

# SPACE TO SPREAD OUT

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“We always wanted a country property on the edge of the city,” says homeowner Sharon Hutton. “It was honestly just fate,” she says of finding this property – “the right place at the right time.”

While many people may dream of such a private, treed country property, the Huttons were lucky enough to scoop up this 60-acre plot complete with a brand new build before anyone else could.

Sharon and her husband James, along with their four kids – Andrew, Zachary, Ben and Meredith – moved in to the home in the fall of 2014. They can’t pinpoint exactly what prompted the move, but they know it was the right choice. *Continued on page 26*



**ABOVE:** A wraparound driveway circles in front of the main entrance to the home. The garage is located below and is accessed from the basement. **TOP:** This sitting room is straight in from the foyer. Pops of pink make it stand out from other rooms in the house. **LEFT:** Tufted sofas and a grand piano grace the pretty sitting room. **OPPOSITE:** This grand foyer is all about balance.





From Kitchener to Cambridge, the family didn't move far but their new home is a big change from where they were living.

This spacious house had been designed and built by a couple who never ended up living in the home. They had collected fixtures and finishes over the course of a few years prior to building this masterpiece. However, they were unable to complete their project, so the Huttons benefitted from their attention to detail and carefully curated style decisions, from vanities and sinks to flooring, moulding and trim. They fell in love with the home as soon as they saw it.

The Huttons changed a few rooms to suit their needs when they moved in, primarily the sunroom, but kept much of the design as is and simply decorated to their tastes.

The sunroom had been an open space just off the kitchen and main-floor living space, but the Huttons decided to separate it to add more square footage to their year-round usable space. And unlike the basement, it can be completely closed off – so late-night partiers and noise-makers don't bother the rest of the family.

The Huttons hired **Bricon Contracting** to close in the sunroom.

"We loved working on this home and with this client," says **Shannon Walls** of Bricon Contracting. "It was a treat to work their vision and help create a cosy, welcoming and functional space for the family to enjoy year-round. The expansive window-and-door system seems to call the outside in. We always encourage customers to embrace as much glass as possible because of how it expands the look and feel of the space. We simply love the raw earthiness of the final result!"

Now, the sunroom is the family's favourite space to gather, relax together and to entertain friends. A wood-burning fireplace warms the space in winter and large glass doors walk out to the gorgeous swimming pool and yard in summer. *Continued on page 28*

**TOP:** A butcher-block counter at one end of the kitchen is a main working space, while the island itself ends up being a gathering spot for kids and guests alike. **LEFT:** Wingback chairs add instant glamour to the dining room, which is grounded by its long harvest table.



Homeowner Sharon says she has grown accustomed to having a large, workable kitchen – it's tough for her to readjust her habits to her smaller cottage kitchen in the summer, she laughs.



The yard itself is simply stunning. The Huttons recently planted 1,700 lavender plants in their backyard, which they now call their “lavender river.” It flows right up to their pool with swim-up bar, outdoor kitchen, fire pits and lounge areas. **Meadowview Landscaping** is their go-to for their landscaping needs.

For the interior, the Huttons asked **Linda Dolman-Weddel** from **Accents For Living** in Guelph to help with their design and décor choices. Her biggest piece of advice: the large rooms with soaring

ceilings don't need a lot of small accessories. Less is more in this home.

That isn't true for the number of people, though! As with any large family, the Huttons have a bit of a revolving door of friends and family at different times.

“We probably have 10 people for any given meal when all the kids are home,” says Sharon. But that’s alright – she adores her new kitchen (**HB Wood Products**) and has space to accommodate everyone in either the kitchen itself or in the dining room. *Continued on page 32*

**RIGHT:** The couple who built this home carefully selected all of the chandeliers for each space over the course of a few years. **BOTTOM MIDDLE:** The Huttons moved in and immediately filled the whole home with love. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The main floor powder room is just one example of the carefully selected and curated fixtures in each space, regardless of size.



A dining table just off the kitchen is open to a casual living space at the front of the home, which features a stone fireplace.







The Huttons had Bricon Contracting close in the sunroom space outside the kitchen for all-season use. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** The Huttons had Josh Clemmer from Stones Throw create the custom sofa table and dining table for the sunroom, as well as an island for their outdoor kitchen. His work appears in a number of rooms in their home, each piece different from the next but all equally stunning. **BOTTOM:** When they aren't in the sunroom, the basement is a fantastic space for entertaining, with plenty of space for cards and games, plus a theatre room and gym.







A tiny red ladybug hides among black and white leaves in this painted wash basin.



"It is a joy to cook in my kitchen," she says. "Once you get used to having so much space, it's hard to do otherwise. I love that everyone fits comfortably in the kitchen. It's a hotspot."

The Huttons call on **Champagne Concierge** to take care of cleaning their immaculate home from top to bottom.

As local business owners – Sharon and James own **Hutton Forest Products Inc.** – the Huttons prioritized working with local businesses themselves.

Similarly, this home was so perfect, they didn't move homes to get closer to their office, they moved their head office to be closer to their new home. It was just that right a fit for them.

The Huttons may not have pieced this beautiful home together themselves, but it's family and love that makes a house a home – and of that they have plenty. **OH**

**ABOVE:** Detailed tiling, a niche for art and a vanity that looks like ornate furniture are just some features that make this master bath shine. **LEFT:** The master bedroom is on the main floor, with other bedrooms located upstairs.

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