



1. Channel Don Draper with CB2's retro Acacia minibar (\$399, Cb2.com). **2.** Prop up a flat-screen TV and hide DVDs with the sleek Plano shelving system (from \$1,730, Vastu; 1829 14th St. NW). **3.** Root for the Redskins from the comfort of the couch with pillows by local artist Sharon A. Keyser-Jackson (\$28 each, Skcreations.com).

Elements of Man Cave Style

Whether it's a basement hideaway or just a tiny corner of a condo, any section of the home can serve as a place where a guy can express himself.

► **Who:** Bachelors hypnotized by white-walled ennui, cohabitating men who seek a bit of me-time solace from their other half.

► **What:** "I think the best man caves are created from a theme," says Sherry Ways, a principal designer at Design Scheme Interiors (Designschemeinteriors.com) in Savage, Md. "If his favorite team is the Redskins, then you can create a man cave design surrounding that, including the colors, NFL logos, themed throws, big floor pillows and more. Or if the guy is a musician, create a music theme including photos, motifs of his favorite bands — even a soundstage with acoustical panels throughout for practice."

► **Where:** A basement, garage or carriage house often makes an ideal male hideaway, but makeshift man

caves can thrive in spare bedrooms, nooks or closets.

► **Classic details:** "A good sound system should be installed to have a home theater effect," Ways says. She also suggests adding a minibar or small wine cooler, recessed lighting with a dimmer control and large-scale furniture (look for spill-proof leather, stain-resistant Scotgard or Crypton fabric). But most important, she says, is to ensure there's an unobstructed view of the television.

► **The mod man's accessories:** Vastu designer and co-owner Jason Claire points to the steel-lined Plano shelving system, which mounts to the wall and comes custom built-to-order from Brazil, as an adaptable, elegant setup for holding flat-screen TVs and media equipment. "Wall-mounted shelves are really crisp and clean," Claire says. Vastu also carries Eco-Smart Fire, a new ethanol-burning fireplace technology that attracts guy passersby "like moths to a flame." k.k.