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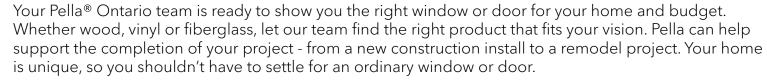
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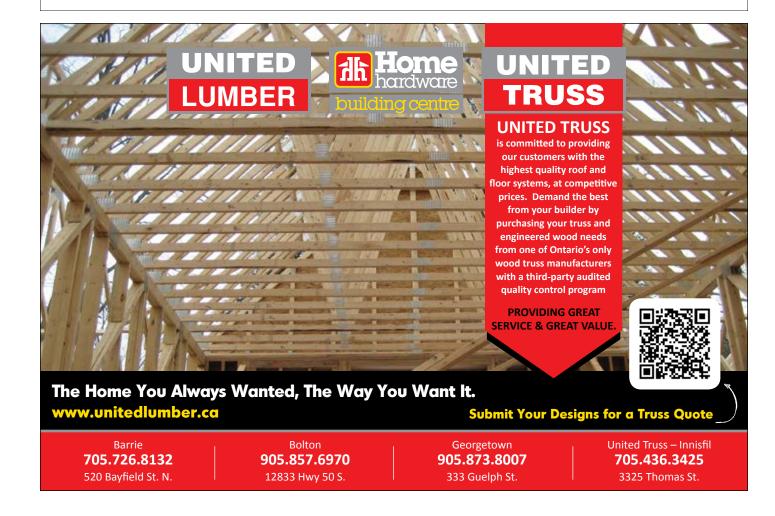
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# editor's note



**MARCH IS BIRTHDAY** MADNESS in

our home. My husband Emil has long since relegated his birthday to our children. He celebrated March 30th alone for 30 years until our daughter Christina came along and claimed March 29. Imagine our surprise when our son Matthew was born three

years later on March 31. Honestly, we'd been told he'd likely be an April Fool's baby, so I tried all the tricks in the book to avoid catastrophe. My husband is already a big joker and he didn't need that kind of ammunition.

Emil's been amazing over the years, doing everything from carting a carload of squealing girls to a manicure party to pulling a rabbit out of a hat at a magic show. He's often taken a back seat to his own birthday in favour of the kids' festivities. He and I started a sushi dinner tradition years ago, because sushi on his birthday reminds us of our very first dates. I always make sure it's part of his special day.

This year is a year of "big deal" birthdays. Our son Matt is turning 16, and the sweet little boy that loved Lightning McQueen is about to start driving, though he'd better drive more like old Lizzie than Ramone. Our daughter Christina is turning 19, an age that throws glitter on a myriad of new possibilities.

Emil is celebrating the big 5-0, and this year his birthday festivities are front and centre. The kids and I have planned a glamourous event, from hiring a mixologist to tend bar to honouring his Egyptian heritage with a bellydancer, a hallmark of big Egyptian celebrations. The décor scheme is Hollywood glam, with plenty of old photos laid out like a vintage-inspired walk of fame. Life is meant to be celebrated, especially this one. This guy has made the kids the top of his world, making him the king of kings on his own special day.

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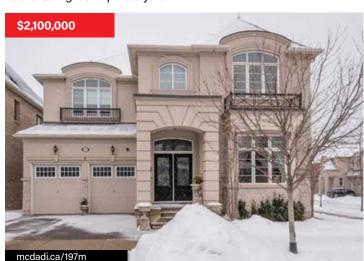


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# LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

While the basement is still the most popular place for laundry rooms, the lower level has risen above its former dungeon status by using good lighting and well-appointed cabinets.

# And in what other spaces can we find laundry facilities?

The kitchen – European kitchens have housed laundry appliances for decades. Tucked away inside cabinetry, they share common elements, such as sinks and countertops.

**The bathroom** – Sliding barn doors allow access to appliances while items can transition in and out of your closets.

Tucked away in the second-floor hallway – Most of the laundry originates on this floor. Using an otherwise unproductive corridor for access to the washer and dryer keeps laundry close to its point of origin.

# Mudrooms or back door entry areas -

Combine these hardworking spaces with other wet functions such as a pet-washing station. Slushy winters, wet pool parties and wet doggies produce wet clothes and towels, making washing and drying them more efficient.

Wherever your laundry room is, the finishes need to coordinate with the kitchen, bathroom and the rest of your home's stylish design.



# WHAT OTHER ITEMS LIVE IN THE IDEAL LAUNDRY ROOM?

- Deep apron sink for pre-soaking or hand-washing delicates and sweaters.
- Drying racks, sliding or drop-down, for delicates and sweaters.
- Troning boards and a clothing steamer.
- Thanging rods accordion or stationary.
- © Roll-out hampers and baskets for presorting laundry.
- Spray attachment for spot treatments.
- Bright, dimmable, warm-white LED lighting.
- Brooms, vacuums and cleaning supplies.

# KFY FUNCTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Seasoned contractor Dan Robinson has this advice for laundry room construction:

Build an accessible washer outlet box, which hides pipes and keeps hoses neat.

Vent piping to the outside with minimal bends and turns to prevent lint build-up and dryer fires.

Install a bathroom fan to minimize humidity.

Use solid pipe rather than the white flexible accordion type. This enables you to push the washers and dryers closer to the wall for a tighter installation.

Build a false wall or enclosure to hide piping from view.

Have a contractor install your washer and dryer. They'll minimize the big gap at the back. Others may pay less attention to space requirements.

Ventless dryers are a great option, too.

Above all else, maintenance is important. Lint builds up over time, blocking vents. Clean your vents regularly!

# A SPECIAL. UNCOMMON TOUCH

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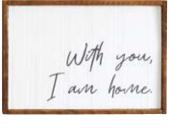














