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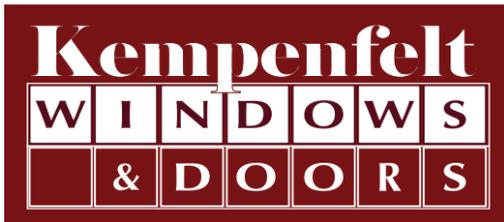
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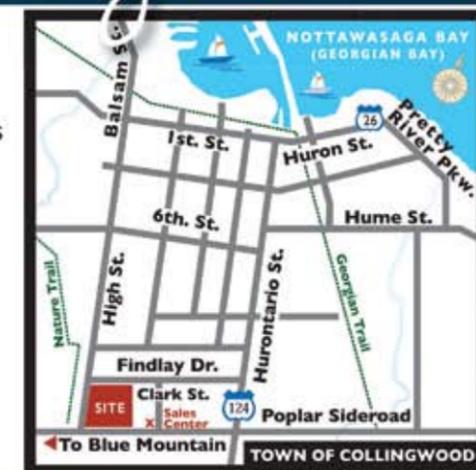
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MY NEW MANTRA IS "SLOW DOWN." I found myself saying it out loud and over again shortly after my youngest son got his G1 driver's licence. After a few anxious weeks we came to an agreement: he would mind his speed if I would let go of the door handle while he was driving. Our road trips have been pleasant ever since.

The whole experience, and constantly saying "slow down," struck a chord. And so, this spring, I've resolved to do just that, enjoy some down time and spend it doing the things I enjoy most. But first, I've got to get my house in order.

You know the routine – cleaning, de-cluttering, tossing or donating the broken or misfit items that turn up in every room. It's not like I sit all winter and ignore the housework. It's just that spring seems to arrive with a long "to do" list that starts inside, then takes you outside, where I like to spend as much time as I can in the warmth of the sunshine.

This year I vow to get rid of everything I promised to purge last spring, but didn't. Then, I will head outside and plant even more flowerpots, vegetables and perennials than I did last year, which gives me great pleasure.

This issue we focus on all the fine details that make a house a home. Randy and Laurie Porter's Lake Simcoe home is a perfect example of how to create a cottage near the city. Their outdoor space is pure inspiration (page 28).

We had so much fun photographing Nicole and Paul Dube's beautiful Barrie home. They've created a floor plan that keeps the family close, but also gives their two daughters (and Mom and Dad) their own space. If you have kids and plan to build, this will be your "Aha" moment (page 76).

I read once that: "The good life doesn't knock on the door. Joy is a job." We found joy in the team at Grandview Homes, where they are committed to building beautifully designed homes. Find out more on page 54.

The best part of my job is meeting people who truly love their homes, and others who inspire all of us to make our digs a special place for our family and friends.

So get to work and start crossing off all those things on your spring "to do" list so you can slow down and enjoy the ride.

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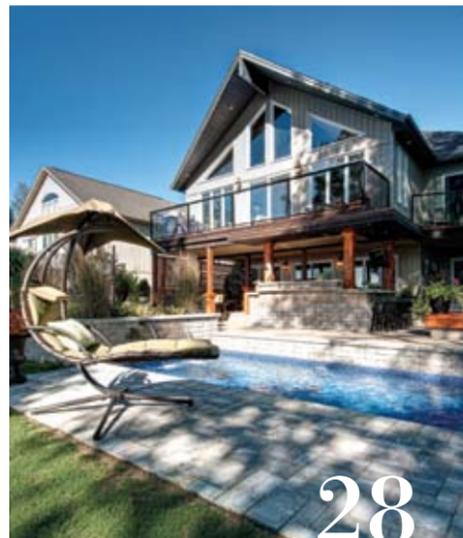
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Hardware is like jewelry, or the finishing touch. Whether you want to be Armani or Kelly Wearstler, the look changes entirely based on the approach. Here are a few options – from minimalist to decorative – that will finish your doors in style and also function beautifully.

FULLY INTEGRATED

This approach requires no hardware leaving your cabinetry clean + simple. A cabinetmaker uses the door itself to create the hardware. There are two approaches:

One method is to carve a finger pull into the backside of the door (1) leaving the front of the door undisturbed. Bulthaup, a high-end cabinetmaker out of Germany, has mastered this minimalist aesthetic. If done properly, this look will highlight the lines of the cabinetry without drawing attention to any unnecessary extras.

Alternatively, (2) cut out part of the door face, enough to put your fingers through to pull the door open. This provides a design detail, remains functional; yet maintains an uncomplicated aesthetic. This approach creates a low-key look with a bit more detail.



PARTIALLY INTEGRATED

Partially integrated means that in order to accommodate the hardware, the door must be notched out. This hardware needs to be applied by a professional. Take this piece (3) by architect Tom Kundig as an example. It is beautifully crafted and adds a hint of interest. On a simple wooden pocket door, this pull adds the perfect amount of detail.

On cabinetry, try a finger pull with a sleek, stainless steel finish (4). The door or drawer is routed out at the back so the hardware can sit flush with the cabinet frame. To achieve this look on a budget, you can source a similar style that can be mounted to the side of the door or drawer without the need to carve into the cabinetry. However, ensure you have enough clearance so the hardware doesn't rub against the next door over or the underside of the countertop.



Designer Stephanie Redmond shares her ideas.

APPLIED

The options are endless (5) but there are two approaches: functional versus decorative. You can keep it simple or make a statement. Leather, glass, lucite, wood, brass... you name it, it's out there. The key is to choose something that is the correct scale, functions well, and that you won't tire of. Good quality hardware can add up, so purchase a sample and bring it home to look at.



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It's worth mentioning that some of the most important pieces are often working behind the scenes. Take your interior house doors. If you are trying to achieve a more minimal look, then a typical swing door may not be your style.

For a more contemporary approach, look at using a pivot hinge (6). These anchor to the floor and ceiling leaving the sides free of any unsightly hinges. With this

look, your door can also be ceiling height, giving your room a sense of scale.

Another option is a barn slider (7). These hang on a rail system and slide on wheels or a rail at the base to prevent any side-to-side swing. The hardware is available in a multitude of styles, visible or hidden. Have a look at the Warehouse style from Rustica Hardware for an industrial look. You won't get a tight fit so best to use this style on a mudroom or a hallway separation.

Hardware is often the last thing we think of – the afterthought that we run out and purchase at the last minute when doors or cabinetry are complete. Next time you're planning a project, look at the hardware first. It will open your mind to a whole other world of design options! **OH**



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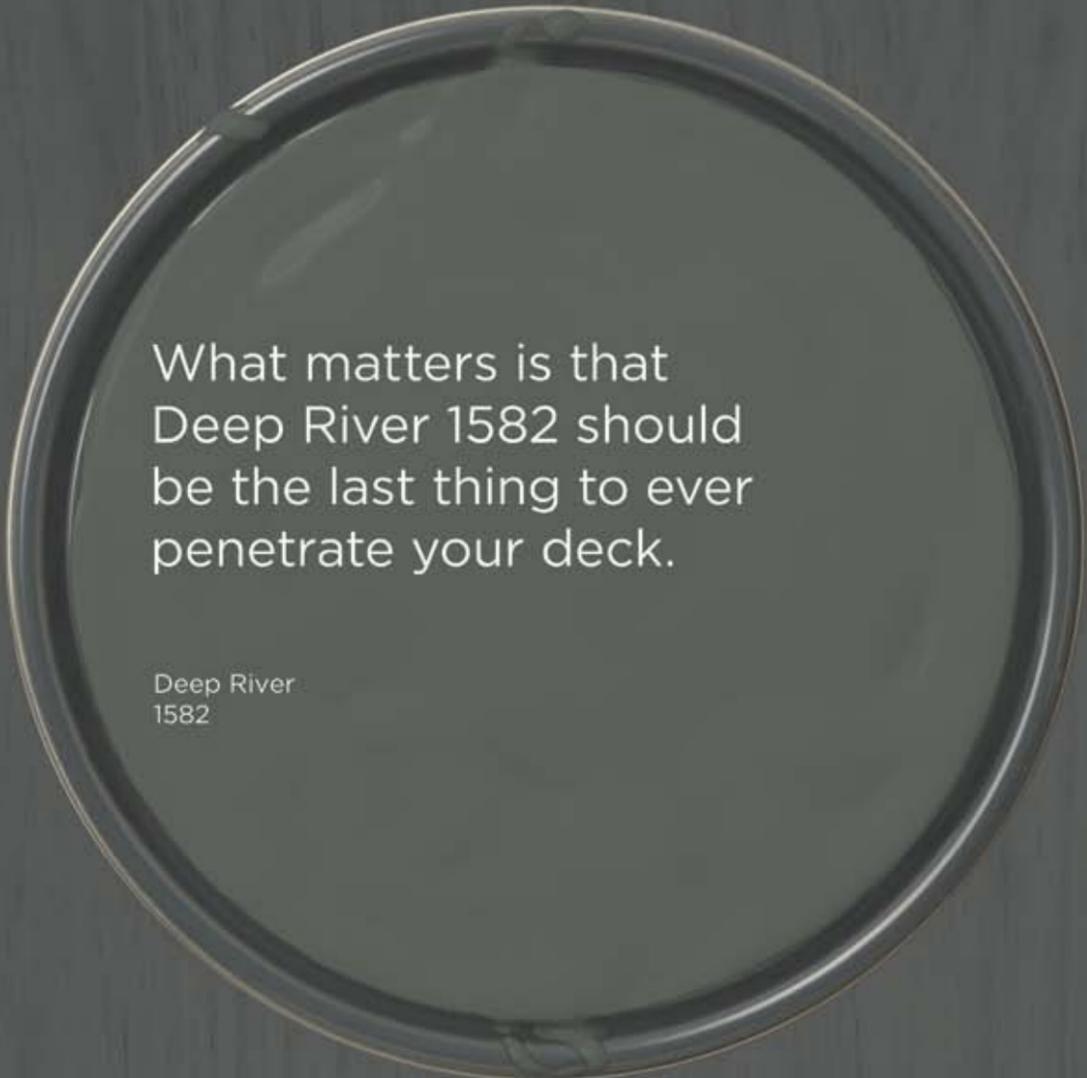
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BACKYARD Bliss



If the sun's shining on Lake Simcoe, there's a pretty good chance **Laurie and Randy Porter** are entertaining friends and family.

