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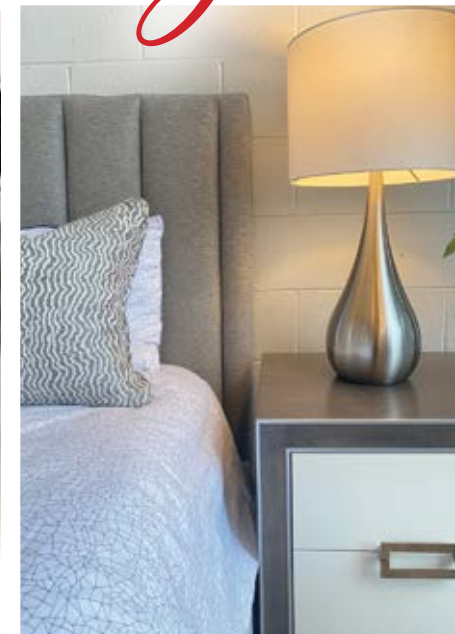


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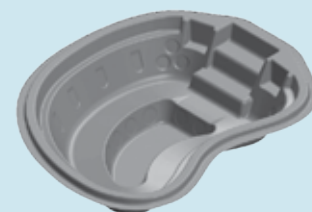
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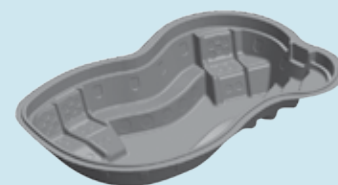
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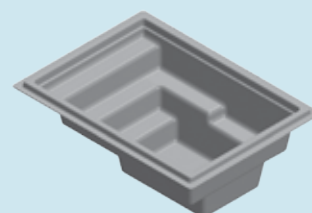
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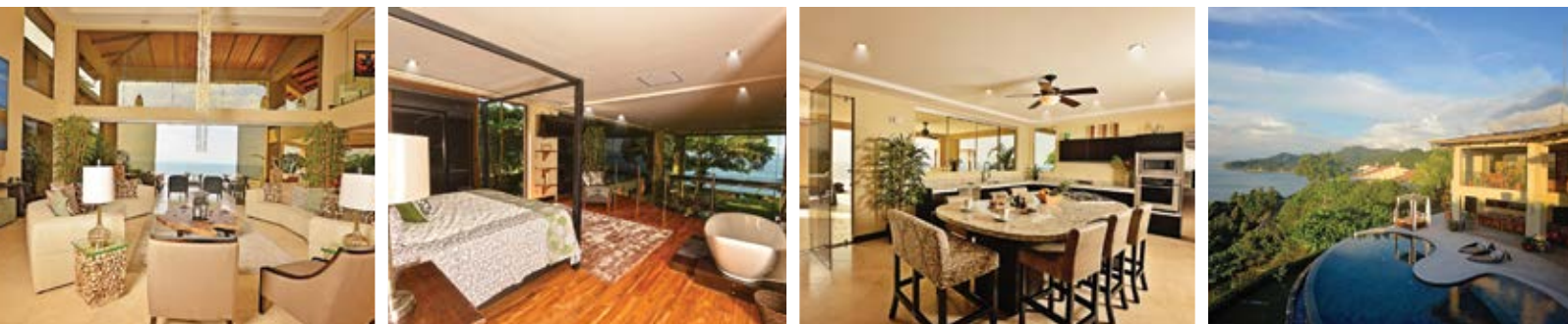


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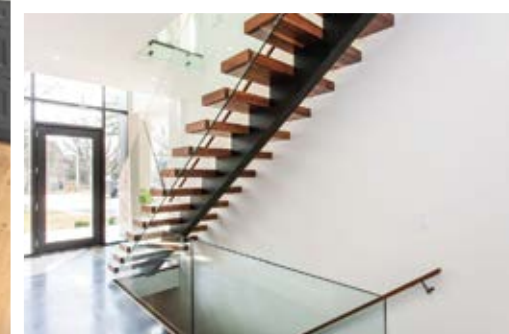
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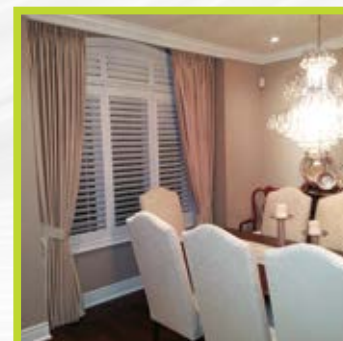
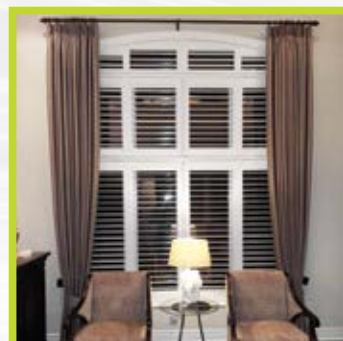
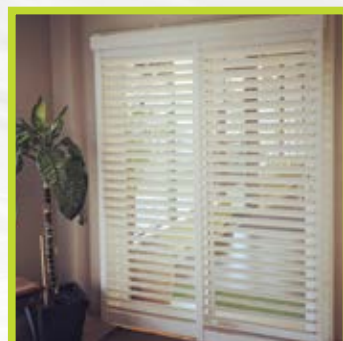
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## A NOTE FROM Oakville Burlington Mississauga

I'M CHOOSING a family photo to hang on the wall and I keep coming back to this one. It's perfectly imperfect. If you know our son Matt, this photo makes so much sense. He's a dreamer.

He's often in his own head, his thoughts racing a mile a minute. His mind can visit a hundred places in the time it takes us to have dinner. He's a creative thinker and creative thinkers often appear to be daydreaming when they're really cooking up bizarre ideas and solutions to things.

How does he get anything done you might ask? It's been a feat over the years. He's academically minded and loves to learn, but he does what he wants when he wants. Over the years, he's learned to rein in his thoughts when it matters and leave the daydreaming at the door.

If you're into psychology like I am, positive-constructive daydreaming is associated with curiosity, sensitivity and openness to ideas and feelings. When we're thinking freely, we're more flexible, self-aware and goal-oriented. With Matt, I find evidence of this everywhere, from the notes that he scribbles to the goals he has tacked on his bedroom wall. Sometimes, he'll open his mouth and say something so profound, we wonder how long he's been thinking what he's thinking. It's clear that he has an endgame in sight as his mind meanders freely from one idea to the next.

The day of this photoshoot, he hammed it up for the camera, but after 20 minutes, I could tell he'd already moved on to the next great thing. That's why this photo captured by our friend and photographer Robyn Russell is so special. It's a moment, a sliver, a fleeting glimpse of Matt and all his personality.

The photo belongs on the wall. It celebrates the creative dreamer in our life and his unique way of looking at the world. Daydreaming motivates, initiates and inspires a lot of greatness. Who knows, maybe your daydreamer will inspire you too.

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*My daughter is 15 years old.*

She's clever and thoughtful and a hard worker and funny as heck. But to look at her you wouldn't know she's any different than her lovely, also unique friends. Because, like I said, she's 15. They all want to look the same. They have dos and don'ts and rights and wrongs of fashion.

That's one of the things I love about being my age. I've been around long enough to see trends come and go, come back again with a twist and realize they shouldn't be so much prescriptive as inspirational.

When I see articles that tell me open-floor layouts, white kitchens, Mid-century modern and shiplap are "out," I want to scream because these are all but a part of a bigger picture – elements we might incorporate into creating the homes we want.

For instance, check out the home we have in this issue on page 82. It's open plan and divine – perfect for family life and entertaining. Perfect for Katelyn and her two boys.

Trend forecasters are predicting 2022 will be all about shades of green and wallpaper and rattan. I've always loved green and wallpaper and I'm pretty sure I still will in years to come. Rattan? Not so much.

The point is, while it's fun to see what other people are doing and to co-opt ideas that speak to you, be confident in your own style. You might want the help of a decorator and that's okay – the good ones will help you work out what's compelling for you. But at the end of the day, you are the one coming home to your house, so fashion your spaces to suit your own needs and to fill you with joy. Like they say, you do you. With that, I offer you our pages packed full of inspiration. There are no rights or wrongs. Co-opt or don't, but I hope you enjoy the tour!

Wishing you the happiest of seasons,

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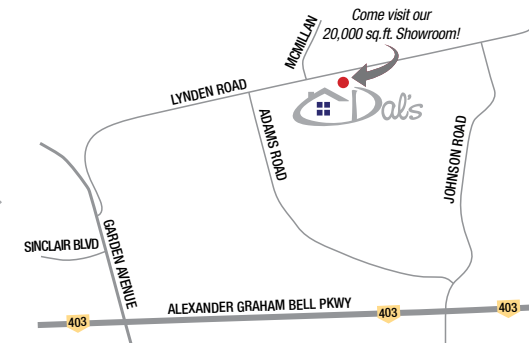
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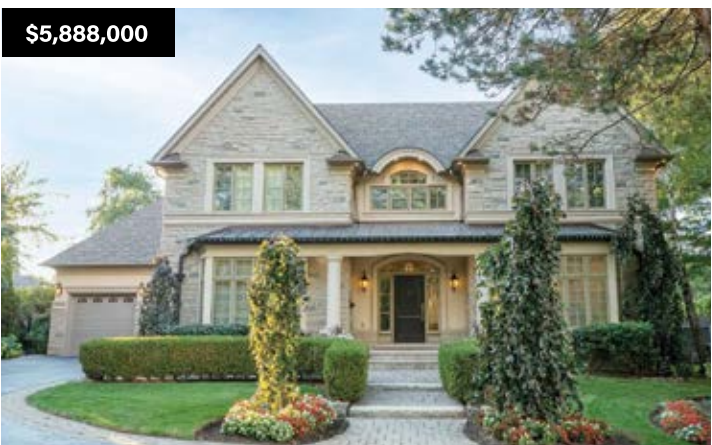
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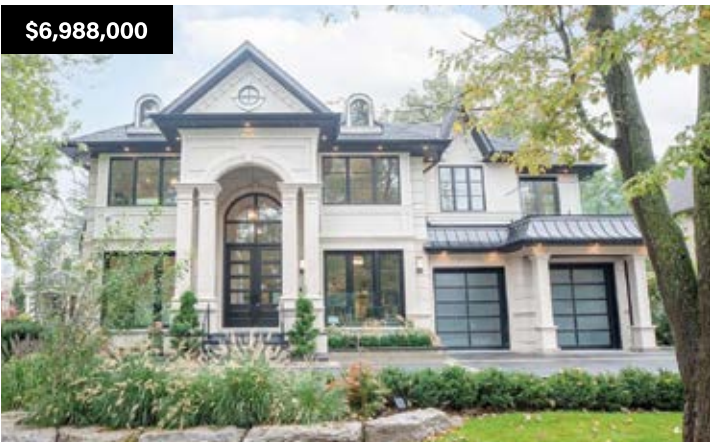
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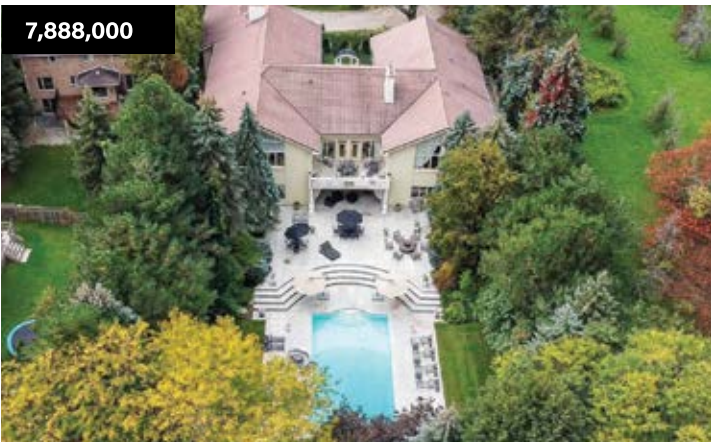
This spectacular custom built executive home boasts over 7,000 sq ft of total living space with a backyard oasis on a premium private wooded lot. Sun filled living and dining room, family room with fireplace and main floor office. Gorgeous Perola kitchen with professional grade appliances, built in pantry, osmosis unit and walkout to stone patio. Basement is an entertainer's haven with a large open concept rec room, wetbar, gym and bedroom. Must See.

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Magnificent one of a kind custom built home boasts over 10,000 sq ft of total living space. Open concept living and dining room, a chef inspired gourmet eat-in kitchen with profgrade Sub-Zero appliances, Wolf gas stovetop and oven, custom counter-tops and backsplash. Upstairs you will find all bedrooms with ensuites and walk-in closets. Lower level with a recreation room, kitchen, den, wet bar, theater room, gym, sauna, wine cellar, 2 more bedrooms and a walk up. This amazing home also features a backyard oasis with heated salt water inground swimming pool, bar, cabana, gazebo, outdoor gas fireplaces, own change room and shower.