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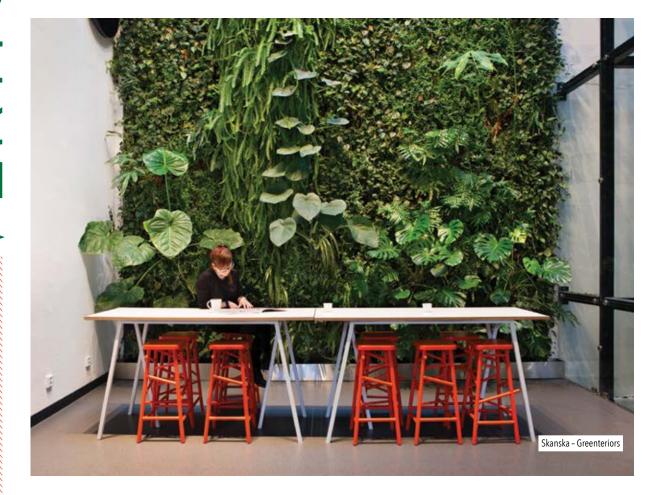
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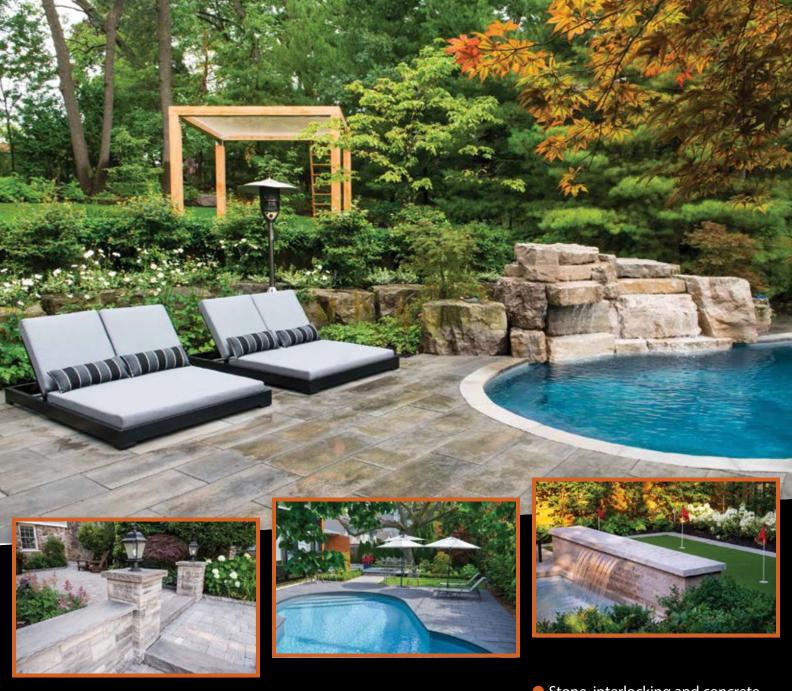
But tucking a few potted pots in a corner isn't going to cut it. With houseplants today, it's all about going big. Plants are becoming focal points in homes, rather than fading into the background.

Vertical gardening is a perfect fit with today's more-is-more approach. From rustic wallmounted herb planters to swingy macramé retro plant hangers or sophisticated living walls, this trend is all the rage – and can be integrated into any price point or living space.

Amanda Matfin, founder of Greenteriors, says today's wall-adorning installations deliver a dramatic, living-and-breathing aesthetic to your home. "It just transforms the space completely."

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# HVING WALLS

## What is a living wall?

A living wall is a system that allows plants to grow on a vertical panel, and can be either waterbased (hydroponic) or soil-based. Professionally constructed walls have their own irrigation systems and are available in two types: passive, which provides water and nutrient delivery; and active, which mechanically circulates air through the wall to improve indoor air quality.

On the higher end, living walls are lush, organic backdrops. Most often you'll see them gracing corporate headquarters and public buildings - but if you really love them, you can bring this concept home, too. Perfect for clean, modern interiors, Amanda says a living wall is like a large art piece and makes a bold design statement: "There's always that fun, wow factor. If you host a dinner party and people come over and they see it, they are like, 'Oh my gosh!' It's a talking piece."

So what's involved? To really thrive, the first thing living walls need is proper planning and installation. Amanda says the process usually starts with an in-home consultation, during which a consultant evaluates your space and available light to determine what artificial light you may need, then discusses your plant and design preferences.

The best time to bring in a consultant, says Adam Holder, sales and client relations manager with Nedlaw Living Walls, is prior to a renovation or new home construction. And once your project has been installed, he reminds homeowners that maintenance is key to the living wall's survival even with built-in irrigation. As Adam says, "It's a baby; it needs love."

Adam points out that maintenance is one area where homeowners can save a bit on costs. Typically, installations require a monthly maintenance call, where a technician will "maintain the plants, look at the system, check that things are running optimally, prune the plants." But alternatively, Adam says, his company can teach clients how to perform their

To integrate a professionally designed and installed living wall into your space, basic systems start at around \$175 per square foot and more complex ones can reach up to \$300 per square foot, depending on your specific requirements and personal preference.







# DIY VERSIONS

There are simpler, more costeffective ways to achieve green, vertical impact, from DIY vertical wall kits to popular vertical wall planter systems like WallyGro.

# PLANT CHOICES

When it comes to the fun stuff choosing plants - for either DIY or high-end routes, Amanda's recommendations lean toward plants that traditionally do well indoors. Tropicals predominate here, she says, adding, "It's almost impossible to kill pothos, ivy, spider plants, snake plants."

# TALK TO A PROFESSIONAL

Even if you've chosen the DIY route, Amanda always recommends getting some advice first. "Still reach out and chat with a professional, because there are a lot of new systems coming onto the market... And at the end of the day, there are a few factors that need to go into a living wall to ensure it's going to be successful." on









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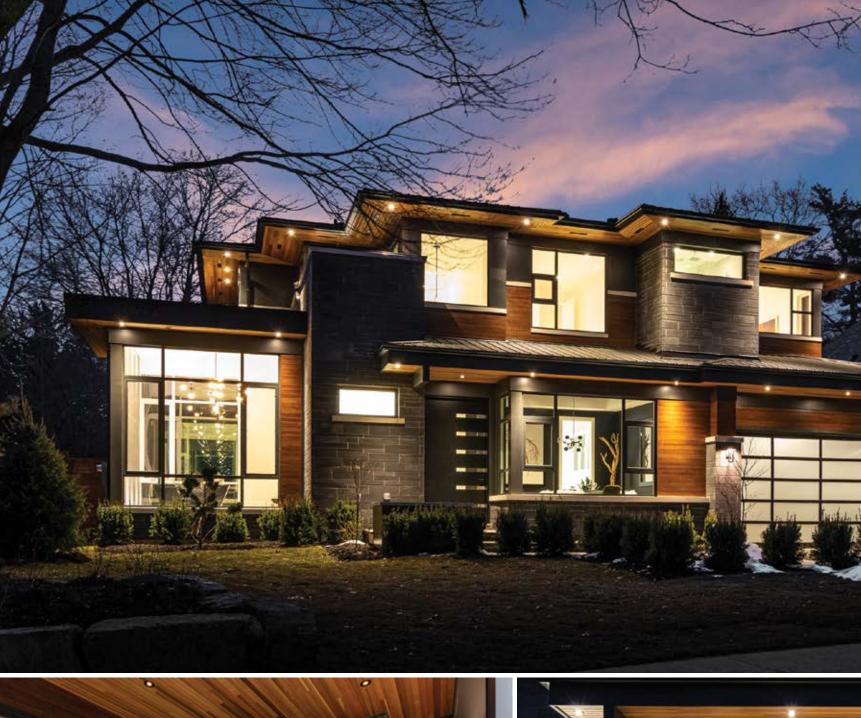
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Clean-lined architectural details weave together to tell a story.