The Hawkestone couple always wanted to live on the water, a dream that became a happy reality a decade ago when they found a picture-perfect location on Lake Simcoe halfway between Orillia and Barrie.

Married for 25 years, the pair along with their children, Andrew, 18, and Danielle, 21, have created an oasis celebrating all things summer with a picturesque backyard complete with a large lap pool, an eight-person hot tub and, of course, a lake that's ideal for every type of water activity.

"We've always been water people," explains Randy. "We had a big boat before and were living in Barrie and looking for a cottage. We decided why not try to have a house that's like a cottage so we only have to carry one property."

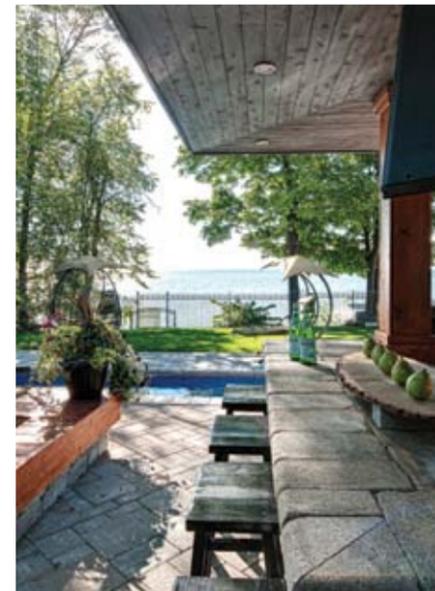
Originally from Toronto, Randy now operates Traffic Ticket Experts in Barrie while Laurie works as a supervisor with Community Living Association for South Simcoe. "This house is built for entertaining," Randy says, noting the home has hosted live bands and even a wedding. "It's a lifestyle. This is our home and cottage."

And since it boasts 75-feet of waterfront shoreline and solid deep-water docks, the panoramic location affords excellent boating and even the opportunity to travel to either Barrie or Orillia for dinner. "When you come home here, you immediately feel like you're at a cottage," Laurie says. "Boating here is just beautiful, especially in the fall."

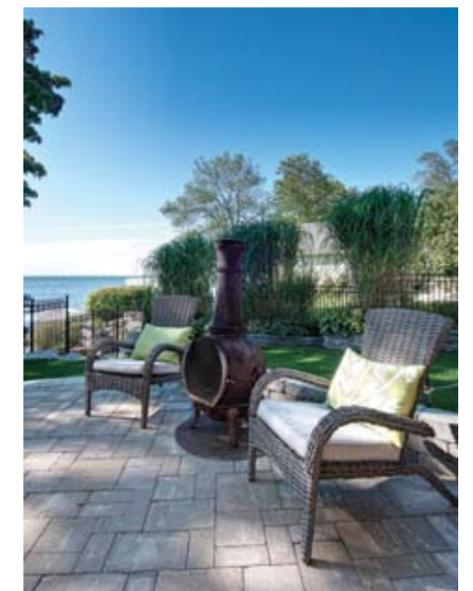
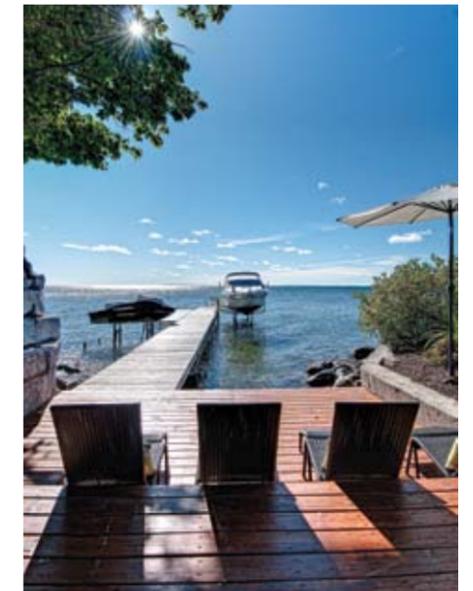
The Porters had a very good idea on how to best create their waterfront paradise, eventually going to Barrie-based **Majestic Outdoor Living** to help see their dream become reality several years ago.

"We accomplished everything that Randy wanted," says Majestic Outdoor Living President **Chris Bowman**, noting the Porters' large inground pool is ideal for entertainment day or night given its ambient lighting. "It's a contemporary style of pool – a very modern design."

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Just a stone's throw from the lake, the Porters enjoy outdoor living at its best. An inground lap pool with a soothing waterfall is surrounded by multiple sitting areas, a covered outdoor kitchen and bar area. Majestic Outdoor Living designed and installed the pool and all the stonework.



ABOVE: Randy and Laurie Porter relax on their waterfront deck.

The heated lap pool is the focus of this stunning lakefront property. **OPPOSITE PAGE BOTTOM:** The pool is surrounded by impressive stonework and a raised deck for lounging next to the bar and hot tub. **TOP:** The kitchen area is protected from the elements and wired for TV and audio.



But besides the nine-foot-by-28-foot saltwater pool and accompanying waterfall, the backyard also features a complete outdoor kitchen along with impressive stonework, all designed and installed by Majestic Outdoor Living.

Bowman, who points out landscape design actually represents a large chunk of his company's business, says the company had to ensure setbacks required by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority were followed throughout the construction process.

Using a combination of Unilock dimensional stone and Brussels Block tumbled stone, Bowman's crew created a visually stunning backyard overlooking the lake's widest expanse.

Randy says some have questioned the need for a pool while living lakeside. "With the lake, it's only warm enough to go in from the first week of July to the second week of September. The pool and what we've created allows us to enjoy being outside for a much longer period." The lake remains a favourite, however, for the appropriately-named Laker, a friendly Newfoundland Landseer dog "who just loves it here."

Some of the landscaping work was done out of necessity due to erosion caused by the lake's continual ebb and flow. The new design not only helps combat that problem, but also likely helped save a couple of large trees from eventually tumbling down. "The tree roots were visible," Randy says. "We ended up tearing out all the cedar decking and replacing it all with interlocking stone."

But the Porters' obvious love of entertaining extends well beyond the backyard. Guests arriving through the home's front entrance pass through double French doors and are greeted by a warm "party" room that not only connects to the back patio, but also serves as a wonderful spot to celebrate with friends and family.

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With enough seating for more than a dozen, this entertainment space features a large leather sofa, plenty of comfy chairs and a corner gas fireplace installed by **Napoleon Home Comfort** in Barrie.

Like many areas throughout the home, the Porters relied on local retailers like Heritage Homestead for much of their furnishing and décor choices throughout the room, which also features a huge wet bar and high island table with chairs.

After purchasing the home in 2004, the Porters embarked on a number of major renovations that included converting a garage into the aforementioned party room, adding a three-car garage and, perhaps most impressively, extending the building's shell closer to Lake Simcoe. This move not only created a much larger master bedroom overlooking the lake, but also helped provide a much larger living/sitting area with exposed beams and windows reaching all the way to the vaulted ceilings and a cosy ledgestone gas fireplace along with a fully-accessible patio.

Inside, the renovated upper main floor has gleaming hardwood floors, floor-to-ceiling windows that allow the sunshine in, a stone fireplace with a cosy sitting area and a contemporary glass railing along the stairs that lead to the lower level. There is a walkout to a huge deck and barbecue area overlooking the decadent waterfront outdoor space.



The kitchen has a pub-style, quartz-topped island with a handy beverage fridge. The Porters opted for a dark island and white custom cabinetry along the perimeter.



There's also an adjacent dining area and an impressive kitchen complete with custom cabinets, quartzite counters, high-end Maytag appliances from **Bayfield Appliance** in Barrie and a wonderful granite island workspace created by Orillia's **ORA Kitchens** that's perfect for either cooking up some quick munchies for friends or creating an elegant sit-down meal. "The house was 1,800 sq. ft. when we bought it and it's now up to 3,500 sq. ft.," Randy says. "We've gone as far forward towards Lake Simcoe as we can go."

