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## Q&A

### What are your most popular products or services?

Home and commercial design and remodel projects. “Live edge” dining tables custom-designed from salvaged Oregon Black Walnut slabs. Affordable gifts that showcase the Vanillawood aesthetic at every price point.

### What tip would you give women who are starting a business?

Be fearless. Don't take no for an answer, just find another door or path. Think for yourself and filter advice because only you know what's best for you.

### Who is your role model or mentor?

Anyone who is blazing their own trail. My amazingly talented and kind friends who are finding ways to balance both their work passion and their family passion.

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### Organic. Urban. Inviting.

Vanillawood is a full-service design/build and interiors firm owned by Kricken and James Yaker. Their Pearl District studio doubles as a retail space, offering an inspired selection of fabrics, wallpaper, lighting, mirrors, rugs, tabletop and gift items plus custom upholstery, furniture and built-in cabinetry. Green building practices are an integral part of Vanillawood's design/build/live philosophy, blending open-plan urban living with functional comfort and luxury.

