

# PARTY of Five

Style and function combine to create a gorgeous and incredibly livable family home. **RIGHT:** Wrought-iron balusters are a nice touch in this grand staircase. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A stunning starburst light fixture marks the entry to the Pundyks' home. Similar fixtures punctuate the space on the main floor.

*NESTLED IN KANATA, THIS FOUR-BEDROOM, THREE-AND-A-HALF BATH FAMILY HOME HAS AN INSTANTLY HAPPY, BUSY AND LOVING ATMOSPHERE. THIS WASN'T A BUILD PICKED FROM A MODEL HOME; THE PUNDYK FAMILY TOOK THE BUILDER'S PLANS AND CHANGED IT TO FIT THEIR LIFESTYLE.*

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Clean lines and symmetry are everywhere in the Pundyks' home, including with this sleek fireplace perfectly framed by large windows, offering a unique view of the escarpment.

John and Sarah Pundyk and their three boys, Tate, 6, Riley, 12, and Jackson, 14, wanted a practical, functional and stylish home. That's exactly what you see when the front door opens.

Sarah and John have a long relationship with their builder **Uniform Developments**, having purchased a home in Stonebridge back in 2002. John's parents built two homes with Uniform, in 2006 and 2010.

"We knew we wanted a Uniform house because of their solid reputation and beautiful designs," says Sarah.

Large windows, from **Elite Windows and Doors**, draw the natural light into the large main-floor living space. The almost floor-to-ceiling windows offer a beautiful view of a 20-foot granite escarpment carved out of a ridge. The ridge also means privacy – they do not back on to any other homes, which was

important when selecting the lot.

"It was about the lot," says Sarah. They had a handful left to choose from and were instantly drawn to the manageable garden with this unique ridge feature. The family spends summer weekends at their cottage so it was key for them to have a nice garden that didn't require a lot of upkeep. They opted for a beautiful patio installed by **Carlo Tardiolo of Complete Stone Installation**.

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This sporty family doesn't shy away from competition, even when vying for world domination while playing Risk.



A wide open living, dining and kitchen area means that this family of five can spread out, but remain connected. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The light hardwood is the perfect tone to catch and redistribute the light in this sunny home. **ABOVE LEFT:** The Pundyks spend some quality time together playing games in their family-friendly living room.





Inside, the light hardwood flooring from **Nino Marte Hardwood Flooring** that runs throughout the house shines from the daylight cascading in from outside.

As a family of five, Sarah and John wanted to step away from the model home design. They needed to tweak elements to make it functional for their needs. “I wanted to change the floor plans,” says Sarah. “I wanted clean lines and something that was easy to maintain.” Even the island has a waterfall countertop to prevent damage from the hustle and bustle of the house. Every detail was considered. The kitchen cupboards from **Deslaurier Custom Cabinets** are flat instead of shaker style to prevent dust build-up, making clean-up easy.

The dark cabinets are in striking contrast to the light quartz countertop (also from Deslaurier Custom Cabinets) on the island.

On the other side of the kitchen sits a large mudroom. This was extended from the original plans, creating enough space with a walk-in closet for this active family to store their outdoor gear. There’s plenty of room to put on shoes and coats and exit through a door that leads outside. *Continued on page 58*



Dark cabinetry not only plays a key role in the colour contrast in the space, but the flat design means easy cleaning. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** The quartz island where the family eats most of their meals has yet another smart design element: waterfall edges. **BOTTOM:** Having a large, stylish dining room to entertain in was a priority for Sarah, who loves to host gatherings.





The large dining room creates a perfect space to entertain guests, something that Sarah felt strongly about.

Sarah also sourced the magnificent light fixtures herself – a striking element throughout the main floor.

Nestled by the front door is Sarah’s home office, which doubles as a television room. Sarah calls it her “chill out” space, while the boys are busy playing games downstairs.

The fun continues upstairs for the boys, with a room complete with large windows, a comfy sofa and their own television. There’s even a homework station in the hallway leading to two of the boys’ bedrooms. Sarah calls this area of the home the “boys wing” as she makes her way to the other side of the house into her large master bedroom. It has a spectacular view of the ridge through large windows and a hallway that leads to a grand en suite.

Sarah changed the layout to include a walk-in closet for her. *Continued on page 60*

**RIGHT:** The large walk-in closets were one of Sarah’s custom modifications. **MIDDLE:** The spa-like master bathroom features an extra-long bathtub. **TOP:** The beauty of the master bedroom is in the details, like the soft colours, tray ceiling and wide slatted shutters.



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The boys' bedrooms are all sizeable and bright. **BELOW:** The Pundyk boys hang out in their own space in the basement, which includes a framed Carey Price jersey, a nod to Jackson's favourite goalie. **BOTTOM:** Low-maintenance meets high style with this patio and simple backyard.



Stairs from **Grandor Lumber Inc.** lead to the lower level, where Jackson has his bedroom and bathroom. There's also plenty of room for the boys to play ministicks too! Their love of hockey is evident throughout the space, as posters, trophies and framed jerseys take pride of place. The home is clearly designed to fit the family and their lifestyle. It is a true collaboration between a busy family and **Uniform Developments**, a builder happy to customize the Pundyks' new home. **OH**

A ridge cut out of the granite escarpment provides privacy and a beautiful focal point in the backyard.





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