The extensive revamp was actually completed by the home's original builder, Orillia's **Marty Veenstra**. Randy says the amiable builder did much of the work himself, which included adding solid oak hardwood flooring throughout the home along with installing in-floor radiant heating and spray-foam insulation to provide effective protection from the elements.

Laurie also credits **RCM Custom Glass & Mirror Ltd.** with helping to open up the main floor, which also features two other bedrooms as well as a short staircase leading to a hidden loft bedroom. RCM created a stainless steel and glass wall section that links the home's front, back and downstairs portions. "It really changed the look of the house," she says. "It creates more flow from one area to another along with more light."

The home features warm colours throughout, many selected by Randy, who also did a number of renovation projects such as installing the kitchen backsplash himself. *Continued on page 36*



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The master bedroom is located on the upper main floor with a private deck and separate en suite.



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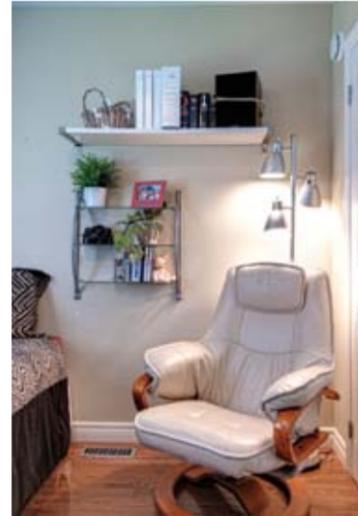
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A self-described TV aficionado, Randy has also ensured almost every room, including the master bath, comes equipped with a television.

The large basement features a bedroom, a third full bathroom and another large entertainment area that features surround sound, making it perfect for one of the Porters' karaoke parties. "There are so many levels here and so many places to sit and hang out," Randy adds.

Barrie's **Bayfield Carpet Inc.** supplied all tiling and flooring for the home, which also features ductless split air-conditioning units installed by **Foster's Heating & Cooling** along with a Lifebreath heat recovery system, tankless water heater and an on-demand natural gas generator.

But after a decade of great times and warm memories, the Porters have decided it's time to move on. "We're downsizing... it's just getting too big for us with our kids getting older," Randy says. "This is the longest we've ever lived in one house, but we've had a lot of fun here." **OH**

TOP LEFT AND MIDDLE: A full four-piece bath on the main floor is close to two other bedrooms. **TOP RIGHT AND BOTTOM LEFT:** The lower level is an ideal space for entertaining. There's a comfortable living area, a wet bar, a huge granite island and walk-out to the pool and waterfront. **RIGHT:** Daughter Danielle's bedroom.



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LIGHTING

One of the most overlooked keys to unlocking your home's exterior potential is well thought-out lighting. Use layers of light to eliminate harsh shadows for a more welcoming environment at night.

- Line the path to your door with lights to guide both your eye and your guests to the entrance.
- Use a combination of potlights with pendants or sconces (or all three) on the landing or porch to create an even and inviting glow.
- The current trend in pendants is to go big to make a statement, so if you're at all unsure choose a larger lamp and let there really be light!
- Place sconces one-to-two feet lower than the top of your door frame, centred above your mailbox or house numbers (if they are beside the door).
- You can also add a sconce above the door instead of a pendant – choose something bigger or bolder than the lower sconces so it dominates.

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Once again doors are opening up to the outside world. Celebrating your outdoor space and paying a little attention to your exteriors can dramatically increase the value of your property, while also giving you

much more room to live in. To make sure your front door sets the right tone every time you come home, here are my top tips for maximum curb appeal.

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Besides the lighting, you can take many other cues from interior styling when creating an outdoor space. Add a seating grouping around the front door to create a moment to come home to instead of just a pathway to pass through.

- Place a weather-appropriate chair on either side of the door, dressed with a fun, seasonal pillow for colour.
- Then, back each chair with a large shrub or miniature garden arrangement, in a simple but sizeable planter, to create a visual backdrop and add a variety of heights.
- Use a brightly patterned, full-size outdoor rug, layered under the traditional-size door mat, to create a truly welcoming outdoor space.
- If you don't have a path or anywhere to set your seating, Envirotile recycled rubber faux-stone tiles are much lighter than true stone and easy to lay, rearrange or store.



PAINT

- Choosing one colour for all of your exterior details can drag down the look – use an accent colour for emphasis to generate interest through contrast.
- Start with a colour a few shades lighter than the siding (or white) for the primary trim moulding – the roof cornice, window trim, doorframes, etc.
- Then, go darker for the shutters and window sashes (the inner frame holding the glass) so they appear deeper, richer and timelessly sophisticated.
- When in doubt, this same accent colour can then dress the door. However, for a fun and modern look, try one of these Benjamin Moore hues:

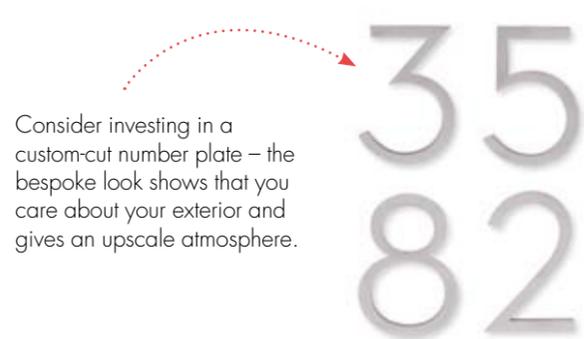


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Accessories:
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Consider investing in a custom-cut number plate – the bespoke look shows that you care about your exterior and gives an upscale atmosphere.

ACCESSORIES:

- For a quick update, start by focusing on the front porch or entry – it's the natural focal point, and the space everyone passes through as they're welcomed inside. A suite of contemporary accessories will refresh new and old homes alike.
- A modern and fun doorbell, mailbox, knocker, door knob and set of numbers work together to give even a very traditional exterior a twist of transitional appeal.
- For an orderly arrangement, line up your mailbox and house numbers on one horizontal centre line across your door, 40 to 42 inches off the ground. Make sure the centre of each is equally far from the door for symmetry. **OH**

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DEAD AS A DOORNAIL?

BY WALTER FRANCYK



The door knob could become as extinct as the dodo, if Vancouver's ban on this humble door hardware spreads. Starting this spring, new amendments to the west coast city's building code will banish door knobs in new housing by requiring lever handles on all doors. Existing door knobs won't be illegal, but in new homes, builders will have to install levers that are easier to use by the elderly and those with weak or arthritic hands. Levers will also be mandatory on all water faucets in new homes.

In a mirror image on Canada's east coast, Halifax city councillors now want staff to study the feasibility of banning door knobs in newly-built homes.

Early this year in Pickering, Ontario, an accessibility advisory committee pressed city councillors to ask the province to amend its building code to ban door knobs in new buildings.

Designer Meg Mackay, a retired member of the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario, is delighted with Vancouver's new measure. "I would like to see this ban happen across Canada and for us to be seen on the leading edge of ease and convenience in this technology," she says. "As a large portion of our population ages and becomes more frail and challenged by limited use of forearm rotation, such as with painful arthritis, this transition away from the use of the door knob is logical, maybe even critical."

The marketplace is booming with a plethora of lever choices in many finishes, Mackay says. While door knob designs currently offer the most plentiful door handle options, hardware distributors currently stock hundreds of different levers from which to choose.

Adopting the lever in place of the door knob is based on the principle of universal design. "That means not designing or redesigning to make the acts of daily living a little more convenient for a specific individual, but adapting it globally to suit the whole population and passing legislation to make it become standard practice in the marketplace," says Mackay.

"People will come to expect this standard as it creeps slowly into our way of life as insidiously as the Internet or computer banking."

But not everyone is prepared to accept Vancouver's new building code as the door knob's obituary. Toronto architect Harry Morison Lay describes the door knob ban as draconian. While barrier-free homes have merit and barrier-free design can improve the aesthetics of any building, banning door knobs is an intrusion by well-meaning authorities into private lives, Lay says. "In Canada, we've always made a distinction between public and private," he says. "We don't legislate urinals, sprinklers or fire exit lighting in homes."

Door knobs have been used for centuries. They've been mass-produced for about 200 years. Some, such as the pressed-glass handles that sparkle like crystals in the sunlight, have become collectors' items. Reproducing new versions of antique door knobs and hardware has become a small, but thriving industry.

Door grips are one facet of a home that can charm and please people. Finnish architect Juhani Pallasmaa, whose writings about architectural theory are required reading in architectural schools, describes the door handle as the handshake of the building. He spent many hours designing and refining door handles as talismans reflecting all the principles and elements of a building's design.

Architects delight in the details of a building, says Lay. "That's where the tactile, the sensuous and visually delightful parts of a building's composition really make sense on a human level – things you touch, use and see," he says. "Other than the floor, the door knob and handrail are the two most common points of contact between us and the building that we're visiting. How we handle those and respond to those is not merely on a functional level, it's on the level of pleasure and visual delight. When we narrow that range of options to a certain format, I worry that we're shutting the door on opportunities to give real pleasure to a building's occupants."

