

# HOME AND COTTAGE

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The beauty of top-down cellular blinds is on full display in the open-concept main floor living area. They provide a view to nature and allow the sun to shine in – all while maintaining privacy. **RIGHT:** The blue lattice-weave wallcovering is a graphic welcome at the front entrance. The shape of the wall mirror is echoed in the door fronts of the white console cabinet. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A bench from her previous home received a fresh coat of paint in the recurring bold blue hue and was completed with a seat cushion and matching pillow in a floral upholstery.



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**BELOW:** The skylight floods the island in natural light. A mix of materials, patterns and finishes creates a refined coastal elegance feel. **RIGHT:** The sailboat art by Susan Seitz displays the home's colour scheme all in one piece. **FAR RIGHT:** Cabinetry above a sink can feel heavy – but the subtle obscure glass and display is a great trick to keep the space feeling light.



An eye-catching wallcovering in blue hangs in the front foyer on the way to the well-appointed kitchen.

Detzler isn't the only one in her family with an eye for design. Her nephew, **Mike Smith** of **Beachwood Cabinetry**, installed her kitchen in vivid white to complement the gorgeous quartz counters with veins of whites and subtle grey.

Not a fan of stainless steel appliances, Detzler opted for her appliances (**Eurohome Kitchens & Appliances**) to be hidden behind the cabinetry. Her marble-tile backsplash adds more elegance to the space. Candles, vases and pottery add a special touch. A wet bar adjacent to the kitchen reflects the same cabinetry, counters and marble backsplash and is home to her lakeside essentials – an espresso maker, built-in wine rack and concealed bar fridge.

A large skylight over the kitchen illuminates the space, while a charming built-in bench beneath a bay window in the dining area offers not only a place to sit but added storage. Cellular blinds that have the top-down/bottom-up feature adorn the windows, maximizing sunlight and providing privacy.

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Hanover resident **Conny Detzler** wanted it all and proved it possible when she purchased her home on Lake Rosalind two years ago.

And today, while she enjoys the aforementioned, getting there didn't happen overnight. It took sacrifice and dedication, which has most certainly paid off.

To bring her wish to life, Detzler said goodbye to her farm in Mildmay, as well as her cottage in Lurgan Beach. Today, she is not only a short distance from her Hanover business **House Rules Design Shop**, but just steps from dipping her toes in the lake.

Working alongside her business partner and designer **Heather Smillie**, and the team at House Rules, Detzler captured all of the elements she desired in the breathtaking design that transformed her 1990s, one-storey home into a space that is bright and fresh year-round.

The view from the front door draws your attention through large windows at the back of the home (**Premier Windows & Doors Ltd.**) that reveal the small inland lake, one in a series of small lakes in the area.

Natural light envelops the room, bouncing off walls painted Silent Smoke by PPG, art by **Susan Seitz** and accessories that help create a relaxing retreat.

Detzler created a clean, fresh space, both coastal and contemporary in design with complements of blue throughout the home.



**TOP LEFT:** Whether watching TV (HDTV and Electronics), enjoying conversation or taking in the view of the lake, swivel chairs are a great multi-purpose solution to open-concept living. **LEFT:** Whether coffee or cocktails, the beverage centre enhances the functionality of the space when entertaining. **ABOVE:** A chaise extension on the sofa adds another layer of comfort to the space.