Those details include low-sloped roof lines with large overhangs, an integrated double-car garage with a sandblasted opaque glass garage door and flat-profile facade with layers of texture.

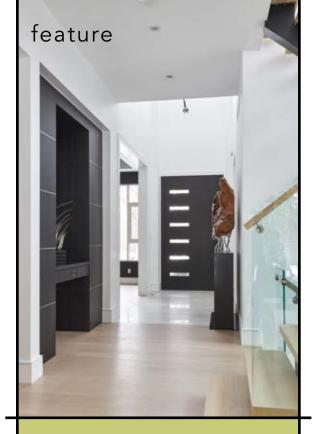
With its **Longboard** aluminum wood siding in dark natural walnut, cedar soffits and linear-profile sandblasted stone in Rockland Black from **Permacon**, the home is inviting with a contemporary West Coast feel. The real showstopper, however, is the five-foot by ninefoot metal pivot door, which was designed by Gerardo and built and installed by Fibercraft Door Company.

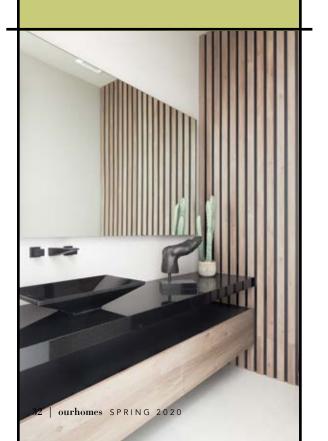
Castillo originally designed a larger iteration of the home for a previous client, but when the client relocated before building could start and the property was sold, Castillo partnered with designer Karen Thistlethwaite of KT Design Group to purchase and develop the lot. The duo then hired **Hummingbird Hill Homes & Construction** as the builder.

The full breadth of both Gerardo and Karen's design skills are on display in this home. "We tweaked the design, shaving off 700 square feet," explains Gerardo, noting that the process is not as simple as it sounds. Continued on page 33



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To decrease the square footage from 4,500 to 3,800 square feet, Gerardo redesigned the second floor, scaling back the en suite in the master suite and ditching the his-and-hers walk-in closets for an oversize single walk-in, and switching out the en suites in two of the secondary bedrooms for a Jack-and-Jill-style bathroom.

The current home retains the same flow, offering four bedrooms on the upper level and an additional two bedrooms on the lower level, with a bright and open main floor sporting 11-foot ceilings. The open foyer features a formal dining room and office.

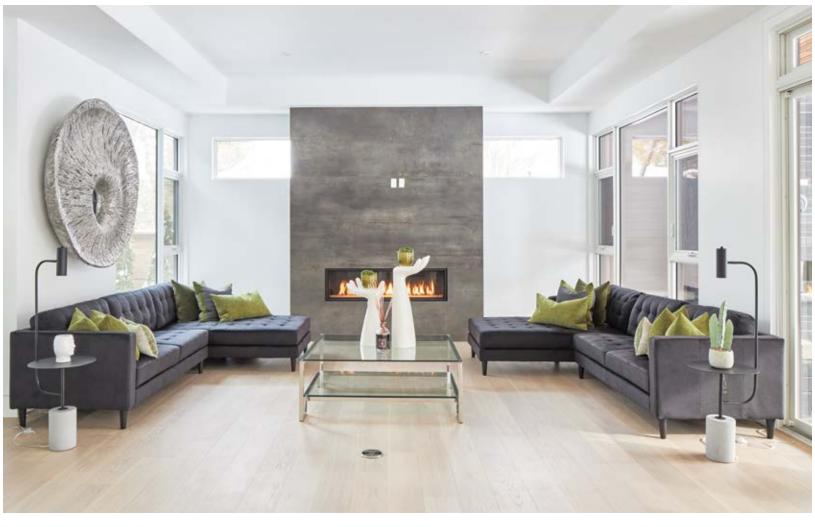
The main floor design revolves around a stunning white oak, open-riser staircase with a floor-to-ceiling, two-storey window backdrop and glass railings. Designed by Gerardo and built and finished on-site

by **City Stairs**, the staircase channels light throughout the home. Architectural, contemporary staircases are a hallmark of Gerardo's designs.

"One of the etchings of modern design is floor-to-ceiling glazing. It's definitely a must to light up the home and it is spearheaded by the design of the stairwell. In the morning and in the evening, you get the light from both sides," says Castillo, who is originally from Mexico and has been designing homes for almost two decades. The streets of Oakville are peppered with his designs.

Karen, who hits design shows around the world, gleaning inspiration and sourcing materials and furnishings, channeled her talents into choosing finishes that accentuate the bright and open interior spaces, adding an element of warmth. Continued on page 34





# feature



in **Benjamin Moore** Onyx, a shade that creates a show-stopping backdrop. It also offers the perfect canvas for an on-trend five-by-fivefoot wine cabinet, displaying 96 bottles of hand selected vintages.

Throughout the rest of the open-concept home, she experimented with a variety of shades of white to find the right wall contrast to the sleek, high-gloss, pure-white kitchen cabinetry. She ended up ditching them all in favour of her own creative mixture, an untouched, non-tinted white, also by Benjamin Moore. "I really wanted to keep everything linear, clean and simple with a touch of elegance," notes Karen.

Layering plenty of texture, Karen utilized a new generation of tile options, adding feature walls clad with handcrafted slabs, ceramic tile and porcelain, many with sheen and all with subtle shades of colour and plenty of movement. Continued on page 36

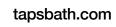




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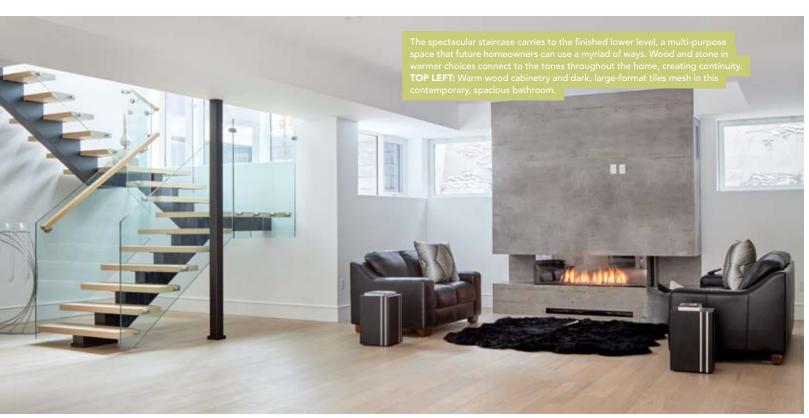


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The white kitchen features a 10-by-four-foot island clad in **HanStone Quartz** in a pretty shade of Chantilly. Waterfall edges with a 45 degree finish and black backdrop, along with the black-framed built-in Thermador fridge from **Tasco Appliances**, retain and continue the glamour. Karen credits **TAPS**, **Bath Supply and Kitchen** with providing an excellent selection of faucets.

