



GOTTA HAVE HEART

The kitchen is the heart of the home. This summer we bring you seven one-of-a-kind kitchen makeovers by local designers and craftspeople.

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SERENE CONTEMPORARY

This bar and a downstairs kitchen (still in progress) are all about thoughtful design. Owner Margaret Dabrowski Sickle knew exactly what she wanted – Douglas fir cabinets and counters and discrete LEDs to light up each shelf.

Millard Bautista Designs executed the design perfectly.

KITCHEN: Millard Bautista Designs.

DESIGNER & HOMEOWNER: Margaret Dabrowski Sickle, M. Arc, OAA.

CABINETRY: Flat-sawn, vertical-grain Douglas fir.

COUNTERS: Douglas fir.

HARDWARE: Silver finger pulls on bar, polished nickel bullets in kitchen.

FAVOURITE ADD-ON: LED shelf lighting.



A vertical grain finish on the cabinets hides a surprise – deep soft-close, double-depth drawers. A second drawer makes sure nothing gets lost at the bottom.



Adding to the charm are simple flowers from Sideroad Farm Floral in a container provided by Butternut Mercantile.

Lindsay painted the two pieces that create the bar area in Empire Silk by Annie Sloan, topped it with hemp oil and a touch of black wax. This striking pop of red is a testimony to her talent with paint.



KITCHEN: Baywood Designs.
HOMEOWNER: Lindsay Herbert.
CABINETRY: Shaker style.
CABINET FINISH: Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in a 50/50 blend of Pure White & Old White.
ISLAND FINISH: Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in Graphite over French Linen, distressed with black wax.
BAR FINISH: Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in

INSPIRED SHADES

The heart of Lindsay Herbert's home is her kitchen where her young family gathers. The owner of **Baywood Designs**, Lindsay knew just where to start when it came to tackling her own kitchen project. Her inspiration was Annie Sloan Chalk Paint, which she sells and works with on custom projects for clients. From the stained shiplap walls to the island, her painting technique transformed this country kitchen.

Empire Silk topped with hemp oil and a touch of black wax.
SHIPLAP WALL FINISH: Annie Sloan Curio finished with dark wax.
SINK & FAUCET: Georgian Design Centre.
FLOOR TILE: The Flooring Place: Porcelain plank, wood-look.
LIGHTING: Home Décor and More.
FAVOURITE ADD-ON: Everything.

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FRESH LIGHT

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KITCHEN: Cabneato.
HOMEOWNER: Jane Doyle.
CABINETRY: Shaker-style with custom crown moulding.
CABINET FINISH: Benjamin Moore Snow White.
COUNTERS: HanStone Quartz in smoke.

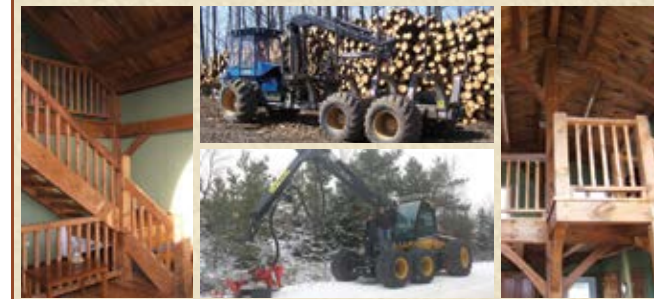
HARDWARE: Polished nickel.
FAUCET: Moen.
SINK: Bristol.
APPLIANCES: LG and Whirlpool.
FAVOURITE ADD-ON: Drawers instead of cabinets.



Cabneato created a custom cabinet with a handy wine rack and glass doors. It is in an ideal place for guests to help themselves on the living room side of the peninsula, so as not to bother the cook.

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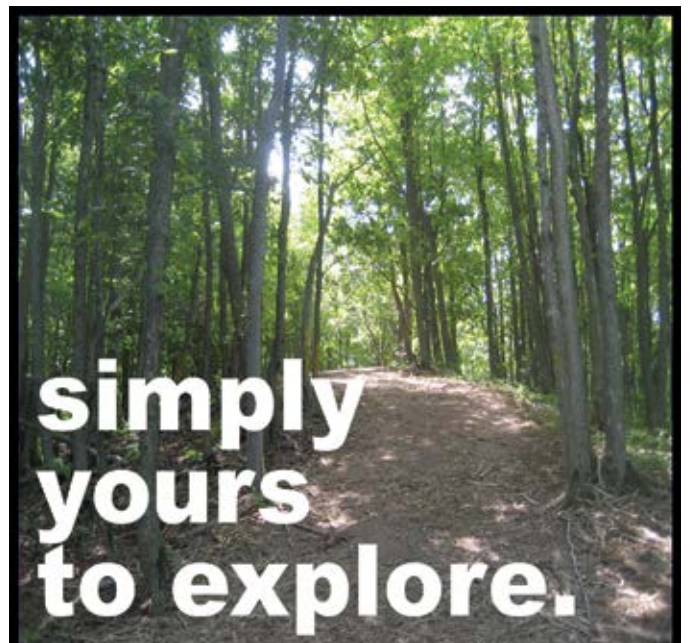
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VICTORIAN COFFERED

