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Welcome to AN's fourth annual best sources survey. Laser-cutting geniuses? Check. General contractors who can operate on a building without anesthesia? You got it. Bark suppliers in North Carolina with the thickest, craggiest wood? Look no further. Plus facade consultants, renderers, lighting designers, landscape architects, MEP engineers, and more stellar sources culled from the best of this year's New York projects.

For the past four years, we've surveyed architects throughout New York City and the region, asking them to break code and divulge the cream of the crop in terms of consultants, craftsmen, and suppliers. This year we've changed the format a bit, targeting specific projects, for the most part completed in 2008, and asking—nay, badgering—firms to tell us who and what made those projects a success. The response has been overwhelming, and while the list below contains many of the usual suspects (can you imagine not listing R. A. Heintges & Associates under facade consultants?), you'll also find many fresh faces, from a supplier in France of an incomparably shiny black metal to a team of steeplejacks who will scale the walls of your next restoration project. In the words of the designers we spoke to, the endorsements below vouch for the badasses and superheroes of the industry—the men, women, and international corporate conglomerates—who can build, fabricate, troubleshoot, or provide anything and everything you might need.

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“**Robin Key Landscape Architecture** created a really great outdoor room in the rear yard of our West Village townhouse that's defined by birch trees and a trellis, and this huge vine that was encroaching from the neighbor—instead of cutting it back and eliminating it from the yard, she actually incorporated it into the space.”

Jeffrey Murphy

Murphy Burnham & Buttrick Architects

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Also Listed

Balmori Associates

Lee Weintraub Landscape Architecture

Michael Van Valkenburgh

MKW + Associates

Quennell Rothschild & Partners

Thomas Balsley Associates



Greenwich Village Townhouse by Murphy Burnham & Buttrick Architects with Robin Key Landscape Architecture

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