

ECO-FRIENDLY

Andi Marie Jones built an Aveda concept salon in Brooklyn, NY, that's as green as it gets.

Guests who indulge in services at The Sanctuary Salon in Brooklyn, NY, appreciate the atmosphere of complete relaxation and calm that owner Andi Marie Jones has managed to create in the cozy 800-square-foot space. Jones is a graduate of the Aveda esthology program at the Aveda Institute in New York City, so it was important to her to use sustainable materials. Working with Jeff Taylor and B. Alex Miller of Taylor & Miller Architecture and Design—the company has offices in Pittsfield, MA, and Brooklyn, NY—Jones designed a space that would accommodate five styling stations and allow her to offer cuts and color as well as manicures and pedicures.

The architects used recycled materials, particularly metal, wherever possible. The plumbing, for example, utilizes recycled metal. Millwork was also custom-built by hand on site. To reduce heating and cooling costs and energy produced by power plants, Jones chose Energy Star-rated windows that are independently certified to perform at levels that meet or exceed energy efficient guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Energy. Meanwhile, the walls and floors are made from eco-friendly bamboo—its incredibly fast growth cycle makes it an environmentally sound and a sustainable alternative to dwindling timber resources. Bamboo also has a unique grain and color that adds warmth and beauty not found in most hardwood products. Jones also asked the architects to use recycled glass and energy-efficient light fixtures that last up to four years before they need to be replaced.

The salon features a landscaped garden where guests can enjoy organic teas, freshly squeezed juice,

coffee and fruit under a canopy of trees while they wait to have services. For Jones, creating an eco-friendly environment was paramount, but she also wanted her salon to be chic, relaxing and comfortable. Looks like she succeeded on all fronts. —MARIANNE DOUGHERTY



From top: The retail area stocks Aveda products; the walls and floors are made from eco-friendly bamboo; the salon includes five styling stations.