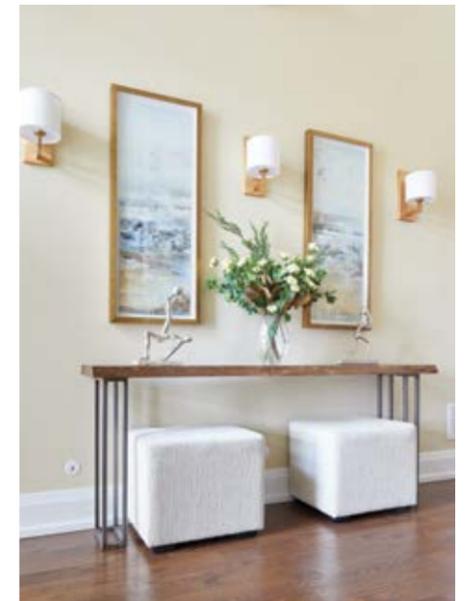


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The stacked walnut fireplace surround and crisp, white built-in cabinetry is a focal point in the family room. **TOP RIGHT:** A pretty entryway sets the tone for the rest of the home.



WHEN TONY AND ELSIE SET OUT TO BUILD A HOME FOR THEIR FAMILY OF FOUR, THE SPACE THEY ENVISIONED WAS ONE THAT WOULD FIT THE PACE OF THEIR LIVES.

With two teenagers, Isabella and Sebastian, they needed a space that would accommodate their comings-and-goings, cooking, gathering and living.

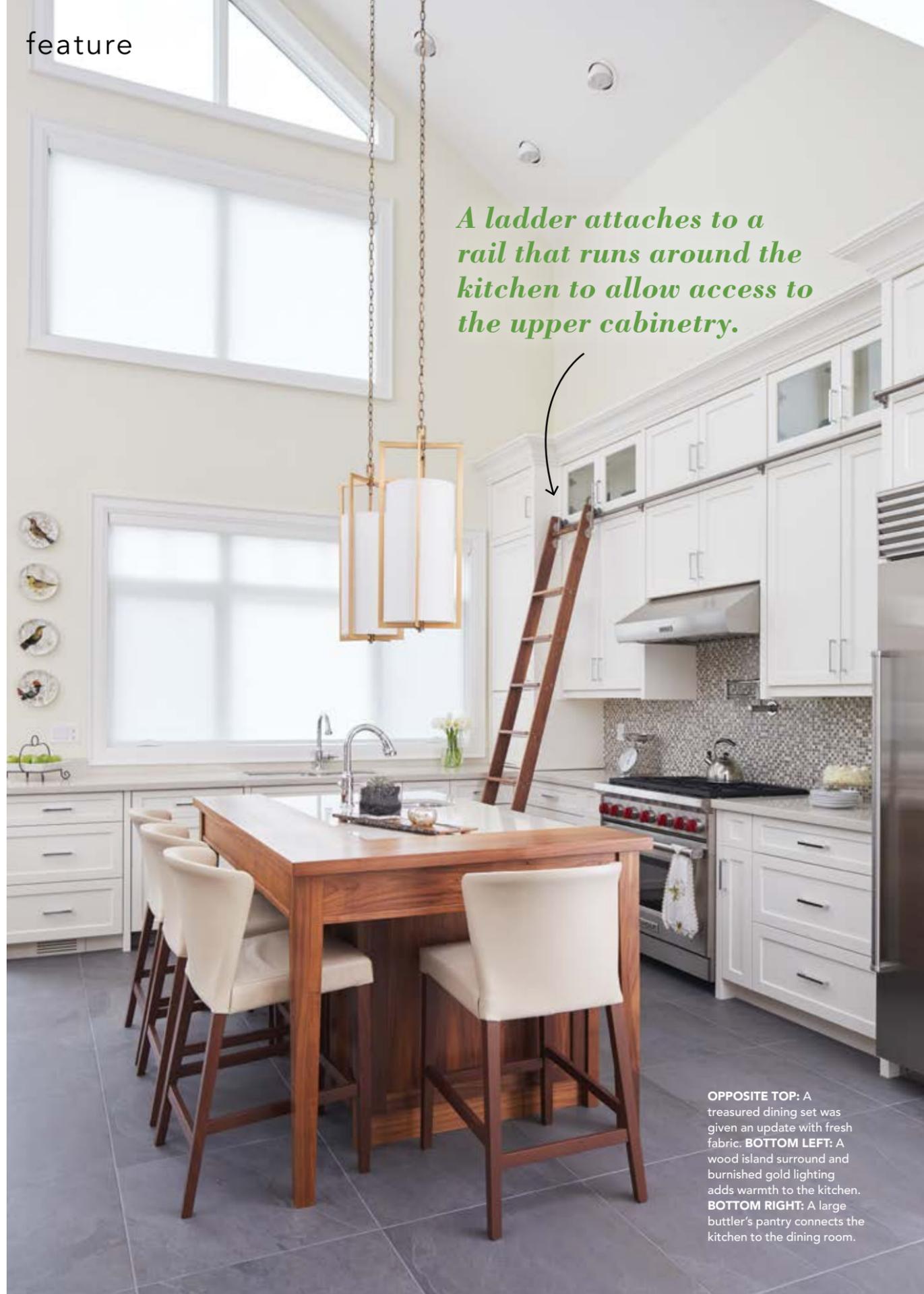
They called on **The Gatti Group Corp.** to help bring their vision to life. "It was a two-year design," says Tony. "I did the initial designs myself. We really knew what we wanted, and that's why it took a while. We were very organized. I knew the flooring I wanted, the ceilings and the kitchen colours."