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This Mediterranean style villa on almost 1 acre boasts 3 + 1 bedrooms, 8 baths, over 12,000 sq ft. Sun filled living room, formal dining room, family/great room with a walkout to oversized outdoor stone patio and gorgeous Downsview kitchens in both main level and lower level. Unbelievable lower level with recreation room, gym, theatre, wet bar, a spa room with sauna and hot tub, a guest bedroom and multiple walkout to yard. Light fixtures imported from Italy, cathedral ceilings, crown mouldings, large oversized doors, marble flooring throughout the main level, Crestronsystem, 4 car garage (including 2 lifts), 40 ft concrete pool with waterslide.

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# building BIOLOGY

Designer **Tamarisk McNalty Stephens** explores the principles of Building Biology.

The discipline of Building Biology focuses on the relationship between the natural and built environments with the goal of creating greater harmony between the two. With nature as the guiding principle, building biologists integrate a holistic approach to the design, build and/or renovation of residential dwellings to provide as little disruption to the surrounding environment as possible – while creating healthy homes.



The Building Biology process also aims to ensure moisture content remains low in dwellings. Building Biology strongly recommends a historically derived mass-wall construction method such as earth, clay or straw for their natural ability to allow the flow of vapour molecules through the wall assembly. These natural materials have the innate ability to buffer large amounts of moisture, and the flow-through process is very slow, so accumulation from condensation is insignificant and does not deteriorate the building envelope. Known as “breathable walls,” they can provide stable temperature and humidity levels, producing a comfortable living environment. The walls themselves, finished directly with plaster or with wood over furring strips, provide insulation and eliminate the need for many synthetic materials, which can reduce exposure to volatile organic compounds (VOCs).



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## OCCUPANT WELL-BEING

To improve indoor air quality, consider selecting low-toxin natural materials and finishes. Providing stable and welcoming air and surfaces can be accomplished through radiant heating methods such as passive solar techniques and the use of thermal mass (such as stone surrounding a fireplace that holds heat long after the fire has burned out). Ergonomics of the human body are also important when considering furniture selections, natural light, a colour palette inspired by the surrounding natural environment and acoustics to mitigate unwanted noise.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The final tenet of Building Biology is the selection of materials and construction methods that promote health and well-being from the beginning of the process to the end. Care is taken to avoid materials that deplete natural resources or permit unsustainable harvesting practices along with life cycle costs of materials from an environmental and energy perspective. Buildings are designed in an energy-efficient manner to minimize energy consumption, provide water-saving features and power with renewable energy sources when viable. **OH**

The principles of Building Biology can be grouped into five main topics:

### SITE AND COMMUNITY DESIGN

The site and the placement of the dwelling should be free of health hazards (naturally occurring or human-made) and ensure occupants are not disturbed by pollution from air, soil, water, noise and electrical. The goal is to position dwellings in communities and developments that provide ample access to nature, sunshine and fresh air for families and individuals of all ages.

### ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION HEALTH



This is a topic that we’ve heard more and more about since the widespread introduction of wireless technologies. Many sources of electromagnetic radiation (EMR) exist, some human-made and others naturally occurring. Examples of sources include: electrical service, power lines, appliances, cell phone technology,



synthetic carpeting, drapery and textiles, components in building materials, steel in furnishings and currents in the earth. Building Biology attempts to integrate strategies to minimize exposure generated from inside or outside a building.

Here are some simple and easy things you can do at home to lower exposure: Use a landline and minimize cell phone usage; turn off WiFi when not in use and keep electrical devices away from your bed. Some people put their bedrooms on circuits that can easily be turned off at night.

### INDOOR AIR AND WATER QUALITY

A ventilation strategy is especially important in new construction. Although airtight homes are prized for their energy efficiency, the circulation of fresh air is crucial for a healthy indoor climate. This is achieved through the design and placement of windows and doors for ample natural ventilation as well as by installing a properly sized mechanical ventilation system.

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# BLACK RASPBERRY POMEGRANATE *fizz*

RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY **JENELLE MCCULLOCH**

This celebratory cocktail features tart pomegranate and sweet black raspberry liqueur – topped with some bubbly! Perfect for your holiday party.



## INGREDIENTS

### POMEGRANATE SYRUP

2 cups pomegranate juice

½ cup granulated sugar

### COCKTAIL ( FOR 1)

A spoonful of  
pomegranate syrup

1 ounce Chambord liqueur

Dry sparkling wine

Frozen raspberries, to garnish

Rosemary sprig, to garnish

## DIRECTIONS

### SYRUP

Combine pomegranate juice and sugar in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a simmer then lower temperature to low. Simmer for 25-30 minutes or until reduced by half. Let cool completely.

### MAKE COCKTAIL

Add ice and frozen raspberries to a glass of choice. Add a spoonful of syrup and 1oz of Chambord. Top with a dry sparkling wine and stir. Garnish with a rosemary sprig for a festive touch! **OH**



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# ZERO WASTE:

## Earth-friendly HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP INSPIRATION

STORY **CONNIE JESKE CRANE**

We’ve all felt it, that uneasiness that follows a happy round of holiday gift-giving.

Eyeing those mountains of crunched-up paper, sticky tape and jiggly ribbons, we know much of this stuff isn’t recyclable. And the uncomfortable truth is, holiday waste isn’t insignificant. According to Zero Waste Canada, Canadians generate 545,000 tons of waste each year from gift wrap and shopping bags. And during the holiday season alone, we motor through six million rolls of tape.

What to do? It’s no surprise that more consumers today are on the hunt for sustainable gift-wrap options. Social media sites like Instagram and Etsy are seeing the proof in their search results. In April 2021 for example, Etsy noted: “Interest in reusable or recyclable wrapping paper, gift boxes and mailers is on the rise.” Astonishingly, the company saw a 936 per cent year-over-year increase in searches for eco-friendly gift boxes!

Are you, too, seeking out sustainable wrapping this holiday season? We’ve got you. Here’s our list of sustainable gift-wrap inspiration aimed at helping you deliver all the joy – without all the waste. Happy wrapping!



**WRAPPR:** Silk furoshiki wraps from the Wintergreen collection, featuring original artwork by Canadian artist Jenna Caswell.



**WRAPPR:** Silk furoshiki wraps Hot Spice, Sparkle, Celestial Dreams and Evergreen.

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### Wrappr (wrappr.com)

REUSABLE FUROSHIKI GIFT WRAP  
DESIGNED BY ARTISTS

In Toronto, Brittany Trafford is the founder of Wrappr, a small business now in its second year of selling artist-designed furoshiki wraps. As Trafford explains, “Furoshiki is a tradition in Japan. It’s been a craft there for about 1,200 years and it’s the tradition of wrapping gifts and transporting books or food with fabric wrap.” Wrappr’s mission is first environmental, she says. The company website offers not only colourful product photos of reusable wrap designs, but also education such as tying tutorials and notes



**WRAPPR:** Silk furoshiki wrap Celebration

on alternate uses for furoshiki. Trafford’s secondary mission is support for artists. Wrappr furoshiki come in a stunning variety of designs by artists from around the globe, making them a joy to gift and reuse. (Artists, says Trafford, are paid up-front and also earn a one-dollar royalty from every furoshiki sale.) Beyond designs by Canadian artists, Trafford says, “We’re also working with artists from Argentina, Japan, Germany and all over the place!”

### joywrap (joywrap.ca)

REVERSIBLE FABRIC BAGS, FLAT WRAP  
AND BATH BOMB GREETING CARDS

In Dundas, Ont., Amy Ballinger’s company joywrap is also prepping for its second holiday season. Signature products include reversible furoshiki-type flat wraps and gift bags with a twist – or crinkle, to be exact. Ballinger started out making products for her family: “We decided we didn’t want to contribute to the waste anymore but then we were joking about how it would be a silent Christmas morning with everyone unwrapping their fabric gifts!” Thanks to a bit of innovation (via a non-toxic and BPA-free material between fabric layers), joywrap products deliver on nostalgia, offering lots of classic crinkle when they’re unwrapped. With reversible fabrics – wraps and bags are festive on



**JOYWRAP:** Gift wraps and gift bags in Bear & Buffalo Plaid + Teal

one side, while the other is more generic – Ballinger says pieces are designed to be used year-round.

Joywrap’s made-in-Canada offerings include an option to customize wrap with photos of family or furry friends as well as reusable gift tags and bath-bomb greeting cards, which are biodegradable and can be tossed in the tub.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF JOYWRAP

**JOYWRAP:** Gift wraps and gift bags in Christmas Floral + Red

### DIY PROJECTS

Prefer a DIY project? If you have some basic sewing skills, making your own cloth wraps and bags is another compelling option – with the bonus of going fabric shopping! The internet is absolutely brimming with sewing tutorials, but rest assured sewing a furoshiki – essentially a hemmed square of fabric – is a fairly simple task. From there you could also try your hand at sewing simple tie bags, wine carriers or totes.



### NO SHOPPING REQUIRED

Don’t want to shop at all? No problem. There are lots of elegant ways to package gifts by reusing what you already have. For example, in place of traditional gift wrap, consider using a colourful map or your children’s artwork. Vintage pieces are also great for packing gifts – and as a bonus, mason jars, tins, wooden crates, baskets, scarves and tea towels deliver lots of whimsy and visual interest.

Consider pieces of ribbon, jute or string in place of cello tape. And topping it all off, rather than non-recyclable ribbons and bows, why not head outside? Gathered bits like pinecones, branches and sprigs of greenery make for simple yet breathtaking embellishment on gifts.

### EMBRACE THE FUN

Admittedly, developing more sustainable traditions takes some time and thought. Yet Ballinger likes to frame this as more about fun and creativity than guilt. Just like those holiday stockings and décor you bring out every year, reusable wrapping pieces, she says, can become part of your family’s cherished traditions. “You’re not losing anything here,” she says of ditching the waste. “For me it’s really about ‘What traditions are we passing on to future generations?’” **OH**





# POM-POM WREATH

PROJECT AND PHOTOGRAPHY **ERIN ROCHON**

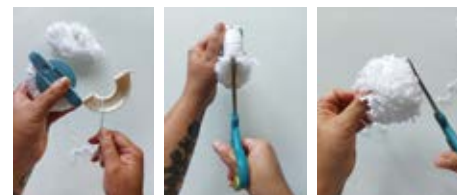
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## MATERIALS

Approximately 4 or 5 skeins of size 4 white yarn  
12-inch wire wreath frame  
Large pom-pom maker  
Fabric scissors  
Winter accessories for centre. (We used miniature trees and a toy house.)  
Glue gun

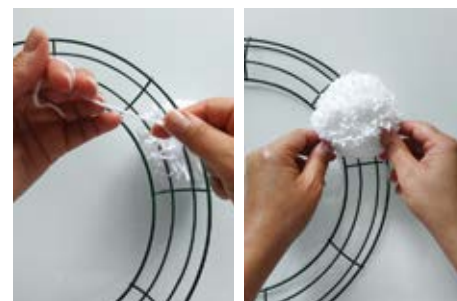
## STEP 1

Using a pom-pom maker, create approximately 35 identical pom-poms to fill the wreath frame. Trim pom-poms with scissors if needed.



## STEP 2

Starting at the centre of the frame, begin tying pom-poms, moving around and to the outside until the ring is full. Don't leave gaps between pom-poms. If needed, add a small drop of glue to keep pom-poms in place.



## STEP 3

Glue your accessories to the centre of the wreath.  
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# ESCARPMENT *living*

STORY **GINA MAKKAR**  
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*GUELPH LINE NORTH OF DUNDAS IN BURLINGTON BRIMS WITH CHARACTER. IT'S WHERE HERITAGE FARMSTEADS BLEND WITH ESTATE HOMES.*



**LEFT:** Surrounded by the lush trees, the home boasts the best of country living just minutes from the city. **ABOVE:** A large veranda with fireplace spans the length of the home and makes the most of the view. **BELOW:** A steel entry gate leads to the front of the beautiful estate.

Nestled within the Niagara Escarpment, longstanding Millar Crescent and Nemo Crescent subdivisions boast original heritage residences. Developments are still being cultivated within the picturesque woodlot.

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Living near the escarpment offers the beauty and privacy of country living with the convenience of city life. The escarpment forest is majestic, with ancient cedars and rare species like the Jefferson Salamander. At the headwaters of Grindstone Creek, historic farmlands predating the mid-19th century can be found.

