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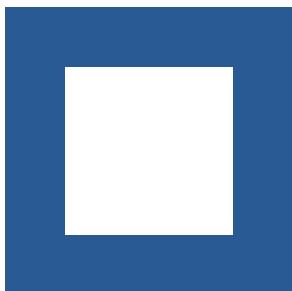
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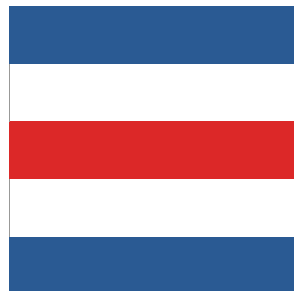
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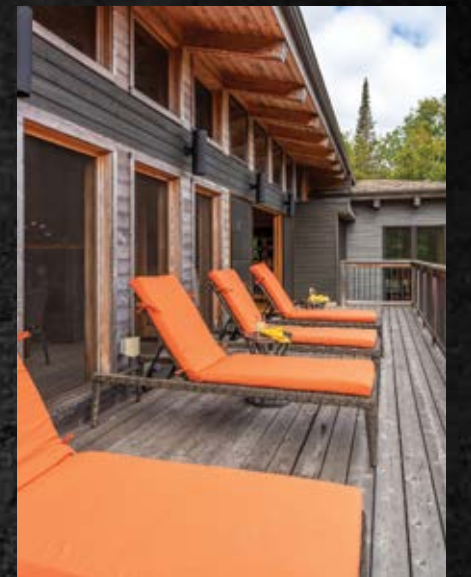
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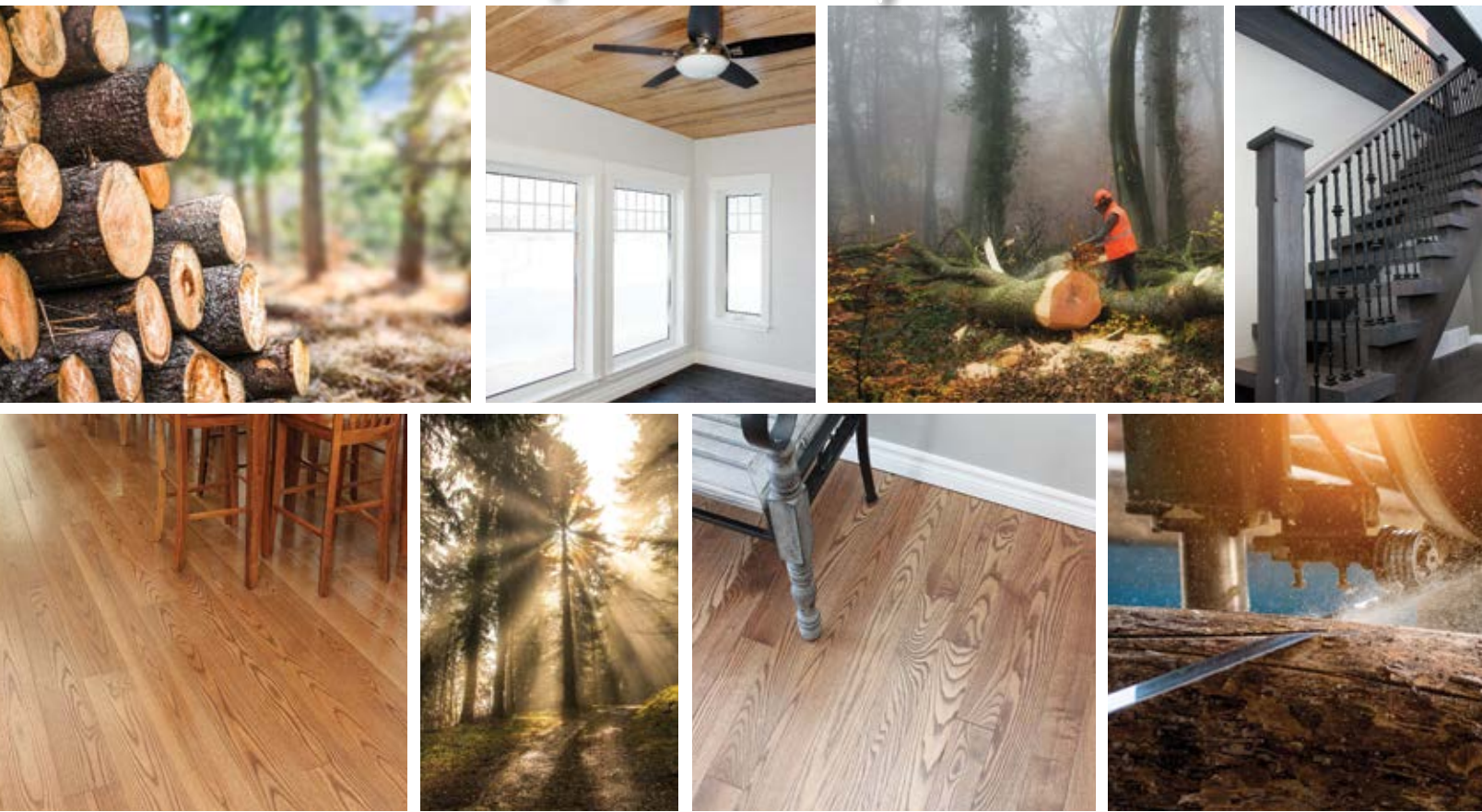
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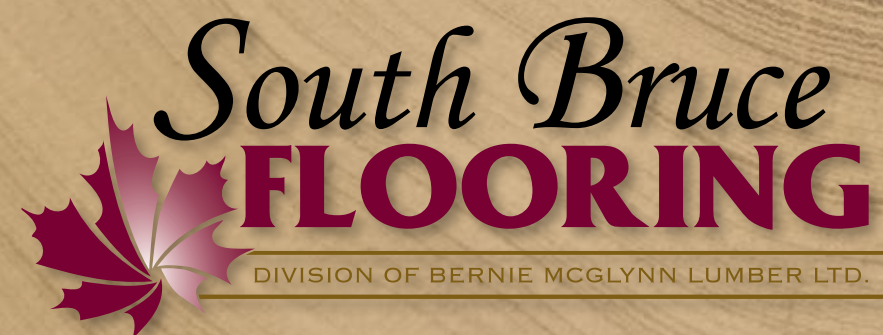


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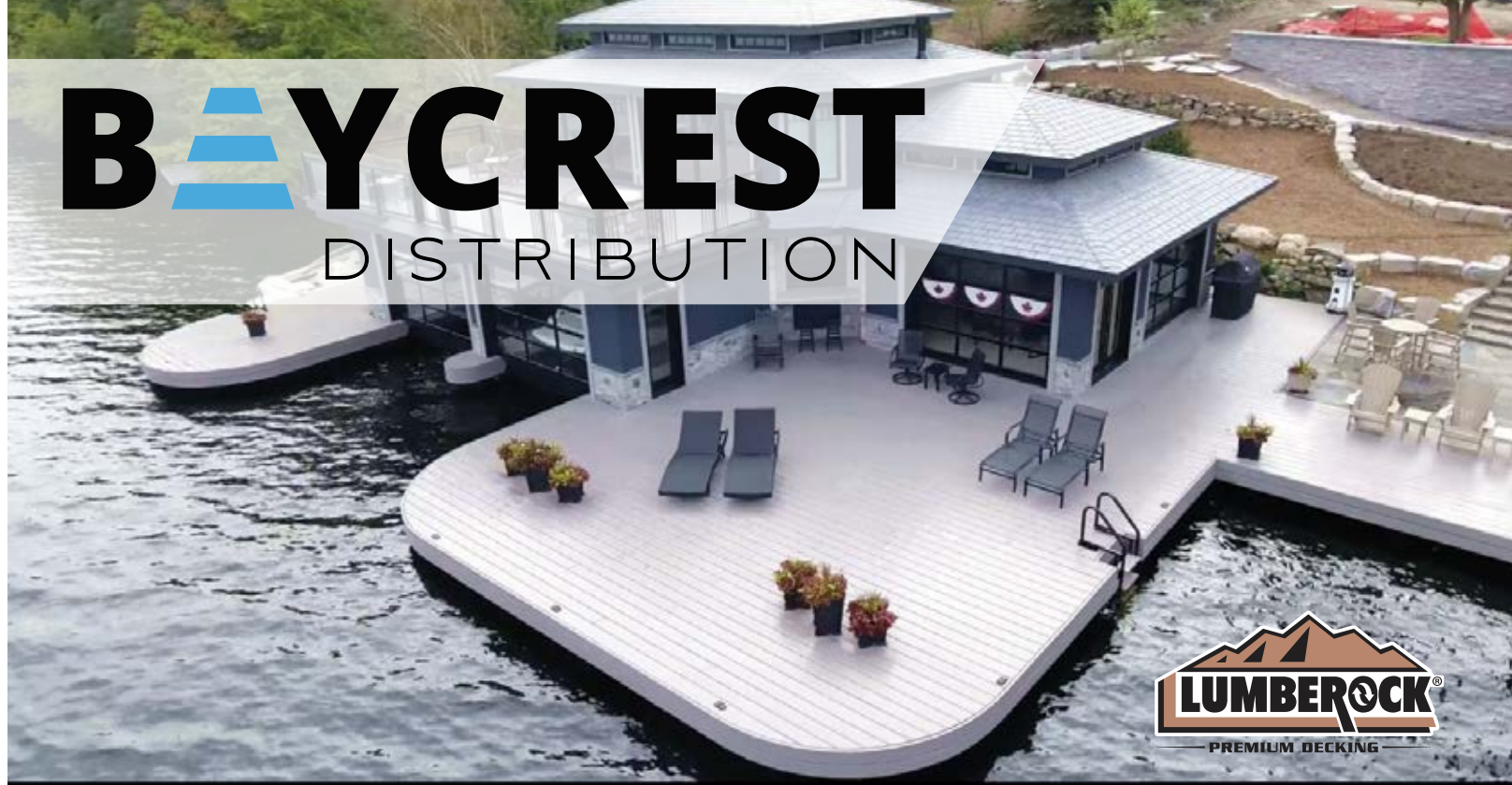
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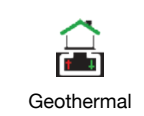
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Those lessons are also highlighted in this issue. We have three features that show how communication and teamwork produce beautiful results. All three homes are captured perfectly by interior photographer Sandy MacKay, my teammate on photo shoots for the past six years. When we work together, Sandy and I, (along with our writers) bring homes to life for our readers through pictures and words. Sandy and I are pleased when a homeowner tells us how happy they are with the feature – it really means a lot to us.

On a personal note, over the past year I have found my communication skills have made doing nothing seem exciting and interesting to friends and family when they phone. I now have the confidence to know I can get through just about anything. Sharing a tidbit from my dinner with the dogs seems to make them as happy as it makes me. Perseverance has gotten me through the sometimes monotonous days, and although alone, I also feel I was working and supporting everyone else by staying at home – truly a huge team effort!

