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A CUSTOM BURLINGTON HOME BRINGS NEW AND OLD TOGETHER IN STYLE.

The kitchen is modern-meets-timeless with a unique mix of cabinet styles, metals and stunning furniture.



There's plenty to love about a brand new home: A chance to wipe the slate clean. The ideal layout. Modern finishes. State-of-the-art features. And yet, new homes often lack the character and charm of older homes. *Continued on page 68*



The fireplace surround is polished natural stone. **TOP LEFT:** A beautiful vignette in the foyer greets visitors. **TOP RIGHT:** Square spindles modernize the staircase.



ABOVE: A waffle ceiling adds formality in the dining room.
LEFT: A walnut sliding barn door encloses the office space.



Flowers add a fresh touch to the elegant home.



The kitchen features shaker-style upper cabinets with grey laminate lowers and Caesarstone counters.

Not so for the custom Burlington home of **Fredene Plouffe** and **Art Joyce**. Just steps from the water, the lake house-inspired home combines leading-edge design with timeless touches for a transitional feel.

It helps that Art is a custom home builder and the owner of **Braebrook Homes**, a company that prides itself on detail and craftsmanship. True to his specialty, Art outfitted the home with everything custom, from the antique wood floors to the sliding barn doors and even the stair posts, which he designed with Fredene.

“The sliding doors are solid walnut doors made by Mennonites,” explains Fredene. “They don’t use telephone or email, so Art drives to a small town south of Owen Sound to see them and they make what he needs. All of our interior doors and some of our furniture were made

by them as well.”

Art chose antique woods – sourced from old barns and reconditioned – to anchor the home’s look, from the chestnut hardwood floors to the staircases made from antique wormy elm. “It’s pleasing to the eye and feels wonderful under the foot,” says Art, who adds, “Everything is sort of heavy duty – the trim, the hardware – in terms of material we decided to go to more authentic.”

Even the windows and exterior doors, sourced from **Authentic Windows & Doors**, are made from wood. “They’re high-end and well-built,” says Art.

In the case of the exterior, though, it’s a darker stain on the solid wood front door that lends a contemporary feel to the facade, while old-world stone takes the home back through the ages. “The darker

stain gives you a more modern look,” Art says.

Inside the home, a modern open-concept living/dining room layout includes a waffle ceiling that incorporates a classical, traditional feel, while the monolith gas fireplace with polished natural stone surround bridges the gap to modern for an overall contemporary look.

The kitchen combines new and old, with a traditional shaker-style design for the upper cabinets, and a modern, streamlined laminate grey wood grain finish on the bottom, all from **Downsview Kitchens**, as well as Caesarstone for the counters from **Stone Edge Marble and Granite Inc.**

“The kitchen is a chef’s dream,” says Fredene. “Art and I love to cook. Outfitted with a beautiful 48-inch Wolf stove and oversize island, it makes it such a pleasure to cook and entertain.” *Continued on page 70*

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The spacious steam shower in the en suite is a luxurious addition. **BELOW:** A tranquil colour scheme in the master bedroom exudes relaxation.



A pretty sitting area takes advantage of the outside views.



Another favourite feature is the butler's pantry, which includes a second fridge and dishwasher, as well as another countertop, sink and cabinets. "It's so helpful when you have a family or parties; the clean-up is quick and organized. I don't know how we lived without it before," says Art, who enjoys preparing his morning tea there.

Upstairs, the master bedroom features a seating area and french doors that lead to a Juliet balcony overlooking the backyard. Bedrooms are spacious in the 3,673 sq. ft., two-storey home, and each bedroom includes an en suite.

"We decided to go with three rooms instead of four because it offered better spacing for everything on the second level as opposed to trying to find space for everything," says Art, who added a laundry room to the upper level as well.

As for the master bath, the sleek Canadian-made, heated BainUltra tub promises relaxation in the couple's bathroom retreat, while the porcelain tiled steam shower has plenty of allure of its own. "It's outfitted with a rain head in the middle, and shower heads and body blasters on either side, as well as seating," shares Art. All bathroom fixtures are from **Emco Corp.**

The basement features in-floor heating using an on-demand, high-efficiency boiler. "It's like the main level or upper level now – comfortable, and no chill," says Art. The lower level also includes a wine cellar and eight-seat theatre room, as well as an additional bedroom and en suite.

Carpet and tile throughout the home was sourced at **Mario's Tile & Interiors.**

All **Benjamin Moore** colours and paint were used throughout the home and sourced from **Neo1 Paint and Decor.** *Continued on page 72*



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Outside, the backyard includes a wood-burning fireplace, pool and cabana, with its own mini kitchen and bathroom. “One of the things Fredene loved about this lot was an 80-year-old Japanese maple in the backyard,” recalls Art. “I had to build this house and the pool around it.” Outdoor furnishings are from **Holland Park Garden Gallery** and interior furnishings are from **Cocoon**.

The couple’s new home is actually built in what used to be their backyard. “We bought the property in 2000 and took down the original home. Then we subdivided the lot and built a house on one side, and lived with a great big side yard the kids could play in,” says Fredene, whose children – daughter Brooklyn, now 23, and son Braedon, 20 – are now in university. “We built this new home on the other side when the kids grew up and we didn’t need the yard anymore.”

Rather than work an updated design into their existing layout, the couple decided to start fresh with an all-new design and build.

“The main reason for moving next door was to change the design of our home from the more traditional style we had to a design that was more open-concept and transitional,” says Art. The couple sourced original artwork throughout the home from **Brights Gallery** in Collingwood.

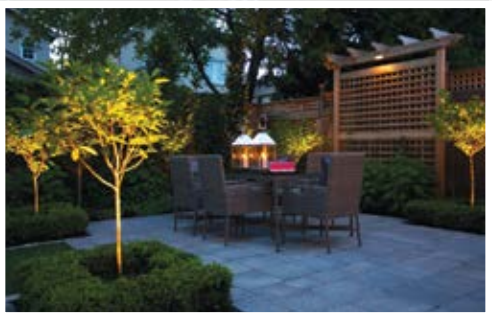
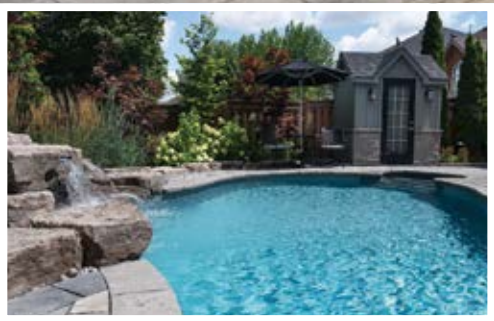
With their wishlist fulfilled, the couple now enjoys lakeside living. “We’re two doors down from the lake; it’s very centrally located. We have all the amenities – parks, schools. It’s the ideal location. It’s what drew us to this area,” says Fredene.



“My partner loves this house. She loves coming home and quite frankly I do too,” says Art. “Sometimes you have to go through these things a few times to figure out what you want. It’s a wonderful home.”

With the home a perfect mix of new and old, we couldn’t agree more. **OH**

ABOVE: Fabrics and textures are layered for a whimsical, romantic look in this bedroom. **BELOW:** Stone gives the home’s manicured exterior a timeless appeal. **BOTTOM:** The backyard is an oasis for summer relaxing and entertaining.



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