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ABOVE: Panoramic views from geometrically-shaped windows add light and warmth to the family room in all seasons. The modern, threesided gas fireplace from Buckenham Fireplaces and Grills Inc. is clad in soft grey rift-cut oak panelling by Paragon. **RIGHT:** An airy floating staircase divides the kitchen and dining areas. The glass wall provides safety and helps flood the main floor with natural light.



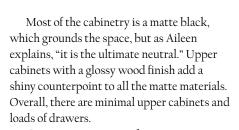


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TOP LEFT: The elegant and modern spa-like master en suite is open concept. TOP RIGHT: Cambria quartz graces the shower walls. ABOVE: The master bedroom is on the main floor, with a walkout to the forest-like backyard.



Compact, German-made Gaggenau appliances were chosen for quality, efficiency and a streamlined look. Mike says "the European attitude is to cut out the frills to make it better and keep it longer." One of his favourite features in the kitchen is the retractable visor hood that provides a compromise for the different cooks.

The floors throughout the house are wire-brushed, engineered, oiled white oak.

The floating staircase was designed by the couple with a light, airy feel in mind. Exterior doors are black but the couple decided that repeating the colour on the interior doors was "too cold." They opted to paint the interior doors a warm grey with grey trim. European-style, tilt-and-turn windows are a nod to functional design. Elegant and durable Cambria quartz tops every counter and even lines shower walls as the couple wanted minimal cleaning associated with grouts and other porous surfaces. Continued on page 38



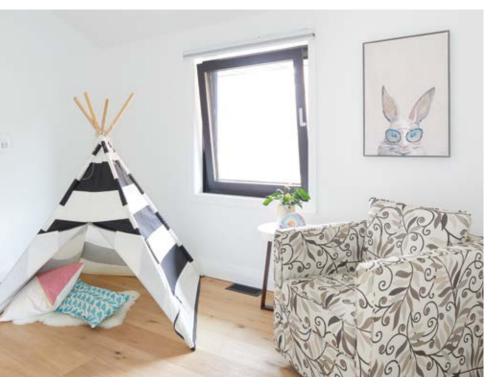














For storage, the couple eschewed traditional closets. "Walk-in closets take up too much space with door jambs and excessive walking space," says Mike. As cabinet people, we believe in efficiency. We can create more efficient storage in less square footage using cabinet materials." The mudroom is designed to hide family clutter with a drawer for each family member and open shoe cubbies. In the master bedroom, there are cabinets for hanging clothes and instead of a walk-in closet, there's room for an efficient laundry nook.

This modern home is full of smart features. Alexa can be accessed from all corners of the house, controlling settings for window coverings, lighting, heat and air conditioning.

The second floor has been designed entirely for the couple's daughters. They have a bedroom each with recessed space for clothing, and a double vanity bathroom that they share. As in the master suite, there's a water closet for privacy. The loft-like area by the stairs is a cool place to play right now and in the future will be a great place for teenagers to hang out.

The year-long renovation came to an end and the result is a family-centric, minimalistic, warm, modern home that the Brown family will enjoy for years to come. OH



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