I wish everyone a long, hot summer filled with, hopefully, some team sports where we can continue to work together.

Smile and be kind!

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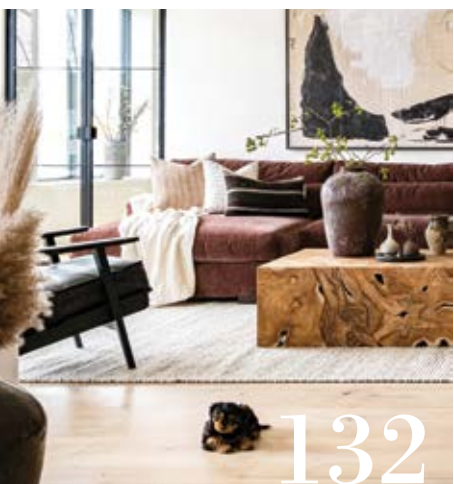
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THE ETHICS OF SOURCING

Interior Designer **Tamarisk McNalty Stephens** shares her ideas.

The housing industry contributes significantly to the Canadian economy and plays an important role in our local – and global – communities. However, the procurement of products involved in the construction, design and decoration of our homes can also have a significant impact on the well-being of both people and the planet.



To meet a growing expectation from consumers, businesses are adopting an ethical sourcing approach to ensure products are obtained responsibly and sustainably. To be effective, it depends upon the integrity of the entire supply chain to include environmental standards as well as a commitment to safe working conditions, fair labour practices and living wages for the workers producing the goods.

In a global economy, with different environmental and social standards across countries, this can be a complex, layered issue – so how do we know where to begin?

Here are some simple ways we can all source more ethically:

Choose less. The most sustainable product is the one that is not produced.

Choose local. A local supply chain reduces shipping, emissions and energy usage.

Choose vintage, reclaimed, recycled or upcycled. Reuse or repurpose a material or product that is already in circulation.

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When sourcing, do your own research and don't be afraid to ask the supplier questions on the procurement of goods. Businesses must take responsibility for the goods they provide. A transparent process builds trust with customers.

- Where was this product manufactured?
- How was this product manufactured? What resources and energy were required?
- What raw materials were used in the production? How sustainable are they?
- Does the production of this material cause environmental degradation to the local ecosystem?
- What is the company's policy surrounding ethical sourcing?
- Are the working conditions safe for those who produced the product? Are living wages and fair labour practices ensured?
- What will happen to this product at the end of its useful life? Does the company offer a recycling program? Will it eventually biodegrade? Or will it end up in a landfill?

Several certifications have been developed to help consumers identify responsibly sourced products. Although these certifications provide a good starting point, it's important for buyers to continue asking questions and performing independent research to understand the certification requirements. Consumers can also identify products that may not carry certification, but the producer/supplier/business may still have high independent standards for their procurement of goods. Examples of certifications to look out for:

- Fairtrade – sets standards for sustainable production and livelihoods for factory workers and farmers.
- FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) – responsible forest-management standards.
- GoodWeave – certifies child-labour-free rugs.
- GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) – products meet strict organic criteria.
- Nest Ethical Handcraft Program – monitors artisan supply chains for ethics and sustainability.
- OEKO-TEX – textile certifications concerning health, environment and fair manufacturing.
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A criticism of ethical sourcing is that it does not address the core issue of consumerism. If sustainability is a basic tenet of ethical sourcing, as privileged as we are in the Western world, we must acknowledge that our current rate of consumption is simply not sustainable. We can begin to evaluate basic needs, research the environmental impact of purchases (big and small), prioritize the well-being of people and the planet, support local supply chains and become more intentional and mindful consumers. Aligning our habits of consumption with our values will help contribute to the world we wish to see today – and for future generations. **OH**



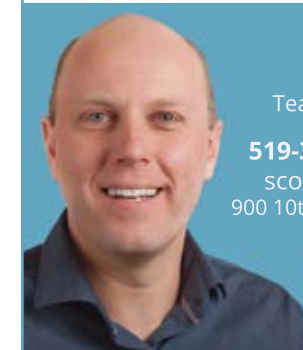
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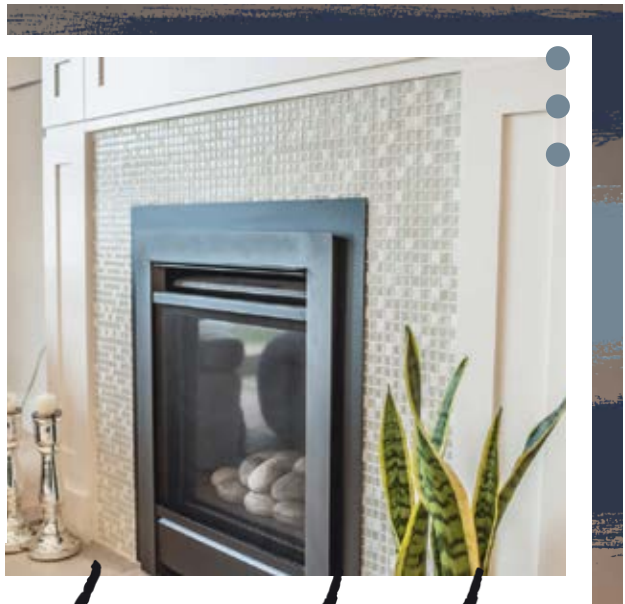
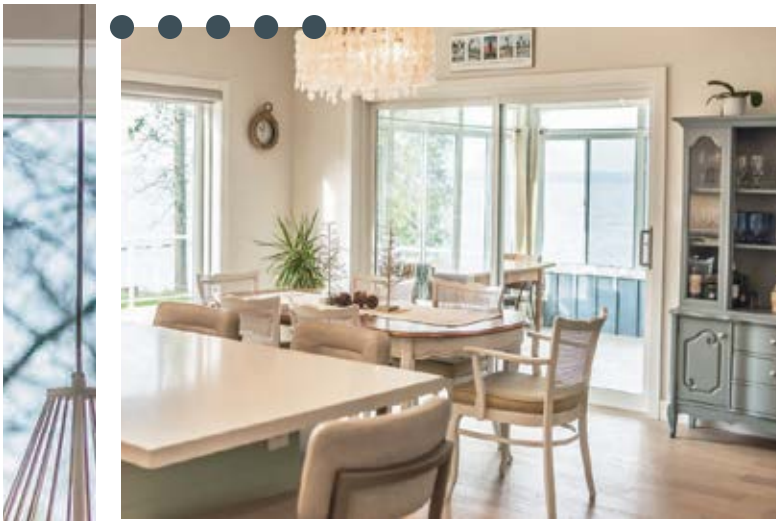
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Fruits – grapes, berries and kiwi

Dried fruits – apricots, figs or dates

Condiments – olives, jams, grainy mustard and nuts

Crackers and bread

A portable to-go box – you can use a baking dish as well

TIPS AND TRICKS

Try layering a variety of textures and colours. You don't want similar items next to each other.

Start with the bowls you will use. These will act as a placeholder for the rest.

Next, layer in your larger items (the cheeses and then the larger fruits).

Crackers come next, then fill in the spaces with things like dried fruits and nuts.

Rule of thumb: Start with the larger items and work your way into filling the gaps. Finish by filling your condiment bowls.



TO-GO APEROL SPRITZ

This classic summer cocktail is perfect to enjoy outdoors. It's easy to make ahead and ideal for sharing.



INGREDIENTS

Aperol

Dry sparkling wine

Soda

Oranges, to garnish

1L sealable container

DIRECTIONS

The recipe for this cocktail is very simple – just follow this ratio: 1 part Aperol and 1 part soda to 2 parts sparkling wine.

Simply mix together all ingredients in a resealable container.

Serve over ice with a slice of orange.

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cooking at home



MASON JAR TIRAMISU

This recipe is the perfect to-go dessert this summer – easy to transport and eat outdoors. It also stays true to the original by utilizing egg yolk to give it a custard-like feel.



INGREDIENTS (Serves 6)

- 4 egg yolks
- ½ cup granulated sugar, separated
- ¾ cup heavy cream
- 1 cup mascarpone cheese
- 1 cup espresso, cold
- ¼ cup liquor of choice*
- 12-18 lady fingers**
- Cocoa powder, for dusting
- 6 500 ml mason jars

DIRECTIONS

Over a double boiler, whisk together egg yolks and ¼ cup of sugar. Continually whisk for about 10 minutes until the sugar is dissolved and yolks double in size and turn pale yellow. Set aside to cool.

In a separate bowl, whip cream and the remaining sugar until stiff peaks form.

Once cooled, fold the mascarpone cheese into the egg yolk mixture until combined.

Next, gently fold yolk mixture in the whipping cream until combined.

In a shallow bowl, combine espresso and liquor.

TO ASSEMBLE

Break lady fingers into pieces to fit the circumference of the mason jars. This will be a bit messy and won't be perfect. Quickly dip the lady finger pieces into the espresso and place into the mason jar in an even layer.

Top with about two tablespoons of the cream mixture and repeat the layers.

Sprinkle cocoa powder on top to finish.

Place the lid on each jar and store in the fridge for up to one week. They taste better after a few days!

RECIPE NOTES

*Traditionally, tiramisu is made with Marsala wine but you can also use rum, brandy or coffee-flavored liquor.

**Depends on the size of your mason jars.

Traditionally, tiramisu is made with raw egg yolk but this recipe tempers the yolks to ensure safe consumption and shelf life. **OH**



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THE BIRDS OF SUMMER

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Bald eagle

WITH THE ONSET OF LENGTHENING DAYS AND WARMER TEMPERATURES, many OUR HOMES readers will be familiar with the urge to change up winter clothes and comforters and feather their nest with fresh décor for the fine weather ahead. It's something we have in common with the avian migrants that have just returned to our backyards, fields, forests and lakes – the birds have transformed their drab winter wear into fresh and colourful spring wardrobes. Once winter settles into spring, thoughts turn to summer construction season, for humans and birds alike.

