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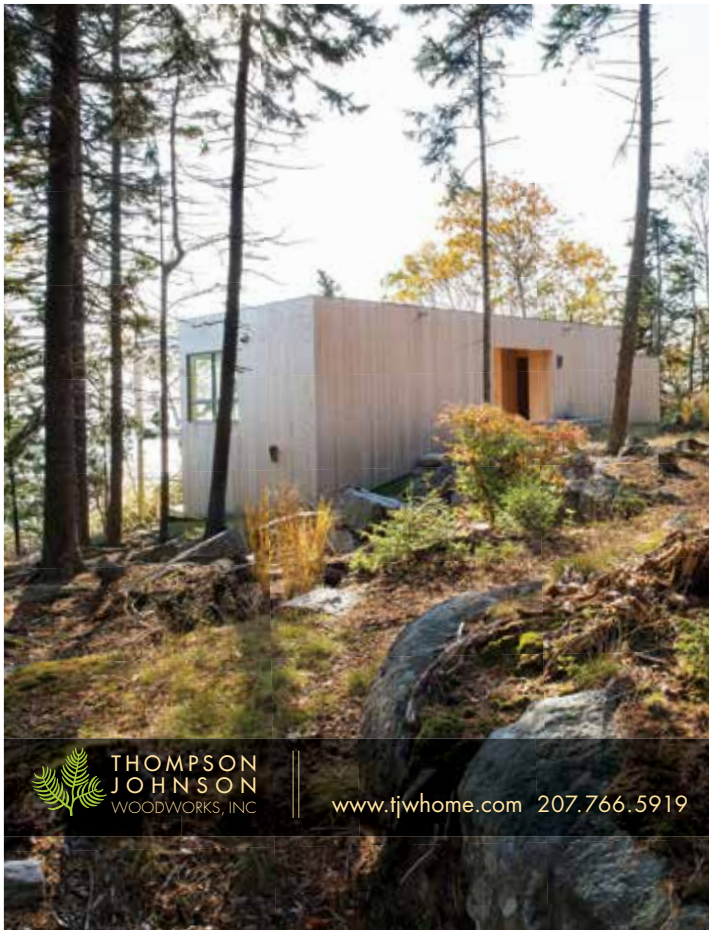


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DESIGN WIRE

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ADIDAS and design studio **KRAM/WEISSHAAR** have created a robotically woven shoe upper, called **STRUNG**, that is made to the exact specification of the wearer's foot, including factors like what the individual's foot shape and stride is like. "With bespoke software and robotics, we are able to place threads of different material types in any direction, which is a first across industries," says Adidas innovation designer Fionn Corcoran-Tadd. The manufacturing process allows for a lightweight and super durable upper to be made from threads placed exactly where they are needed, meaning extra parts and pieces typically used to make a shoe can be eliminated. The result is a single, anatomically accurate, high-performance piece. While Strung is currently only being developed for elite athletes, Adidas hopes to produce a commercially viable option by 2021.



Design-build firm **KNICKERBOCKER GROUP** is opening the second location of its interior design branch, **COVE by KNICKERBOCKER GROUP**®. Located at 82 Hanover Street in Portland, the studio is filled with curated accessories, a library of thousands of textile and wallpaper options, and furniture with samples in every stain and color. COVE also offers an exclusive, private line of upholstered furniture, custom cabinetry, and one-of-a-kind pieces produced by local artisans and craftspeople. The resource studio is the ultimate destination for collaborating with Knickerbocker Group's interior designers; custom mobile workstations allow for easy side-by-side client collaboration and exceptional project organization. The new location is open to the public starting December 1 by appointment only.

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