Dog owners will argue that lever handles are the work of the devil when it comes to their pooches being able to throw open a door, he says. "Having grown up with a standard poodle, I know for a fact that levered handles would be an invitation to escape."

While some people predict Vancouver's door knob ban will spread to the rest of British Columbia and eventually all of Canada, Lay doubts it will gain traction among easterners who have always been skeptical of West Coast trends. "Nevertheless, any initiative that enjoys a favourable public reaction is hard to stop," he says.

He predicts the barrier-free movement will go much further than a simple lever door handle. "There are going to be voice-activated door openers, ocular recognition. There are many security and commercial-oriented devices percolating down to the residential level." He wonders whether this mandated change for private homes really accomplishes anything. "It would be best to have multiple solutions for any one task." OH



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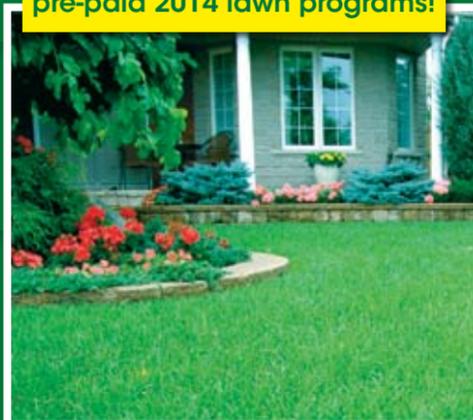
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SPRING CLEANING YOUR PANTRY

BY TONIA WILSON-VUKSANOVIC

Spring is here, it's time to shake out the carpets and put away the winter clothing. I always get a great sense of relief once the house has had a thorough spring cleaning. My head feels lighter and I somehow feel more in control of my hectic life.

One part of my spring cleaning routine is to sort through my pantry items. It gives me a real sense of accomplishment going through the cupboards and using up all the "tidbits" that are lurking in the far reaches. It sounds like I need a bit more excitement in my life if I'm getting excited about cupboard cleaning... oh well, it's the small things that can bring great pleasure!

These forgotten and neglected items can turn into a great meal, it's good to get them used up before they reach their expiration date and find themselves in the trash. Another benefit of a "pantry cleanse" is that you can save on groceries and it forces you to get a little creative with your culinary skills.

Your first step in the "pantry cleanse" is to pull everything out of the cupboard and give the shelves a good cleaning. Preferably, clean with a natural or non-chemical cleaner as this is where food resides. Do one or two cupboards at a time so that it doesn't seem too daunting a chore. Also, if you have to stop midway through you won't have everything all over your countertops.

Look for the items that you know have been in the cupboard for too long, put all the things you really want used up on the counter so you can easily see them. You know a half box of pasta will likely be used shortly, however the half bag of buckwheat flour or container of dried porcini mushrooms will need a bit more attention.

Once you have put all the neglected items aside, take out a pen and paper and try to put together a list of dishes that will incorporate all the items you've got. Try to combine two or three ingredients together in one dish so that you'll make quicker work of using up the foods. There are great sources for finding recipes online and all you need to do is punch in one of your food items and a wealth of recipe options will come up. If you're feeling particularly ambitious you can also do a "freezer cleanse" at the same time and incorporate some of your frozen items that need to find a home.

SOME GREAT RECIPE WEBSITES:

- www.allrecipes.com
- www.foodnetwork.com
- www.lcbo.com
- www.epicurious.com
- www.canadianliving.com

HERE ARE A FEW TYPICAL ITEMS THAT TEND TO BE HIDING IN THE BACKS OF PANTRIES WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO USE THEM UP:



Quinoa: kale salad with quinoa, blueberries and walnuts



Specialty flours: crêpes filled with grated cheese and sautéed mushrooms



Canned tuna: white bean salad with tuna, roasted peppers and feta



Oils and vinegars: make a few jars of different vinaigrettes so they're ready to go



Cornmeal: red pepper and corn pancakes served with avocado and grilled salmon



Dried beans and legumes: hummus, soup or salads



Rolled oats: low-fat oatmeal cookies, homemade granola bars



Coconut milk: shrimp and bok choy soup, red curry beef stew

Hopefully this will inspire you to get cleaning, and then get cooking. If you're not feeling up for the cooking portion, why not drop off all your surplus items to the local soup kitchen or community food bank. These organizations will usually accept smaller items, but call first to confirm. Either way, having sorted through your pantry will be a great way to kick off the beginning of spring and get your kitchen ready for the new bounty of fresh produce that is sprouting up in the gardens. So roll up your sleeves and get to work! **OH**

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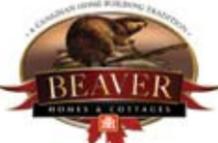
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GRANDVIEW *ingenuity*



BY KATHLEEN DUNCAN
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A world of possibility and promise awaits visitors to **Grandview Homes'** model home and design centre where the doors open to a family of specialists excited about collaborating to create new homes.

Owners Linda and Randy Brown have constructed a close-knit staffing team with a shared vision of excellence at every step.

"Everyone working here is really good at their job and extremely passionate about making the process of home-buying a positive experience," says Grandview design consultant Kristylynn Leibel, the Georgian College grad and entrepreneur who also heads up **KL Interior Design**. "We strive to go over and above for everybody."

Indeed, the warm welcome received upon crossing the threshold of the model home turns potential clients into fast friends. Here, coffee is always on and the **cupCAKEs** on offer are as beautiful as they are delicious. Fresh floral arrangements from **Joshua's Greenery** add a final cosy touch.

Grandview is a popular Sunday-afternoon destination and Barrie sales manager Camini Persaud-Clark is happily busy answering questions and finalizing paperwork. In another room, sales rep Joanne Banman explains the many style and colour combinations available for the heritage-style brick homes to a young couple who are at the next step in the process. Nearby, their charming toddler focuses more on his cookie than the quality appointments of the new home where he'll grow up.

It's Joanne's job to guide homeowners to their preferred palette of exterior colours and textures, while ensuring each home in the community remains entirely unique. "Our exterior packages are pre-determined by our expert Tara Clarke and we have a large range of packages to choose from," Joanne says. Consistent throughout, however, is the craftsmanship of Jeld-Wen Windows & Doors, **Hymask Roofing**, **Roger's Plumbing**, **Coulson Complete Services** and **Gatt Electric**. *Continued on page 56*

The Grandview Abbey 2 model home in Barrie's Bear Creek Hollow is a four-bedroom, 2,625 sq. ft. beauty. The living room at the front and dining room next to the kitchen at the back are spacious and beautifully decorated, giving new homeowners a vision of what their home can be.



While the tot's parents discuss exterior finishes, Joanne offers a newcomer a bottle of water while greeting a familiar face who just popped in with a measuring tape.

Before homebuyers can get to the task of choosing shingles and furniture placement, they must first decide on a community. Grandview Homes currently has four in development. A short walk from Barrie's Kempenfelt Bay, Summerhill Estates has the look of a quaint seaside community. Cape Cod cedar shake accents are an option. Across town, close to an abundance of environmentally protected land, Phase 3 of **Bear Creek Hollow** has been released.

Collingwood's Mountaincrafter sits nestled between the shores of Georgian Bay and the Blue Mountains. The newly announced subdivision of Mayberry Estates in Keswick prepares to unveil its brand new model home. The grand opening is slated for April 26.

Regardless of location, dozens of lots and models are available to suit every taste and family make-up - from the Grange bungalow, measuring 1,350 sq. ft., to the two-storey Wendover that boasts four bedrooms, a study and a two-storey foyer over its spacious 3,650 sq. ft.

The mid-range Abbey 2 (2,625 square feet) is showcased in the model home at 2 Auburn Court in Barrie. Originally designed by Kristylynn's predecessor Tara Clarke, it features **Continental Fireplaces** in the great room and master bedroom, a Cultured Stone drystack ledgestone accent wall (from **Patene Building Supplies Ltd.**) in the dining room

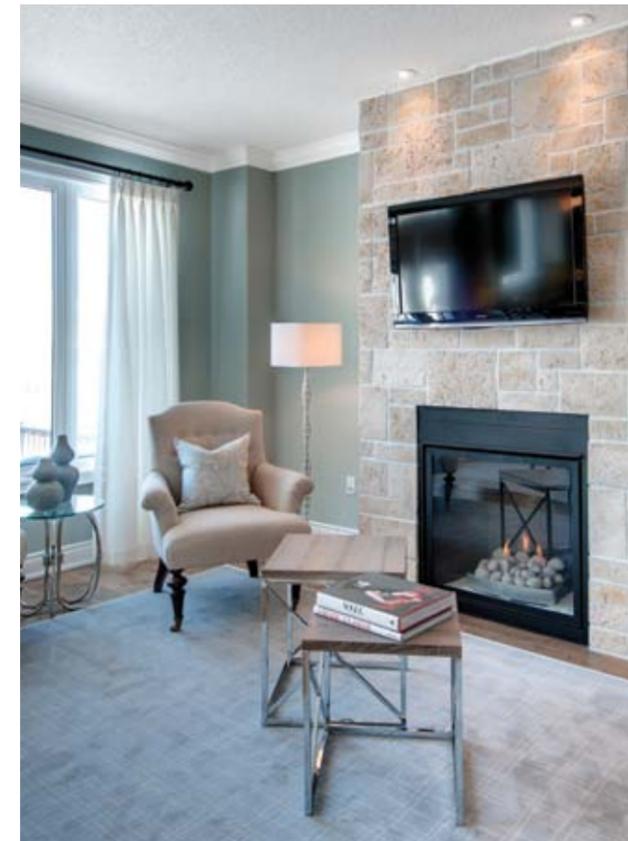
and shower enclosures by **Lake Simcoe Glass & Mirror Services** with rain-head shower fixtures by Kohler.