The Bluffs is a forested, exclusive enclave featuring multi-million-dollar luxury homes and sweeping plots of land that back onto a protected conservation area. It's the ultimate residential retreat. Steps from the Bruce Trail, this home on Escarpment Drive is no exception. Built by **Hallmark Homes**, the home offers over 15,000 square feet of living space. Iron gates open to a sweeping drive and a French chateau-inspired abode awaits.

Lush landscaping, a stone exterior and the gentle arch of the eyebrow dormers create old-world charm.

Inside, the home is designed with a traditional centre-hall plan, the living and dining rooms flanking the entry. Deep crown mouldings and baseboards add architectural detail. The dining room's coffered ceiling, board-and-batten moulding and designer wallpaper offer a dreamy space for dinner parties. A formal fireplace, waffle ceiling and baby grand piano create a beautiful yet relaxed atmosphere in the living room. Hardwood floors throughout were done by **Antique Hardwood Flooring**.

The stairwell's timeless piano-style staircase is updated with wrought iron spindles and square newel posts. A skylight

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The soaring ceilings in the kitchen are anchored with pendant lights and the use of a darker hue adds warmth. The butler's pantry connects the kitchen to the dining room. Custom cabinetry in a similar hue connects the hallway to the kitchen and nearby work space.

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adds architectural interest and additional light. From the front of the home, the unencumbered sightline boasts a striking view of the backyard with a floor-to-ceiling picture window.

The gourmet kitchen is a home chef's delight. Soaring ceilings are an unexpected but delightful touch. Fresh white cabinetry is complemented with a deep grey island. The variegated marble countertop provides a unique surface. A hidden walk-in pantry with built-in shelving keeps storage tidy and out of sight. The kitchen opens to the great room, where a roaring fireplace and warm, neutral tones create a cosy backdrop for relaxing.

The office on the main floor is panelled



**ABOVE:** Wallpaper is a pretty addition to the dining room. **RIGHT:** A rolling island makes laundry a breeze. **BELOW:** The panelled office is warm and distinguished. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The tones and textures continue in the powder room giving the home a cohesive feel.



**TOP:** The waffle moulding and the use of velvety fabrics add formality to the living room. **ABOVE:** The centre-hall style layout makes entertaining easy as guests drift from the dining room to the living room.

from floor-to-ceiling in a deep chocolate hue with built-in bookcases to match. Large windows are strategically placed to provide striking views of the outdoors. The lighting throughout was done by **Prima Lighting**.

The home features seven bedrooms and 11 bathrooms, plus an elevator. Upstairs, the primary retreat is warm and inviting with a gas fireplace. Doors open to a private balcony and a stately outdoor fireplace to enjoy while sipping coffee. The walk-in closet is fitted with boutique-style storage, with doors that sweep closed for a clean, minimalist look. The en suite's dual sinks make getting ready a breeze. The tub, placed in front of an oversize window, invites the outdoors in and makes the most of the view. Every bed and bath throughout brims with thoughtful custom touches, like coffered ceilings or luxury marble fittings.

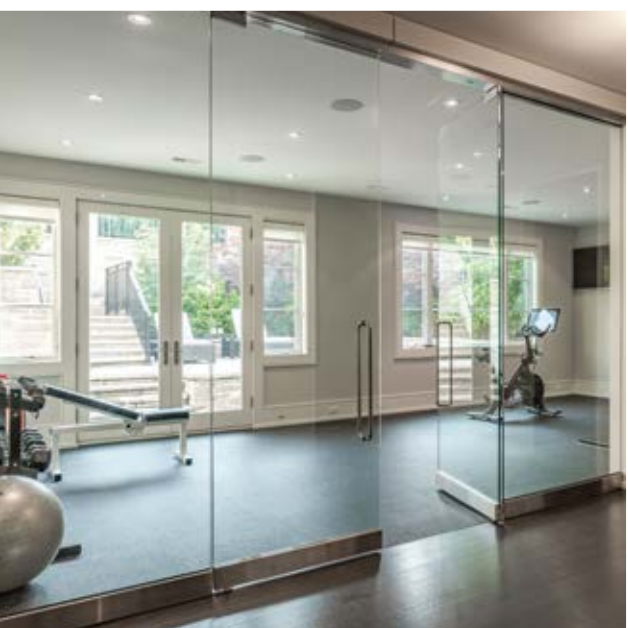
The lower level is an entertainer's delight with a bar, recreation room, theatre, gym and additional living quarters. Out back, an outdoor bar, saltwater gunite pool, hot tubs and outdoor pavilion await.

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The family room is a cosy space that looks onto the backyard oasis. **BELOW:** The lower level offers everything needed to relax or play, from a home gym to a recreation area and theatre.



The home is the brainchild of **Elena Cipriano**, a sales representative with **Re/Max Escarpment Realty**. Elena is the original owner of the home and describes the build as a labour of love. “The term ‘spared no expense’ is often overused, but in this case, I am almost embarrassed by the unreserved approach we took to the budget,” Elena says. “No desire was left unmet. No indulgence was spared. We truly took the approach that if price was no object, what would we do to create the most special home we could? I took my 30-year career and the thousands of beautiful homes I have seen and distilled this knowledge into this

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The backyard is resort living at its finest. The covered patio with fireplace and television allows for three-season living. It's easy to take hosting outdoors with the large saltwater gunite pool, two hot tubs and the large deck area complete with plenty of lounge seating and a pavilion.







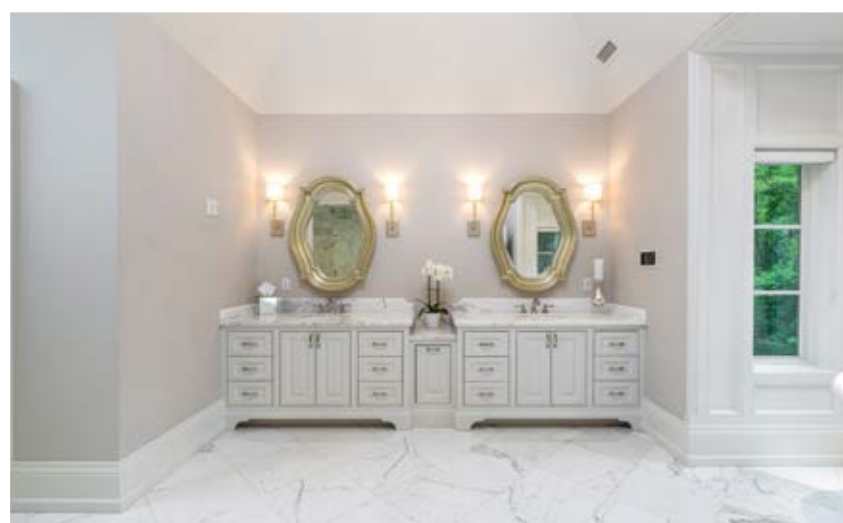
The primary retreat is a great space to cosy in and hibernate, complete with a gas fireplace and spa-like en suite with a walk out to private balconies.




project. I took a lifetime of creative ideas and used Escarpment Drive as my canvas."

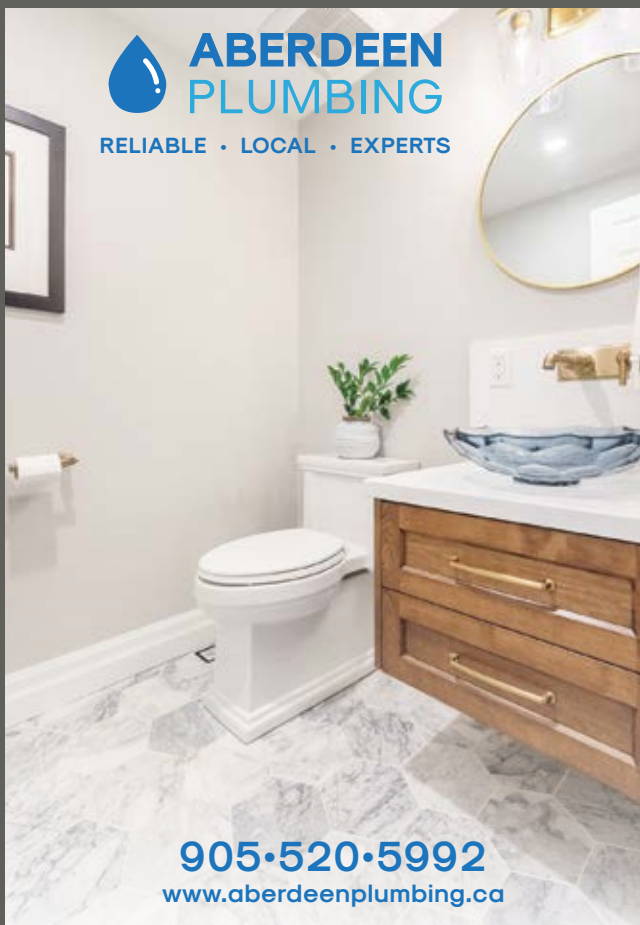
The home was eventually sold to the current homeowners. Now that they are ready to sell, they called on Elena. After all, who better to work with than the original owner and an expert in the field.

Elena, a 30-year veteran in the real estate industry, has worked tirelessly to build a solid foundation. Before working with clients, she gets to know them the same way she embarks on a new friendship. "If we mesh and have chemistry, then a friendship can develop," Elena says. "I do not consider myself a service provider. I consider myself a confidante and an advisor to my friends when they want to make a decision about real estate." *Continued on page 50*





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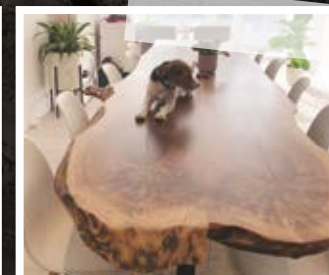
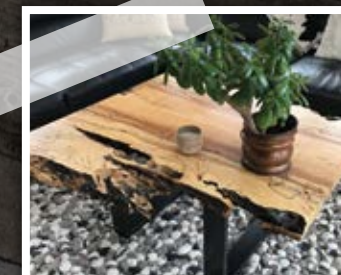



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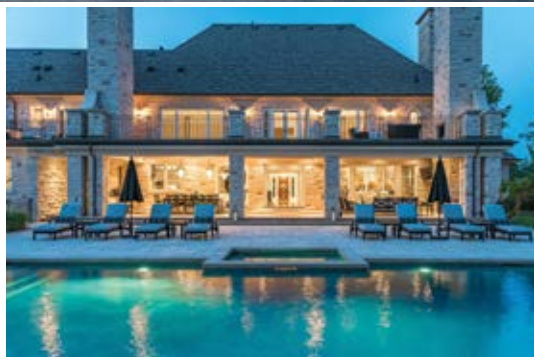




By learning what inspires clients, what their passions are and how they enjoy living, Elena tailors a very specific plan that speaks to them as individuals. “Just as each of my friends is different, so is my clientele.”

Now that her three children have grown and flown the nest, Elena has joined an exclusive group of empty nesters. “My tending to my three children has been replaced with an unhealthy addiction to tennis, which feeds my competitive spirit,” she laughs. Her favourite part of the job is getting to know people. “Clients become lifelong friends. I get to ride along for one of the most important decisions of their lives. I am truly honored that they entrust me to be part of this.” **OH**

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Tightly wrap the yarn around the cone, applying a dab of glue as needed, until reaching the top of the cone. Make sure there are no gaps.

Coil a small amount of yarn at the top to give it a point and glue in place.

Make a statement by creating a group of 3 or 5 trees of different sizes. Mix colours and materials for more visual impact. Place on a tray and add greenery and accessories.

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Amanda Kenney

### THE STYLE

Imagine a weekend by the lake or relaxing on the porch of a whitewashed farmhouse at dusk or maybe a meal with best friends at a beautifully set harvest table. Just walking into Your Home Your Story conjures these impressions and more. Amanda describes her style as vintage farmhouse, inspired by water. "I always like to have that coastal feel – light and airy with a touch of blue mist, but with vintage wood pieces added in there." All the pieces she carries, including décor, kitchenware, wall art, throws, bedding, rugs, baby goods and baskets, contribute to the harmonious atmosphere. "People know they're never going to come in and find red," says Amanda. "It's always going to be this vibe, this palette."



# INSPIRING *style*

STORY **MELISSA NORTH**  
PHOTOGRAPHY **KELLY HORKOFF**

### THE PLACE

When Amanda Kenney and her carpenter husband began redoing their home room-by-room five years ago, it quickly became apparent that they had the knack and innate sense of style. Amanda took a leap a few years later. She left her office job and opened home décor store **Your Home Your Story**. That it has been a great success is especially impressive given the grand opening was in February 2020, just three weeks before the first pandemic lockdown. Years of retail experience have helped, along with an Instagram following of nearly 110,000.