MASTER BUILDERS

From hummingbirds, the original “tiny house” builders, to osprey and eagles with their palatial lakeside and rural homes, birds are master architects and master builders. Much of this construction gets underway right in your own backyard. If you want to expand your knowledge of bird biology you can be the local bird building inspector! A typical property with established trees, shrubs and gardens could easily be home to up to 10 different species of birds, all working on their nest projects. It can be a fascinating deck-chair study to see just how many species are exercising squatter’s rights on your property for the season. *Continued on page 40*

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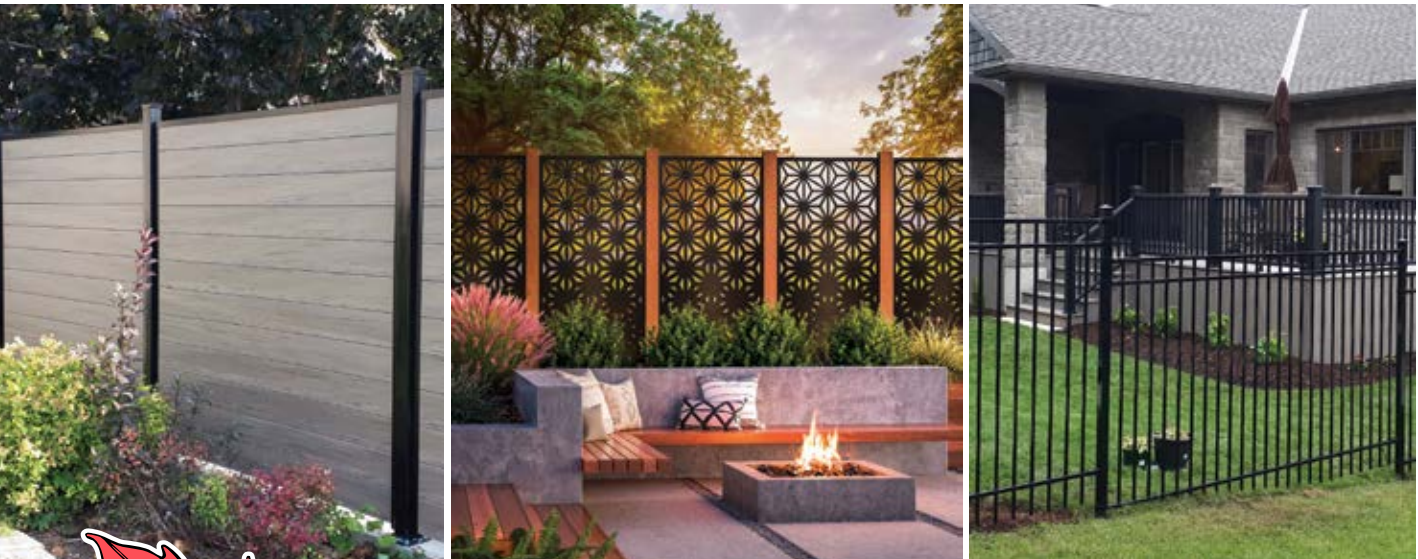
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Each bird builds its nest with an architectural style unique to their particular species. Each style perfectly suits the species' needs. Exuberant house wrens are easily attracted to bird boxes and will stuff it high with fine twigs. Occasionally a sweet little chickadee will use the birdhouse and fill it with only the softest quality materials. In more rural settings the bluebird of happiness will gladly occupy a bird box, as will the tree swallow, which will swoop by with incomparable grace. Chirping sparrows, with their jaunty red caps and sporty white eyeliner, and serenading song sparrows will seek shelter in lower, thicker shrubberies, lining their tightly spun fine grass cups with cosy hair or fur linings. Mourning doves are not famous for their nest-building abilities – a few twigs laid on a supporting spruce branch will do. The ubiquitous robin will build its sturdy, mud-lined grass nest on almost any tree branch or ledge. Eastern phoebes will construct their lovely, moss-covered nests under an eave, often on a light fixture – if a robin doesn't get there first. Cardinals and blue jays will hide their rather large but loose twig nests deep in your cedar hedge. Brilliant Baltimore orioles, master architects, will hang their intricately woven deep pouch nests from the outer branches of tall backyard trees. Meanwhile, goldfinches will wait until later in the summer when thistledown is available to line their lovely nest beds. Depending on your location, numerous other species may be busy at work in quiet corners of your yard as well.



AN ABUNDANCE OF BIRDS

Discovering this hidden activity can open your eyes to the secret life of birds. Birds are the most apparent form of wildlife you will encounter. Just think, you might see a few mammals in your yard once in a while, but it's possible to see dozens upon dozens of different bird species migrating through or stopping to nest from time to time. To give you an idea of the possibilities: I've documented 292 different species in, flying over, or seen from my yard alone! Obviously, there's a lot of time involved staring out the windows, but it's time well spent, considering the interest and entertainment songbirds bring.


DO NOT DISTURB

While observing nests and watching hatchlings grow on their bellies full of bugs (gleaned from your yard as a free pesticide service) can be exciting, always be mindful of the Code of Birding Ethics – the welfare of the birds and their habitats come first! Do Not Disturb! Resist the urge to get up close and personal. If adult birds become agitated, back off. Some birds such as red-winged blackbirds and the elegant barn swallow are not afraid to take you on with all of their 50 grams of heft behind them. Finally, while you're enjoying your new-found feathered friends, perhaps think a bit about how you can give back to them. Incorporate native trees, shrubs and flowers in your landscaping plans. Native species provide a much greater abundance of higher-quality natural food sources birds require. Hang a hummingbird feeder, put out oranges for orioles, nuts for the nuthatches and sunflower seeds for almost all others. And sit back and enjoy! **OH**



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If I had any advice for six-year-old me, (aside from, 'lose the Speedo') it would be to keep cherishing your roots, and buy lots of waterfront. My summers were carefree and simple - just me and my little brother, the Bay, and my parents waving at us from time to time. It was amazing, and why I have chosen to raise my kids in Grey Bruce. Let me find you a slice of paradise, or if you're ready for another family to enjoy your property, please get in touch.

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TOOLS

- Pencil
- Jigsaw or scroll saw
- 7-inch diameter bowl
- Paintbrush
- Glue gun
- Screwdriver
- Wire cutters

MATERIALS

- ¼ to ½ inch-thick plywood (large enough to cut a circle 14 inches in diameter)
- Roll of kraft paper
- Lots of driftwood pieces, 9 inches in length or a little shorter
- Sandpaper
- Hot glue sticks
- Acrylic paint in three colours (we've used navy, light blue and white)
- Picture-hanging hardware (screws, D-ring hangers and wire)



HOW-TO

To create the plywood backing for your wreath, draw a 14 inch-diameter circle with a 10 inch-diameter circle inside. Don't worry if it's not perfect; it will be hidden behind the driftwood. Cut your circles with either a jigsaw or scroll saw to create a wooden ring.

Place your ring on a large piece of kraft paper. Using something round, with a diameter of about 7 inches, trace a circle with a pencil inside your wood ring. This will be your guide as you begin gluing the driftwood pieces onto the ring. You can temporarily glue your backing to the paper to prevent sliding. Peel paper from wood when complete.



Paint approximately 10-12 pieces of driftwood in each of the three colours you've chosen and leave the rest of the pieces natural. Let dry before gluing onto backing.



Begin gluing the driftwood pieces onto the wood ring, using the longest pieces first. Do not go too far past your pencil guideline on the inside of the ring. Leave some space between each piece to get a nice starburst shape.



Once you have the first layer glued around the entire ring, begin filling the spaces with slightly shorter pieces. Continue layering driftwood pieces until the backing is completely hidden.



Use shorter pieces and layer with the smallest pieces on the top layer.



Decide which way to hang the wreath and attach hardware and wire to the backing.



Now you're ready to hang and enjoy your work of art! **OH**

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COMPOSTING 101

STORY **MELANIE REKOLA**

Composting is perhaps not the most elegant of subject matters. The word may conjure a messy, stinky, high-maintenance process, but it doesn't have to be so. Composting can be very gratifying and it certainly has a role to play in supporting a beautiful garden, a strong body and a healthy planet, too.

Compost is your veggie and flower gardens' best friend. Imagine the magic of creating the best, healthy soil conditioner through a natural and free process designed by Mother Nature herself! The key is to support the many responsible microbes. Much like our own microbiome, a host of tiny life forms allow plant life to absorb an optimum amount of soil nutrients.

Composting has an enormous impact on your carbon footprint. The average reduction is 663 pounds of carbon per person, per year, which is more than two average sized backyards full of trees. It also cuts your garbage by almost half.

It doesn't have to be complicated. Anyone can compost, regardless of living situation – even condo and apartment dwellers. The fundamental start to any composting is combining carbon-rich materials called browns with high-nitrogen greens. Browns rot more slowly and are usually woody or fibrous, such as paper, nut shells, dry leaves and twigs. Greens rot fairly fast and are typically moist, such as fruit and veggie scraps, coffee grounds and any fresh, green leaves. Green and browns should be layered equally to create an optimum composting environment. But even if your quantities aren't perfect, the material will compost eventually. By adding your brown layer last you'll help cut down on odours and flies. *Continued on page 48*

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There are quite a few ways to compost, with varying degrees of complexity, but the basic methods are:



1

Use a typical outdoor compost tumbler or pile method (if you have the room)

Yes, they are not attractive but they do the job. Alternate green and brown layers and tumble or fork-turn occasionally.



2

Keyhole composting

Make a tube of chicken wire and partially bury it in the middle of your veggie garden bed. That's right, you can compost within your growing garden! The same layering techniques apply., except you don't turn or mix it. By watering your veggie garden through the compost cage, the nutrients spread throughout your garden bed. I've been using this technique for several years and cannot believe the increase in production and great taste of my garden yield.



3

Electric composting

I've been using the Vitamix FoodCycler FC-50 as a trial and I'm amazed how easy it is to use – and with no odour! I actually like the smell of the resulting compost. It doesn't hold a large volume, so you have to use it often and there is the added expense of the electricity to run it, but it's really perfect for anyone who finds composting icky.

PRO TIPS: Don't add meat, bones, dairy or fats to your compost – it will attract unwanted critters. Any large fruit or veggie pieces should be cut so they break down faster. And citrus peelings should be avoided as they kill microbes.



I can't speak about composting without also touching on cooking and food usage. Many food scraps can be saved and reused to make a nourishing and wholesome broth, such as animal bones and veggie peelings/ends. Making broth is easy, stretches your grocery dollars and further lowers your environmental impact. At my home I save my favourite savoury veggie ends and peelings from a weeks' worth of cooking – such as carrots, onions, garlic, beets and artichokes – in a bag in the fridge. They can also be frozen until ready for use. Simple broth recipes are available online and as many great chefs know, broth is easy to use and a wonderful starter for many mouth-watering recipes. Happy brothing, happy composting and happy gardening dear readers – summer is upon us! **OH**

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LIGHT *and* DAY

*THE O'NEILL FAMILY'S
BRIGHT SPOT IN MIRAMICHI
BAY, PORT ELGIN.*

This calming and cohesive space, with Opus Liszt naturally oiled white oak floors, is filled with light from the Vinylbilt Windows. Design details on the main floor are repeated on the upper and lower levels of the home.

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For Connor, a wood stove was imperative and Heritage Fire Company supplied a Blaze King Chinook that adds warmth and atmosphere on cool evenings.

RIGHT: The exterior is painted Benjamin Moore’s Simply White. Steps to the right of the house lead to the parking area and an entry to the home’s lower level. **BELOW:** Many evenings are spent by the firepit watching the sunset and listening to the water, which is a stone’s throw away.