A custom-designed, curved-steel fan hood by **KT Design Group** completes the look and accentuates the threading and movement in the Italian porcelain stone surround on the great room fireplace on the opposite wall. The finished open-concept, lower-level walkout is left to the potential homeowner's imagination, with an abundance of space for a home theatre, bar, wine cellar and private gym.

"It's a good family home," says Karen. "Bright. Energetic. And perfect for entertaining." **oh** 







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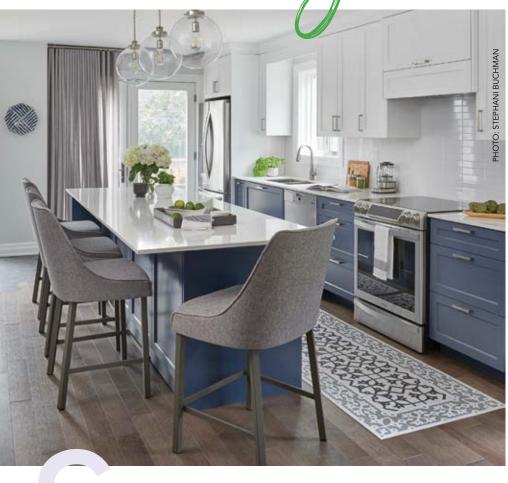


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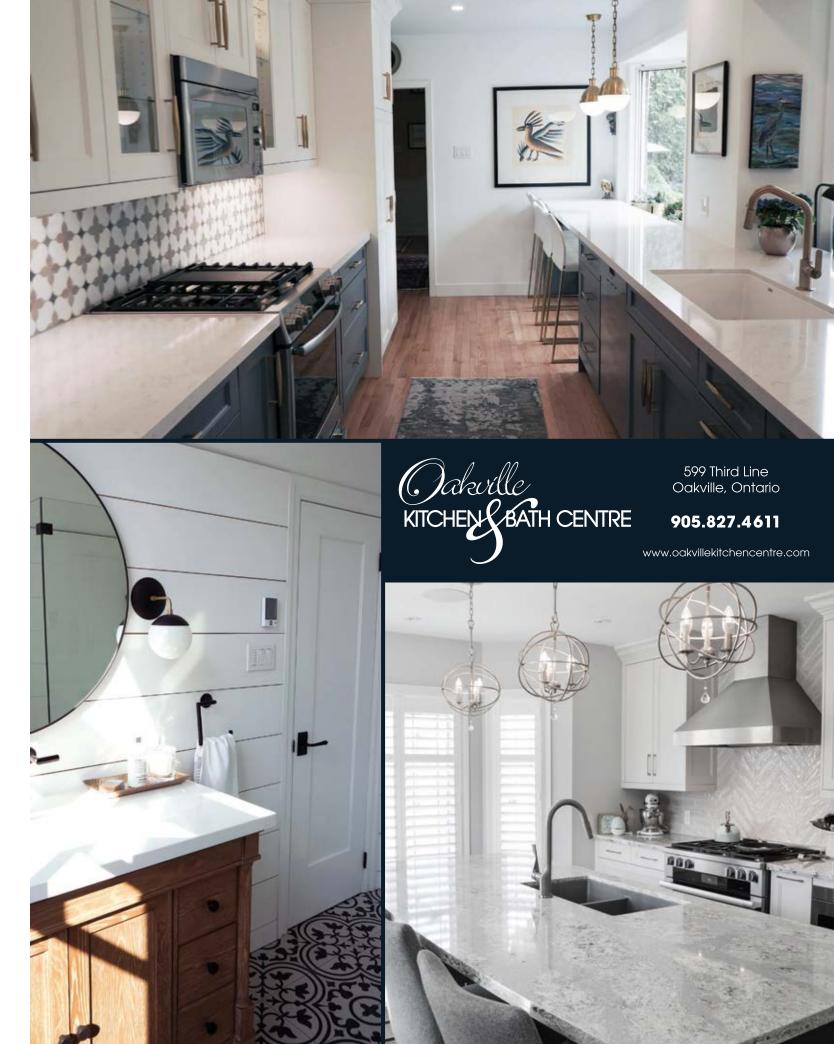


Spring is prime time to plan your next renovation, just in time for the busy summer season ahead. It's true that kitchens give you the best return on your investment, but they're also the most expensive room to renovate, so it pays to do your research, work with a professional and don't let your appliances become an afterthought. Appliances are an expensive part of the project, and they can often be worked into the plan from the ground up. The result is a seamless space with fashion and function built right in. Here are some essential appliances to raise the bar on your kitchen design.

# FRIDGE

Whether it's for function or just bragging rights, LG is a great brand to check out if you want bells and whistles. LG's counter-depth french-door refrigerator comes loaded with plenty of extras, such as the smart InstaView door design, which lets you view your refrigerator's contents through a tinted glass panel with a tap of the glass. The door-in-door is another cool bonus feature that puts drinks, snacks and other often-grabbed-for items easily on hand, organized in their very own independently accessible compartment tucked behind the main panel. Oh, and this fridge is WiFi connected.





# in the kitchen

THE "WINE WALL" IS THE NEWEST **APPLIANCE TRENDING** IN KITCHENS FOR 2020



# **STOVE**

The stove is the focal point of many kitchens, so choose a design that checks all the boxes on your must-have list. It should be efficient, simple to use and easy on the eyes. The Deco range from Italian brand Superiore is a stunning stove with beef - measuring 6.7 cu. ft., with a six-burner gas stovetop and packing an electric oven. Choose from black, brown, red or white (matte finish optional), with gold or bronze hardware. If speed speaks to you, then the Viking TurboChef Speedcook Oven will change your life. This classic-style, stainless steel wall oven cooks food 15 times faster than conventional ovens, putting a 12-pound turkey from fridge to table in 42 minutes flat.



# **WINE STORAGE**

The "wine wall" is the newest appliance trending in kitchens for 2020, and a common addition in many renos and redesigns. Functionally speaking, you can collect and store a lot of bottles at a consistent temperature. From an aesthetic standpoint, this appliance is sophisticated and cool – and who doesn't need more of that in their life? The Renoir Wine Displayer by Silhouette will artfully display 30 bottles and can be framed for a custom look. The manufacturer recommends professional installation, so it's a good idea to loop your renovator in on the process. When a wall unit isn't part of the vision, consider a traditional wine fridge as a great affordable alternative that will go a long way. Danby offers a wide range of sizes, perfect for entertaining with large islands, with capacity range anywhere from 17 to 75 bottles. Tucked out of sight under a counter, your wine collection will be your best-kept secret.