### CONSULTS

Now that Amanda has a team of five working with her, she has time to do more of the behind-the-scenes activities she loves, such as offering home design consultations. Her goal, she says, is to inspire and help customers make "Your Home Your Story." **OH**

### WHAT'S HOT

Vintage linen bow pillows are a constant best seller, Amanda's own design exclusive to Your Home Your Story. She's added fantastic jute lanterns to her lighting selection and greeting cards made from her own photos taken around Lake Erie, Long Point and Nova Scotia are popular. But her merchandise is ever changing. "As soon as I style it and show it, it's gone," she explains.

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# CLASSIC BAKED *Mac & Cheese*

RECIPE & PHOTOGRAPHY **JENELLE MCCULLOCH**

This is a true classic recipe you can take to your next potluck. Prepare it ahead of time, freeze and bake when needed.

## *Ingredients*

### MACARONI

454 g elbow macaroni noodles

3 Tbsp butter

¼ cup all-purpose flour

2 cups milk

1 cup heavy cream

2 cups shredded cheese  
(a mix of cheddar and Gruyère  
is recommended)

Salt and pepper, to taste

### PANKO TOPPING

1 cup panko breadcrumbs

2 Tbsp melted butter

¼ cup parmesan cheese,  
finely shredded

## *Directions*

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a large pot of boiling water, cook macaroni noodles according to package directions.

In a medium-size pot over medium-high heat, melt butter, then whisk in flour. Cook for 1 minute, whisking constantly.

Slowly add milk and cream while continuing to whisk. You'll want to add the liquid gradually so it doesn't begin to clump. Continue to whisk until mixture begins to thicken.

Remove from heat and add shredded cheese. Stir until cheese is melted.

Prepare the panko crumble topping by mixing all ingredients together.

In a 9 by 11-inch oven-safe dish (or several smaller dishes), combine the sauce with the noodles.

Cover with panko crumble and bake for 15-20 minutes until golden and bubbly. **OH**



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STORY **CONNIE JESKE CRANE**

# KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL

GIFTS HOME COOKS REALLY WANT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

From crisp tea towels to fancy Dutch ovens in the latest must-have colour, kitchen gifts have always been popular during the holidays. This year though, that trend has gone into overdrive.

Thanks to the pandemic and all those hours we are still spending rustling up meals at home, kitchen retailers are seeing demand continue to explode. And beyond sheer numbers, they're also seeing other fascinating shifts.

Alison Fletcher, owner of Toronto-based Cookery says that pre-COVID, a typical holiday kitchen gift was often "really pretty, something that is perhaps high on aesthetic value and lower on function." This year, she says weary home cooks also want pieces that last and offer practical solutions. "Things that save me time, that deliver me better results and that help me deliver that many-times-a-day cooking experience."

We talked to Alison and also to Jenny Otsuka, owner of Zest Kitchen Shop in Picton, to get some guidance on gifting for this holiday season. Here are some key considerations they shared:



ALL-CLAD: Copper Core 10-Piece Set

## LONG-LASTING QUALITY

The pandemic has put our kitchen tools to the test. And we're finding our cheaper knives aren't cutting it and our bargain non-stick pans are decidedly sticky. As Alison says, "If it used to fall apart within two years, now it's falling apart within six months and people are really dissatisfied with those things. And so what we call heirloom-quality cookware is really where we're seeing a massive amount of growth."

Jenny sees a similar trend: "We are seeing people reinvesting in their kitchens." Specifically she sees demand for "good-quality knives, and buying that French or Dutch oven that people have been sort of holding out for all this time."

## COSY COMFORT

With gifts, cosy comfort is a great mantra this year. Alison says, "The reason French ovens were so important last year and continue to be so important this year is because it brings your family together and it gives you that warmth and comfort when there's so much fear and illness and so much uncertainty outside of the home." Among the lovely gift ideas here are pieces like pasta pots, French and Dutch ovens and large sauté pans.



LE CREUSET: Oval French Oven in Nutmeg

LODGE: Blacklock 5.5 Quart Dutch Oven

## SIZE MATTERS

If you are considering gifting a Dutch or French oven this year, Alison says the current trend is to go big, especially if you're shopping for a busy home cook. "We're definitely seeing bigger sizes in everything – sauté pans, stock pots, frying pans – with higher capacity and bigger sizes. Because then maybe you can cook for two nights or you can cook for tonight and then lunches."

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holiday hints

BETTER TOOLS

From chef’s knives to tea towels, quality kitchen tools of all kinds are a great gift option right now. Jenny says, “Updating a few of those things just makes life so much better.”

As for those chef’s knives that are on many wishlists, Jenny recommends taking time to consider what the recipient already has and talking to a retailer. Often, she says, “I like to recommend starting off with a nice forged eight-inch chef’s knife, and then which brand would depend on what you think would be suitable for the person.”

In this category, other popular gift ideas include quality salt and pepper mills, splatter-proof aprons and quality linen tea towels that can stand the test of time.



RESTAURANT-AT-HOME EXPERIENCES

As we’re still having so many meals at home, gifts that make those experiences special are also wonderful. “We’re seeing people improve the quality of their wine glasses because they’re having wine at home more than at restaurants,” says Alison. Other options include specialty cocktail glasses, shakers and beautiful coffee and tea pieces. Think Le Creuset teapots and mug sets and good-quality moka pots.



LE CREUSET: 20 cm Salt & Pepper Mills in Artichaut

LITTLEDEER: The Sprongs, The Pan Paddle & The Wok Paddle

CHOOSE PIECES IN ON-TREND COLOURS

Before you buy, it’s always good to get a sense of colour trends. For this holiday season, the most popular colours for kitchenware continue to be warm and earthy shades, says Alison – navy blues, deep golds, burgundies, browns and olive green. “So we’re not seeing jewel tones, we’re seeing warmth.”



GROSCHÉ MILANO: Espresso Maker in Mountain Blue

SHOP SMART

Finally, a little extra planning is recommended this year as pandemic-related supply issues will be a factor. “So if you see something that you think might be suitable for somebody, I would recommend picking it up,” says Jenny.

And because home cooks have such practical needs this year, trying to get some hints is a great strategy. As Jenny says, “If you can check out the person’s kitchen that would be ideal – scope it out and see what they could use. And I think if the person is able to give you a hint, that would be great!” **OH**



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SELLING? YOU CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO  
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When Allison Ross of Across Ottawa Home Staging started her business a decade ago, staging for resale was a hard sell.

STORY **GEORGETTE MCCULLOCH**  
ILLUSTRATIONS **SHEILA BRITTON**

“CLIENTS COULDN'T UNDERSTAND why they would possibly spend money when they were selling, not staying,” she says. “Now, everyone clearly sees the value in home staging and we have been busier than ever.”

It's no secret that most buyers want a move-in-ready home – a home that looks like reveal day after a major renovation on an HGTV show. Homebuyers are smart. They have a list of must-haves and if a seller hasn't bothered to clean, declutter and paint the walls the latest colour, they will move on to the next listing on realtor.ca.

Leasa Wright, staging course instructor at Sheridan College, agrees. “Buyers want to purchase a home turnkey and do as little work as possible to move in,” she says. “If they see a home that looks like it needs any type of work, all they see is money, effort and time spent getting the home the way they want it.”

There's more in it for sellers than just making their homes look good. Home staging also helps to increase the final sale price of a property and reduces the length of time on the market.

Nicole Schenk is the Ottawa chapter president of the Real Estate Staging Association (RESA). She says statistics prove staged homes sell faster and sell over asking price. “In a 2020 study completed by RESA, they found 85 per cent of homes staged sold between five and 23 per cent over list,” says Nicole. “On an average investment of one per cent, 75 per cent of sellers saw a return on investment of between five and 15 per cent over ask.”

Staging today is big business and Leasa has seen an increase in the number of people interested in learning the trade. “Student numbers have substantially increased over this past year,” she says. “The market for buying and selling has been booming and home staging plays a big part of that. There is a much higher emphasis on design and function of space trending in the home market. The fact remains, only a small percentage of us can envision the potential of a home, leaving most unable to imagine what a home could look like if it was cleaned and decluttered.”

The pandemic has changed the way buyers look at homes for sale. Buyers cruise the internet looking for homes that tick all their boxes. First impressions matter and if a home isn't beautiful inside and out, it's not worth an on-site visit.

“COVID has affected the market in unprecedented ways,” says Nicole. “While it has been a sellers' market with homes selling just as soon as they hit the market, staging has had a remarkable effect on the price. Earlier this year a home I staged sold for \$130,000 more than a comparable unstaged listing. Both homes were in the same area, with similar features and same asking price.”

*So what exactly does a stager do? Leasa teaches six essential principles of home staging:*

- **Depersonalize so people can envision themselves in the space**
- **Highlight the home's features and architectural details**
- **Enhance curb appeal to get people in the door**
- **Complete home improvements and repairs, update fixtures**
- **Declutter to create space**
- **Neutralize colour palettes and generalize décor to appeal to more viewers**

“We cover so much in our curriculum from what an ideal floor plan would look like, to what colour palettes work best, how to partner with a trusted team (including trades and real estate agents) and how to budget and build your staging inventory from the ground up,” Leasa explains. **oh**

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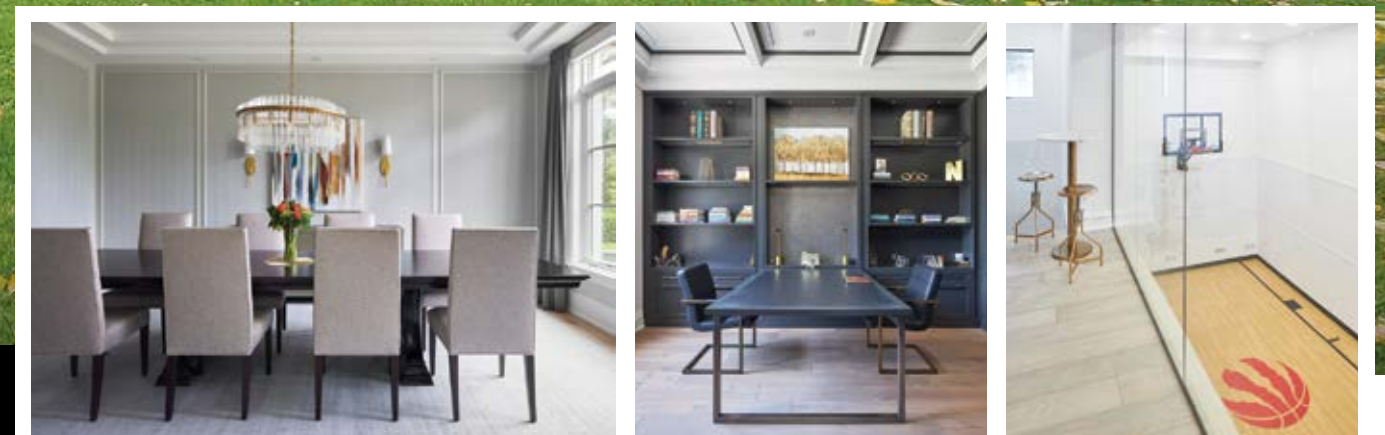
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The floor-to-ceiling fireplace is a showstopper. Oversize black window frames are a bold contrast to the fresh white interior. They provide an unencumbered view to the outdoors and add a contemporary feel. The curves in the furnishings add softness to the room's sharper lines.



# HOUSE OF LIGHT

STORY **JOYCE GIONET** | PHOTOGRAPHY **JASON HARTOG**





The elements in the kitchen from Top Notch Cabinets blend to create a unique yet functional space, from the high-gloss cabinets and gleaming Cambria countertops to the sparkle of the bronze fixtures. **RIGHT:** A built-in drink station makes entertaining easy. **FAR RIGHT:** Tile set in a herringbone pattern adds visual interest. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Waterfall ledgestone wall panels add colour, texture and warmth.



**OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS**, you've probably noticed more and more contemporary-modern builds popping up in your neighbourhood. People either love the style or they don't; almost everyone comes down firmly on one side or the other. Are you a fan of architecture that looks rooted in the landscape around it – earthy palettes, clean lines and lots of wood and stone? Do the words fussy, clutter and chaos send you running for cover? If so, you probably land on the side of modern and maybe even minimalist. This contemporary-modern house in north Oakville was designed and built by **Ali** and **Roman Rockcliffe** of **Rock Cliff Custom Homes**. Interior finishes and furnishings are by the homeowners. One of its biggest draws is the sheer abundance of natural light.