Upgrade options like Cambria quartz countertops in the KitchenCraft Kitchen and Mirage engineered hardwood five-inch plank flooring have been chosen to demonstrate the potential, says Kristylynn, who invites homeowners to Grandview Homes' new downtown-Barrie design centre when they've finished up with Joanne. Specializing in large-scale renos, custom homes and cottages, Kristylynn's design philosophy is on display in the Dunlop Street East showroom.

"I'm pretty well-known for neutral tones and texture variations," she says, considering her professional style. "It's pretty transitional. I like the mix of cleaner, contemporary lines with the character and history of traditional design."

"You can really change the look of your home with the choice of door style, hardware, trim and paint colour," she explains, noting all paints to be Verda's VOC-free products. "You can go entirely standard here and have a stunning result."

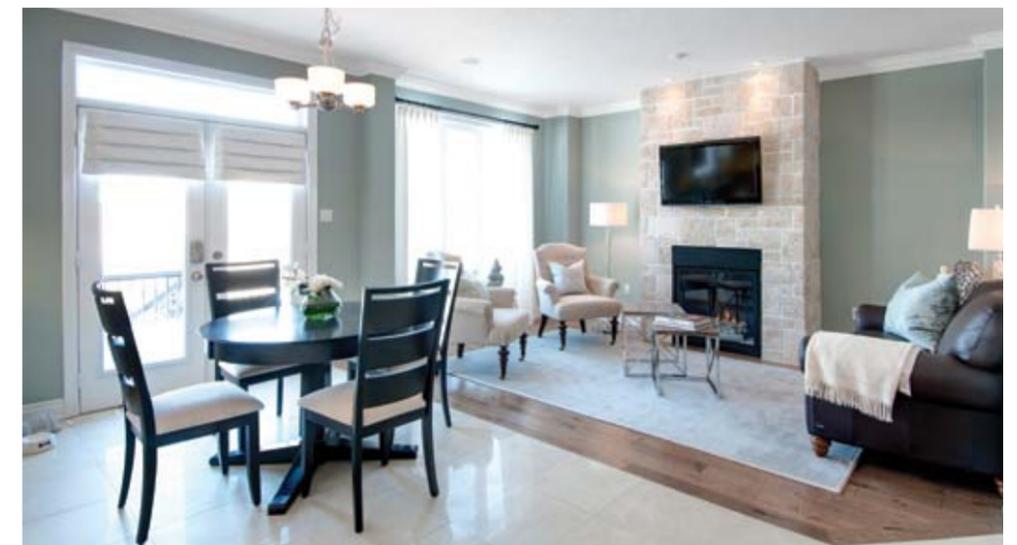
That's because nine-foot main-floor ceilings with California stucco, modern rounded corners, superior 40-ounce carpet with 10 mm foam underpad and imported Ceratec ceramic tile all come standard, as do satin nickel interior hardware, oak stairs and pickets (from **Barrie Trim & Mouldings**), oversize windows and five-and-a-quarter-inch baseboards throughout. *Continued on page 60*



ABOVE AND BELOW: This eat-in kitchen has room for a long harvest table if desired. The family room is cosy and a nice place to gather with a walk-out to the backyard. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The pretty powder room is located off the foyer. All the walls in the main areas of this model are painted Light Blue by Farrow and Ball.

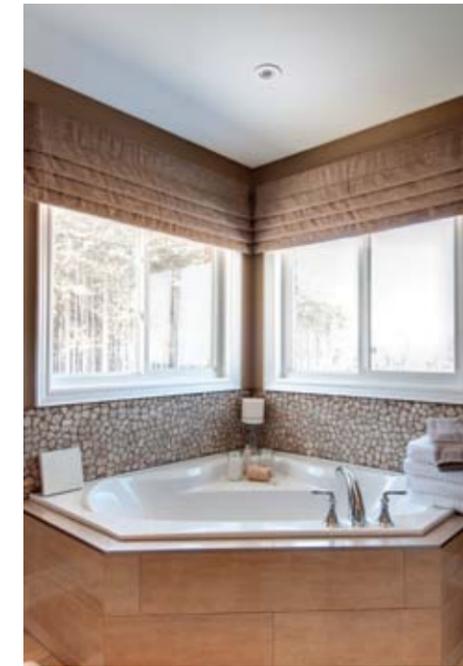


THIS PAGE AND OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT: The U-shaped kitchen in the Abbey 2 captures the possibilities. White glass-fronted upper cabinets line the walls, while a chocolate island and wine rack provide additional storage and prep space. All counters are quartz by Cambria, making this a well-planned space for any family to enjoy.

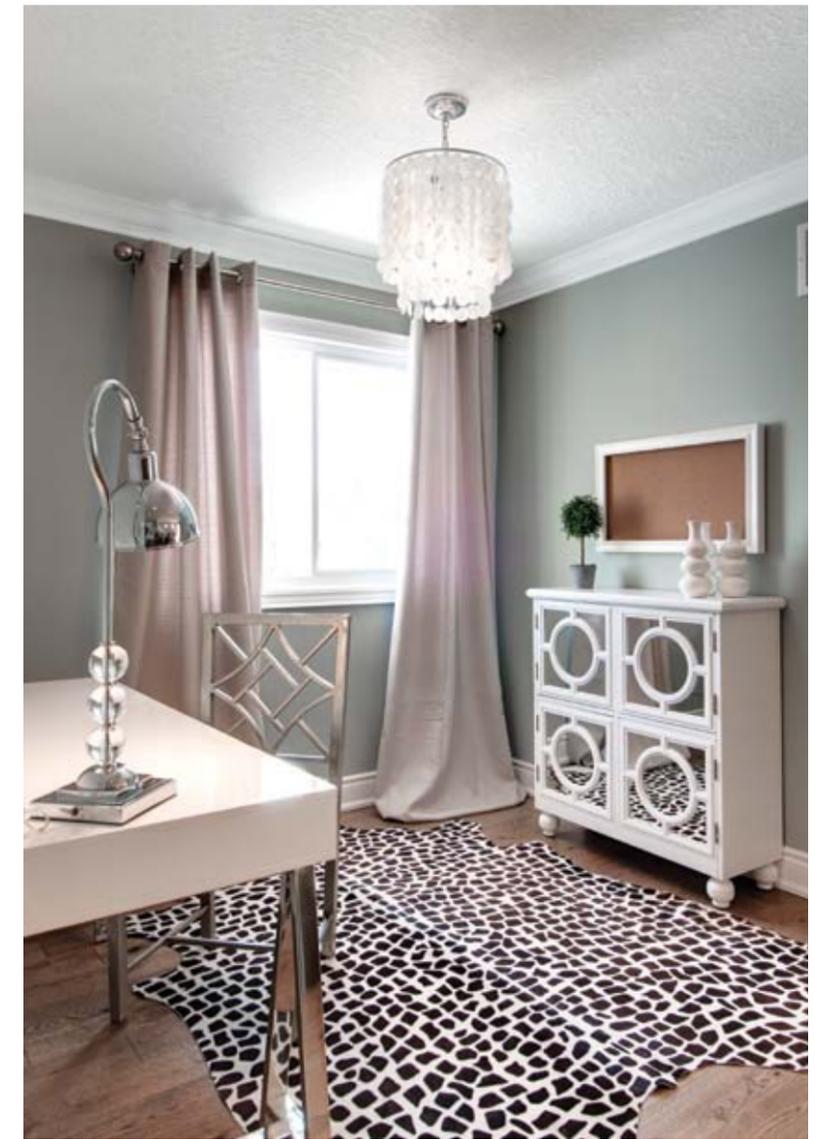




The master is one of four bedrooms located in the very spacious upper level. There's a separate closet for him and one especially for her.



FAR LEFT AND LEFT: The master en suite is pure luxury with a double vanity, a separate shower and corner tub. **BELOW LEFT:** The other three bedrooms upstairs can accommodate kids or guests. A visit to the model is pure inspiration. **BELOW:** The landing upstairs is a bonus and can be used as a homework station, office, reading nook or play area.



Grandview has an incredible design centre in downtown Barrie where new homeowners can select finishes for their homes in a relaxed atmosphere with expert help from the pros. **BELOW:** The Grandview Team Left to Right: Camini Persaud-Clarke, Sales Manager Barrie; Kristylynn Leibel, Design Consultant; Joanne Banman, Sales Representative; Melinda Anley-Grams, Sales Manager, Collingwood.