When the Himes family bought this home in Collingwood they loved everything but the kitchen and dining room, which were two separate small rooms.

Corinthian Kitchen & Bath Studio started the project by taking down the wall between the two rooms and extending the beautiful coffered ceiling from the dining room right through to the new kitchen, creating a luxurious and unified space for entertaining.



KITCHEN: Corinthian Kitchen & Bath Studio.
HOMEOWNERS: The Himes Family.
CABINETRY: Shaker-style.
CABINET FINISH: Benjamin Moore Cloud White.
HARDWARE: Berenson Designers Group Polished nickel.
COUNTERS: Cambria Quartz Britannica.
APPLIANCES: Fully integrated Miele appliances.
FAVOURITE ADD-ON: Coffered ceiling.

Disposing of household waste can be a chore. But when there is a dedicated area, it's almost pleasant. In a separate alcove near the kitchen island and in close proximity to the garage door, three pull-out units help separate recyclables and garbage. When full it can all be expedited, quickly and easily, outside.

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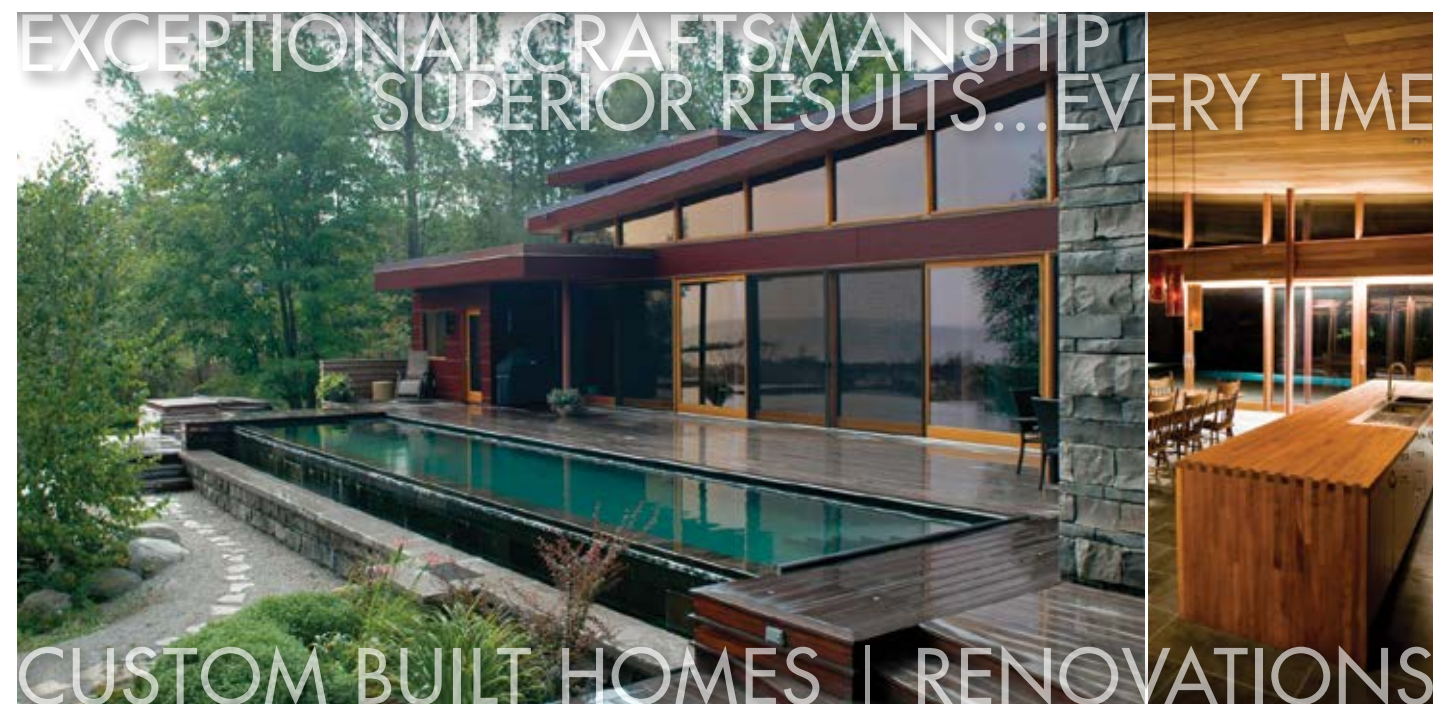
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WATERSIDE BRIGHT

