



Today's custom bars have evolved to become true entertainment stations, with all the necessary accoutrements.

Raising the Bar

Custom Bars Stir Entertaining Mix

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Bars in the home are growing in popularity.

Today, more and more homeowners are finding that bars have become an essential part of a family home and a crucial entertaining tool.

The role of the home bar has expanded, because the functions of the home bar are far greater than those common in the past. Home bars used to be the province

of dad and the boys or martinis with the neighbors.

Today's custom bar has much more than a sink and a refrigerator - they have become an entertainment station. Modern bars may have icemakers, dishwashers, beer dispensers, warming drawers and wine captains, even flat-screen TVs. Your imagination's the limit when designing a custom bar. ▶



Classic Bars' creations are unique expressions of their owners' taste and style, emulating British country pubs, classic American big-city bars or Old West-style saloons.

Bars have also become unique expressions of their owners' taste and style. Classic Bars' design ethic is consistent with the company's name, as most of its bars are made of rich woods like mahogany and are designed to emulate British country pubs, classic American big-city bars or Old West-style saloons.

Another interesting design element is the incorporation of an architectural piece or a memorabilia collection into the construction of a new bar. "One woman we built a bar for wanted to use a stain-glass window from an old church and put it against the back of the bar. Her husband was an engineer, so I don't need to explain how closely he was watching us. But we placed the window in and it fit like a glove, and the

light coming through was just a beautiful experience."

Classic Bars' showroom is an experience itself. It opens onto the factory, where Wilson and his master craftsmen build their bars in full view of customers. Wilson says it's part demonstration, part advertisement and part old-time craft fair, but there's nothing old-timey about the technology and innovative spirit the company builds into each of these new custom bars. 

For more information on a Classic Bar, call (404) 350-9806. Visit www.TodayCustomHome.com for Bob Wilson's advice on selecting a space for your dream bar.

Classic Bars has spent more than a decade conceiving, perfecting, innovating and building high-quality, custom wooden bars for individual homeowners. Classic Bars is a company on top of the latest trends, because they create them.

Founder and Owner Bob Wilson saw the trend toward mass acceptance of bars coming as his friends' children moved off to school and left their playrooms behind. "A lot of people I knew had a basement room that maybe had a pool table or a ping-pong table that the kids used to use," Wilson recalls. "But when the kids moved out, mom and dad had this whole room and wanted to do something fun for themselves. The bar was a great thing to do.

"We are not limited to older, existing homes. Many new homes are built with high ceilings and large rooms that can accommodate a custom bar, wine cellar, home theatre and exercise room. It is fun to see this trend continue to grow in the Atlanta area, with more people wishing to spend time at home in their own surroundings," he notes.

The bar has become an integral part of family life – even for families with younger children. "A lot of people want to have their bars adjacent to the home theatre," explains Wilson. "It's a whole way to have your snacks and drinks right there together with your movies for the kids. Then when the game's on, all your friends can come over, and no one has to keep leaving the area to get a beer." ▶

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