



FRENCH *chic*

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SUSAN JONES IMMEDIATELY SAW THE POTENTIAL OF THIS 1,100 SQ. FT., TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH CONDO.

She loved the high ceilings and access to the outdoor space. Sure, it needed some updating, and Jones had a plan. She would change the whole feel of the unit, from a ski chalet to a French art studio.

Jones found her inspiration in a magazine, which she took to **Elaine Kettlewell** at **Kettlewells**. With Kettlewell's help and direction this condo in Collingwood has been transported to Paris.

Jones's love of art, shutters and France were the starting point for the redesign. Kettlewell refinished both the shutters that hang on either side of the sliding patio doors and the fireplace surround (fireplace from **Chantico Fireplace Gallery**).

The custom, linen roman blinds (**Joanne Bauder**) that provide privacy are a nod to Provence. There was a large armoire that blocked part of the entrance to the deck. Kettlewell suggested removing it, Jones agreed and is now very happy with how big and open her living room feels. *Continued on page 128*

LEFT: Susan Jones is originally from Montreal and fell in love with Georgian Bay and Collingwood, where she runs her business Sijones Consulting. **BELOW:** The white cotton, slip-covered sofa is surrounded by art. One piece was painted by Jones, but she is too modest to say which one! **OPPOSITE:** On a cool spring afternoon the gas fireplace, from Chantico, casts a warm glow over the living room. Susan loves to read in this chair, with the natural light pouring in from the patio door.





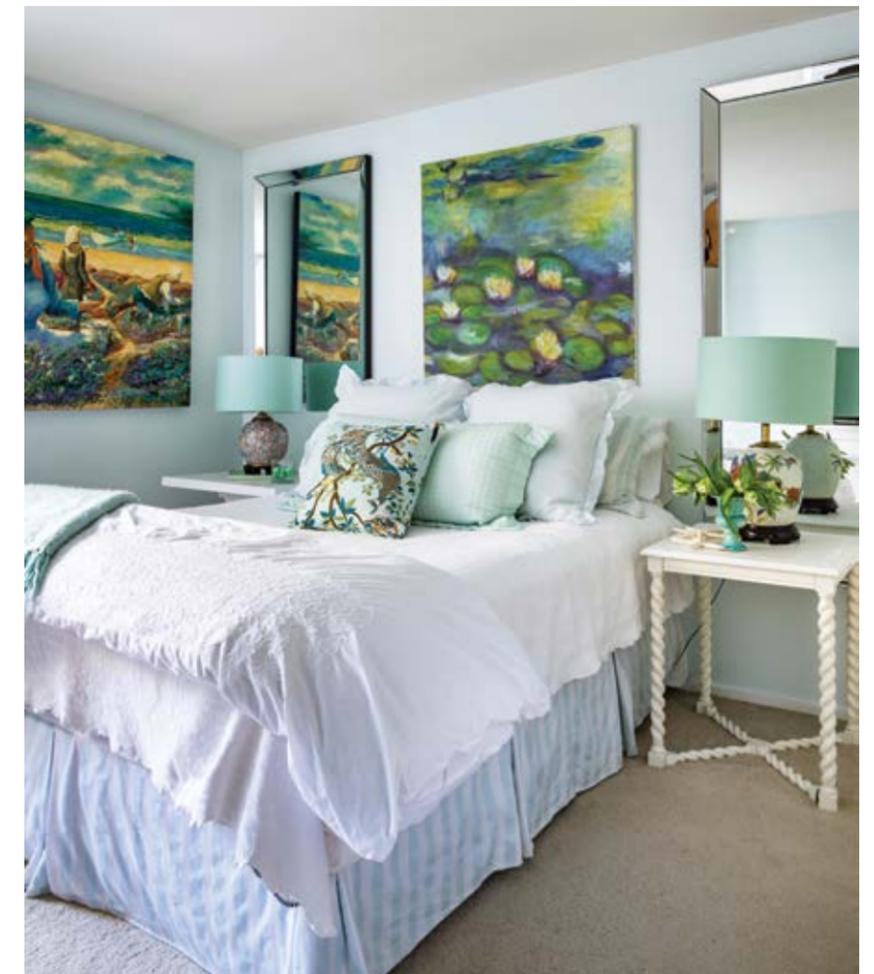
As guests wait for champagne to be poured, they can nibble on a macaron.

Jones's extensive art collection was scattered throughout the home and Kettlewell suggested grouping it together to take advantage of the high ceilings. The new arrangement of the art that includes one of Jones's favourite artists, Monique Harvey (1950-2001) of Quebec, is now concentrated on two walls to great effect.

Jones also renovated the kitchen. She loves to cook and wanted a functional space to create gourmet meals and treats. **Arbour Hill Custom Furniture and Cabinetry** created the cabinetry. The splurge was the granite countertop, which works beautifully for kneading bread and rolling pastry. The backsplash was chosen by Jones from **Georgian Design Centre**.

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LEFT: Although compact, the well-designed kitchen has all the essentials needed to produce the French classics, like crème caramel.



TOP: This dining table has been the setting of many dinner parties. Another wall filled with art adds ambience and colour. **ABOVE:** In a corner of the master bedroom, curtains that were used on the windows continue along the wall to become the closet door. **RIGHT:** A painting of water lilies between two mirrors sets the tone and accent colour for the tranquil master. Bedside bouquet by Paperwhite Flowers.



How could anyone not agree, Paris is always a good idea!



Every corner of this condo takes you to Paris's historic Le Marais district – without the plane ride – and that is just what Jones wanted. **OH**

TOP LEFT: A custom shower curtain, using two different patterns, adds a luxurious feel. Behind the door is the washer and dryer. **TOP RIGHT:** Touches of gold in the mirror and the taps on the vanity add a luxe feel. **LEFT:** The guest room pairs toile linens with a porcelain vessel in a similar pattern. Bouquets by Paperwhite Flowers.



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