

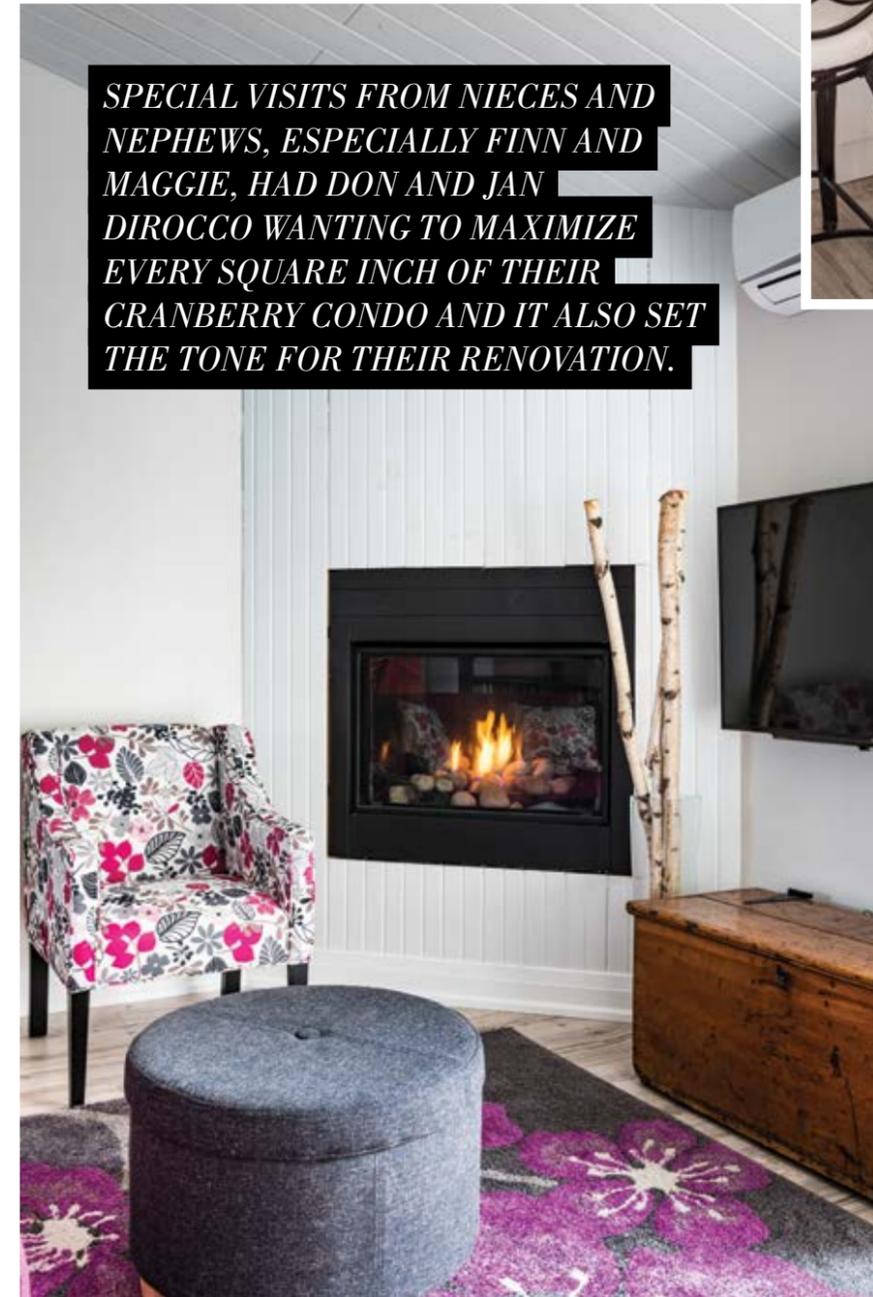


The window over the kitchen sink looks down to the front entrance below, so an eye can be kept on arriving guests. White cabinets and counters blend the kitchen into the rest of the room. Arrangement by Paperwhite Flowers.

All About FAMILY



SPECIAL VISITS FROM NIECES AND NEPHEWS, ESPECIALLY FINN AND MAGGIE, HAD DON AND JAN DIROCCO WANTING TO MAXIMIZE EVERY SQUARE INCH OF THEIR CRANBERRY CONDO AND IT ALSO SET THE TONE FOR THEIR RENOVATION.



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This two bedroom unit needed space for sleepovers, so with the help of her sister and brother-in-law, Ray and Linda Floyd (Real Property Management Inc.), Jan translated what was in her mind – a clean, organized modern space, with a place for everything and everything in its place.

They started on the upstairs, opening up the kitchen, by adding an island and installing white quartz countertops onto new cabinets (**South Gate Cabinets Inc.**) and new stainless appliances (Lowe's). The next step was to cover the popcorn ceilings with white tongue and groove planks (**Bill Brown Woodworking & Building Supplies Ltd.**). This was a smart, and in some cases, easier fix than scraping it off. Then everything was painted Chantilly Lace by **Benjamin Moore**.

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LEFT: In a peaceful corner of the open-plan second floor, the antique blanket box is used for storage and keeps this space organized. It adds a nice balance to the modern, clean space. **ABOVE:** Jan and Don DiRocco enjoy pizza and red wine at the kitchen island. The stools were found at a local consignment store.



Watching every move, Lulu the cat is ready to pounce.



The gas fireplace (The Fireplace Stop) that replaced a wood burning unit was also clad in tongue and groove planks that unified this space. The sofa is a deluxe bed when open and Jan tested it carefully before she bought it. She wanted guests to wake up refreshed and happy and not with a sore back.

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ABOVE: A sunny rear patio is located off the master bedroom. As it is covered and protected on two sides, it is often in use. **LEFT:** Ready for guests, the deluxe sofa bed is ready for a good night's sleep.



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The custom cabinets also include the bedside tables, creating a uniform look that does not overwhelm the space.

The bedrooms on the lower level received a facelift as well. They were also painted Chantilly Lace and extra storage was built in as a headboard in the master bedroom. In the spare bedroom, a twin bed with a trundle unit underneath offers more sleeper choices.

At Cranberry there are two pools, day camps and a recreation centre, which are just a few of the reasons that Don and Jan moved here. It is very important that when family comes to visit, they have a good night's sleep and lots of fun activities to enjoy all day long. **OH**

RIGHT: The simple Stickley-style twin bed with a trundle underneath creates a well-loved bedroom for all of Jan and Don's nieces and nephews. **FAR RIGHT:** The bathroom vanity was updated with a Caesarstone top and an art deco-inspired light. The washer and dryer fit nicely behind the bathroom door. Bouquets by Paperwhite Flowers.



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