

A Rare Breed

Chillcoots Construction, LLC combines skill and integrity to craft havens in the midst of the Rocky Mountains

When Mark Bjerken came to Colorado from Minnesota in 1986, he brought with him family traditions of hard work and integrity. He took a job as a cabinet maker and began learning everything about carpentry. In 1995, he founded Chillcoots Construction, LLC. The aim: to build premier, high-end homes of superior quality while fostering excellent client relationships.

"We form a personal rapport with each client," he says. "Through weekly meetings and honest, upfront communication, we craft homes around the people who will live in them. We tell them the truth about costs and schedules and make sure they stay informed every step of the way."

Chillcoots begins the process by discussing goals, ideas, and the project timeline with each client. After the budget, design, and documentation phases, it's time to line up projects and break ground.

"Then the fun part begins," Bjerken says. "The project goes vertical, as foundation, framing, drywalling, carpentry, stonework, and finishing touches are put in place, all employing the highest level of craftsmanship and premium materials."

Chillcoots keeps track of the process with innovative project management software, which benefits homeowners as well; with this state-of-the-art technology, "clients can see the project schedules, communicate with project managers about selections, and even see work-in-progress photos—we handle all the details from start to finish," he adds.

An in-depth understanding of traditional building principles—gained by years of hands-on experience in the field—allows Chillcoots to create homes of such quality that they can offer a lifetime warranty. Bjerken notes that homeowners are clients for life. "We will watch over your house forever," he says.



TOP: The incorporation of natural materials into the home's exterior allows for a seamless integration into the surrounding landscape. **MIDDLE:** Legacy home perfectly perched on the edge of Grand Lake. **BOTTOM:** The ceiling and beams are composed of an eclectic mix of different species of reclaimed barnwood.