Everyone notices the oversized windows (**Inline Fibreglass Windows & Doors**) first. Sunlight floods through the house unimpeded. Typical of a modern house, walls are few and glass, stone, metal, polished tile and lacquered finishes prevail. But materials aside, there's a warm organic feel to the interior because every room has a view of the leafy landscaped exterior – an essential element in the design. Outdoor plantings and exterior finishes were chosen for interest in every season, including a covered pine and Shouldice Warton Estate Stone porch that runs the length of the great room.

It's always a fine balance when your theme is black and white. You'll see very few pops of colour in this house. Careful attention was paid to ensure the organic feel is emphasized through additional design

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**Trend Alert!**  
Temperature-controlled wine rooms, cabinets and fridges are becoming a staple on main floors vs. the traditional wine cellar.





elements. In the main entrance, all the glass, metal and stone could have rendered the space cold. Instead, white oak treads on the floating staircase (**Stairhaus Inc.**) and rounded bronze light fixtures (**Lando Lighting**) soften the aesthetic, keeping things warm. We often think of lighting as functional, but it's always a crucial design element. In a modern aesthetic, every design choice is important because everything stands out. Rather than one fixture, two were used here to create a cascading effect down the stairs. In the kitchen, one fixture would have looked lonely but three evoke drama. The primary bathroom's mod pendant plays beautifully with the landscape beyond the window.

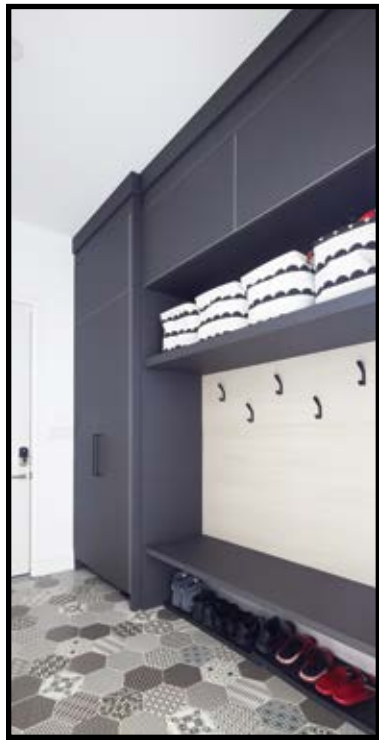
In the great room, the focus is the Kingsman linear fireplace and 18-inch Versace Panda white polished porcelain slab (**Canaroma Bath & Tile**). Ali's design for the 20 ft. vaulted ceiling merits attention – it's a beautiful overhead canvas with subtle

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**TIP!**

If you're thinking about new windows, fiberglass – while not inexpensive – also resists dents, scratches, warps and corrosion.



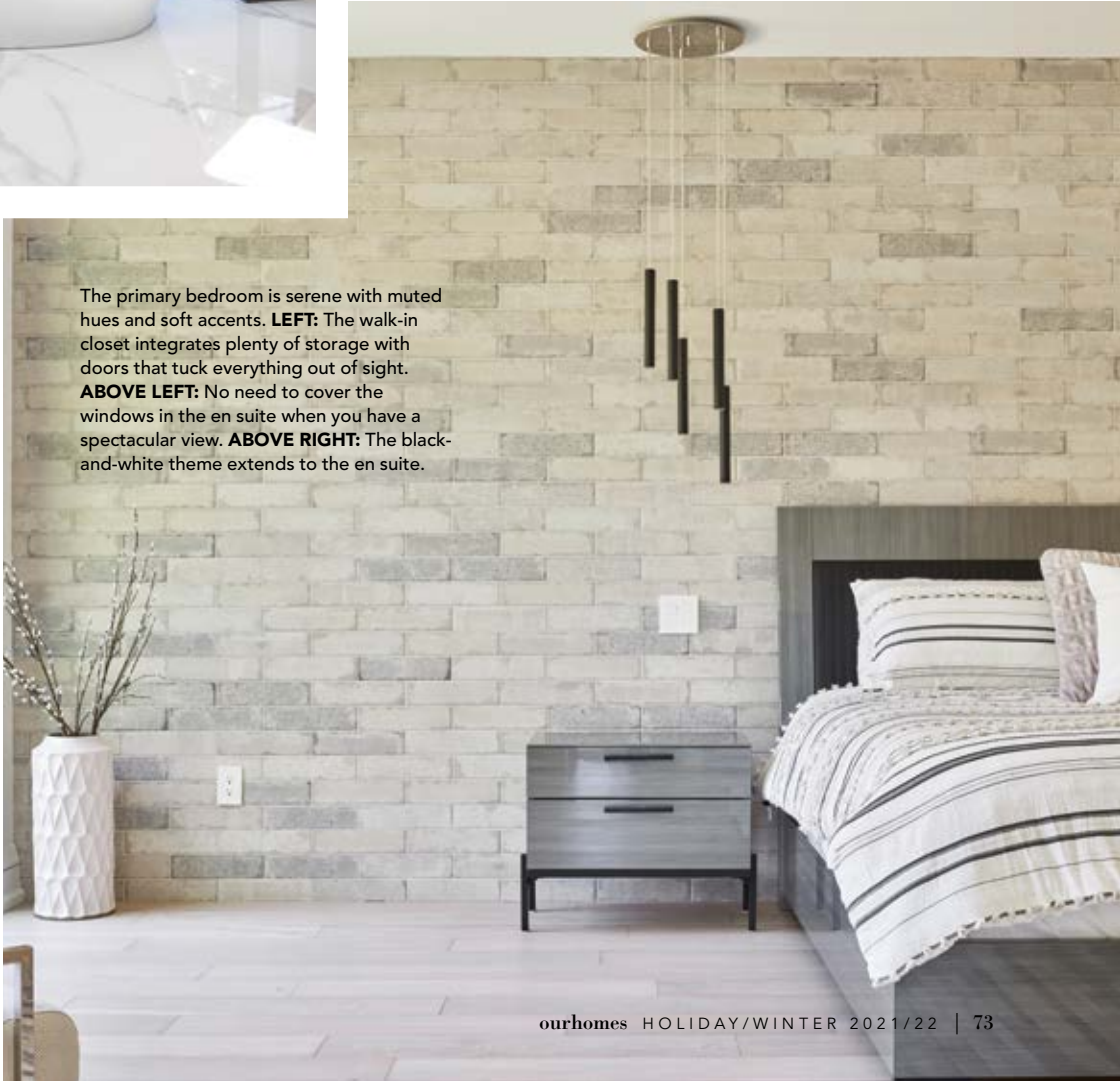
Clean lines mean less clutter in the office.

**BELOW LEFT:** The mudroom is functional with plenty of storage.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** The island extends to integrate extra seating in the kitchen.



The primary bedroom is serene with muted hues and soft accents. **LEFT:** The walk-in closet integrates plenty of storage with doors that tuck everything out of sight. **ABOVE LEFT:** No need to cover the windows in the en suite when you have a spectacular view. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The black-and-white theme extends to the en suite.







**ABOVE:** A botanical pattern in watercolour hues is a soft, playful addition in the nursery. **LEFT:** The city is alight and superheroes unite in a little boy's room. **RIGHT:** Wallpaper is a great way to individualize a room and add personality.

detailing. Funky chairs are top-quality soft hide with rounded lines. The sofa presents a similar aesthetic with neutral fabric and a rounded edge. Throughout the house, the décor features interesting angles and shapes. Patterns repeat, adding to consistency of design, like the geometric light fixtures from room to room.

The dining room's feature wall was a special request by the homeowners. Although it looks like stone, it's a waterfall slate ledge panel in graphite black (Canaroma Bath + Tile), a lovely contrast against the light hardwood. Windows play a major role again, integrating the outdoor landscape. The abundance of light in this house is achieved in large part through window construction – all windows are fibreglass. Eight times stronger than vinyl or wood, fibreglass allows designers to safely use much larger glass panes – the outcome of that is obvious.

Off the great room, the kitchen (all cabinetry throughout the home by **Top Notch Cabinets**) is larger than typical for a small family. There's a reason for that. It's the hub of the house, but the homeowners

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wanted it spacious enough for larger-scale entertaining, something they do regularly. Plenty of seating (including banquette seating) was a must, as was the built-in, full-height Liebherr wine storage.

The combination of Cambria countertops and high-gloss lacquered cabinets look fresh against the black walls. Bronze hardware and trim on the range hood add a lovely, luxe touch.

There are many rooms we could talk about in this 4,700 sq. ft. home, but Ali, and particularly Roman, wanted to showcase something rare, even in a luxury build. Their clients wanted a 45 by 16 ft. indoor basketball court. Sports courts are becoming a popular addition. The execution required some innovative construction. Roman's team had to shore up the entire back end of the property with steel and wood and dig down 25 feet. "This is rare, but becoming more popular," he says.

If you want innovative construction, call Roman. If you want beautiful design, call Ali. If you want both and you want to work with a husband-and-wife team that wins awards for their homes across North America, contact the Rock Cliff Custom Homes team. **OH**



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# Cottagecore Style

STORY **CONNIE JESKE CRANE**

## HOW TO PLAY WITH THIS ENCHANTING INSTAGRAM TREND IN YOUR HOME

It's buzzy, romantic and a little over the top. But by most accounts, the cottagecore trend is set to stick around for a while.

So what is it exactly? Aesthetically, it's a nod to the traditional English countryside style – romantic and nostalgic. Essentially, it celebrates an idealized rural life.

It's youth-based and started as a fashion trend on TikTok and Instagram around 2019 before setting its sights on home décor. Whether or not we're aware of it, the pandemic has seen many of us starting to embrace cottagecore elements at home.

If cottagecore fashion means flowing floral frocks and a nice straw bag, in home décor it's a more tactile, low-tech sensibility. Think hands-on activities like gardening, baking or needlepoint, and cosying up a room with nubby crocheted throws and squashy velvet cushions.

A similar story has emerged among Ontario designers and retailers. Call it what you will – cottagecore, farmcore, granny chic, during the pandemic homeowners have been dabbling. What does the rise of cottagecore say about our lives right now? And how can we play with this trend at home? Here are thoughts from local professionals:

### Layered spaces + natural materials + whimsy

In Toronto, Emily Griffin, principal at Emily Griffin Design says to be sure, people still love their modern conveniences, their tech and good WiFi. Yet the pandemic has encouraged an aesthetic shift to something warmer and softer: “People want layered spaces. They don't want to live in stark places anymore. They want places that feel cosy, that feel welcoming because they're spending so much time at home.” *Continued on page 80*

EMILY GRIFFIN DESIGN: Kawartha Lakes Barn

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## Natural materials

Wool and sisal rugs go hand-in-hand, Emily says, as do vintage pieces and more colour and playfulness. In bedrooms for example, she says, “I think people are tiring of the standard white hotel duvet cover and are looking for colour and pattern and a bit of whimsy.” Emily, who launched her own line of hand-blocked Indian cotton bedding in 2020 called Iml, says linens are one easy way to explore the cottagecore aesthetic at home.



PHOTOS: DIANA SOKKDEO



A CHANGING NEST: Vintage Items

## Embellishment + vintage pieces

In Toronto’s west end, A Changing Nest carries a mix of new home furnishings plus vintage pieces like ginger jars and furniture. Here, shop owner Diana Ross has noticed a similar shift among her clientele, younger customers included. There’s more nostalgia and interest in vintage pieces, she says. “We are seeing an absolute little uptick in people who are wanting something unique and different and are tired of the same old things they’re seeing in shops. They’ll buy themselves a beautiful tea cup and return to say: ‘You know what? I just sat and had a cup of tea in that tea cup I bought from you. Oh my gosh, it was so beautiful!’”

As for those décor staples like cushions, she’s seeing more taste for embellishment – texture, lovely fringe, pompoms, even floral patterns. “Which is interesting, because 10 years ago no one wanted to see that,” says Diana. “They wanted a clean knife edge. No piping. Nothing.”

Statement cushions as well as vintage pieces are two more ways to bring the cottagecore look home.

## Repurposed furniture + quilts + linen

In Dundas, Lorna Parcher owns Graham & Brooks, a shop that carries both new and vintage furnishings. While she saw interest in a cottagecore-style aesthetic before the pandemic, Lorna says COVID seemed to ramp that up across all demographics. “With COVID we want to kind of come and centre ourselves in our home and have things around us that give us comfort.”

Among the popular cottage-core type pieces she carries, Lorna lists antique furniture – medium wood tones and painted pieces work well, she says. “The quality is there and it has stood the test of time.” She also stocks quilts from Montreal, plus lots of cosy cushions, pillows and throws. As for how to introduce this aesthetic successfully, Lorna suggests neutrals with splashes of colour. “It’s a lot more about texture than lots of colours, so a neutral palette is something we really embrace in our store.”