“On average, though, homeowners spend between \$35,000 and \$45,000 in upgrades – mainly in the kitchen and on the flooring because they’ve done their research and know the added investment will be worthwhile,” she adds. “Grandview has been around 14 years now and we have some people on their second or third house with us. A local real estate agent likes to do Grandview resales because he says he can get significantly more per home than those crafted by other builders. Our high-quality materials, construction and finishes are well known and definitely selling points.”

As she looks around the design centre (here, the gluten-free cupcakes are from **Cheeky Treats**), Kristylynn points out the vast sample inventory. During a typical three-hour appointment, home-buyers will share their Pinterest boards and other examples of their preferred look, and then they’ll all get to work selecting everything in the kitchen and baths, as well as the flooring, railings, paint colours, fireplaces and stone walls throughout the house.

“We have about 200 tiles to choose from and a few hundred doors,” she says. “The possibilities are nearly endless. It’s semi-custom, so basically any style is available. We’ve removed the cookie-cutter effect.”

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Contemporary, Curvaceous or Classic?

Your home and décor will give you cues to decide which style best suits you, but lifestyle also plays a role.

Do you appreciate straight lines, clean textures and bold contrast? This would be considered modern pool taste. These contemporary pools have large, wide steps with deep treads for sitting or lounging and a monochromatic planting scheme. Active people may appreciate this style and choose a long, narrow rectangular sport pool of a single depth.

Do you prefer pond-like pools with natural looking waterfalls and lush plantings? This curvaceous style is more casual and mimics waterscapes found in nature. Families that have children of a variety of ages may choose a large, curvy pool with a deep end and water slide to keep the whole brood entertained.

Maybe classic elegance is more your taste? Similar to the contemporary setting, classic pool design is usually rectangular or Roman-ended, also with straight lines but with little contrast. The gardens are often highly manicured, with sculpted hedges and lawn.

Stairs, Entryways & Gates

It is amazing how much patio area gets eaten up in the access points. Careful contemplation must be put towards the size and placement of steps inside and outside of the pool. Consider how the pool area will be accessed, how it will be fenced and where the gates will be. For properties with large-grade changes, terracing the patio and gardens may be a nicer option than a long flight of stairs, but keep in mind railings will likely be required.

The View

Do you have a stunning panorama view to highlight, or an unsightly neighbour's shed to mask? Perhaps a lovely infinity edge pool would bring the vista to focus, while a grouping of large emerald cedars could take care

of that ugly storage house. Also ponder the views from within your house. Privacy issues also need to be addressed, especially in areas meant for sun bathing, seating/dining and around the hot tub.

Budget

Though this step may not be so enjoyable, it's important to establish a budget range. Once you get the proper footprint of what you need for pool and living space, it will come down to material choices that can make or break the bank. There are also situations that by spending more initially you'll save in the long run, say, by installing an insulated pool bottom to save on heating costs. Knowing your options is vital.

The Options & Accessories

There are many exciting possibilities in today's marketplace to truly customize your backyard setting. Considering that pools are often used in the evening equally to sunlit hours makes landscape and pool lighting almost an essential component. Water or fire features can really give your piece of heaven the focal point it needs. Do you desire an automated maintenance system, a diving rock or perchance a high-velocity jet for laps or wake boarding? Perhaps you are ecologically-conscious and would prefer the natural filtration of a swim pond instead of saltwater. All of these possibilities need to be explored.

Having a scaled 2D landscape design is a pertinent part of any large landscape project. It helps you make the majority of your decisions before the construction process begins and is a crucial communication tool. A 3D drawing can also be particularly helpful to illustrate in a real time perspective. Professional help is available and many pool builders include their landscape design service by an "in-house" designer or you can choose to hire an independent. Any way you decide, having a proper design will help keep the creation of your personal paradise on track and on budget. **OH**

Melanie is a certified horticulturalist and landscape designer.

BY MELANIE REKOLA

Congratulations! You've decided to take the plunge and embark on the journey of transforming your ho-hum backyard into a lush oasis housing an all-important pool. Due to its absolute permanency, pool choice and placement can be a daunting task. But take heart, follow these steps and you'll be on the right path.

Use of Living Space

Begin your planning by considering how you live and play. Do you love to soak up the sun, or lounge in the shade? Areas for sun bathing need to face south or west whereas eating and casual seating areas are generally located in the shaded area, either through a pergola, gazebo or shade from the house. Do you love to entertain guests and host large dinner parties? You will likely need an outdoor kitchen and table for eight-to-10, plus you'll need to be sure there is enough room for circulating visitors. Do you require a spa or cabana, and where will the pool equipment go? For your pool's proper placement and the related patio space you will have to consider these questions carefully and consult your municipality's bylaws for related info.





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Homes evolve. Technology changes and our needs shift, yet we all want our homes to be safe, secure and comfortable. This spring, we focus on people who can help transform the way you live, and make where you live better.



John Raimondi, P.Eng., M. Eng.
Meridian Design Build Inc., Barrie

WHAT SHOULD EVERY NEW HOME INCLUDE? If home is where the heart is, then every home needs a heart. The heart of a home can be different for everyone. For some it is the kitchen and others the family room or a combination of both. It is a place that friends and family can be comfortable, social, individual and most important, together.

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Rob W.H. Thorburn, Executive Vice President & Kevin Leonard, President & CEO Huronia Alarms, Midland

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Jodie Lefaive, Heather Hill, Carole Schmidt, Deborah Marshall (Front L-R)
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ABOVE: The Dubes, Victoria, Paul, Nicole and Stephanie gather in the living room of their home. **RIGHT:** The lovely entrance opens to the great room. The music room is located to the left and an office to the right, both with a view of the neighbourhood.



The smart, open layout on the main floor offers a comfortable gathering place for everyone. The two-story stone fireplace in the living room is the focal point, flanked by large windows and a walk-out to the backyard pool and hot tub. The kitchen and dining room are beautifully framed, yet open and accessible.

Having grown up in Barrie, Paul and Nicole Dube knew it was a fine city to raise their own family but as their two daughters, Stephanie and Victoria, approached the teen years they considered a move from their long-time south-end home to an idyllic forested retreat on the north side.

The house hunt began in 2010 but the family quickly discovered their dream home didn't exist yet. Nicole says, "We searched and searched but could not find the perfect layout we were looking for."

They noticed a treed lot for sale on the way out of **Stonegate's** subdivision after yet another tour through a potential home and, in a moment of clarity, realized they had to build a custom design. Paul and Nicole co-own two **Home Hardware** stores, in Angus and Cookstown, and Nicole says, "Owning Home Hardware stores and building your own home just makes sense." They bought the three-quarter acre lot, then cleared all of the trees themselves, hiring professionals to remove the stumps. During that time, the couple spent eight months, "drawing and re-drawing plans for their dream home."

Mark Taylor of **Cornerstones Residential Design Inc.** helped the couple transition their pencil sketches into blueprints for a 4,000 sq. ft. home and **Michael Christensen** worked alongside Paul contracting trades and organizing building schedules. Several key components were needed to call the design perfect: An open concept with no wasted space, a room specifically

for music, a spacious kitchen, a backyard pool and spa for entertaining, and rooms that would not only serve a useful purpose but also be used daily.

The process of building required a certain mindset Nicole recommends for other couples thinking about taking the plunge. She says that while it's stressful, building your first home is also exciting and the ability to compromise is huge. She adds, "Building your own home is a long process and demands patience and understanding. Personally, this (experience) taught me to listen, talk things out and compromise – all on a deadline."

The house was finished just before Christmas 2011 and was definitely a dream design come true for the family. Two triple garden doors along the back of the house flank the sweeping two-storey fireplace in the great room and overlook the pool area. The fireplace stone is Wolf Creek Country LedgeStone from Atlas Block and was installed by **Bob Currie Masonry**, who also did all the exterior stonework. The driveway leading to the triple garage was installed by **Advanced Landscapes** with stone by Atlas Block. **Steve Graves** (Atlas Block) supplied and managed all stone work for this build. *Continued on page 80*

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The kitchen is Nicole's favourite room because it's where everyone always ends up. The large island is topped with Bianco Antico granite. The mix of cabinets, chocolate in the island and white along the walls, brightens the space and adds to the home's elegance. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The dining room, with a view to the backyard, is cosy and inviting and just a few steps from the kitchen, which is convenient for entertaining and family gatherings in all seasons. Cupcakes courtesy of Holly's Sweets and Eats.

