

2020 Design Customer Spotlight – Steven Buck from Cabinets & Granite Direct

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Steven Buck, winner of the 2020 Design Inspiration Awards in the Kohler category, went back to school for a bachelor's degree in interior design after watching too much HGTV. “I was working at a big box store at the time,” says Buck, “so transitioning to the kitchen design department was the natural move after graduation.”

Eventually, Buck found his way to a small cabinet showroom where he honed his 2020 Design skills before joining the team at Cabinets & Granite Direct. He also makes wire art in the form of trees and flowers.

Question & Answer Session

When did you start using 2020 Design and what were some of your reasons for choosing that software?

I started using 2020 Design over 10 years ago when I began my design career at a big box store. I found 2020 Design to be easy to use and fun to explore, even back then. That has only become more true with each new version that has been released.

What are some of the most helpful features you use in 2020 Design and why?

The lighting and 2020 Cloud seem to be the two features I use most often. Adding small details such as a coffee maker or flowers make the design seem more realistic, but adding layers of lighting really brings my renderings to life.



About the Designer

Steven Buck
Cabinets & Granite Direct

Favorite design style:
Contemporary

Favorite paint color:
Almost anything in the blue-green family

Favorite industry site/blog:
Etsy

Favorite designer:
Verner Panton & Javier Senosiain

Quote that inspires you:
“The true sign of intelligence is

What has been your experience working with 2020?

I'm primarily self-taught on 2020 Design, picking up a few tips and tricks along the way. However, I do realize that 2020 has extensive support and training options available.

not knowledge, but
imagination." – Albert Einstein

What was the inspiration behind the design you submitted for the 2020 contest?

I was inspired to create an open space with the calming energy of a spa. Utilizing the clean lines of Kohler products and addressing all layers of lighting made it easy to enhance this feeling within the rendering.

Describe your creative process. What questions do you ask your clients? Where do you get your inspirations from?

One must get a feel for the clients needs and how they will be using the space in order to create something that will function perfectly for them. Requirements will vary depending on whether they prepare large meals or host large parties... or both. Seeing a client's reaction once they realize I've considered all of their needs is the inspiration and reward that drives me.

Do you design spaces other than kitchens and bathrooms? If so, which ones?

Occasionally I get the opportunity to create an entertainment center or mudroom. The versatility of 2020 Design allows me to create visual representations of any space for which my clients require a solution.

Do you use any 2020 Cloud decorative items? If so, which ones?

The decorative items from 2020 Cloud are one of my favorite tools to make my renderings come alive. My go-to accessories to enhance my kitchen designs are a stack of books, a coffee maker, a vase with red flowers, and a cheese/wine tray.

Which catalogs were used in the design you submitted for this contest?

For my entry I used the Kohler Bath catalog, as well as the Yorktowne Bath Sanctuary and Yorktowne Classic catalogs. There were also several items from the 2020 Cloud Decorative Items catalog, including some artwork to which I applied custom textures.

What guidance would you provide to any designer who is considering 3D CAD tools for interior design?

3D renderings are practically required to close a sale. The obvious choice is to go with the industry standard, 2020 Design. The impressive lighting and textures paired with the ability to access appliances and accessories from so many major manufacturers only adds to the realism. Plus, their customer service is always ready to help if needed.