



Open to view

This contemporary wharf-side condominium is in a converted warehouse that once stored trade goods

Old, exposed brick walls and huge, heavy ceiling beams are among the features that can make an old warehouse particularly appealing. However, in the process of conversion to apartments, these very features may also provide a challenge.

To convert this old warehouse on Boston's Commercial Wharf into a luxury condominium, interior designer Marcia Summers worked closely with the staff at Woodmeister Corporation.

Within the converted warehouse are

large, open-plan living areas in a casual, contemporary style, with views of the water and marina. Timber beamed ceilings and painted brick walls are left exposed to create a mix of old world Boston and today's modern amenities.

As part of the project, challenges for Woodmeister and Summers included out-of-plumb walls and antiquated systems that needed updating without detracting from the charm of the original building.

To do this, special electrical wire chases were created in the baseboards,

HVAC ductwork was incorporated into cabinetry and hidden in storage areas, and special details were created to blend into the existing features. Woodmeister fabricated the custom cabinetry in smaller units, which were then installed to fit perfectly around exposed sprinkler pipes, bricks and ceiling beams.

In addition, the homeowners wanted extra storage areas while maintaining the building's special features. Storage cabinets were fabricated by Woodmeister to divide the space and create more intimacy



in the open-plan apartment. A pantry, made from stainless steel panels, has a curved corner to soften its size and help it blend into the room. Instead of traditional dining furniture, built-in banquette seating and a heavy glass table abutt the pantry. In the master bedroom a combination media wall unit and dressing area divides the space.

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Facing page: Woodmeister Corporation worked with interior designer Marcia Summers to refurbish this old warehouse. The new apartment is open and spacious. The built-in banquette and glass-topped table comfortably seat eight. A stainless steel flush wainscot that frames the room and runs into the raised fireplace.

Above: A custom wall unit defines the space in the master bedroom. A full walk-in closet opens up behind the mirrored doors.

Left: The dry bar, made by Woodmeister, is wrapped in burlap and lacquered in black.