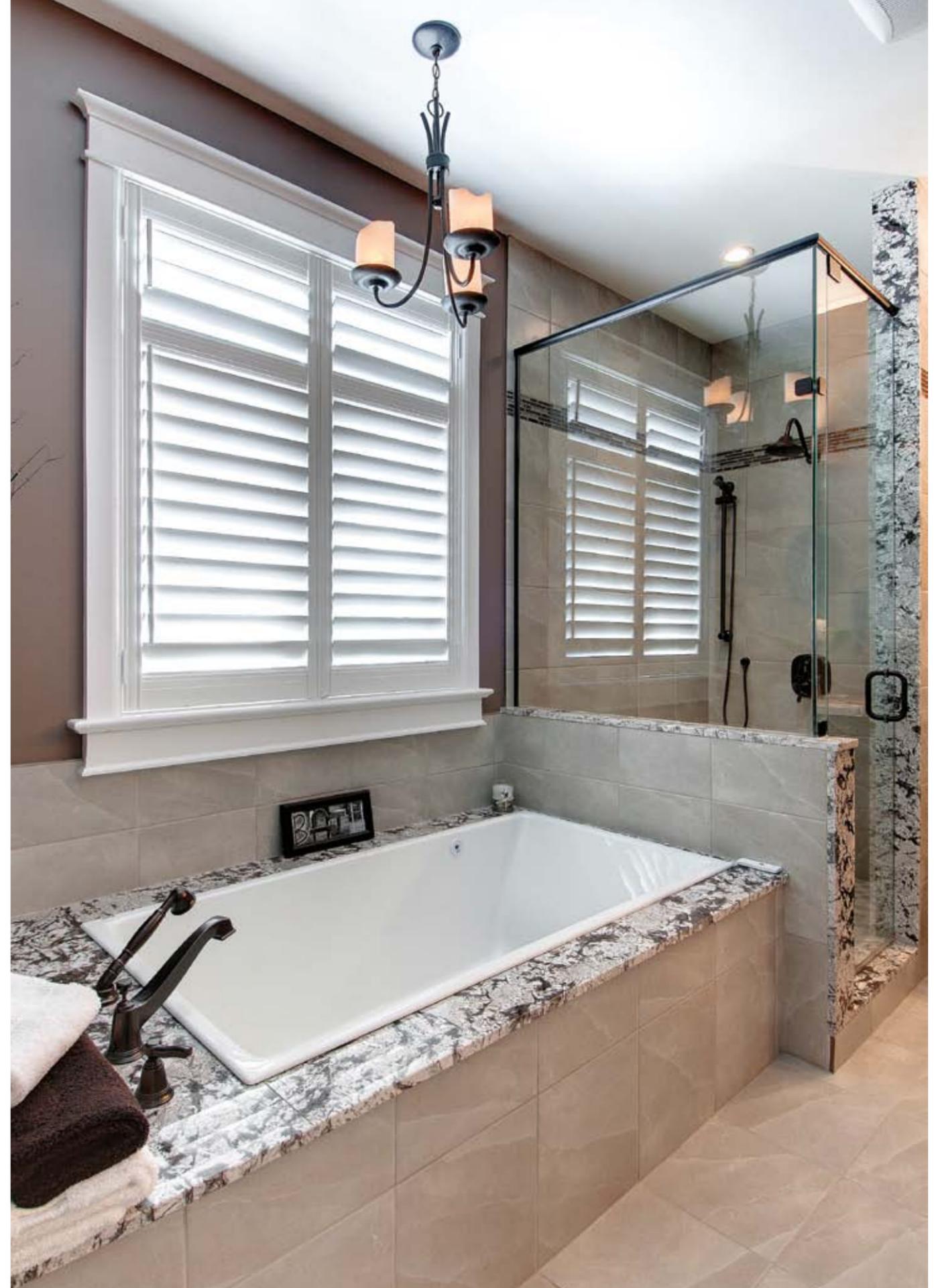




Nicole's favourite room is the kitchen, the place where everyone seems to congregate whether they're entertaining or just spending family time. The custom cabinets in the kitchen and throughout the home were sourced through **HF Smith Lumber** (Home Hardware Cookstown). The cabinets, fireplace box and detailed archways were installed with the help of their good friend **Dave Duiella**. The unique and beautiful granite in the kitchen is called Bianco Antico and was also sourced through HF Smith Lumber.

The main floor en suite off the master bedroom includes more Bianco Antico on surfaces and the custom cabinets manufactured by Bertch, are supplied by HF Smith. Lighting in the bathrooms and throughout much of the home was sourced at Home Hardware, where the couple also purchased many of the furniture pieces. *Continued on page 82*

The master suite is tucked beside the great room. It's a private space with a view of the backyard. Plum accents mix with the white furnishings in the bedroom. The walk-in closet is the perfect size and organized just so. The elegant look continues in the en suite, which is open with luxurious finishes and a separate bath and large shower.



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The backyard season begins early with their hot tub spa, but the couple didn't want the spa, which circulates into the swimming pool, open year round. Nicole says "We wanted something to look forward to each spring so in the evenings we'll be outside in the spa as soon as the snow melts." They plan to finish the interior of the pool house with a TV-room plus a change area with a separate room for pool equipment.

The rear garden doors lead to a covered porch with its own separate outdoor space, offering a view of the pool – an idyllic spot to dine with friends and family and play music. Hydro was specifically added to the porch for this reason.

For a musical family that often serves in worship at Mapleview Community Church, having a room devoted only to music was a must. Paul plays bass guitar and Victoria plays guitar. Stephanie plays piano and will be studying music at university in the fall. Nicole also plays piano and sings. The red music room just off the main entrance holds a grand piano and several guitars but Paul and Nicole plan to create an even bigger music spot in the lower level.

The 2,700 sq. ft. basement is unfinished for now, but – with its nine-foot ceilings and extra-large windows – promises to be spectacular. Nicole says, "We will have a shop area and storage, a theatre room and a workout room. Directly below the great room upstairs will be a large area for entertaining with a full band, including drums and an electronic keyboard. We want to create a comfortable lounge area with seating for socializing." A guest bedroom and en suite bath are also planned. *Continued on page 84*



TOP LEFT: The music room, where Stephanie plays the grand piano, has red walls and comfy seating. The Dubes plan to add an even bigger music room when they finish the lower level. **ABOVE:** The family gathers outside near the pool before Stephanie leaves for her prom. **LEFT:** The hardest working room in the home has a second fridge and top-of-the-line washer and dryer. Paul used his ingenuity and installed the appliances and cabinets so the counters are perfectly flush.

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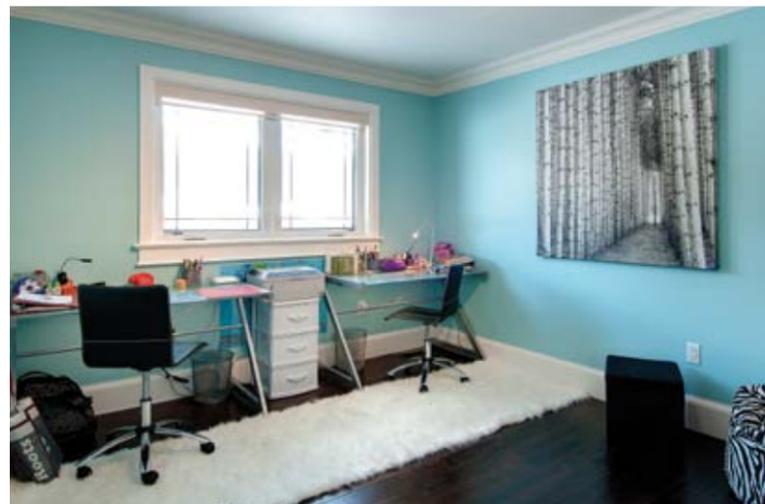
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BELOW: The upstairs loft-area belongs entirely to the girls. Stephanie and Victoria (pictured playing the guitar in her room) each have their own brightly decorated bedrooms with walk-in closets. Their rooms are connected by an en suite with separate sinks and vanities. They share a homework room and a lounge, where they gather with their friends.



Another important factor in the home design was including a private nook for Stephanie and Victoria. Nicole says, "We designed this house in a way that made the girls feel like they had their own space upstairs. Their bedrooms each have a walk-in closet, an adjoining bathroom with a separate area for the toilet and tub." A fun touch in both girls' rooms is a sparkly chandelier. Just off the bedrooms, a lounge area with glass pocket doors for TV, friends and Wii games and a loft for homework study with a nearby railing that overlooks the great room, complete the teen sanctuary.