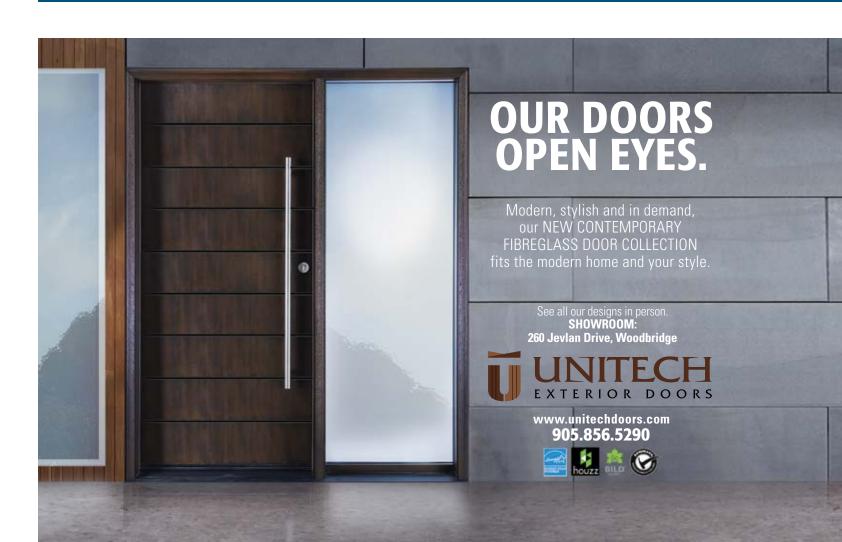
# **ESPRESSO MAKER**

No kitchen is complete without a great-looking coffee machine. The Breville Oracle Touch espresso maker has a solid visual weight that commands attention on a countertop. Encased in a brushed stainless steel or contemporary Black Truffle finish, this fully automated machine features a digital screen that visually instructs you step by step, from grind to brew to milk. You can save up to eight custom coffee variations for the perfect cup every time. You'll use it more than you think.



The modern kitchen today is about having your cake and eating it, too. In design speak, that means your selections should function well, look great and above all function and make your life easier, if not more enjoyable. It might not be feasible to go all out on every appliance, but treat yourself and splurge on a piece that truly has it all. You won't regret it! он











STORY **DENISE WILLSON** PHOTOGRAPHY JASON HARTOG

THE FIND: Lisa Barsony's love of vintage and antique furniture and finds has transformed from the passion project she started - quite literally - in her backyard shed, to the quaint, lakeside shop that locals and passersby of Oakville have come to adore, My Back **Shed**. "We love what we do," says Lisa. "Our customers see this passion in every piece we create."

THE STYLE: Lisa and her team at My Back Shed find pieces at markets and used furniture stores, items in great condition, just needing a makeover and a new start. "I love how refurbishing and new upholstery brings new life to a beloved piece," says Lisa. Her store sells furniture, home décor, lighting, custom fabric and gift items and specializes in painting family heirlooms and personal finds. "Instead of buying new," says Lisa, "my clients bring their furniture to us. We help them choose colours and finishes to suit their home, their space. We modernize quality furniture the old-fashioned way, by hand-sanding, repairing,

priming, painting and repeating the process between coats." This process - while time-consuming – creates a quality finish that will withstand time and use.

"People are going crazy for pink in all shades," says Lisa.





THE TREND: "We are all about French country and shabby chic styles," says Lisa. My Back Shed customers gravitate toward clean whites and unique finishes that match with almost any space. Right now, there is also a trend toward pastel pinks and robin egg blues. "People are going crazy for pink in all shades," says Lisa. Grey is another popular colour right now. The bohemian look is in vogue.

Gold light fixtures and hardware are in, and more and more people are updating antique chairs with modern fabric, making it pop.

THE FUTURE: Lisa is expanding the My Back Shed online store this year, offering a wider range of furniture and home décor. She's also just updated the website and is now shipping across North America. он







**GET THERE:** 











**LEFT:** Dark cobalt in the kitchen adds a subtle hint of colour to the cabinetry by Hays Woodworking Group Ltd. **ABOVE:** Anita brought to life the modern vision for the dated home. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Long bench-style seating is integrated for both form and function. **BELOW:** Floating built-ins also by Hays add practicality while maintaining the airy feel.

When the need for a larger home arose, it was a "love it or list it" scenario. The couple have two kids, and their cosy two-storey bungalow needed more functionality. A quick look around the neighbourhood made them realize they wanted to stay right where they were.

"We love this neighbourhood; there aren't many places like it," says Sarah. "Very few homes come up for sale and I don't like driving. A home downtown means I can also walk to my appointments, to the kids' doctor, the dentist, the GO train. Even when I have to drive, it's only a five-minute trip. We live in a close-knit community and my parents live nearby, so we decided to take the plunge and do a renovation."

The family came up against a few

challenges. The small lot didn't allow many options for expansion. What was initially a main-floor renovation turned into a one-year project to lower the basement, add an addition and fully renovate, top to bottom.

"It grew a lot in the process," says **Aric Bagshaw** of **NZH Contracting**. "There was a lot of structural work that went into it. It was definitely a project full of changes." Being an older home with a fieldstone foundation, the house ran into engineering obstacles along the way, requiring steel beams and additional footings.

Architectural designer Darren Sanger-Smith of Structured Creations helped bring the project together in stages. The final task list included a deeper basement and lower-level bathroom, a main-floor addition to expand the kitchen and great room, a laundry room, an additional bathroom on the second floor and a master bedroom with en suite on the third floor. Both Sarah and Rob work from home, so two offices were created. "I finally have my own office space and I'm no longer working in the kitchen with the kids," says Sarah.

To finish the interior, designer **Anita Puls** of **House of Hues Interiors** came on board early. "There are very clean lines, with lots of white and high contrast. It's the contrast element that adds the visual interest," says Anita of the now-modern interior. "The whole house is white, bright and cheery."

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In the basement, a new bathroom makes a statement with black-and-white slate herringbone tile. A wood vanity, black faucets, pendant lights and black-framed mirror finish the space. The media room features a large sectional and a custom console that resembles a bar.

The main floor includes a bright foyer, open-concept living space, kitchen, powder room and office. Hays Woodworking Group Ltd. (Mississauga) built the custom cabinetry throughout the home, including in the laundry room, all bathrooms, the built-ins, the entertainment unit, a bar and all kitchen cabinetry. In the kitchen, dark cobalt blue carries to the fireplace feature wall and contrasts nicely with the use of white.