When Connor and Allison O’Neill are asked to describe their Port Elgin home in three words, they hesitate for only a moment before readily agreeing: Cohesive. Calming. Inviting. After a few years of neon Toronto life, the couple returned to their hometown to be closer to both sets of parents. “It’s comforting to have their support as we have two young girls,” Allison says. Finley, age seven, and two-year-old Bridget have quietly shaped the couple’s perception of home and community. A typical Sunday in the summer involves zero planning because the itinerary is assumed and unspoken. “We pick up honey croissants from Offshore Bakery and drink Dizzy Bird coffee on the deck until it’s time to go to the beach. The neighbourhood kids all get together to swim and we order in pizza.” In 2018, the affable couple were a week away from beginning construction on a new house with **Steve Dennison** of **Dennison Homes**. Serendipitously, a 2,200 sq. ft. waterfront house on Miramichi Bay was listed on the market and they switched from building to buying and renovating.

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Matching pendants hang over the dining table. Comfortable leather chairs and a bench offer ample seating for entertaining.



The entrance from the driveway leads to the large lower-level mudroom. It is perfectly outfitted with lots of storage that organizes the family's outerwear and a slate tile floor holds up to the elements.

“This house was built in 1980 and it had been untouched since, except for a few coats of paint,” Connor explained. Allison agreed, “It aligned with our vision of what we wanted for our home and family life. Connor totally executed it, fine-tuning the floor plan on grid paper. The only thing that remains from the original house is the foundation and framing.”

The couple were confident in Steve’s ability to balance quality and cost and his sustainable practices. “He’s a custom builder who caters to clients instead of imposing his own ideas of a ‘Dennison-style’ home,” Connor says. “And Steve’s house designer and owner of **K Interiors**, **Kaitlyn Shular**, fully understood our direction. We had done our own extensive leg work and presented her with a refined concept. We wanted bright, useable space and purposeful rooms and Kaitlyn’s selections reflected those desires.”

Connor and Allison’s real estate resume began when they built their first home a decade ago. Then came the six-bed, five-bath Port Elgin behemoth that was oversized for their needs. Both experiences, coupled with renting stints, helped exact their current design. Juggling a newborn and the hiccups of the pandemic, they opted to move into a rental for nine months.

Like Goldilocks, they shifted from a house that was too big to one that felt just right.

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The couple took time to understand how light moved through the house, which led to the addition of glass railings on the open-tread stairs that allow sunlight to fill the home from a window on the upper landing. **BELOW:** Steve Dennison of Dennison Homes, Larry Lange of Bruce County Custom Cabinets and Kaitlyn Shular, designer and owner of K Interiors provided the team effort to take this renovation across the finish line.



BELOW: The girls have their own room for toys, art supplies and a quiet spot to watch television. A vintage map over the sofa inspires a love of travel for Connor, Allison and their daughters. **RIGHT:** In the kitchen, the panel-ready refrigerator from Square Deal Neil's is balanced on the opposite side of the space by a similar bank of cabinets in Benjamin Moore Black, made by Bruce County Custom Cabinets. The island is the gathering spot for Negroni nights with friends. **INSET:** A simple bouquet of daisies sits next to a lemon layer cake on the kitchen's quartz countertop sourced from The Old Barn.



“Connor is more of a modern minimalist so we both had to bend a little, but we landed happily in the middle,” says Allison. Allison wanted to carry favourite elements from their previous home into their renovation – like the escapist bath. The kitchen had to accommodate Negroni nights, with enough space for friends and family. Sleek stainless steel

KitchenAid appliances from [Square Deal Neil's](#) and grey-veined Cambria quartz countertops from [The Old Barn](#) achieved the streamlined look and entertainment-ready vibe they desired. Connor's non-negotiables were easily established: “I wanted a wood stove and an open-concept living room without a TV. The space

had to revolve around books, music and conversation.” The Blaze King Chinook stove they selected from [Heritage Fire Company](#) has helped take the edge off the deep winter nights. Allison says, “And we have music on all the time. It suits the house. Both are so good for the soul.” *Continued on page 58*



LEFT: A high window in the family bathroom fills the large subway-lined shower with light. Natural-oiled white oak on the ceiling adds warmth, colour and depth. **ABOVE:** In the primary bedroom, the door has been mounted on barn door hardware and is painted Black by Benjamin Moore. Custom cabinets organize clothes and are the same design as the kitchen cabinetry, creating continuity throughout the home. **BELOW:** A large fan and shiplap add a beach vibe to the primary bedroom. Maximizing the size of the windows lets the view of Lake Huron be part of every morning and evening in this relaxing room.



Just like their interior and exterior **Benjamin Moore** Simply White palette, timelessness was requisite. Inspired by Studio McGee’s Modern Mountain Home in Park City, Utah, contrast and cohesiveness became paramount. When asked about their best decisions, Connor is most impressed by the open-concept living, kitchen and dining room space. “We observed how light moved through the house during the day and purposely opened up the stairs and maximized the glass at the front of the house. It was expensive but essential to us.”

“It’s like living in a globe of nature now,” muses Allison. “And I don’t know how I lived without a larder before.” Handcrafted by **Bruce County Custom Cabinets**, “It allows us to contain the daily mess of the toaster, coffee grinder, cereal and electrical in one cabinet.”

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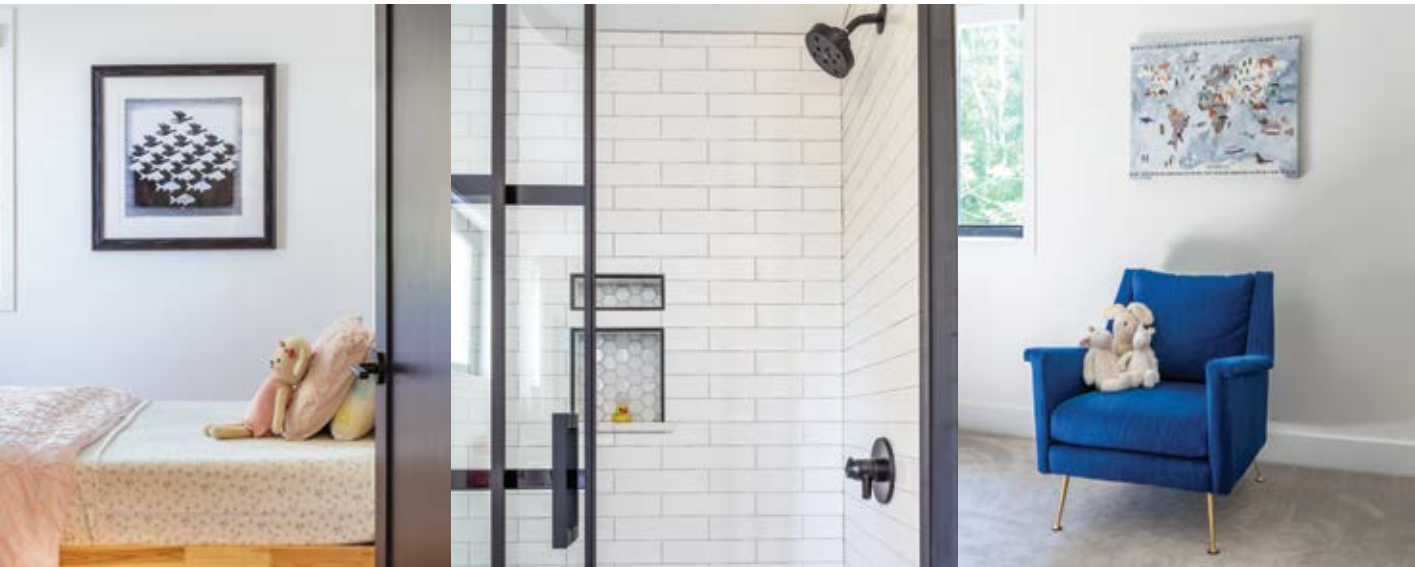
When asked about their coffee table books, Allison laughs at the eclectic pile. “Connor’s mom gave him a design course textbook called *Human Dimension and Interior Space*. He read it before we bought new furniture.” Connor admits to his meticulousness in optimizing the space and understanding how furniture size influences flow. “I’m conscious of not adding things and keeping our home as empty as possible. Pieces have to be functional and aesthetic only.”

Even the whimsical wall maps are functional. “They’re reminders of what we want to do with our time on this planet,” Allison says. “We want the girls to experience the world. Both Connor and I began working immediately after graduating and we want to see more of it too.”

What next? Finley suddenly chimes in on the speaker phone, reminding her parents that the bunkie doesn’t have bunk beds yet. Connor assures her that it’s on his list along with the unfinished lower level and updating the deck.

In a space that is purposeful and full of intention, the girls have been introduced to a bright world of thoughtfulness, intelligent design and inspiration. Simply white, empty but full. **OH**

BELOW L-R: A favourite stuffed toy waits for bedtime in Finley’s bedroom. The family bathroom showcases black in the plumbing fixtures, accents on shower shelf and the steel frame of the enclosure. In Bridget’s bedroom, an electric blue chair is a comfy spot for bedtime stories.



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STORY **DENISE WILLSON** | ILLUSTRATIONS **SHEILA BRITTON**

A smooth renovation requires partnership, a melding of minds. Beyond sheer manpower and expertise, a homeowner needs to know that a contractor or builder shares their vision. It might surprise you to learn a contractor needs the same from a homeowner. The result of this perfect pairing is often visible: a well-built home that meets or exceeds the expectations of both sides – the builder and the homeowner.

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How does this kind of magic happen? Here are the top five things a contractor and homeowner need from each other to make a renovation run smoothly.

BIG-PICTURE SCOPE

While details such as lighting, flooring and cabinetry are always discussed, both parties need more. “It’s imperative we draw out the homeowners’ core needs,” says Brent Pym, president of Pym & Cooper Custom Homes in Niagara. “Details like why the homeowners want to renovate, and why renovate versus move or build. Most homeowners are surprised to discover their needs aren’t what they originally thought.” Answers define the project scope – noted in writing, discussed and agreed upon before the work begins. “By creating and following a concrete plan,” says homeowner Margaret Graves, “we met with vendors to choose fixtures, appliances, paint colours, etc., in an order that retained our vision while helping our contractor, Pym & Cooper Custom Homes, keep a steady schedule and finish on time.”

BUDGET

By wading into financials, builders can help homeowners refine their wish list. “Budget is not a bad word,” says Louie Zagordo, owner of SLV Homes and VP of the Ontario Home Builders Association. “Pricing and costs should be clear, documented and discussed at length. It’s the only way to ensure the homeowners’ wants and needs are financially viable.” A payment structure with clear instructions ensures contractors and their trades are paid at specific stages while homeowners understand what they’re paying for. “Most projects don’t go over budget,” adds Louie. “The ones that do are usually homeowner-driven – add-ons or a change in the plan.”

CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

When both parties discuss and document expectations, disappointment is rare. For example, when a builder creates a schedule and sticks to it, the homeowner

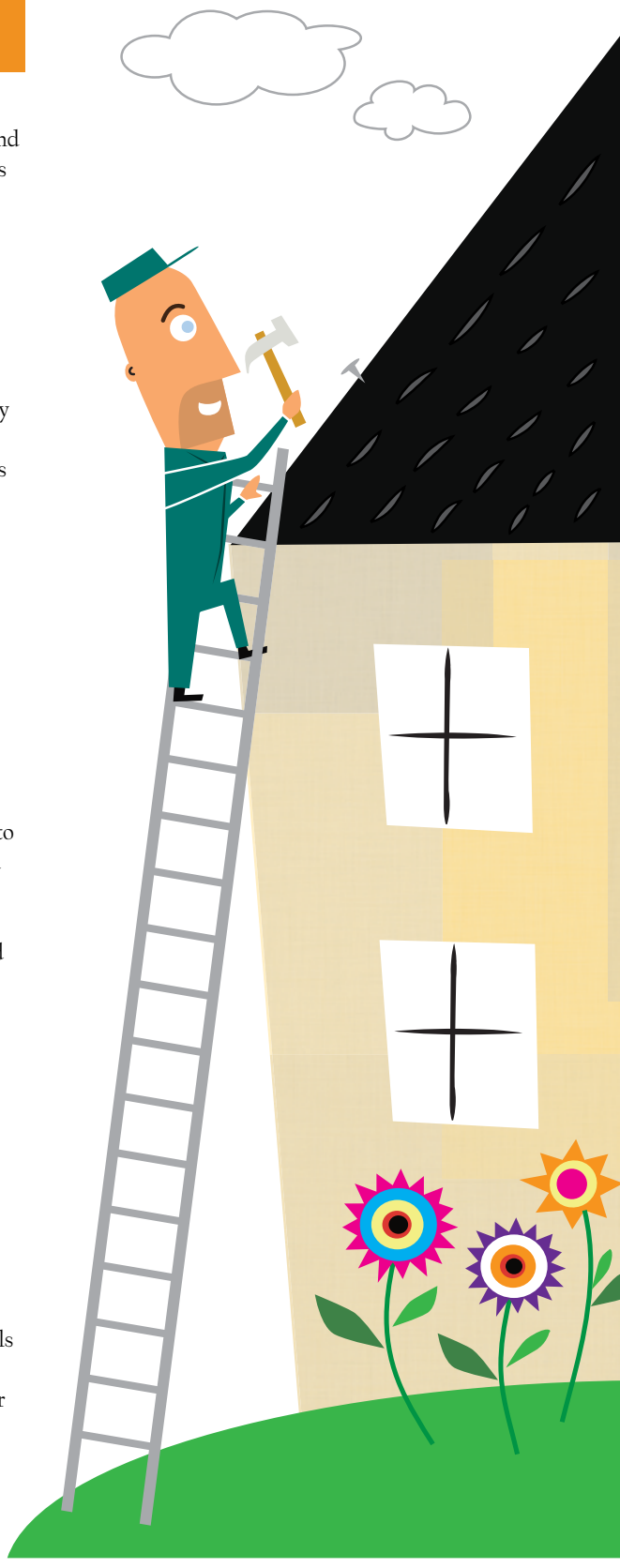
understands how long each stage takes and respects those requirements. Renovations are messy, loud, inconvenient and sometimes dangerous for young children. When homeowners relocate and store personal items, contractors can work unencumbered. When moving out isn’t possible, a contractor can make a plan to minimize any negative impact on the homeowners’ lives. Communication is key to setting clear expectations. When both sides provide contact names and numbers and respond promptly, questions don’t cause confusion or delays.

QUALITY WORKMANSHIP

When we think of quality workmanship, building materials come to mind, or the expertise of the principal contractor or project manager responsible for the renovation. While these elements play a part, quality workmanship must extend to the builder’s staff, designers, vendors and experienced trades. “When a contractor and their trades present themselves in a professional manner, you can rest assured your home is in good hands,” adds Ben Helder. Ben and his partner Rachel spent most of 2020 living in a rental while their home was under renovation.

TRUST

Trust flows both ways. Both sides must be professional and honest at all times. A contractor must trust the homeowner will respect an experienced perspective. “Trusting your contractor is paramount,” says Ben Helder. “Rely on the professionals you hire, on their judgment, on their creativity. A contractor must respect your wishes, but you must respect theirs as well since they are the experts.” When both parties understand what the other needs, the renovation experience is not only smooth but spectacular. **OH**



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The pandemic has squashed many of our travel plans both near and far. Lockdowns, vaccination delays and safety concerns have forced Canadians to re-evaluate road trips and flights due south. While some have leaned on Netflix, podcasts and books for escapism, there's no reason why you can't turn your kitchen island into a destination. It can be as easy as upgrading your pantry shelves and wine cellar.

BOOK IT!

You can transport yourself everywhere with cookbooks. Chef Sean Brock's *South: Essential Recipes and New Explorations* is a fast ticket to the southern states and classics like grilled catfish, fried green tomatoes and stovetop grits.

County Heirlooms: Recipes and Reflections from Prince Edward County by Natalie Wollenberg and Leigh Nash offers a decadent collection of 42 recipes from chefs, farmers, beekeepers and food truckers with tap roots in the county, Mexico, Sweden, Brazil and beyond. Jump from Spinach & Ricotta Gnudi to Dill & Garlic Sauerkraut.

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Tea fiends can travel just as easily from Darjeeling, India, to Moc Chau Plateau, Vietnam, every day of the week. Ambitious teetotalers can try growing their own tea stock by planting herbs like mint, lemon balm, lavender and lemongrass.



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HOMESCHOOL

There are countless virtual classes that allow you to experience the globe from the comfort of your own galley. Airbnb, Masterclass and Delish offer a satiating range for all palates and skill levels from cook-along videos for kids, handmade pasta classes with a Florence chef, and interactive Moroccan chicken tagine lessons. **OH**

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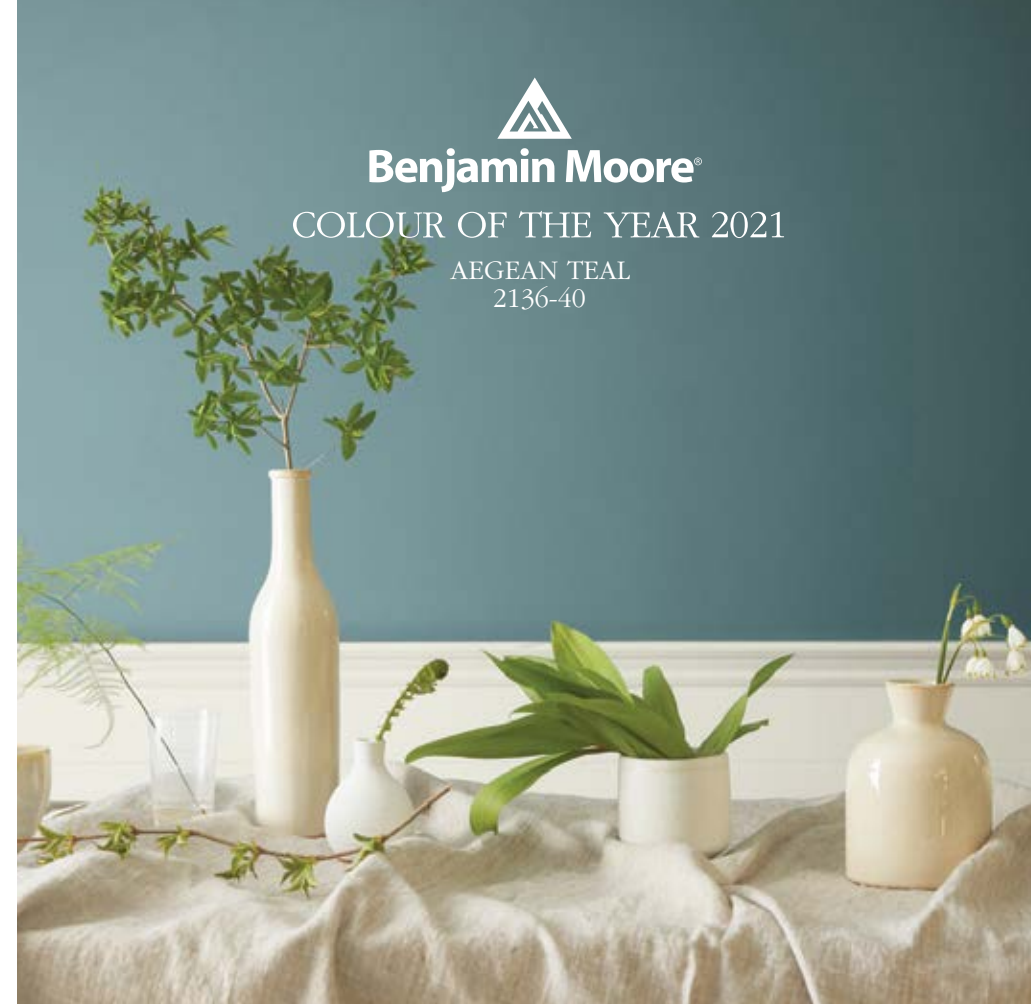


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Thinking about crispy grilled chicken from that roadside oil barrel barbecue in Egypt? Missing the dense, buttered slices of hverabrauð (Iceland's famed "lava bread") buried and baked by geothermal heat in a tin can? Mexican street corn (elote) char-grilled and slathered in Cotija cheese and crema? Pay homage! While an oil barrel grill might be frowned upon in your neighbourhood, and a geothermal too deep to tap into, embrace the trade secrets of other countries when you can. Find a fancy Turkish pepper grinder and give cumin, coriander and cardamom a whirl! Add some sizzle with a wok, or woo your family with a fondue. International beer and wine tastings are definitely part of the curriculum.



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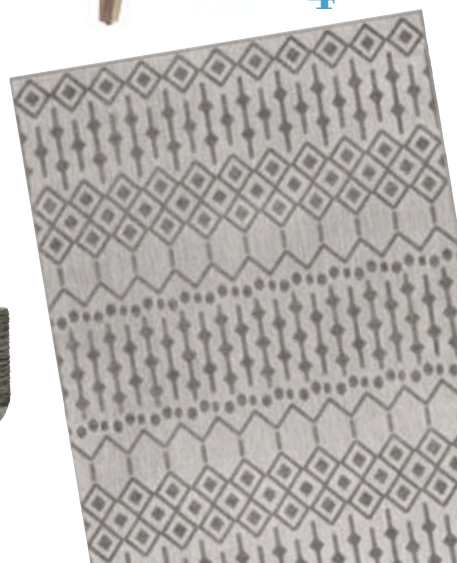
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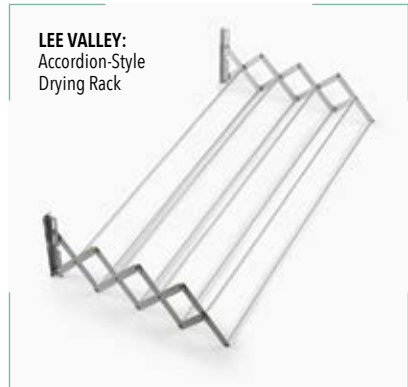
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STORY **NICOLE EGAN**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**

When **Dave** and **Sandy Ryder** decided to sell their Sauble Beach cottage in 2016 they knew the task of finding the perfect new space for their family would take time. Five years later they're enjoying an incredible new build that ticks all the boxes.