Helena and Cory DeBruyn worked very closely with **Sterling Custom Kitchens** to incorporate everything on their new kitchen wish list, from the large island with a chiseled edge to a separate coffee and wine station. This kitchen has space for everyone, and a spot everywhere to enjoy the view.

- KITCHEN:** Sterling Custom Kitchens.
- HOMEOWNERS:** Helena & Cory DeBruyn.
- CABINETRY:** Contemporary flat-panel fronts with upper awning cabinets.
- CABINET FINISH:** European polyurethane finish in Chantilly Lace and Trout Gray by Benjamin Moore.
- HARDWARE:** Brushed nickel bar pulls.
- PANTRY:** Blum Legrabox soft-close roll-out drawer system.
- COUNTERS:** Cambria Quartz Britannica with chiseled edge profile.
- SINK AND FAUCET:** Georgian Design Centre: Blanco under-mount sink and Delta Fuse faucet.
- APPLIANCES:** Chatterson's Home Furniture & Appliances.
- ELECTRICAL:** The Electricians.



Sturdy Blum rollouts in the pantry cabinet make it easy to see what's on every shelf—useful whether making recipes or the shopping list.

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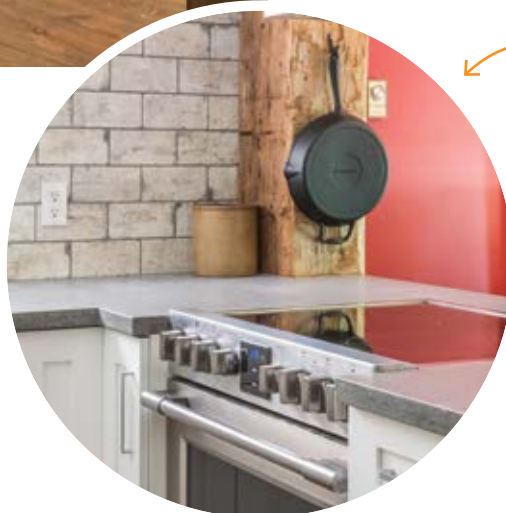


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The backsplash and the beams add a lovely natural element to this space.

The counter wraps around to the Fisher Paykel refrigerator from Macdonald's Furniture & Appliances that has no handle, again gaining a few extra inches.



The range from Chatterson's Home Furniture & Appliances has been recessed so that the handles do not stick out past the cabinets, gaining those extra inches.

KITCHEN: Collingwood Home Hardware Building Centre.
HOMEOWNERS: Rob & Patricia Smith.
CABINETRY: Shaker-style.
CABINET FINISH: White.
COUNTERS: Caesarstone in Rugged Concrete.
HARDWARE: Polished nickel.
APPLIANCES: Fisher Paykel and Frigidaire.
BACKSPLASH: Georgian Design Centre: Renaissance Italian tile with grey grout.
FAVOURITE ADD-ONS: Microwave appliance garage and blind corner storage.

RUSTIC WARMTH

Having renovated a number of kitchens, Rob and Patricia Smith have fine-tuned the list of what works and what doesn't. In this compact kitchen, space is at a premium and there are many little details that help add more room, including having the cabinets reach right to the ceiling to grab those extra inches. **Collingwood Home Hardware Building Centre** was on the same page and helped to give the Smiths as much cupboard space as possible. The deep corner units have blind corner organizers and are one of Patricia's favourite features.

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SHADOW DANCING

Angie Smith interviewed a number of potential contractors to tackle her kitchen renovation, but says **South Gate Cabinets** was really listening to her and understood her vision. She was impressed by their attention to the finest detail. The highlight of the design is the range hood. Some of the walls in the kitchen were bowed, so South Gate Cabinets scribed the backs of cabinets to fit flush, just like everything in this space.