"There's an inlay of rose gold on the base cabinetry, and the kitchen faucet and fridge door handles are also rose gold, as is the mirror above the fireplace," says Anita. "With metal finishes, you have to do just subtle hints of it. You must show restraint. Less is more."

The powder room is another standout.

"It's this very tiny space with a beautiful palm leaf wallpaper and it's finished with the rose gold fixtures. It's just stunning," says Anita. A floating wood vanity balances the look and adds warmth to the space. "I like to have wood elements in that kind of high contrast, because it just softens everything," says Anita.

The new second floor configuration contains the kids' rooms, a second office, bathroom and laundry room take up residence. "The laundry room is one of my favourite rooms. It has open shelving that exposes a fun hexagon wall tile done in blush pink, black and white," says Anita. "The remaining walls are done with an enchanted forest-themed wallpaper in the same blush pink. It's very whimsical but fresh with all the white cabinetry."

The black-and-white carries to the second bathroom with a chevron tile backsplash, white vanity and black and white geometric floor tile. Crowning the house is the new master bedroom and en suite, which offers privacy and makes use of the attic space.

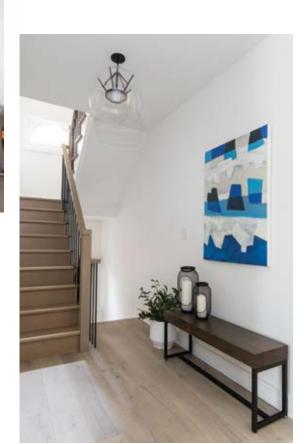
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LEFT: Colour in this bedroom adds energy and complements the colours and textures used throughout. BELOW: The lighter palette, including softer wood tones, updates and freshens the overall aesthetic.



The revival of this century-old home doesn't end inside. Aric's team also redid the landscaping. "We did a full exterior landscape, a plunge pool, a deck, shed, front landscaping, driveway and fencing," Aric says. "I love the plunge pool in the back," says Sarah. "We have such a small backyard and it just adds something more for when we have kids over and it's more for them to enjoy."

Though the interior is new, the exterior maintains many of its original features. "I wanted a much more modern interior, but we left the house on the outside more traditional, and it worked," says Sarah. "It was well done in keeping with the architecture of the neighbouring homes. We tried to maintain the brick and other details on the house to keep with the character of the area," adds Aric. Continued on page 52



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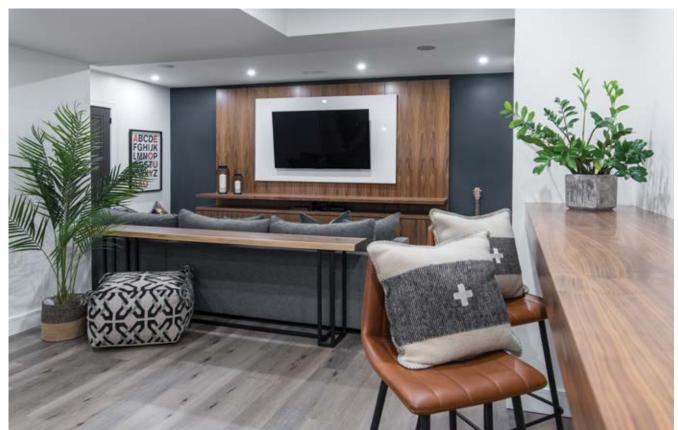
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**LEFT:** A whimsical tile backsplash adds a fun and playful element to the laundry room. **ABOVE LEFT:** The addition of much-needed storage adds function while honouring the home's new look. **ABOVE RIGHT:** A smaller space is maximized with a functional vanity. Hays Woodworking Group built all the cabinets in the home. **BELOW:** A media room provides the family a space to spread out and relax.

In a neighbourhood that offers it all, now the family's house does too. "In the end, I'm glad we didn't tear the house down," says Sarah. "I was thrilled when we moved in. It's like a brand new home. Digging down the basement gave us a whole other space to hang out as a family, and now finally we can eat together in the kitchen. I'm so happy we stayed." он







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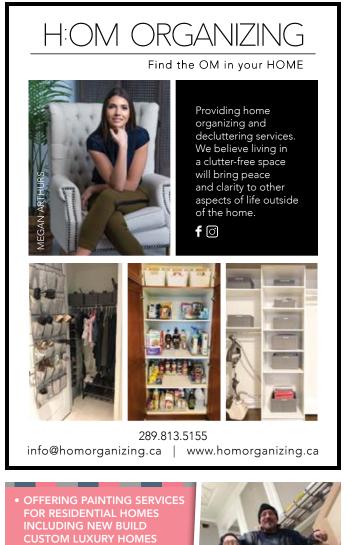
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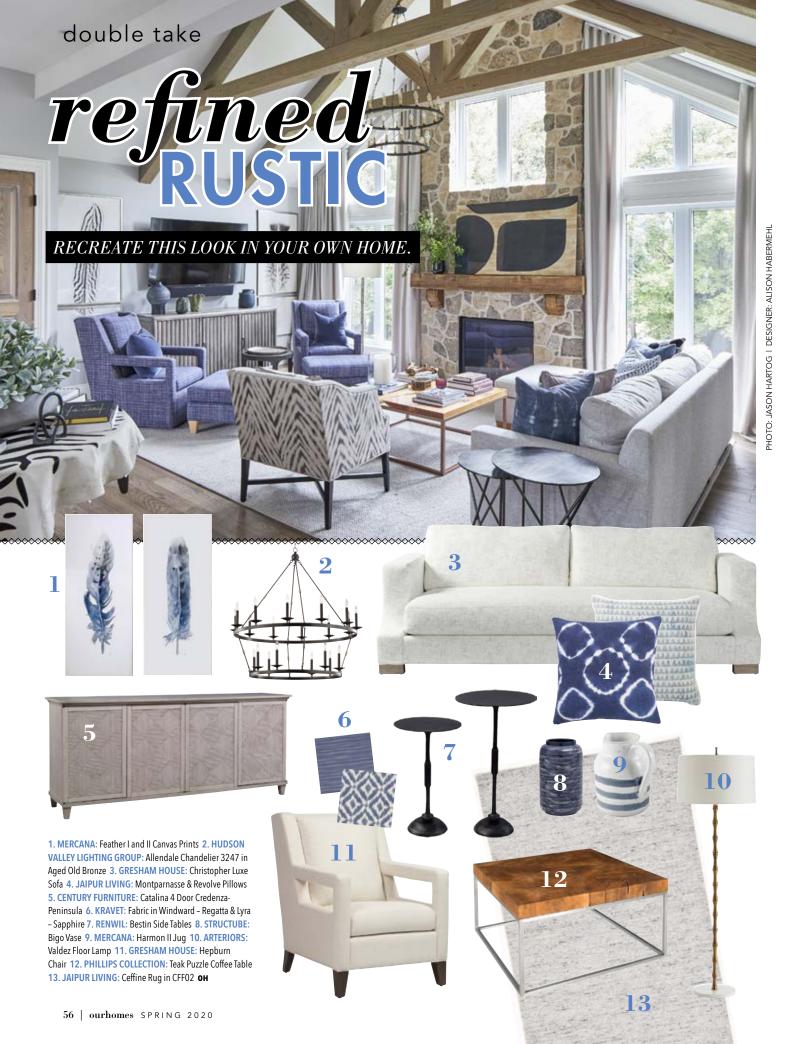


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# AT HOME

Favourite Design

Feature: My new en suite!