While the world looks different than they'd expected in this pandemic universe, they've built a family oasis in Port Elgin, overlooking the stunning Lake Huron sunsets the area is so famous for.

At first glance, the cottage looks like an impressive modern structure, and it is, but it's so much more than that. Inside, it's clear that thought and attention went into the design to make it work for the family. With the help of **Heather Smillie** of **House Rules Design Shop**, the couple have witnessed the transformation of their thoughts into a functional and beautiful interior space that not only meets their needs, but also provides places to nourish their grown children's passions as well. *Continued on page 81*



ABOVE: Cedar mulch from Hayes Timber Ltd. keeps weeds under control in the flower beds out front. Stone for the fireplace chimney and the front entrance was supplied by Owen Sound Ledgerock. Horton's Concrete Finishing installed the concrete driveway and walkway. **RIGHT:** A personalized sign welcomes guests at the steps to the beach.

Dave Ryder and Lucy the Springer Spaniel greet Heather Smillie of House Rules Design Shop at the front door.





Dave's kids gifted a game of poker dice for his birthday. It's the family's favourite game. Comfortable seating, sourced at House Rules Design Shop, surrounds the coffee table. **RIGHT:** The wood burning fireplace was sourced at The Fyre Place & Patio Shop. Ken Acton Plumbing & Heating Inc. completed all electrical, heating and cooling.

From the home gym designed with their family in mind, to the storage to support a fishing passion, each member of the family has a stamp on the new build, executed by **Tim** and **Tom Clancy** of **Clancy Builders**.

Decisions didn't come easily, but with architectural designer **John Peirson**'s revisions and the craftsmanship that brought those plans to life, the family is ecstatic about the final result. Both Dave and Sandy were clear on a number of their needs up front. The couple were keen to future-proof their space by placing their primary bedroom on the main floor, complete with a walk-in shower for ease of accessibility, not to mention simple bathing of Lucy, the family's springer spaniel. With a love of entertaining, Dave and Sandy were also keen to include a wet bar on the main floor near the kitchen, to ensure plenty of space for cocktails on arrival. "The space provides the perfect layout for plenty of family and friends – who we hope to be able to entertain soon once again," says Dave. *Continued on page 83*





Stainless steel and glass railings on the stairs offer an unobstructed view of the bar area and allow sunlight to travel down to the main level of the home.

The placement of the wet bar allows for gathering space as cocktails are prepared for friends and family. The refrigerated drawers below the wine fridge hold beer and soft drinks. House Rules Design Shop specified leathered granite, sourced at The Old Barn.



Situated in an ideal location, the wet bar tucks in underneath the modern stainless steel and glass staircase to the second floor. Accented with leathered granite counters from **The Old Barn** (purchased through House Rules Design Shop) and boasting a wine fridge, the space provides function with flair. The glass-and-steel staircase maintains the feeling of wide-open spaces.

A cohesive feel continues throughout the home, with cabinetry, vanities and built-ins in the kitchen, washrooms and laundry space – all from **Chervin Inc.** – providing additional continuity from room to room. Clean lines come together with modern fixtures and fittings from **Ken Acton Plumbing & Heating Inc.** and are complemented by soft shades of PPG paints from **Grey Bruce Paint & Décor**. From Bay of Fundy in the primary suite and en suite to Silent Smoke throughout the main floor and Paraffin in the lower level, the look and feel is airy and open with stunning views. It all works together seamlessly and it's clear details have been included with individual priorities in mind – a balance the couple attributes to Heather's design work. *Continued on page 85*



ABOVE: A sign above the keg fridge shows the number of moves the family has made over the years. **BELOW:** The main-level powder room has a soapstone vessel sink and three-dimensional flooring mimicked in the art hanging on the wall. All tile and flooring was sourced through House Rules Design Shop.



Cork flooring is a comfortable choice in the kitchen. The window over the sink offers a view of the lake. The design was Sandy's vision and perfectly executed by Jon Staken, designer at Chervin Kitchen & Bath Inc., who also built the custom cabinets.



For Sandy, the kitchen was key. Chervin Designer **Jon Staken** executed her vision perfectly, with cabinets incorporating smart design with intuitive accordion storage solutions. Quartz counters add to the bright, beautiful kitchen space with a view over the lake. Complete with a six-burner stove and side-by-side refrigerator/freezer, Sandy and Dave have more than enough space to prepare feasts while maintaining warmth and cosiness.

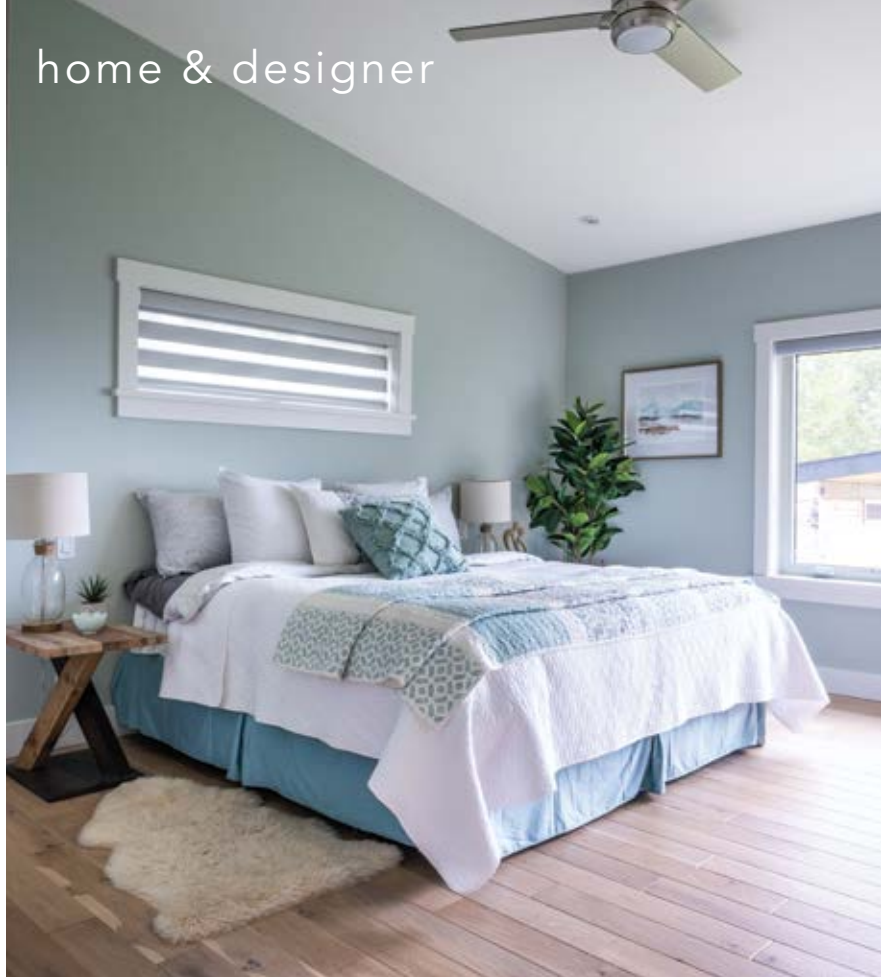
Dave takes credit for the warmth, having convinced Sandy that a wood-burning fireplace was an absolute necessity. Central to the home's design, the two consider the Valcourt living room fireplace insert from **The Fyre Place & Patio Shop** as the piece that brings the main floor together, "adding instant warmth." *Continued on page 88*

ABOVE: Gerbera daisies and snapdragons sit on the kitchen island. **RIGHT:** A summer charcuterie board of ripe and juicy cherry tomatoes, a rustic loaf of bread and local goat's cheese is ready to accompany cocktails. Lights in the home were sourced through House Rules Design Shop.

“The space provides the perfect layout for plenty of family and friends – who we hope to be able to entertain soon once again.”



Smart accordion storage solutions are key in the kitchen.



ABOVE: On the main level, the primary bedroom's king size bed is layered with lightweight quilts that coordinate with the Bay Of Fundy paint colour on the walls. Engineered hand-scraped white oak flooring continues from the living room. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The primary closet sits between the bedroom and en suite. Cabinetry was completed by Chervin Kitchen & Bath Inc. **RIGHT:** A high window over the en suite vessel tub has a shutter covering, with the louvers running vertically instead of horizontally. **BELOW LEFT:** The en suite's curbless, walk-in shower tile combines glass and porcelain into an interesting and colourful design. **BELOW RIGHT:** A corner of the primary bedroom is surrounded by windows that frame the Lake Huron view. There is also a door to the back deck for enjoying morning coffees.



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LEFT: The Canadian flag flies proudly over the direct access to 100 feet of shoreline. **BELOW:** The upper-level bathroom has a pocket door separating the vanity from the shower and toilet. The deep blue accent colour is a reminder of the water just steps from the home. **BOTTOM LEFT:** At the builder's suggestion, a cedar-lined outdoor shower keeps the beach sand outside.

The finished lower level provides additional living space and the perfect entertaining area for movie nights and game nights with the full family and soon, hopefully friends once again.