GRAHAM & BROOKS: Painted Furniture & Brunelli Quilted Bedding

## Nature + texture + neutral palette

Interior designer Jenny Pink of Back 40 Designs PTBO in Peterborough, also feels that a neutral colour scheme can work to ground this trend. And finally, beyond some of the other hallmarks – vintage, texture and natural materials – Jenny says nature can provide wonderful cottagecore accents. “Honestly just taking a walk down a trail or through a forest and collecting some natural pieces, or making your own flower bouquets. It’s just simple pieces like that. People are appreciating that more because we’ve had the time to kind of stop and look and reflect on the things that matter to us.” **OH**

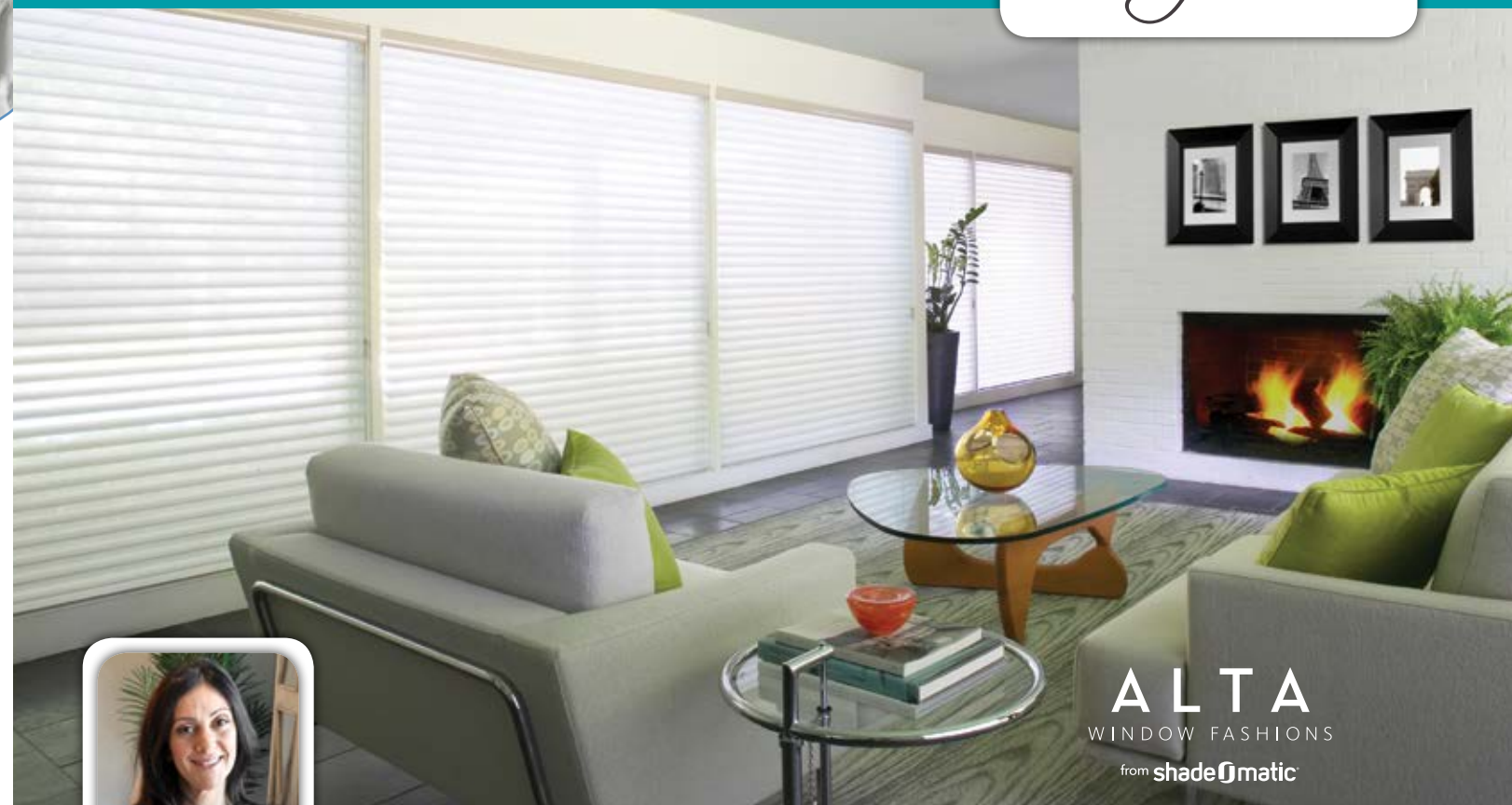


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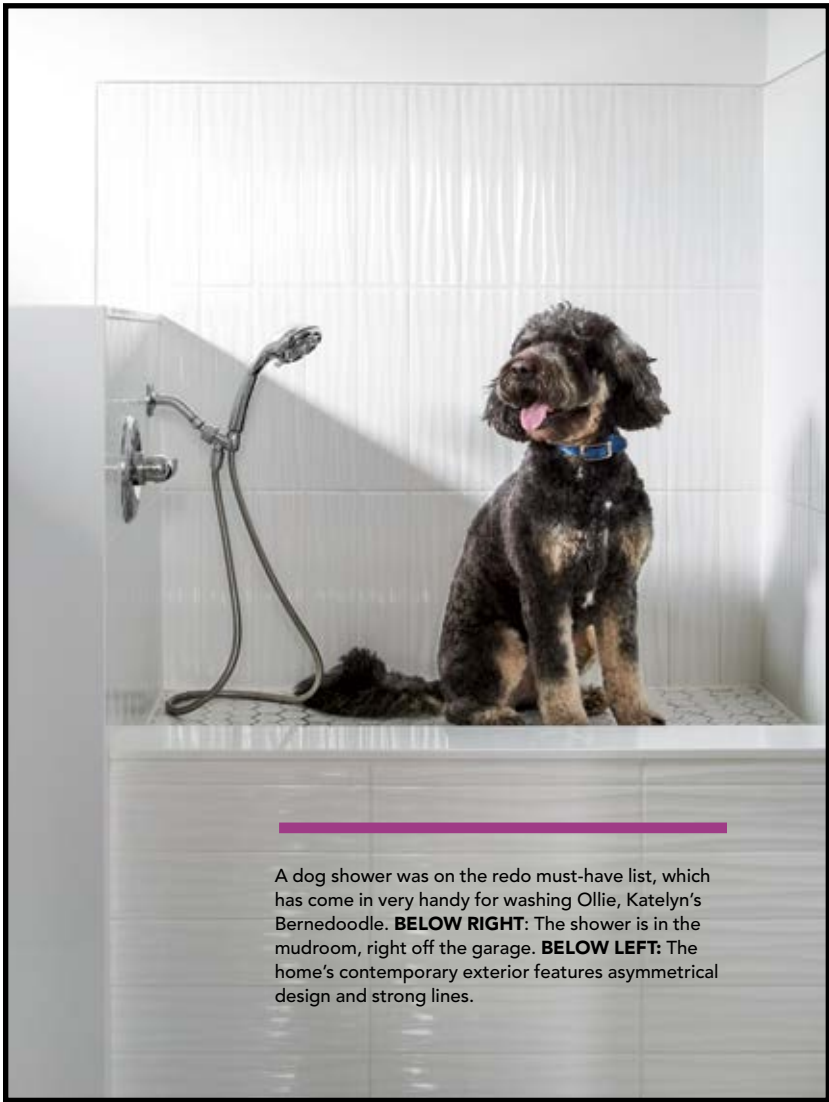
Ben McFadgen of BM Architectural Design (inset) redesigned the small three bedroom bungalow to be open and bright. "There's a great use of space," says homeowner Katelyn Imrie, who enjoys cooking in the spacious kitchen.

*WHEN THE HOMEOWNER OF A 1,200 SQ. FT. BUNGALOW IN WATERDOWN REACHED OUT TO **Ben McFadgen**, PRINCIPAL DESIGNER OF **BM Architectural Design**, FOR HELP REDESIGNING THE INVESTMENT PROPERTY, BEN RELISHED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHANGING NEIGHBOURHOOD. "IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THERE ARE SO MANY COOL PROJECTS GOING ON," HE SAYS.*

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A dog shower was on the redo must-have list, which has come in very handy for washing Ollie, Katelyn's Bernedoodle. **BELOW RIGHT:** The shower is in the mudroom, right off the garage. **BELOW LEFT:** The home's contemporary exterior features asymmetrical design and strong lines.

The brief left Ben a lot of room for interpretation. He was provided with some interior photos for inspiration and the following requirements: modern, open concept, four bedrooms, pantry, powder room on the main floor and a dog shower. Yes, a dog shower. “Funnily enough, they’ve become more and more popular in the homes that we’re building,” he acknowledges.

The renovation was essentially a collaboration between BM Architectural Design, the homeowner and the homeowner’s real estate agent, **Brendon Aasla of Century 21 Heritage House**, who would be selling the home upon completion.

It’s hard to believe the home today isn’t a new build. “We used the existing foundation of the house, the existing floor platform and the existing exterior walls,” Ben says. “We just took down the roof and then we added a second floor on top.”



**LEFT:** Ben updated the ceiling height from eight feet to nine, which is evident in the airy entryway. **BOTTOM:** A compact wet bar in the dining space makes for easy entertaining.



Because they took off the roof and added joists in spanning the house, the interior walls were no longer required, essentially leaving a clean slate. As a starting point, they placed the mudroom and pantry off the garage and structured everything off of that. “We decided to do a really open layout with tons of viewpoints. We thought that every part of the house had beautiful views, whether you’re looking at the big front lawn or the backyard with the gardens and trees and we wanted to maximize that.”

Every room has ample windows and radiant light, which sold Katelyn Imrie, the home’s new owner, on the place. “I fell in love with it because of the light,” she says. “It’s so happy and bright.”

Katelyn and her two boys, Cameron, 11 and Jack, 9, moved from their previous home of 10 years in Carlisle in August. Although the Carlisle house was larger, Katelyn says this home feels bigger due to the functional space. *Continued on page 86*



Functionality is one of the guiding principles of BM, along with sustainability and beauty. It was the exterior aesthetics that proved the most challenging aspect of the project, says Ben. “From a design standpoint, the front of the house was super flat. We wanted to get the exposed modern features, to get the house to really pop. We did it by adding the garage bump out and the porch bump out and then we added these pier sections to connect the second floor.”

Layering the roofs on the front and creating a roof balcony off the primary bedroom added to the exterior appeal and created a space Katelyn, who runs a chemical recycling company and is constantly on the go, loves. “It’s my favourite space for myself. At night, it’s very quiet in this neighbourhood. It just makes me happy sitting out there.”

**RIGHT:** The design team achieved a big great room and dining room with lots of circulation, Ben says, by playing with inches to find the perfect balance. **BELOW RIGHT:** The combination of white risers and wood treads makes the staircase pop. **BELOW LEFT:** Katelyn and Thor, her Havanese.



Furnishing the home is an ongoing process, although Katelyn has already found cushions and throws at **Bella & Coop**, a Waterdown home and lifestyle store. Due to the pandemic, Katelyn, like so many others, is encountering long waits for furniture, so she has much from the Carlisle home for now. But she’s excited about the final result she envisions and already loves the ease of cooking and entertaining in the main-floor open space.

For the BM team, the pandemic has made things busier. They design 20-30 homes in a year, across a range of styles. Modern farmhouse has become a staple in their portfolio (mixing styles allows for rewarding creativity), but modern is Ben’s personal favourite. He began framing

homes in high school and went on to do his degree in architecture and project management. “I always wanted to be an architectural designer,” he says. “It lets me continue to enjoy the design aspect. It’s been a great ride so far!” They have 12 homes in the construction phase at the moment and exciting projects in the works, including two bungalofs, bungalows with the benefit of additional living space in a second level.

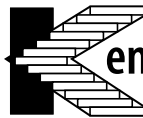
The time from an initial consultation with clients to receiving permits and handing off construction to the contractor is usually eight to 12 weeks. After that the team is “lightly” on hand for support with any possible changes and because they are interested to see the design come to fruition. *Continued on page 90*



The upstairs hallway features an impressive line of windows. **RIGHT:** Lots of white and a free-standing tub contribute to the luxurious feel of the en suite. **BOTTOM:** Katelyn's bedroom gets the morning sun and opens onto a roof balcony, one of her favourite spots in the home.



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**ABOVE:** Steel support columns were incorporated into the design of the finished lower level, which accesses the backyard. **BELOW:** Also on the lower level, a wine room just waiting for Katelyn to stock.



