three years now, and have taken countless trips to stone quarries and salvage sites as well as every kind of flea market and roadside sale to gather material and furniture for my new home.

While scouting the Internet, I came across Native Trails, a company that produces the most stunning sinks and cabinets. In their words, the pieces are artisan crafted from natural and sustainable materials such as copper, concrete and reclaimed wood. Here are some ideas and innovations you will want to check out.

For the kitchen, they have handmade concrete sinks that are reinforced with jute fibre, a material that is extremely strong and sustainable. These sinks are about 40 per cent lighter than standard concrete, and are easy care. Antique and hammered copper sinks styled as farmhouse sinks and trough sinks are handsome and practical, and they have a true hand-hewn quality that is earthy and engaging. Their antique copper and brushed nickel range hoods are unique and provide professional grade ventilation.

For the bathroom, vanities and mirrors are made by artisans from reclaimed wine-making materials and reclaimed barnwood. The Bordeaux wall mount shown here is made from a reclaimed wine barrel. Their Baby Classic undermount oval sink is available in antique copper or a hand-dipped brushed nickel finish. The Bordeaux mirror frame is made from reclaimed wine barrel tops, and each frame has a unique barrel maker's stamp on it. You'll get that 'wow' factor combined with craftsmanship and sustainability; a good fit for your handmade home.

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Native Trails invests in the remarkable warmth and craftsmanship of products made by hand with sustainable and reclaimed materials.