Thinking back to the first time the couple brought their daughter to the property, Sandy recalls a neighbourhood Easter egg hunt and the feeling of home that radiated. The look of the property has changed since then but the feeling remains. As the couple look forward to hosting their daughter's wedding, the connection between home and heart has never been stronger. **OH**




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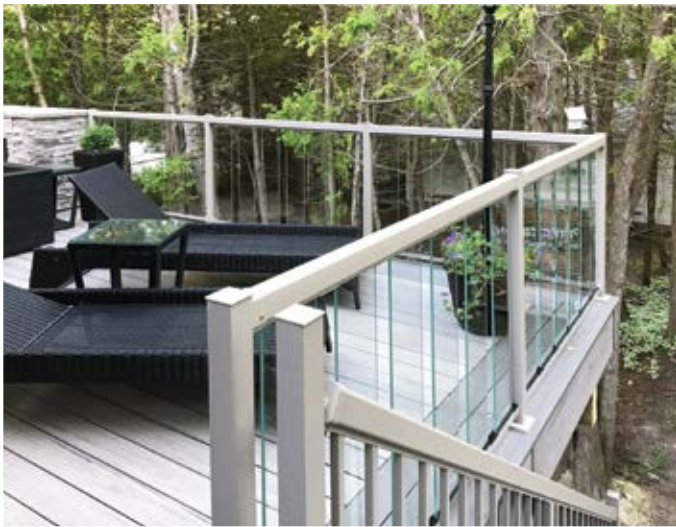
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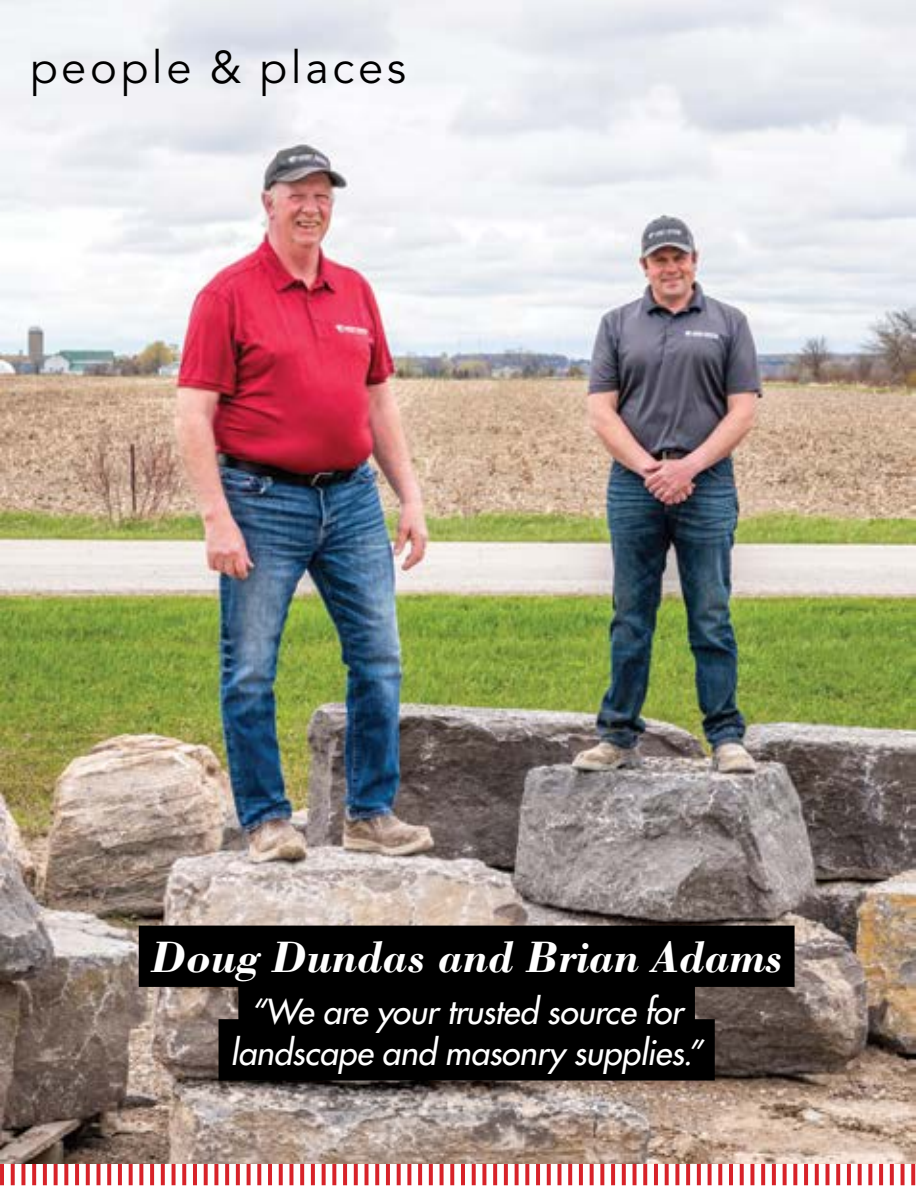
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- Painter's tape
- Exterior paint
- 2 wood pallets of the same size
- 4 – 1 x 6" spruce boards in 4-foot lengths
- Paintable exterior caulking
- Clear polyurethane



HOW-TO

Carefully disassemble one of the pallets using a pry bar and hammer.

Using the hammer and claw, carefully remove all nails from the boards.

To create your tabletop, use the decking boards from the first pallet to fill the open spaces on the top of the second pallet. You may need to trim some of the boards with a jigsaw to fit. Hammer or screw all boards into place.

Flip the pallet and nail or screw stringers from the first pallet around the perimeter of the base. This will add height to the table and create a stronger base for installing the caster wheels.

Attach the new spruce boards to the sides of the table, creating a skirt. You may need to trim the boards to fit. Remember to keep the top edge of the boards even with the top of the table.

Attach the casters to each corner of the table's underside.

Use caulking to fill nail holes or cracks on the table.

Paint the entire table with an exterior paint.

Choose a design or pattern of your choice for the top. We used a five-pointed star from a quilting pattern and marked the design using painter's tape.

Apply two coats of paint to your pattern, allowing time to dry between coats.

Finally, seal the table with two coats of clear polyurethane, allowing time to dry between each coat. **OH**



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An old maxim suggests you can take the folks out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the folks.

That is certainly the case for Jim and Margie Juniper. They both grew up near Georgian Bay and have always enjoyed the benefits of the wonderful life that comes with this special part of Ontario. Jim is originally from Meaford and Margie from Clarksburg. Their affection for the area has never wavered because of the glorious waters of the Bay, the rolling farmlands in every direction and the uniqueness of the escarpment. *Continued on page 115*



The placement of the double-sided fireplace from Gas Plus and stonework by Mike Barber Masonry established two intimate seating areas in the main living space. The custom Douglas fir beam came from Luxury Woods. Red Brick Group handled security, audio and video. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** It's time to light a fire in the pit and watch the sunset, which tells a different story every night. **BOTTOM:** Windows and doors supplied by Cedarport Window & Door Centre Inc. offer lake views from the exterior entry. A new roof was installed by LP Platinum Roofing & Exteriors Ltd.

Benjamin Moore Classic Gray on the walls and Simply White on the ceiling and trim in the dining room came from Grey Bruce Paint & Décor. Trim throughout the home is from North Pole Trim & Supply Ltd. The giclée print hanging over the sideboard is AJ Casson's *White Pine*.



“We really do love it here,” says Margie. “I grew up on an apple farm outside of Clarksburg and I lived for the outdoors – swimming lessons on the Bay, baseball, figure skating, skiing at The Peaks and, of course, family and many good friends.”

“Although we lived in London (Ontario) for 25 years as we grew our business and raised our two children, our social network, our extended family and our hearts remained right here,” adds Jim.

They searched two years for the perfect property. They are sunset people at the heart of it, says Margie. “We spent many years going down to Mexico and relished the sunset every evening.” That was a must for the Junipers, along with the water and the view beyond. It did not take them long to find the ideal property in Annan, just outside of Owen Sound.

With 20 plus acres, 300 feet of shoreline and a brilliant view, the building on the property was a hodge-podge of various constructs that began in the 40s. It was not a functional building by today’s standards, but it had all the necessary potential.

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ABOVE: Nine-inch-wide European white oak floors from Floorcrafters were installed throughout the home. Sam, one of the family dogs, heads to the kitchen for a biscuit. **ABOVE LEFT:** Yellow chrysanthemums look lovely in the living room, which has large sliding doors to the bay. **LEFT:** In the front foyer, a giclée print by Franklin Carmichael, appropriately called *Georgian Bay*, hangs above the console table. Lights for the home were sourced at Design Electrical.

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“Between the existing structures and the setting itself, we knew what type of design had to follow,” says Margie. “We are self-admitted HGTV junkies and big fans of OUR HOMES magazine,” adds Jim. “That actually gave us a leg up.”

Margie worked with designer Angela Bobanovic in London to develop the basic plan that gave significant focus to guest comfort, an airy feel throughout the home and absolutely optimized the water view from as many areas of the house as possible. The new home had to reflect the personality of the bay and connect to it effortlessly.

“We interviewed a few contractors, but once we met **Laurence Olivier** of **Olivier Construction** we knew we had found our guy,” says Jim. He was open-minded, understanding and free-wheeling, according to Jim and Margie. Laurence was able to interpret their plans and their wishlist and

RIGHT: This unique space offers a 180-degree view of the water. The curves of the rug, table and pendant light reaffirm the structural design. Electrical for the home was completed by Design Electrical.



JennAir appliances were purchased at Macdonald's Furniture & Appliances. The wormy maple island and custom exhaust hood are accentuated by the black lighting and counter seating. **BELOW LEFT:** Sam sits on his upholstered ottoman, which is the perfect height to watch seagulls. **RIGHT:** A tray holds graphic black-and-white vases on the kitchen island.



The wormy maple island and white shaker cabinets that line the perimeter of the kitchen are the work of Daniel Kelley Custom Cabinetry. Silestone Eternal Calacatta, sourced at Amsco Solid Surface Canada, covers the surfaces.

incorporate them into the reconstruction and renovation of the existing buildings. “I had this vision of a modern, open-concept home, but holding on to the traditional cottage feeling,” says Margie. With Laurence bringing his expertise, technical ability and trusted trades like **NuFlow Plumbing & Gas** and **Design Electrical** to the project, Margie says, “It turned out better than I could have imagined.”

“He likes to use lots of natural products and finishings, like beautiful Douglas fir beams for featured structural supports,” says Jim. “He is also very energy-conscious and made sure that every inch of the home was effectively insulated and air-tight. We can heat this place with a few logs in the wood stove downstairs and not have to turn on the furnace all winter.”

“The Junipers were open to suggestions as to how to make the most of the space in the most efficient way,” says Laurence. “We listened, proposed a solution and they trusted. The results tell it all. It really worked out.”

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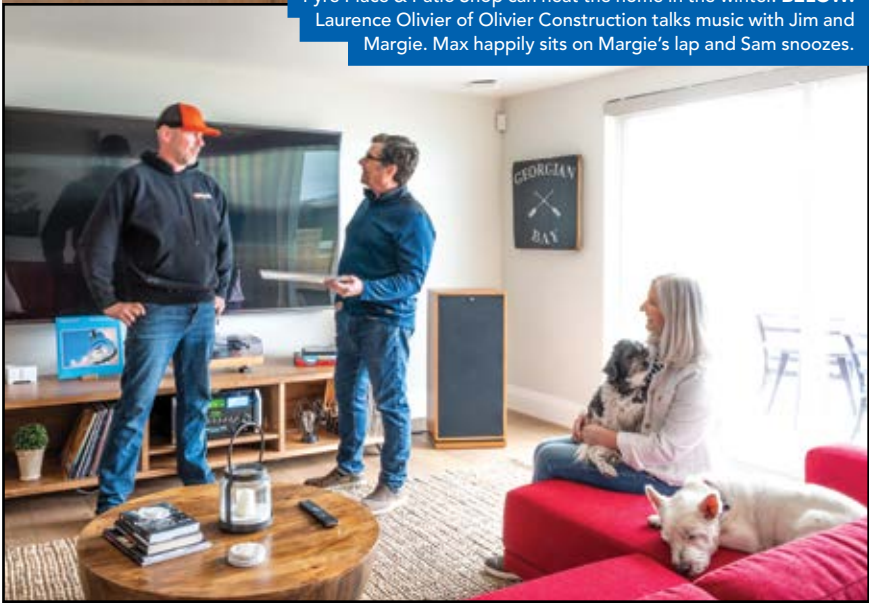




A murphy bed in the upper-level office is cleverly disguised with book shelves that pivot, so there is no need to remove what is on display.