To come back and see the home being lived in and to speak with Katelyn was a thrill for Ben, who is pleased to see the amount of sun exposure the property gets incorporated into the finished layout. “At different times of the day you have a beam of light coming in different areas. Right now in the mudroom there’s nice light coming in. We’re really pleased with the turnout of that,” he notes.

The move to Waterdown has proved to be everything Katelyn hoped. She lives nearer to family and Cameron and Jack get off the bus at the same stop as their cousins now. It’s also closer to everything and she loves the design of the home. “This came up and I saw it and I just jumped on it. When I walked in here it felt more like my house than my old one did after 10 years.” **OH**

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# INVASION PREPARATION

STORY **MELANIE REKOLA**

Formerly known as the culturally offensive European gypsy moth, the *Lymantria dispar dispar* (LDD) moth caterpillars devastated forests, backyard trees and even outdoor enjoyment for many this past year. So many times, at a client's outdoor space, we'd be picking fallen caterpillars off each other with caterpillar feces raining down on us from the tree canopy above. Some people even avoided their outdoor spaces completely for fear of an encounter! Next summer may shape up to be another heavy LDD caterpillar year. Read on for facts, history and support.

## WHAT ARE LDD MOTHS?

LDD moths are an invasive species from Europe and Asia introduced to the U.S. near Boston in the 1860s and reaching southern Canada by 1969. Outbreaks hit every decade or so, lasting one to three years. Our current record-breaking eruption began in 2019.

LDD moths need specific weather conditions to thrive and this makes sense considering our present outbreak. They cannot survive below -20 degrees Celsius for long, and they're susceptible to certain fungal infections during wet weather. In recent years we've had warmer winters

followed by dry springs, creating the ideal natural conditions for them to flourish – and flourish they have! The continuing warmer temperature trends are favourable for future LDD moth populations.

Most other moth and butterfly caterpillar species are picky eaters and can only use one or two plants as hosts for their larva, but not LDD moth caterpillars. They have voracious appetites and can eat a wide variety of tree leaves including oak, maple, birch, poplar, willow and more.

## WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

LDD caterpillars are hairy, about six centimetres long with five pairs of blue dots and six pairs of red dots on their backs. The adult male moths are brown and fly around erratically in summer, whereas the females are larger, white and flightless. Their light-brown egg masses resemble the skin of a tennis ball and can be found on tree trunks, under branches and in tree crevices.



## WILL MY TREES DIE?

Many people think that once a tree has been defoliated it's dead. Luckily this isn't true. Trees often have latent buds as a defence mechanism, allowing them to regrow their leaves. But it does take a lot of energy to do this and some trees, like oaks, take longer to regenerate, leaving them weak and more susceptible to pathogens. Add the extra stresses of drought and being defoliated by LDD caterpillars in successive years and this will be too much for some trees to handle. Unfortunately we will see more tree death in upcoming years as a result of this epidemic.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Some municipalities are spraying *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* (Btk) to control LDD outbreaks, target-spraying "high-value" trees, but many others are just letting nature take its course. Btk has the potential to kill many of our beneficial native caterpillars, so it's not a responsible long-term option. Unfortunately, LDD moths and caterpillars are likely here to stay.

Here's what you can do to mitigate their damage at home.

In fall, inspect all your trees and vertical surfaces around your home as best you can for their light-brown egg masses. Remove them with a paint scraper or butter knife and put them into a bucket of soapy water. This last step must be done or the eggs will still hatch into caterpillars.

In spring, tie a band of burlap at chest height around your trees so that it folds over in half. The LDD caterpillars will be present until the middle of July and they often hide in the shade of the burlap fold. Check the burlap daily and dump any found LDD caterpillars into a bucket of soapy water. They can also be squished, but it's pretty ghastly and the soapy water solution often ensures a quicker, more sanitary and more guaranteed death.

Some birds and other wildlife will eat LDD caterpillars and moths, but not enough to make much of a dent in their population.

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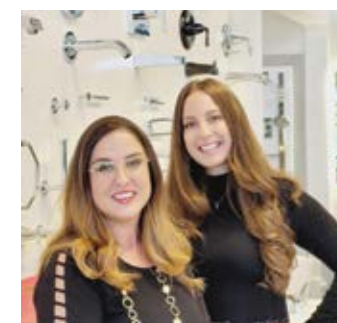
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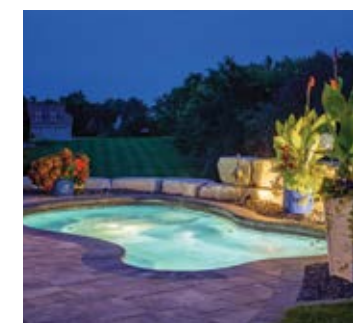
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Lisa Barsony

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## THE PLACE

With a love for vintage and antique furniture, **My Back Shed** first started in Lisa Barsony's backyard, where she sourced, refurbished and sold previously loved pieces. Eventually, she opened the charming Oakville boutique clients have come to love. With a keen eye for refinishing furnishings with just the right upholstery and paint, Lisa puts love and passion into every piece she creates.



## THE STYLE

In addition to transforming fabulous but forgotten finds and treasured family pieces, the store carries furniture, décor, lighting and accessories. The team sources items at markets and used furniture stores and gives them a new lease on life with upholstery and paint. Clients can bring in furniture pieces, and Lisa and her team will help choose colours and finishes that complement their space. "We adore the distressed charm that hand-painted furniture offers. While the look is casual, the process is anything but relaxed." Each piece is meticulously prepared before a new coat of paint is applied. Pieces are sanded, repaired, primed and painted for a quality finish that stands the test of time.



## THE TREND

The store's French country antiques and shabby chic home décor are always popular but soft, pretty pinks, watercolour blues and glimmering golds are also in vogue. Etched mercury glass vases add sparkle and make a statement. Vintage Persian-rug inspired pillows add subtle colour and texture. Warm woods and faux foliage bring the outdoors in. Handwash and lotion sets in a myriad of delicious scents are the perfect hostess gift. Marble pieces with gold or silver accents are a sophisticated addition for any occasion.



## WHAT'S NEXT

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Snow buntings

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Blue jays

## Feeder watch

Once winter sets in with a vengeance, you may not necessarily want to venture out. No problem! From the comfort of home, we can do a good bit of birding through our windows. Watching birds at your feeder is a great way to brighten a dreary winter's day. Set up a feeding station in your yard, fill it with quality seed (black-oil sunflower seed, peanuts, nyjer or suet) and cosy up by the window.

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birding

Top ten

So, what will you see? Project FeederWatch – a citizen science project that records birds at feeders throughout the winter – has the answer. That friendly little ball of feathered fluff, the chickadee, is the number-one bird, followed by downy and hairy woodpeckers, the always gorgeous cardinal, the upside-down nuthatch, the dopey mourning dove, the bossy blue jay, the jaunty junco, and last but not least, the goldfinch, somewhat incognito without its summer golden cloak. Once you’ve identified these species, your winter bird list is off to a good start.

Getting to know these common, top-10 visitors will also make it easier for you to recognize a new species should one appear at your feeders. That’s when it gets exciting. What could it be? Get that field guide off your shelf and crack it open. Flip through, discovering the possibilities and narrow it down by the distinctive identification points – size, shape, colour and markings. Give it your best shot!



Redpolls



Rough-legged hawk



Bohemian waxwings



Snowy owl

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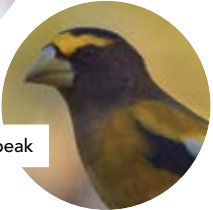
Cardinal



Female pine grosbeak



Male pine grosbeak



Evening grosbeak

Winter wonderland

There will be days in the midst of winter when the sun is sparkling on the snowbound land, the air is crisp and clear, and you’ll feel the call of the great outdoors. Such a day is perfect for a drive, on the lookout for open-country winter birds. If you’re lucky you may come across snow buntings flying across fields flashing their white feathers, sprinkling the sky like snowflakes.

You might also notice the bouncing flight pattern of a bunch of beautiful bohemian waxwings flying across the landscape or in your neighbourhood, searching for berry-bearing trees. Living up to their name, they are true nomads and never stay long in one place, so consider yourself lucky if you catch a flock in action.

Or your winter drive may be rewarded with a sighting of one of the big arctic raptors. The rough-legged hawk occasionally comes south in search of small rodents when their arctic supply dwindles. Look for this big bird perched on a branch of a leafless tree out in the open or hovering like a giant hummingbird, surveying the snow for mice.

This same tundra-like habitat just might yield that most coveted of arctic visitors – the snowy owl. A sighting of this bird alone makes the outing worthwhile.

As always, relish the discovery of each new bird, keep your distance and take photos without disturbing their never-ending fight for survival in the depths of winter. **OH**



Snowy owl

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# LOFTY GOALS

**LYN AND SCOTT  
MOVED INTO THEIR  
NORTH BURLINGTON  
HOME IN 2011. IT  
WAS AN EXPANSIVE  
AND LUXURIOUS  
CUSTOM BUILD ON  
ALMOST THREE ACRES  
BACKING ONTO A  
CONSERVATION AREA.**

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The chalet-style ceiling adds warmth against the cooler tones of the room. Windows flood the room with light and an oversize barn door slides closed for privacy. **BELOW:** European-style streetlights line the driveway. **RIGHT:** Kim and Anita's new design stays true to the home's surroundings.

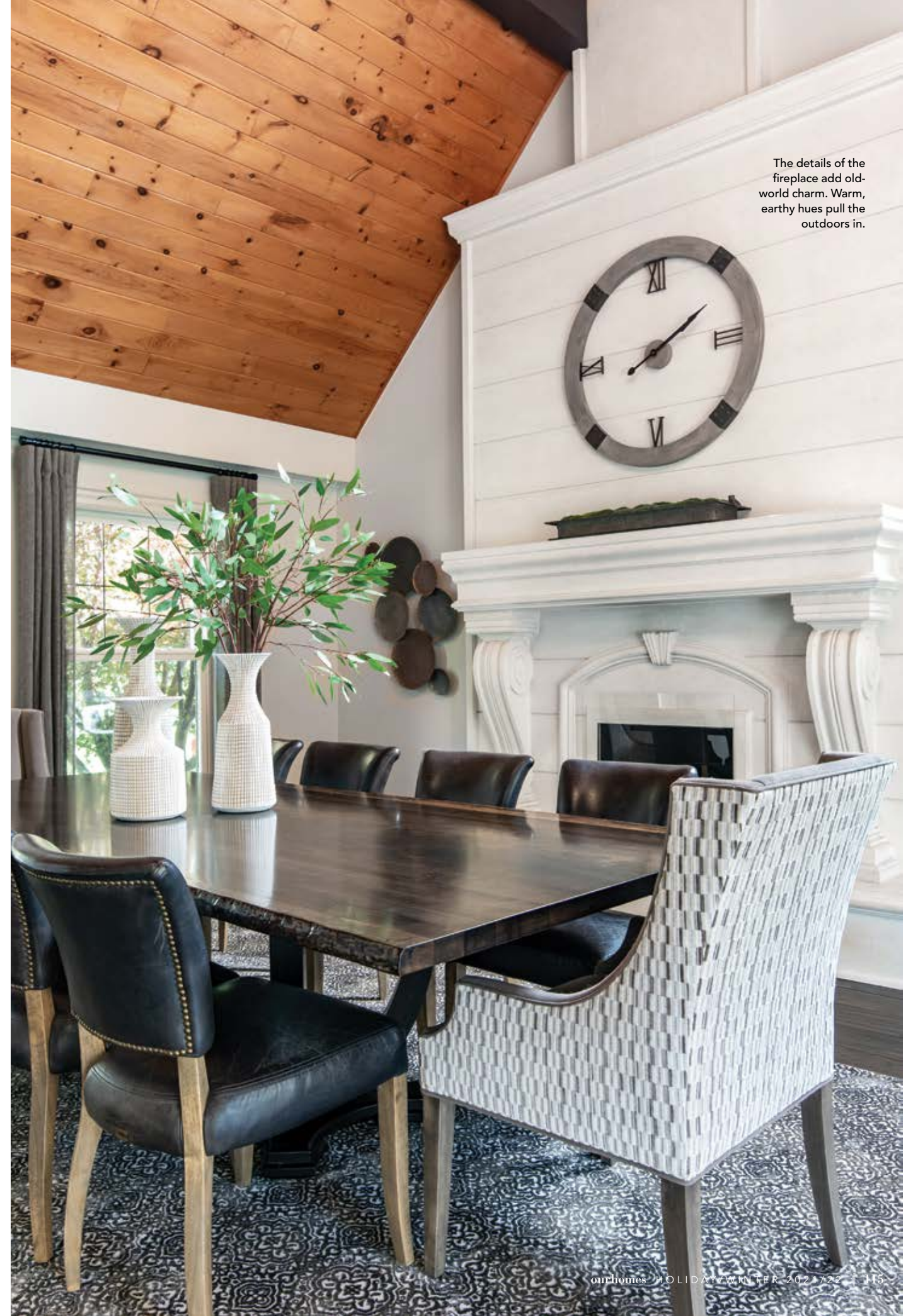
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The home on a cul-de-sac has a long laneway lined with European-style streetlights leading up to their home.

