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# BEHIND THE LINES

CUSTOM COLLECTIONS FOR LUXURY HOMES—AND THE DESIGNERS BEHIND THEM



#### UNIQUE FEATURES

The Grant Nightstand and Cubist Ottoman are both multiuse pieces done in macassar ebony. The ottoman works as a simple footrest, but it also contains a pull-out drawer and flat writing surface.

## Poet Furniture

A few years ago, renowned Los Angeles-based interior designer Carol Poet decided to take a leap of faith and launch a furniture line, designed to complement to her two-decade-old interior-design business, Poet Design. "After years of designing custom furniture for clients, a furniture line seemed like a natural step in the progression of my firm," Poet says.

She adds that, over the years, designing a piece of furniture to meet the exact needs of a client became easier than trying to find the right ready-made piece. However, she found herself drawn again and again to creating the same pieces—with slight modifications. These perennial favorites became the base designs for her furniture line, which is available exclusively to those in the design trade.

While the classic lines and structures of Poet Furniture remain unchanged, each piece in the line can be tailored to a designer's specifications. Choices include more than 20 finish options and a variety of fine and exotic woods, allowing designers to create completely customized looks.

"My intent was to create a collection of furniture that was very usable for designers, regardless of the style of their work," Poet says. "As a result, all the pieces have the same timeless essence and were designed so that they would meld into either a traditional home or a more contemporary setting."

Out of more than 40 wood and upholstered designs, the Cubist Ottoman is one of Poet's favorites. A perfect marriage of beauty and function, the exquisitely designed wooden cube features a leather-cushioned top, pull-out trays, a deep drawer, and hidden casters.

On the drawing board for Poet Furniture's future is a selection of beds, but Poet says her focus for now is less on expanding the line's offerings and more on expanding its exposure. She adds, "I am thrilled to be able to offer this line to designers because, with a change to the upholstery or finish, you can give the designs a completely different look and a new life." —Julie Edwards

