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In a world of fast food and one-size-fits-all sensibilities, how often does something feel made especially for you? The “Made for You” section celebrates those items that are created with such high quality of hand workmanship and degree of customization that they become individual to you. In each issue, our editors will endeavor to bring you special things from anywhere on the globe, choosing them solely on the basis of outstanding quality. Our goal is to give you guidance on the best of everything.

1 HAUTE RUSTIC—ALPINE LOG HOMES

If you think of log cabin life as roughing it, think again. Alpine Log Homes builds luxury log dwellings of manorial proportions, exacting craftsmanship and cutting-edge technology. Buildings are all custom-designed and include such diverse projects as churches, golf clubhouses and museums. Dwellings are preassembled at a Montana plant, taken apart (with parts numbered) and reassembled on site. alpineloghomes.com

2 A CUT ABOVE—NEW WEST KNIFEWORKS

You'll be drawn to New West knives by the distinctive look. You'll keep using them for their exceptional durability, balance and function. The full-tang blades are made with high-carbon Swedish steel alloyed with chromium, nickel and molybdenum for hardness and keenness. The handles are made from trademarked Fusionwood (hardwood veneers vacuum-impregnated with dyes and resins), which provides their interesting appearance. The collection comes in 10 sizes. newwestknifeworks.com

3 CUSTOM ASHTRAYS—BIG ASH CUSTOM CIGAR TRAYS

It isn't always easy to find unique cigar accessories that will enhance your smoking experience, but Big Ash Custom Cigar Trays is making it easier. Crafted from exotic woods, such as redwood burl, Brazilian lacewood and Nicaraguan cocobolo, and combined with a granite base and bronze cigar cradles, these ashtrays are as diverse as they are attractive and functional. Each can be designed and engraved to your liking. Prices are based on the rarity of the wood and availability. bigashcustom.com

4 THE CLASS OF GLASS—SPIEGELAU

Want a simple way to get more flavor from your beer? The secret is in the glass. Spiegelau understands how the right glass can enhance the experience of a great beer and so has released a trio of new beer glasses dubbed the Beer Classics collection. The 17-ounce lager, 14-ounce pilsner and 17-ounce wheat beer glasses come in sets of two and will help your taste buds discover the finer qualities in your chosen brew. spiegelau.com

5 SAFARI-GRADE LUGGAGE—SANDSTORM KENYA

Does every airline you fly treat your baggage as if the handlers were gorillas? Sandstorm Kenya makes bags built to stand the savageries of the bush. The company, a spin-off of a renowned tent maker, fashions its luggage and cases from the safari-grade canvas used for jungle coverings. As well as the 30-piece canvas, cowhide and brass collection, Sandstorm Kenya makes superexotic African camel bags and bespoke luggage. sandstormkenya.com

6 SANCTUARY ROOM—ADVENT DESIGN

The latest wrinkle (or curve) from Advent Design International, purveyors of hand-carved stone soaking baths, is the Imperia. Advent sculpts a chaise longue from one piece of Calcutta Oro, a nearly translucent stone mined from the hills of northern Italy, and then encases it in sheets of tempered glass to be filled by the Cascadium water filler tower. The company can also re-create the entire Sanctuary Room seen here, replete with stone vanities, pebble and tile floors, lighting and sound systems, water flow controlled by a wall switch and a tropical rain shower that flows from the ceiling. Relax! adventstone.com