When Lyn and Scott moved into the raised ranch-style home, they took the three-car garage and converted it into a separate living space for Lyn's aging parents. It served the family well until her parents needed additional care.

"In the past few years, we knew we needed to do something more functional with the space," says Lyn. "It was about 600 square feet of living space that was pretty much a blank slate."

The couple researched and found **Kim Giancaterino** and **Anita Puls** of **Burlington Design Studio**. The two design powerhouses formed their studio after meeting on a local holiday house tour. With heaps of experience and success in residential design, they decided to team up to tackle new builds and renovations in the GTA. *Continued on page 117*



The details of the fireplace add old-world charm. Warm, earthy hues pull the outdoors in.

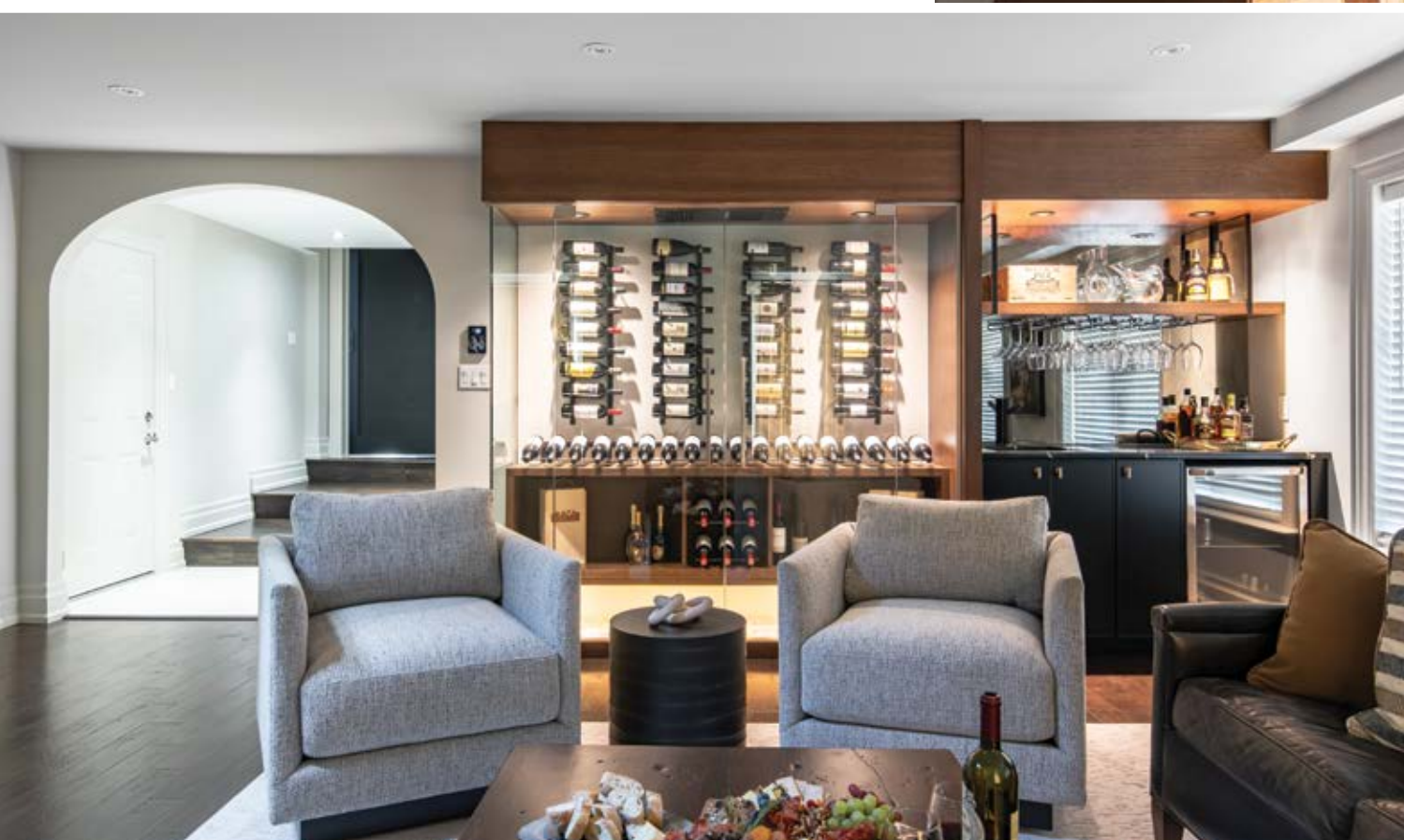






***“THIS HOME IS WHERE OLD-WORLD CHARM MEETS MODERN ELEMENTS.”***  
*–Kim and Anita*

The wine room is a media-free zone, perfect for entertaining. **LEFT:** A glass wall allows the couple's wine collection to be beautifully displayed. **FAR LEFT:** The open plan creates lovely sightlines. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The wine room is spectacular, with a glass-encased, temperature-controlled wine display and elegant wood trim.



“Lyn and Scott gave us carte blanche to create the space,” recalls Kim. “We weren’t restricted at all as to what we wanted to do, but we still wanted to be true to the surroundings and what kind of space would work for them.”

The couple’s kids had left the nest and they wanted a space to entertain. They enjoy wine, so Anita and Kim set out to create a room and den the couple could use for socializing, complete with a fireplace and wine display. The wine room renovation was completed by **Wish Krajewski** of **Wish List Home Improvements**. “There is no media in that room,” says Lyn. “The room doesn’t have a television because we wanted it for socializing with no distractions.”

In early 2021, just before the pandemic lockdown hit, Kim and Anita started

construction to convert the in-law suite into a warm and inviting space that makes you want to sit back with a glass of wine and converse with friends in front of a fire with a view of the woods.

They drew inspiration from photos of the couple’s travels to Italy. They began with a glass-encased, temperature-controlled wine display with elegant wood trim and a cobblestone floor from **Factory Tile Depot**. The cabinet and bar were crafted by **Silverbirch Cabinetry Millwork**. The wine-cooler glass and antique mirror backsplash were sourced from **Burlington Glass & Mirror Co. Ltd**. A wet bar with sink and fridge offers beer and cocktails and a games table sits in the corner waiting for someone to make their first chess move.

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“We stuck with earth tones,” says Anita. “We used the clients’ sofa, which is a rich brown leather that has a beautiful, aged patina and added natural linen window treatments and a few black elements. Rich velvet and linen cushions add texture and colour to the space.”

Lighting creates ambience and a focal point on the wine display. Framed photos of their travels to Italy line the walls and are the finishing touch.

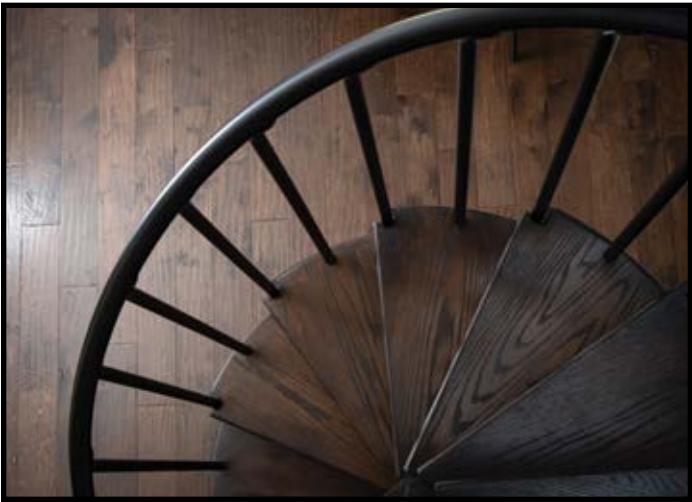
A black iron spiral staircase leads to an upstairs loft with a bedroom and bathroom. Before the staircase, the loft could only be reached from outside. Now the inside stairs are a piece of art.

The home’s kitchen was previously renovated by **Cranberry Hill Kitchens**. Lyn and Scott asked the designers to update other elements of the home to ensure a cohesive flow. The entry to the den was arched to replicate the arch of the fireplace and creates a stunning entry point from the dining room. The home’s main staircase was updated by **Europertect Stairs & Railings** to include

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An iron staircase was added to create access to an upstairs loft that houses a bedroom and bathroom. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Straight lines serve a purpose, but can be predictable. Curved doorways add softness and interest. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The iron staircase is a dynamic architectural detail.





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**ABOVE:** The main staircase has new treads and railings that blend with the home's new look. **TOP:** The design details and furnishings in this bedroom connect to the new look in the rest of the home.

new railings and treads. They selected new lighting, including an iron chandelier from **City Lightz Hamilton** in the dining room. Beautiful carpets from **Curated Content Co.** complete the loft and entrance spaces.

"This home is where old-world charm meets modern elements," says Kim and Anita. "The home is already gorgeous and resort-like and the updates just expanded on that."

"The home just flows perfectly now," says Lyn. "Everything just ties together, from the floors to the chalet-style ceilings." The couple haven't had a chance to entertain given the pandemic restrictions but know it will be a crowd-pleaser once the rules allow.

Lyn and Scott created a quiet puzzle nook in the loft. "Every Christmas our family starts a new puzzle and we love to do them throughout the year," she says. "It's a family activity and now we have a space that you can slip away to and add a few pieces to the big picture."

Lyn and Scott are also happy they were able to solve the puzzle and put the pieces of their new loft together. **OH**



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# Gingerbread BUNDT CAKE

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A Bundt cake is an easy, approachable cake for all levels of bakers. The unique pan creates a beautiful, eye-catching cake with very little effort. It's a sweet dessert for a festive occasion.

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INGREDIENTS

CAKE

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 ½ tsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- ½ tsp allspice
- ¾ cup butter, at room temperature
- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs, at room temperature
- ½ cup molasses
- 1 cup coffee, cooled

ICING

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ¼ cup milk



Finish with a drizzle  
of sweet creamy icing.



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease Bundt pan if necessary.

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices in a bowl and set aside.

In a stand mixer, cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, followed by the molasses.

Add one third of the flour mixture to the wet ingredients, followed by half of the coffee, rotating between the two and ending with the remaining flour mixture.

Pour batter into Bundt pan, smoothing the top.

Bake for 50-55 minutes. Allow cake to cool completely and invert the pan onto your cake stand or plate.

Prepare the icing by combining icing sugar, vanilla and milk until smooth. For a thinner glaze, add more milk. Pour icing over cake. **OH**



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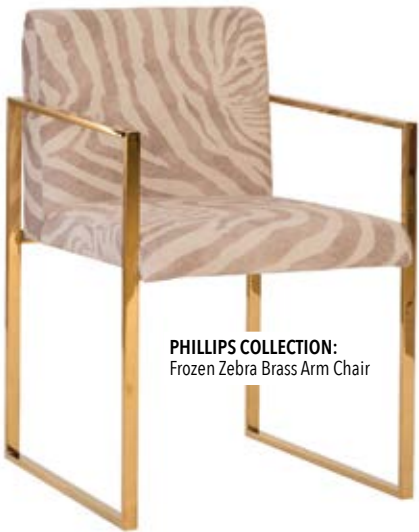




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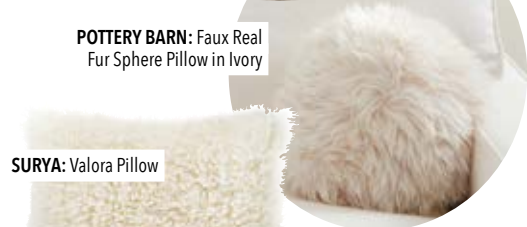
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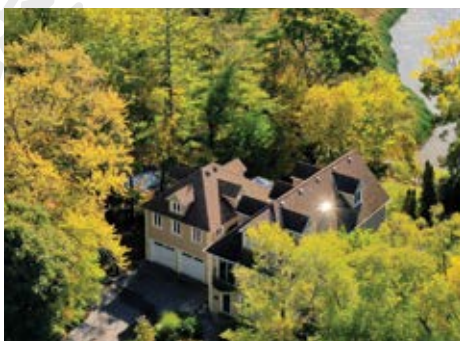
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