

# URBAN SPA

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Hidden behind the linear cedar fence that surrounds this Collingwood abode, homeowners **Micheal Comeau** and **Angela Gougeon** have designed and created an outdoor space that has turned their garden into an adult playground.



As you step out of the house and onto the pressure-treated decking (**Bill Brown Woodworking & Building Supplies Ltd.**), you enter the spa zone. A sauna (**Georgian Bay Outdoors**), outdoor shower and hot tub (**Beachcomber**) are ready for the Scandinavian circuit.



« For added privacy, a folding screen closes around the hot tub. In the winter it is easy to shovel snow from the deck so this part of the rear space is used year round.

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*Gougeon has a keen eye for finding unique items. This metal container was given a thick wood top and is now perfect for a side table.*

» A walkway leads to the entertaining zone, which has a fire pit and a conversation spot that is protected by a sail cloth pergola. Laser engraved on the custom fire pit are pine cones and the African word *Ubuntu*, which loosely translated means "humanity to others."



*Roughly 14 inches in diameter, these logs have been given a new purpose as seats by the fire pit. Handles make moving them easier.*



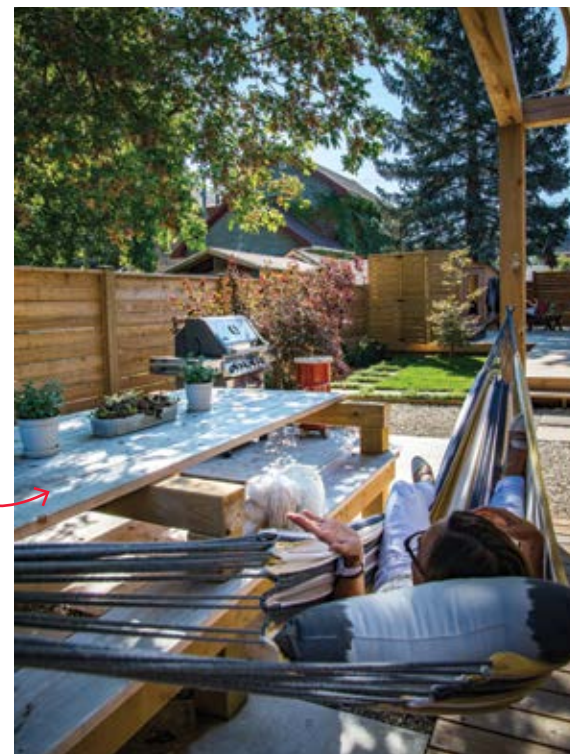




» A hammock swings between the upright posts of the sail-cloth-covered pergola.

The dining table, inspired by a picture, is made of cedar and seats 12 people comfortably.

« Behind the seating area are raised planters filled with flowers, vegetables and dwarf apple trees. Everything flows in this large garden, which wraps around two sides of the house.



» Gougeon relaxes in the hammock as her dog, Buddy keeps her company. OH

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