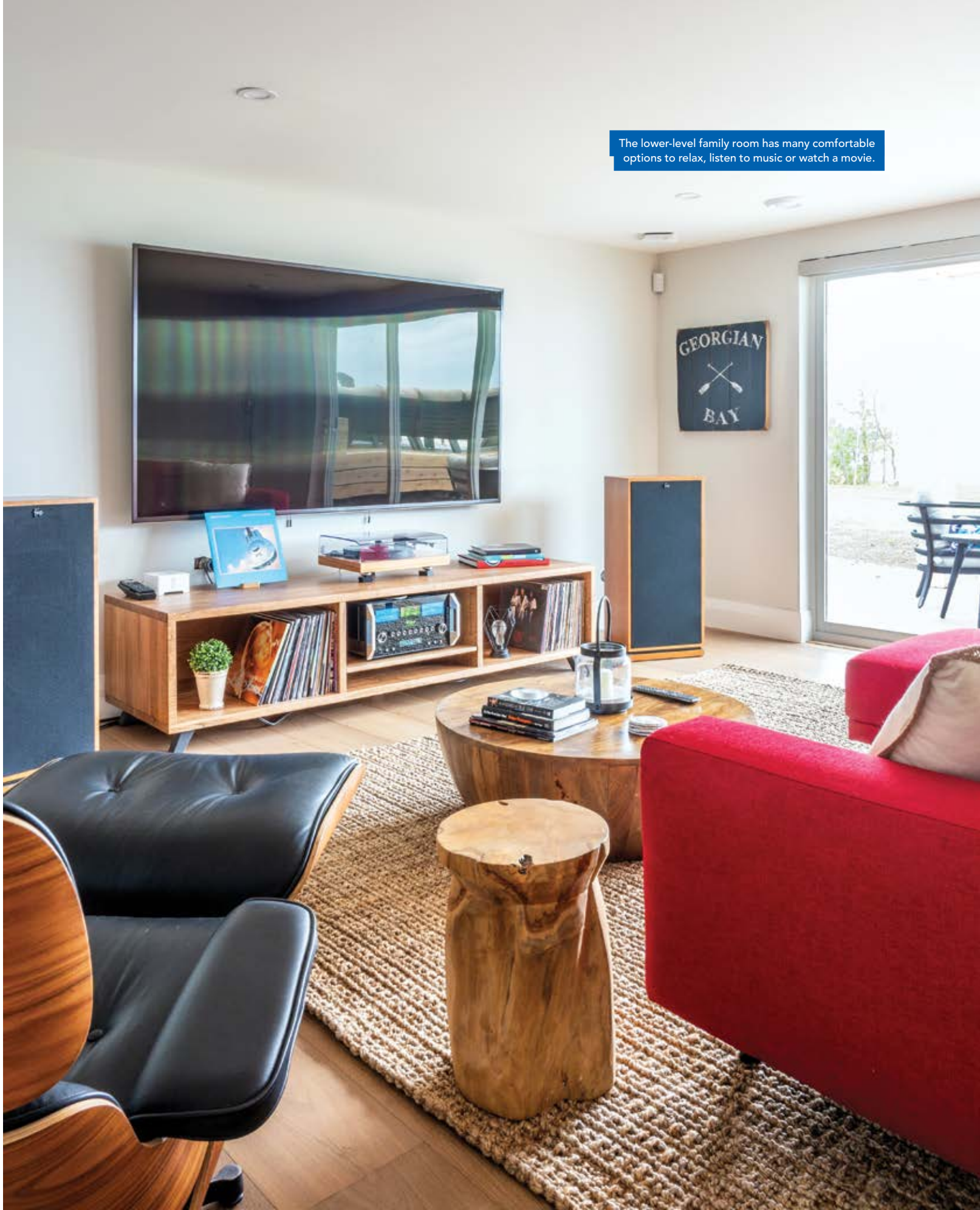


The glass railings and wormy maple open-tread stairs were crafted by the Owen Sound Stair Company Ltd. and lead to the two guest bedrooms. The giclée print on the shiplap wall is *The Pines* by Lawren Harris. On the lower level, the wood stove from The Fyre Place & Patio Shop can heat the home in the winter. **BELOW:** Laurence Olivier of Olivier Construction talks music with Jim and Margie. Max happily sits on Margie's lap and Sam snoozes.



Nine-inch, European white oak floors make for a lovely relaxed surface that dovetails beautifully with the textures and tones throughout this delightful home. Twelve-foot ceilings in the main living space help to achieve the airiness the Junipers envisioned. A two-sided fireplace gives the main living area an easy, comfortable feel on one side and presents a quiet, cosy reading area on the other – the best of both worlds. Large glass panes abound and gracefully frame the water view beyond and allow the outside in from every seat in the house.

With a spacious deck off the main living space, the house naturally flows from inside to out. “We get the early sun for our coffee in the morning and those endlessly wonderful sunsets in the evening, just as we’d planned,” says Jim. “We definitely got the retreat we had hoped for. This is our home, the one we always knew we would love to have and it will be a legacy property for our children and our children’s children.” *Continued on page 122*



The lower-level family room has many comfortable options to relax, listen to music or watch a movie.



In the primary en suite, a double vanity, sourced at London Bath Centre, adds a Mid-century touch. Black trim on the shower glass, mirrors and plumbing fixtures add a sophisticated design element. Plumbing for the home completed by NuFlow Plumbing & Gas.



“ We get the early sun for our coffee in the morning and those endlessly wonderful sunsets in the evening, just as we’d planned. ”



ABOVE: Each of the guest bedrooms on the upper level has an en suite. This vessel tub has a view that will have guests never wanting to leave. **FAR LEFT:** In the primary bedroom, the walls are painted Nimbus by Benjamin Moore. Pendant globe lights hang on both sides of the king-size bed. The sliding door leads to an upper deck with glass railings. **LEFT:** To the right of the gas fireplace from Gas Plus, a built-in desk has open shelving above to display family photos and unique décor.

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ABOVE: Steel roofing delineates the outdoor shower. Hooks hang close by for robes and towels. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The sign on the wall of a guest bedroom is a reminder of the position of this home. Window coverings were sourced at Ashton’s Blinds Draperies Shutters. **BELOW:** Stairs run the length of the rear deck, which has zones for cooking, dining and conversation. The timber-framed detail from the front of the home is carried through to the rear facade. **RIGHT:** The shiplap accent wall in a guest bedroom is painted Forest Floor by Benjamin Moore. The giclée print is Tom Thomson’s *The Canoe*.



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AND-ROD Construction Ltd. has expanded their services in the North Bruce Peninsula by offering landscape and garden care. The **AND-ROD Landscape & Garden Care Solutions** division will be under the expertise of Cheri Janknegt. Cheri grew up in a family of gardeners, spending most of her formative years outside. This resulted in a passion for nature, a love of outdoors and gardening. Cheri began her career at a local nursey and has expanded her experience and knowledge in Landscape Horticulture, gaining her Horticulture Red Seal ticket in 2012. Cheri has returned to the beautiful Bruce Peninsula, an area for which she has great love and respect, to work with clients to impart knowledge and design while aspiring to use native plantings in natural settings.

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From a design perspective, “imperfectly perfect” interiors have been gaining popularity as the world becomes more accepting of imperfection and increasingly seeks out the beauty in it. Gone are the unattainable, stress-inducing standards of perfection. This interior trend is all about living our best life in comfort and style. Here’s how to get this look.

MIX OLD AND NEW

Vintage pieces are key to this aesthetic. If it’s distressed, aged and faded, all the better. Remember, they’re not just scratches, they’re stories. One reason I really love this style is that it doesn’t demand the purchase of all-new items; the contrast between old and new can be quite beautiful. Some newly purchased furnishings and accessories can make your vintage pieces pop in a way that’s uniquely you. This style is also conducive to upcycling cast-off furnishings with some new upholstery and a fresh coat of paint.

Generally speaking, avoid anything that’s too matchy-matchy and aim for eclectic and artisanal. Look for contrasts and combine a variety of materials such as wood, glass, lacquer, metal and mirror. The goal is for your items to look collected rather than purchased in one afternoon at your local big box store.

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TELL YOUR STORY

Incorporate sentimental items and found objects that speak to your personal interests and experiences. Find a place to display that retro typewriter or your vintage camera collection. Put yourself out there through things that bring you joy and help tell your story.

Bring added interest to your collections by peppering your display with plants, books and artwork to create mini focal points through the space.

Think in odd numbers when displaying your collections and curios on tabletops, shelves or the fireplace mantel. Arrange your accessories in groups of threes or fives, with the largest item in the middle. This draws attention to the centre of your display and creates balance.



The final piece of decorating advice could easily apply to life as well. Rather than trying to fight the randomness that sometimes surrounds us, embrace it. Do things just because and you might be surprised by the outcome. **OH**

Sascha Lafleur is the principal senior designer at West of Main.

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INGREDIENTS

SALAD

1 cup melon, balled (your choice: cantaloupe, watermelon and/or honeydew)

1 cup bocconcini cheese

8-10 pieces of thinly sliced prosciutto

Mint, to garnish

Basil, to garnish

DRESSING

¼ cup olive oil

2 Tbsp wine vinegar, your choice

1 tsp honey

A few leaves of basil, thinly sliced

Salt and pepper, to taste

HOW-TO

In a large bowl, mix together dressing ingredients.

Add melon and cheese and toss to coat in the dressing.

Place the melon mixture on a platter and arrange with slices of prosciutto.

Tear mint and basil to garnish on top. **OH**




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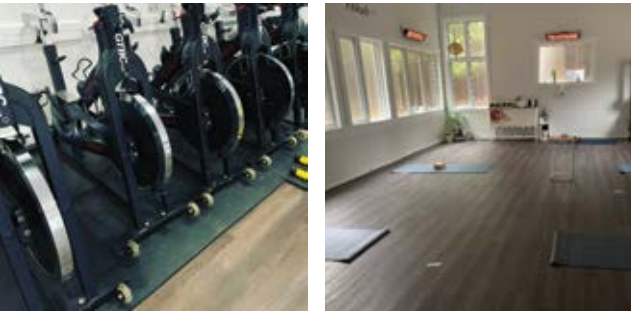
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