

WHAT DOES \$5,000 GET YOU?

## Custom Furniture

That IKEA dining room table might serve its purpose now, but it's not exactly a family heirloom. These custom woodworkers make everything from Frank Lloyd Wright spinoffs to their own whimsical designs, ensuring your decor is one of a kind. —SARAH MAX



### W3 Barstools

**The Maker:** Walker Woodworks. Former pro mountain biker Earl M. Walker Jr. has been building furniture in Leadville, Colorado, for the past decade.

**The Piece:** Walker designed this contemporary barstool in 2003 and spent the past five years modifying it for optimal comfort.

**Price:** \$4,000 for a set of four  
[walkerwoodworks.com](http://walkerwoodworks.com)

### Pedestal Table

**The Maker:** Shangri-la Woodworks. Scott and Stephanie Shangraw of Alto, New Mexico, split the fine woodworking: Stephanie specializes in relief, power, and chip carving, and Scott, who trained with furniture-making icons Sam Maloof and David Marks, hand shapes each piece.

**The Piece:** An air pressure system bends layers of wood to form the elegant pedestal, which is topped with locally harvested, 500-year-old walnut and African purple-heart end pieces.  
**Price:** \$1,800–\$4,000  
[shangritawoodworks.com](http://shangritawoodworks.com)



### Mahogany Sideboard

**The Maker:** Geoffrey Fitzwilliam moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1974 to study at the Violin Making School of America, then turned his skills to the Arts and Crafts furniture movement and worked for Wendell Castle and Michael Fortune.

**The Piece:** One of Fitzwilliam's own designs, the piece combines arts-and-crafts sensibility with Art Deco's more refined look.

**Price:** \$4,800  
[fitzwilliam.com](http://fitzwilliam.com)



### Classic Rocking Chair

**The Maker:** Scott Morrison has shown his work at more than a dozen prestigious festivals and is currently facing a one-year backlog in his Columbus, Montana-based shop.

**The Piece:** Drawn from a Sam Maloof design, this sleek rocker comes in cherry, maple, walnut, or rosewood. The scooped headrest and curved back rails exemplify Morrison's philosophy of "fluid" furniture design that mimics nature.

**Price:** From \$5,200  
[finewoodworker.com](http://finewoodworker.com)