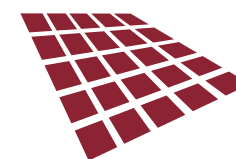
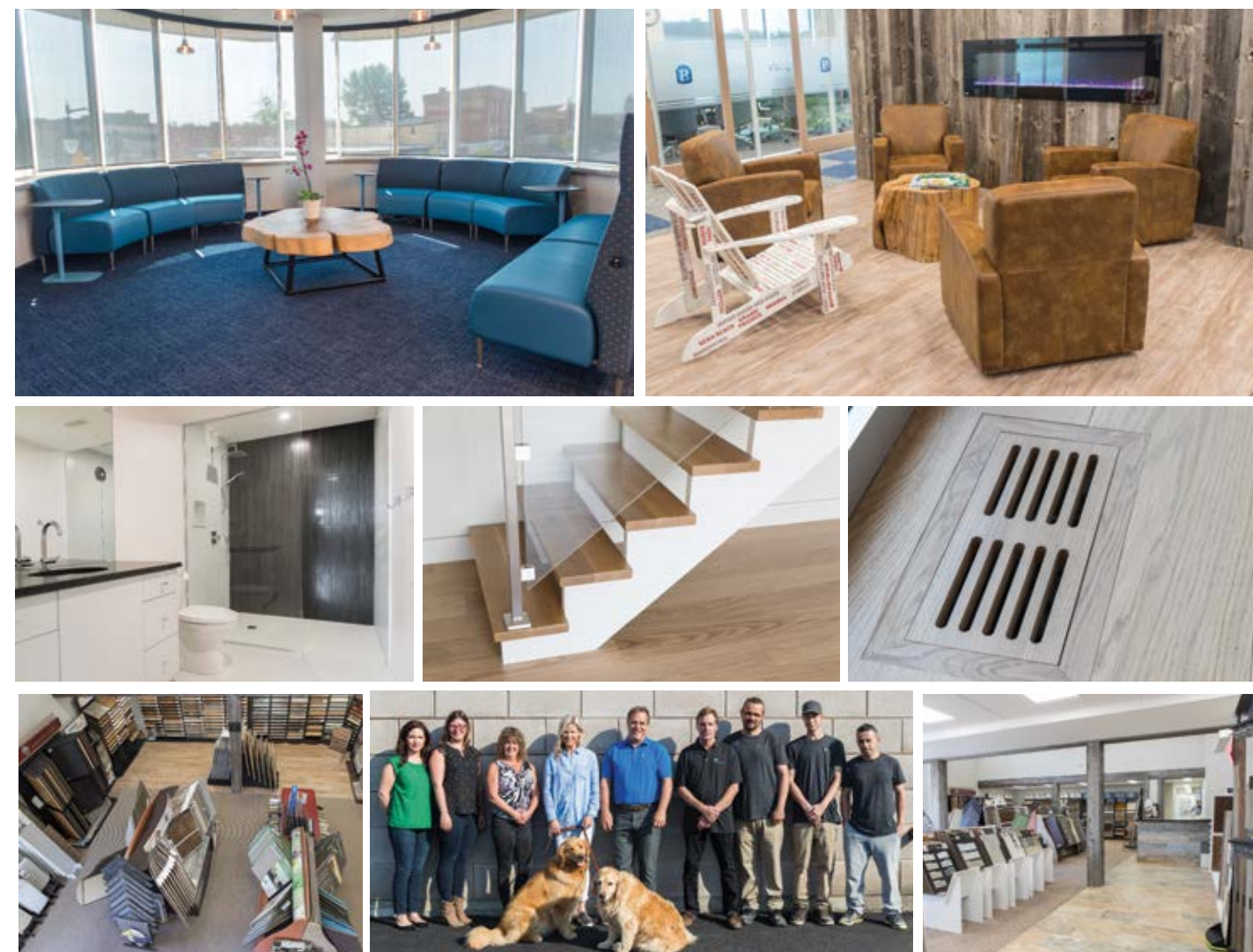


KITCHEN: South Gate Cabinets.
HOMEOWNER: Angie Smith.
CABINETRY: Westport Door.
CABINET FINISH: Benjamin Moore's City Shadow and Collingwood.
HARDWARE: Brushed nickel.
COUNTERS: Di Pietra Design: Quartzite.
APPLIANCES: Jenn-Air.
FAVOURITE ADD-ON: Pull-out storage.

In the island, a Fisher and Paykel refrigerated drawer sits under a slab of Quartzite from Di Pietra Design. It is deep enough to store wine bottles standing up and can also be converted to a freezer when needed. **OH**

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