

# TRADE SECRETS

## *six inspiring renovations*

Renovating your home is a big deal. Budgets, design and construction all matter, and finding the right professionals to complete the project is paramount. OUR HOMES showcases six very different, successful renovations that the homeowners love. We hope these talented, local professionals inspire you to take the plunge and create the ideal home you crave.

### Mike Desroches

**COMPANY:** Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath

**RENOVATION PROJECT:** New Kitchen

**WHAT YOU DID:** I met with homeowner Carolyn on numerous occasions to discuss and design her new kitchen layout. I personally took Carolyn to Toronto three times to choose her granite surface. We manufactured and installed new cabinets - shaker door flat panel - and attached crown moulding around the entire kitchen. We referred Carolyn to local trades for plumbing, electrical and lighting.

**CAROLYN LOVES THE RESULTS BECAUSE...** she got exactly what she wanted.

"Carolyn first saw our ad in OUR HOMES magazine and contacted me after shopping around," says Mike. "After our meeting, she felt Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath was the company she felt most comfortable with to redo her dream kitchen. Carolyn is extremely happy with the excellent workmanship and personal service she received at PKB. She received the quality kitchen she desired and stayed within her budget."



### Homeowner Linda Johnson and Designer Irene Turnbull

**COMPANY:** Turnbull Interiors of Distinction Inc.

**RENOVATION PROJECT:** Total renovation of a bungalow under 1,500 sq.ft.

**WHAT YOU DID:** We redesigned the interior living space starting at the front door, which we relocated from an awkward side entry to a grand centre entrance, by incorporating the existing porch into the interior. The new layout permitted a wonderful bathroom with full glassed-in shower and built-in wardrobes in a private master suite arrangement. The new kitchen with its centre island, repositioned in the former family room, is efficient as well as beautiful and boasts a large walk-in pantry. Detailed millwork, including crown moulding, baseboards, window and door trim and custom cabinetry, creates a classic casually elegant ambience - a perfect setting that includes a formal dining area and comfortable living room.

### LINDA JOHNSON LOVES THE RESULTS BECAUSE...

"Our hope was to have a house that would be comfortable, cosy, elegant and reflect the style that we wanted with no addition. I feel that was accomplished very well. Now it's easy to get around and easy to care for and a good use of every inch of space."

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## Elke Bradford, Design Consultant and Renovation Specialist

**COMPANY:** Designers Plus  
Kitchen & Bath Studio  
**RENOVATION PROJECT:**  
This was an update of a  
charming summer residence  
on Lake Simcoe.

**WHAT WE DID:** In the  
kitchen, we added new quartz  
countertops, an undermount  
sink with "bridge faucet" and  
installed hand-glazed Italian  
tile for the backsplash. We  
painted and hand-distressed  
the chairs and table base and  
distressed and hand-rubbed  
black paint onto existing  
hutches. We added new  
old-world hardware.

We redesigned the laundry  
room and added new cabinetry,  
quartz counters and black  
glass-and-stone, brick mini  
subway tiles on the backsplash.

In the family room, we  
designed and installed new  
custom built-ins to house  
media equipment, custom  
bookcases and covered the  
knotty pine walls with the  
same paint finish. The room is  
now bright and airy.

In the master en suite, we  
updated the paint scheme  
on the walls, trim and face of  
the tub. We raised the vanity,  
added moulding details and  
gave it a fresh new paint  
palette. New Perrin and Rowe  
faucets and Carrera marble  
counters with full backsplash  
enhance the square under-  
mount sinks.

The shower was retiled in  
Carrera marble with a mosaic  
marble accent wall. We added  
a fabulous rain head and a  
separate Grohe hand-held  
shower, all while working with  
the existing custom  
shower glass.

**OUR CLIENT LOVES THE  
RESULTS BECAUSE...**  
it created a look that  
complemented their needs  
and lifestyle.

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## Tammy Kadlec

### COMPANY:

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### RENOVATION PROJECT:

En Suite Bath

**WHAT WE DID:** We are a complete renovations company and can design an entire project, as well as supply and install all materials required to complete any project. Our team is there from start to finish. This particular project started with a small five-by-eight-foot standard bathroom that blossomed into a beautiful 10-by-14-foot European-inspired dream spa.

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This really helps all of our clients get a much better feel for the overall look of their project, and most importantly, the complete cost of their project.

### OUR CLIENTS LOVE THE RESULTS BECAUSE...

We have a full team of professional, licensed trades. All are friendly and experienced and we strive to make our clients' dreams come true. A smile is worth a thousand words, and, trust me, our clients can't help but smile.



## Wayne Ezekiel, Owner and President of ANT Construction

### COMPANY:

### RENOVATION PROJECT:

Complete makeover of a Penthouse Condominium in downtown Barrie owned by Virginia Dekoning

**WHAT WE DID:** We transformed this dated condo by removing interior walls to give the space a modern, open feel. We gutted the bathroom and kitchen and gave Ginny two beautiful new rooms that reflect her style and personality. We converted closets and doors from glass sliders and flat metal casings to a warmer look with wood doors and casings. We installed new laminate flooring throughout with wood baseboards with a shoe mould. We installed new contemporary lighting, including 20 pot lights, and new communication wiring.

"The renovation was a journey from start to finish," says Wayne. "Ginny made my job exciting as she likes things that are different and likes to think outside the box like me."

### VIRGINIA LOVES HER NEW HOME BECAUSE...

of the professional people she worked with, including Yvonne Nielsen of Innovative Design. Yvonne worked with Ginny to design her gorgeous new kitchen and bathroom. The artwork in her Polynesian-inspired paradise comes to life, showcasing who she is as a person. Special thanks to Monarch Electric and CRM Mechanical.

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## Allan McLellan

**COMPANY:** Renovations By Rodgers

**PROJECT:** Complete renovation of a heritage building and rear addition  
**WHAT WE DID:** This project involved a complete renovation. The renovation included a rear addition that expanded the living space and incorporated a new garage, storage and a roof-top outdoor space for the owners. This project was a complete design-build that involved the integration of the new addition with the Heritage building. Our client was looking for a loft-feel living space that would provide modern day features in an existing Heritage building. All the criteria that were set out by the owners were met and far exceeded with the end result. The renovation, in fact, provided many features not contained in the client's previous dwelling, including superior materials and finishings, as well as major features such as a residential elevator. The outdoor space includes a full-featured roof-top terrace serviced by an elevator. The entire renovation was made completely accessible for the disabled. The attention to detail and the installation of unique and upgraded features resulted in a unique renovation with considerable resale appeal. Our clients achieved the lifestyle they were seeking along with a number of added, unexpected benefits. **OH**



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