Spring Project: Clean out and paint my walk-in closet and put in brighter bulbs so I can see better.

Renovation Plans: Re-do my laundry room. Favourite
Flower: Freesia.

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Favourite Feature: | love my kitchen. Family is everything and we always end up there. **Spring Project:** Clean and organize the garage. Renovation Plans: Finishing the basement is next on my bucket list. Favourite Flower: Hydrangeas and Lilacs. Must-haves for every garden.

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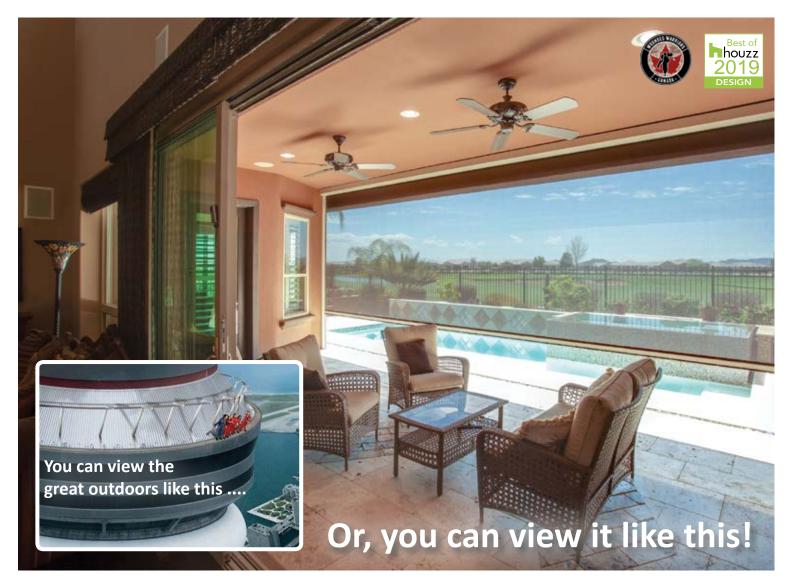
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# **TOOLS AND MATERIALS**

Blank tea towels and/ or napkins (cotton or linen work best)

Permanent ink pad in a colour of your choice

Rubber stamp in a design of your choice

Cardboard or craft paper

# **HOW-TO**

Iron

Wash and dry tea towels and napkins to remove sizing solution.

Lay towel or napkin on surface covered with cardboard or craft paper. Decide where to place your pattern.

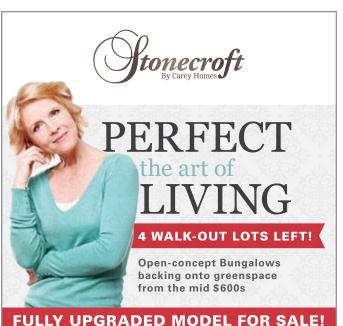
Apply ink to your stamp from the stamp pad. Stamp towel or napkin. Be sure to apply even pressure on the stamp and hold in place for 10 to 20 seconds to ensure the ink transfers well. Let dry.

Turn fabric over and press with a hot iron to make ink permanent. он











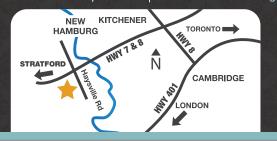
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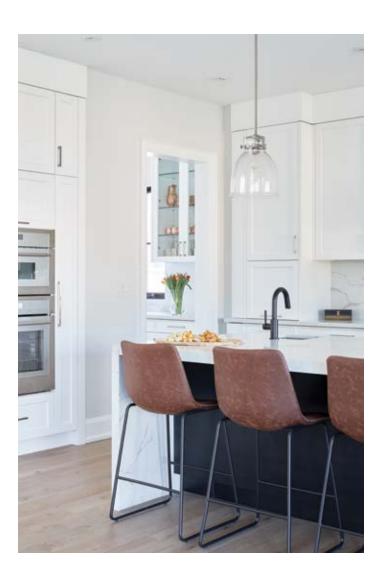
purchase was finalized, Nina's father passed away. His wife, Nina's mother, moved in,

renovated, and in doing so, brought her late husband's vision to life. \\

Shortly thereafter, Nina and her husband, Aman, bought a house the next street over. Nina's sister bought down the street. Just recently, Nina's brother, newly married, purchased a bungalow only one street away. "My father would be so proud of us," says Nina. "He used to say 'It takes a village' to raise kids. Now we're together, close, just like he wanted, and we help each other a lot." The Singhs have two young children, Sahil, 5, and Dhaya, 3. Nina's sister has a daughter the same age. "We are always at each other's houses," says Nina. "And we feel like our father is with us."

When Nina was ready to follow in her father's footsteps and build, she and Aman knew exactly what they wanted. "Our previous house was your typical survey home," says Nina. "It had no personality.

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**ABOVE:** Details blend softly into one another, creating a beautiful exterior aesthetic. **LEFT:** The living and dining room at the front of the home are flooded with natural light. **BELOW LEFT:** The mudroom and laundry room combo on the main floor keeps the mess contained. **BELOW RIGHT:** Graphic flooring adds detail to the clean lines in the powder room.

We wanted to build from scratch. We wanted a house that suits our family – the entire family." The couple turned to **Peter Giampuzzi** of **Ornella Homes**. "Peter could read our minds," says Nina, laughing. "He could see our vision of the house, and his door was always open to discuss new ideas." The Singhs talked to homeowners who had previously built with Ornella Homes. "Everyone spoke highly of Peter. Now that our home is done, we know why. Peter is patient, creative, and an amazing homebuilder."