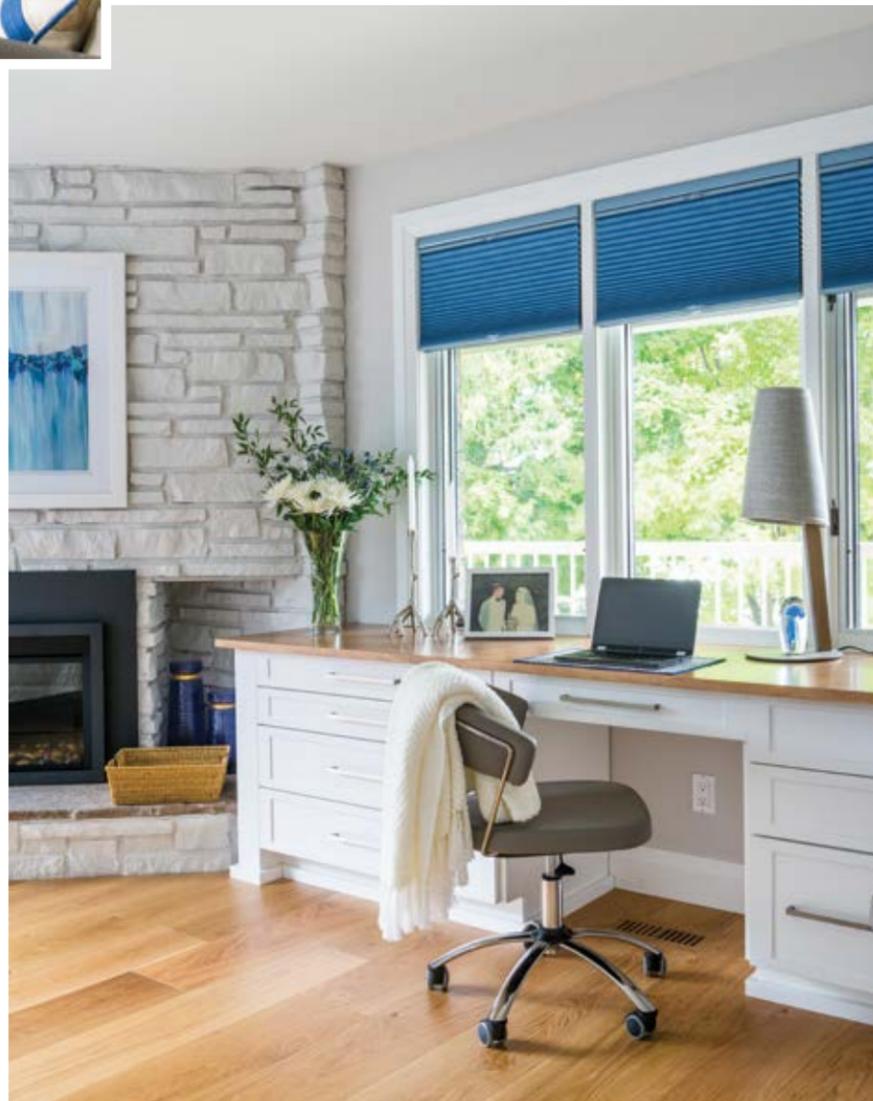


Additional pops of blue can be found in other textiles throughout the space, including graphic custom curtains (House Rules Design Shop) and matching pillows in the sitting area, as well as in bar stools wrapping the kitchen island.

Detzler's bedroom, another large bedroom, a guest bath and laundry room share the main level with the kitchen and great room. Sliding doors access a balcony, which shares the same view as her bedroom.

Although the house underwent a complete renovation (interior by **Jim Niesen**, exterior by **McClement & Shewfelt Construction Ltd.**), Detzler says there wasn't much that needed to change from the original layout of the home other than swapping out the former living room and guest room for her principal bedroom and en suite. "This room offers a panoramic view," she says.

**TOP LEFT:** The main level balcony, accessible off the living space, is a great spot to enjoy coffee in the morning. **TOP RIGHT:** A completely custom bed set is created by elevating a timeless white duvet cover with decorative pillows and matching bed scarf. **RIGHT:** Whether lying in bed or working at the desk, the room offers a fantastic view of the water. Blue cellular shades echo the painted blue accent wall directly opposite.



Detzler incorporated the existing gas fireplace by painting out its brick in warm white, added a built-in desk and accentuated the home's theme by opting for a blue accent wall behind her bed.

The en suite design spares no detail. Beautiful white and grey ceramic tile has been arranged in a chevron pattern as an accent behind the free-standing soaker tub, while large stone tiles in warm greys make up the backdrop in the glass walk-in shower. Detzler also incorporated a dressing area into the space where large, custom built-in cabinets and shelves house her clothing and shoes.

Her white quartz-topped vanity is illuminated by unique Brizo sconces (House Rules Design Shop) on the mirror.

"I love these sconces," Detzler says. "They have nightlights in the bottom cascading the light onto the countertops."

Another added bonus is the toilet room, with a bidet that washes and dries, and a lid that raises automatically. It is the utmost in lavatory luxury. *Continued on page 38*



**ABOVE:** The single basin vanity design provides ample storage while the expanse of mirror with integrated lighting is a great way to make the space feel larger. **FAR LEFT:** The geometric chevron pattern in porcelain tile provides a bold focal behind the tub in the en suite. **LEFT:** Instead of taking up valuable space in the lakeview principal bedroom, Detzler's closet is conveniently located at the back of the en suite.