The 2,750 sq. ft. home was built from the ground up. The initial hope of building a bungalow ended up being impossible on their chosen lot, so Tony and Elsie opted for a bungalow.

The ground floor encompasses a master bedroom and en suite bath, a living room, a kitchen and a great room, while the upstairs contains the kids' bedrooms and en suites.

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A ladder attaches to a rail that runs around the kitchen to allow access to the upper cabinetry.



OPPOSITE TOP: A treasured dining set was given an update with fresh fabric. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A wood island surround and burnished gold lighting adds warmth to the kitchen. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A large butler's pantry connects the kitchen to the dining room.

The couple details three things they wanted in the home. First, they wanted to incorporate their existing dining room set, a beautiful, dark wood table and chairs and matching buffet passed down to Elsie through her family.

In order to fit the set into the space, the upholstery for the chairs was changed to a lighter cream fabric. The walls were painted grey.

The home boasts a neutral palette throughout, except in the kids' rooms, where colour makes a bold appearance. Brightly painted ceilings, teal for Isabella and dark blue for Sebastian, decorative accents and custom carpets complete the fun yet functional spaces.

Tony and Elsie's second must-have in their home's design was creating a place for Elsie's Portuguese cabbage leaf pottery, also a family heirloom. The pieces are artfully displayed within the glass cabinets in the kitchen.

A ladder attached to a rail runs throughout the kitchen to allow access to the upper cabinetry. The kitchen also features an island with a hardwood and Caesarstone finish. Grey kitchen tiles break up the engineered hardwood of the rest of the house and hanging pendants complete the space. *Continued on page 90*



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BELOW: The wood tones throughout the rest of the home repeat in the vanity. **RIGHT:** Wallpaper and floral fabric in purple tones add texture in this bedroom. **BOTTOM:** Beautiful teal is a lovely transitional colour for a growing girl.



The kitchen opens to the great room where a soaring fireplace with an intricate, stacked walnut surround takes centre stage. Custom sofas in luxe fabric by Silva soften the space. Built-in shelves in a fresh white are the perfect backdrop to feature a treasured, glazed roof tile from Portugal.

The third must have was the roof tile, which they love.

Three of the biggest inspirations for this modern gem are old-world treasures, and they create an undeniable harmony between new and old, utilitarian and aesthetic in this beautiful example of contemporary living.

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