

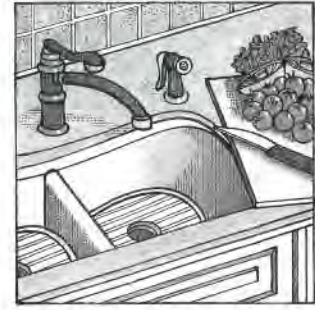
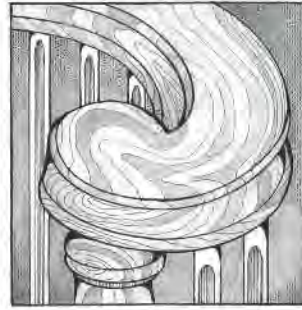
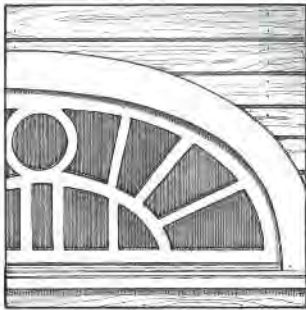
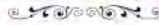
Built in New Hampshire in 1730, this saltbox was dismantled and moved to Standish, Maine, in 1986 and painstakingly reconstructed using period elements, including hand-forged nails and salvaged window glass.

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THE SUBCONTRACTORS

When it comes to the nitty-gritty of salvaging windows or designing a period kitchen, these restoration specialists come recommended by top contractors and old-home aficionados.

WINDOWS

Alison Hardy says people are surprised to learn that she's in the business of repairing antique windows, since most homeowners think old ones are better off being replaced. But Hardy says that old windows, once restored, are just as good as new ones and often look better. And not just in high-end homes: She's worked on small cottages where an owner wanted to keep a single sweet, original window. Prices run \$300 for window repair to \$1,400 for a full restoration of all components.

*Window Woman of New England,
Amesbury, MA. 978-532-2070;
window-woman-ne.com*

PLUMBING

"People think that antique plumbing means just clawfoot tubs and pull-chain toilets," says Walter K. Parker. He points out that it also means faucets—lots of them—and pipes and showers and any sort of plumbing imaginable, all of which Parker says work better than modern plumbing. "Antique plumbing is so much more reliable," he notes. Having amassed decades' worth of fixtures and parts,

Parker says he never works with anything younger than 80 years old.

*The Old School Plumber, Dudley, MA.
508-341-3331; oldplumbfixer.com*

KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS

Joyce Jackson and Patrick Mealey, a husband-and-wife team, work with clients to design and create kitchens and bathrooms that complement a home's period and architecture. Both working artists, the couple restores when possible and brings in salvage—everything from double farmhouse sinks and refurbished antique stoves to vintage bin pulls—and reproduction finishes as needed. "People are surprised by what they can keep," Jackson says. "The house has all the answers."

*Fineartistmade, Perry, ME.
207-853-9504; fineartistmade.com*

NATURAL STONE

Restoration of any kind of natural stone is Paul Bunis's specialty. Having worked on a variety of stone surfaces for years, Bunis was looking for more of a challenge and turned to restoration projects. Although some of Bunis's

work brings him to the grandest homes around New England, much of it includes simple, small tile repair, cleaning, or regrouting. "We just love old stone," he says.

*Boston Stone Restoration,
Foxborough, MA. 781-793-0700;
bostonstonerestoration.com*

LIGHTING

"There was a time when lighting was art," says Mark Okun, vice president and general manager of Restoration Lighting Gallery. "We're bringing history to life. And it takes artists and craftsmen to restore these pieces." Okun says he enjoys being able to connect his clients with the past, sometimes restoring heirlooms with deep personal significance. Okun's team repairs everything from small sconces to grand chandeliers. "It runs the gamut," he says, but all the pieces have the added luster that only time can bring. "Plus, we like to keep things out of the landfill."

*Restoration Lighting Gallery,
Hartford, CT. 860-493-2532;
myrlg.com*