The 3,700 sq. ft. home features classic lines with modern finishes. The exterior is a combination of hand-chiseled Indiana limestone and stucco done by **DePasquale Stone Works**. **DeMedicis Roofing** added the roof as well as the leaded copper that gives the house a unique look. The stunning entrance door and floor-to-ceiling black framed windows from Ostaco Windows & Doors come alive against

the white stone and grey moulding. The clean lines are mirrored in the interior. Wide plank, white oak floors from AA Floors & More, whitewashed walls and custom cabinetry from Perola Kitchens & Interiors Ltd. add to the soft, monochromatic aesthetic of black, white and grey. "We love the open-concept family room and kitchen," says Nina. "It's the hub of the house." Perola Kitchens was also responsible for the laundry and bathroom built-ins. Granite counters were provided by Premium Marble & Granite.

The homeowners also adore the finished lower level. The television room and bar are great for entertaining, and the kids have room to play. "The kids love their space," says Nina, referring to the kids' playroom and bedrooms. "The rooms have shape, cubbies and character. They are rooms kids can grow into." With a smile Nina adds, "My daughter thinks her room makes her a princess." With soaring ceiling heights





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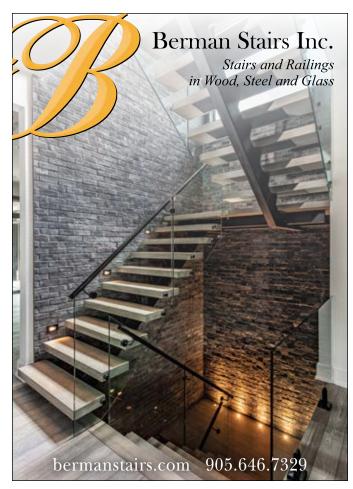


and vast, open space, the entire family feels like royalty. The bathrooms boast large marble slabs, glass shower enclosures and freestanding tubs from TUBS. Patterned floor tiles and backsplashes from Rivalda Tiles add bling, and the stairway, by Pro-Stair & Railing Inc., is a showpiece. The design pulls cues from the modern light fixtures provided by Lando Lighting.

Ornella Homes is known for custom homes that focus on architectural design. Peter works closely with architects and technologists to achieve the homeowners' vision. "Richard Kossak of New Age Design was instrumental in the build of this house," says Peter. "He is a multi-dimensional thinker who balances a sound understanding of design with the technical, planning and municipal components of the building process," explains Peter. "To top it off, he's a pleasure to work with." Continued on page 76









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The process wasn't always easy. "Before we started," says Nina, "we didn't realize how much time was required to design and build a new house." The couple spent countless hours poring over ideas online. Peter had water to contend with. The area has a significant amount of groundwater, requiring several pump systems and interior and exterior weeping tile to keep the basement dry. City proposals and permits took time. They also had to work around mature trees and older homes. "The designer was super-important in this regard," says Peter. "Even though the city recommended we cut down a large, old tree, we designed around it, and even planted five more in the process. Richard is a master at honouring the natural environment of the neighbourhood while creating a timeless yet unique home."

There is no doubt Nina has done her father proud. "My father always said he was the happiest man on earth," says Nina. "He said us kids made him feel that way." He's still the glue that holds his family together.  ${\bf OH}$ 

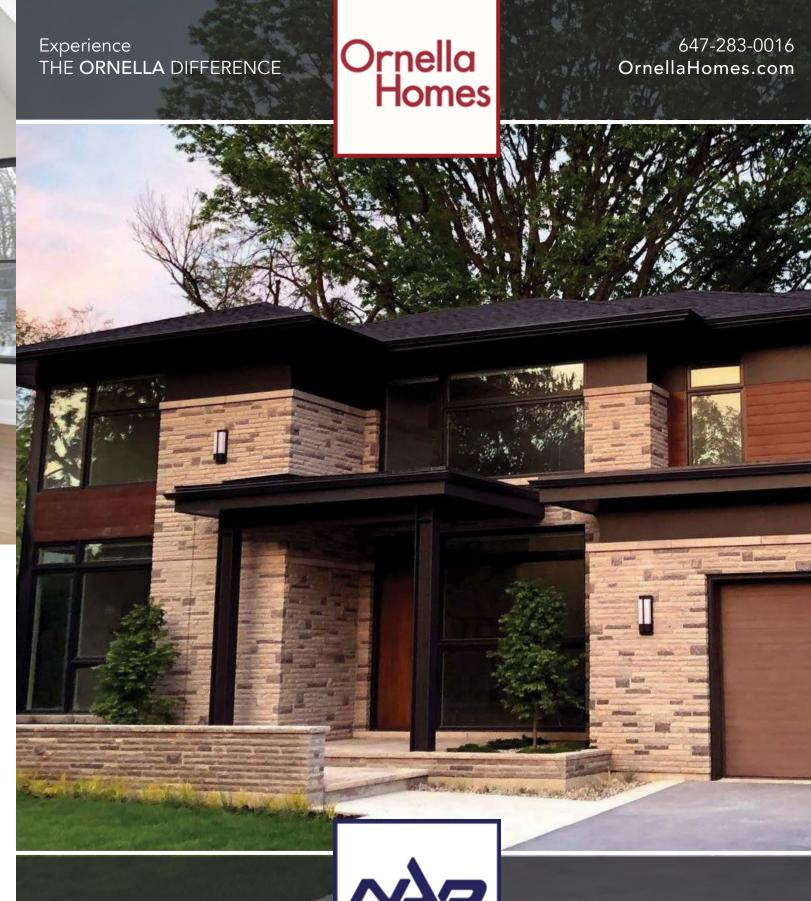












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2 large peaches

arugula

mint leaves prosciutto

burrata cheese

pesto for garnish

# **VINAIGRETTE INGREDIENTS**

3 Tbsp olive oil

1 Tbsp vinegar (apple cider or sherry)

salt and pepper to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Slice peaches in half and remove pits.

Preheat a grill pan or grill and rub with vegetable oil to prevent peaches from sticking.

Grill peaches for 5-7 minutes on each side or until charred.

Meanwhile, combine all vinaigrette ingredients.

In a large bowl, combine arugula and a small amount of separated mint leaves.

Drizzle with vinaigrette and toss to coat.

Place on a serving plate.

Top with grilled peaches and prosciutto.

Spoon burrata onto salad and garnish with pesto.

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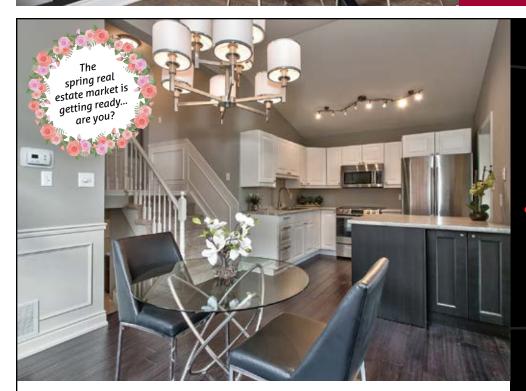
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