In order to create the large principal bath, the guest bath on the main floor was scaled back in size, but has luxe herringbone tile work on the walls and modern finishes.

The guest room, with the same Fuzion engineered hardwood (House Rules Design Shop) found throughout most of the home, has a beautifully crafted four poster bed (**West Bros Furniture**) and is decorated with coral colours, contrary to the rest of the home's palette, but much the same as a second guest room's desirable décor downstairs.

Detzler bought all new furnishings for her new space, sourcing favourites at House Rules Design Shop, **Smitty's Fine Furniture**, **Schreiter's Home Furnishings**, **Schuett Furniture & Appliances** and West Bros Furniture). She kept a few sentimental pieces, including the refinished bench in the foyer.

Stairs off the foyer (**Queen's Bush Stairworks**) lead to Detzler's walkout basement.

Unlike most lower levels of a home, the basement is a breath of fresh air with fabulous views out over the dock and impressive landscaping (**Ground Effects Landscapes**).

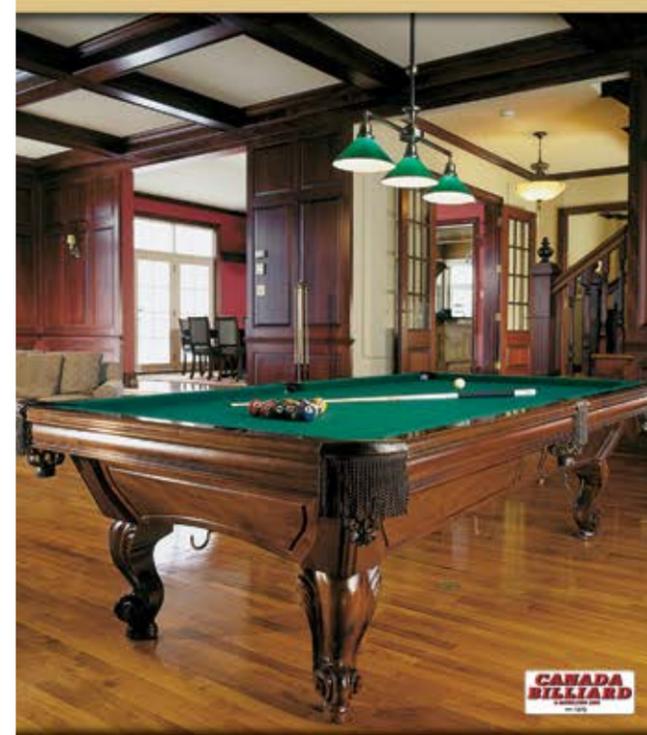
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**ABOVE:** The main-floor guest room offers a pop of coral as the accent colour, a contrast to the bold blue throughout the rest of the home. **RIGHT:** The main floor laundry has a large wash up sink and pull down faucet. **FAR RIGHT:** With lots of natural light, you'd never know this guest room was located on the lower level.



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Downstairs, warm, neutral carpet (House Rules Design Shop, installed by **Ron Stephen**) can be found in the sitting area, while the rest of the flooring has been done in luxury vinyl plank wood-look flooring. Its cork backing keeps not only the floor warm but the space too. The basement is also equipped with a small kitchenette, which allowed for Detzler to live down there while work was being done on the main floor.

"It's great for guests, and it keeps it private for them," she says.

A gas fireplace (**JSW Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration**), large scale sofas and walkout doors complete the space.

Whether catching the morning sun from the Muskoka chairs outside (**Topnotch Furniture**) or gazing at the night sky with an uninterrupted view from the hot tub (**Water & Wellness**) it's no wonder company doesn't want to leave.

"A lot of people don't know it's here, and it's only a mile out of Hanover," Detzler says. "It's only one place to maintain. This is my house and cottage in one." **OH**



**TOP LEFT:** An additional dining area can be found on the lower level, easily accessible to the barbeque and patio area when entertaining. **TOP RIGHT:** A large sectional in the lower level boasts throw pillows that tie together the blue and coral schemes found throughout. **FAR LEFT:** Conny Detzler with her granddaughters Avery and Tia at the water's edge. **LEFT:** A stone pathway connects the large terrace and outdoor living space with the home.

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