"We are quite content at how our dream home has turned out, and consider it our forever home," says Paul and Nicole. **OH**







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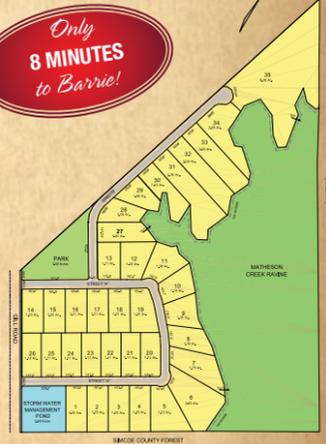
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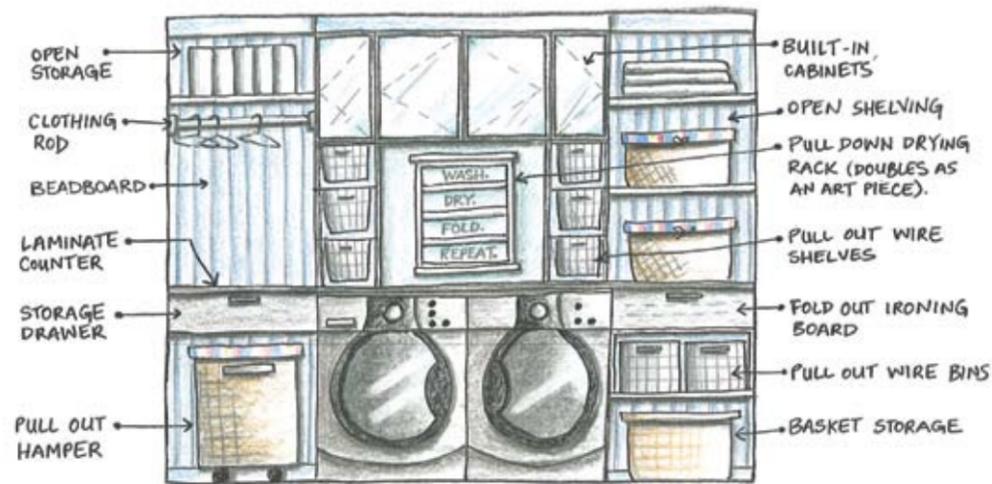




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Our homes are a reflection of ourselves, and many of us work hard to keep them beautiful. Through colour, materials and proper planning, we strive to create a stylish and pleasing environment in which to live. Much of our attention is focused on our living spaces and it's time we start thinking about the more utilitarian spaces like the laundry room. Given the amount of time they are used, they seldom receive the attention they deserve and they often become separated from the life of a home. If your laundry room is small, you may find that it does not function the way you would like. It may feel cramped and unorganized, attracting an embarrassing mess. But with a little time and creativity, you can design a stylish and functional laundry room that will help make laundry day your most favourite day of the week!

If you find that your laundry room lacks the square footage you dream of, take a look at the space you have and see it for all of its possibilities. By choosing a front loading washer and dryer, you will be able to utilize an extra surface that every laundry room dreams of. The smooth flat tops they provide are useful for laundry basket storage or as a place to fold and organize. Step it up a notch and install a durable water-resistant countertop over the machines. An inexpensive laminate will provide a smooth and easy-to-clean surface for your laundry needs. If your space is limited, a stacked washer and dryer set will leave room for other necessities. A customized slide-out shelf installed between the machines will provide that extra surface you otherwise would not have.

Chances are the washer and dryer will take up most of your floor space, so, when thinking about storage and organization, think vertical. By maximizing vertical space, you can amplify a small laundry room's storage capacity. As demonstrated in the drawing above, shelves and cubbies stylishly contain laundry supplies while built-in cabinets keep

seldom-used items and less-than-attractive necessities (such as cleaning supplies) out of sight. To brighten up the room, install under-cabinet strip lighting. If built-ins are not in your budget, you can create ample storage space by investing in adjustable wire shelving (ensure that your most utilized items are made available on the lower shelves). Incorporate pull out wire baskets for clever storage of odds and ends, including those pesky socks whose matches have yet to be found! And don't ignore the back of a door. It makes a perfect spot to hang baskets and holders.

A great feature to have in any laundry room is a place to air-dry delicates or to hang shirts fresh from the dryer. Use a tension bar installed between built-ins (or walls), or even a bath towel bar mounted on the underside of a shelf. Remember to position the rod far enough from the wall to leave adequate space for the hangers. If space is limited, pull-down and accordion-style drying racks are made to pull out from the wall and then be pushed neatly away.

Laundry rooms tend to be the place to keep a bulky ironing board. The problem is where to put it. Hanging it on the wall is a simple solution. Another is to purchase a built-in board that drops down from the wall. It saves space and makes ironing easier. Just flip out the board and plug in the iron. Better yet, there are fold-out ironing boards that can be built into cabinetry and pulled out with an expanding frame, concealing them completely.

Finally, incorporate decorative elements to liven up the space. If the room makes you happy, laundry will become less of a chore. Add a splash of colour with paint, or with patterns and colourful fabrics on your storage containers. Add style with bead board or with a fun backsplash in a shiny or iridescent tile. Why not hang up a piece of art? Prints, photos or wall decals will add whimsy and character. Now, with your laundry room feeling so refreshed and organized, you will wish that laundry day was every day! **OH**

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BY SHELBY HILSON

Not too big, not too small... just right! Simple enough, but when it comes to what size of home to buy, how do you know what's just right for you? It's easy to be influenced by the "norm," but the norm may not be your Goldilocks home. There are several factors to consider, not the least of which is history.

Last year, the Globe and Mail reported that the average size of a house in Canada in 1975 was 1,050 sq. ft., and that new homes being built in 2010 almost doubled to an average of 1,950 sq. ft. It was also noted that the average number of people living in a household dropped a whole person from 3.5 in 1971 to 2.5 by 2006. So, we're building bigger homes for fewer people.

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None of this is to say that a big house isn't for you, just that the norm is not necessarily reflective of needs and that one size does not fit all.

Think about your current home. How do you use it? Perhaps you're like me and spend an enormous amount of time in the kitchen, meaning a big, functional kitchen would be a huge asset for you. Or, maybe you're like many moms who spend too much time in the laundry room, so a big, bright space on the main floor would be a major upgrade from the dank basement.

If you think about how you use each room in your home, calculate the square footage of what you actually use and estimate the amount you'd like more of in certain rooms, you'll come up with a pretty good idea of what square footage will work best for you and your family.

If you're not exactly sure of how you will use and grow into your home, here are the general pros and cons of buying big and small with some personal considerations to follow.

PERSONAL FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

Family Size: How many bedrooms do you need? Can your kids share a room?

Career: Do you work from home and need a separate room for an office?

Finances: What percentage of your income do you want to spend on your home monthly? Will you be able to save, put away for emergencies and still have the lifestyle you want? If your budget is tight, would you rather spend money on quality or quantity in terms of finishes and furnishings?

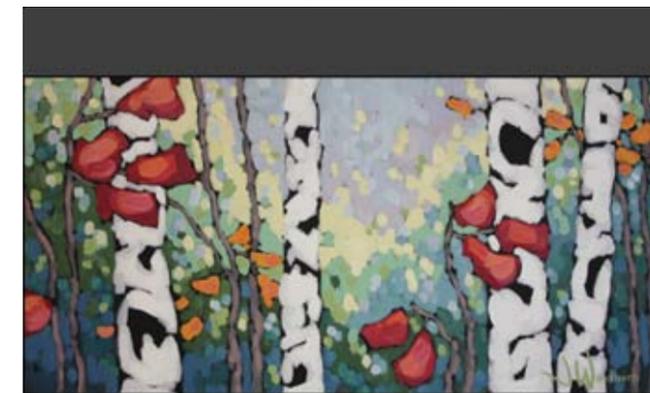
Lifestyle: How often and how many people do you entertain? Is it important to you to have a guest room? Could it double as an office, den or living space? Do you travel a lot or want to? Do you have the time to put into maintaining and cleaning a big home? Do you have a hobby that requires its own space?

Layout: The right layout can make a smaller space seem much bigger. Is it more important to you to have an open space than a large space, or four small bedrooms rather than three big ones?

Skills: Are you handy and able to perform many maintenance tasks on your own? Are you an organizational wizard who can make a small space very functional?

By taking these questions into consideration, you should have a much better idea of what home size is right for you; not for your next-door neighbour or your friends overseas. Size does matter and can make all the difference when it comes to enjoying your home and your life. **OH**

	PROS	CONS
BUYING BIG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More space for a growing family, storage, entertaining and accommodating guests • Extra space for hobby rooms, such as craft rooms, workshops, home theatres, gyms, wine cellars, etc. • Possibly more land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More costly mortgage, maintenance, utilities, taxes, insurance • Higher environmental impact • More rooms to furnish and clean • Less time and money to spend doing things outside the home • May be too much house once you retire
BUYING SMALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller mortgage payments, utility bills, insurance premiums, property taxes • Less time and money spent on maintenance and cleaning • May have more money to spend on higher-quality furnishings and finishes • More time and money to spend on activities outside the home • May not ever need to downsize • Fewer rooms to furnish • More environmentally friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less space to entertain and accommodate guests • Less personal space – may feel cramped • May need to move or build an addition to accommodate a growing family • Lack of storage space • Less or no room for hobby space, including a home office • Possibly less land



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"Our goal is to always exceed our customers' expectations. We understand a lot of our clients are busy, which is why we offer a one-stop shop for quality trim, doors, stairs, and railings. We are here to help with any project."

Visit them online at www.barrietrिम.com, or at 52 Saunders Road in Barrie (Please see ad on page 17)



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BRAESTONE AT HORSESHOE VALLEY - THE COUNTRY ESTATE, RETHOUGHT

In the rolling hills of the Horseshoe Valley, Georgian International is developing Braestone, a 570-acre estate lot community that will be an authentic reflection of refined country living with four seasons of activities at its doorstep.

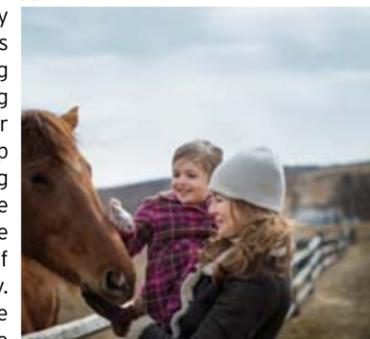
Braestone will be known for its distinctive architecture - a simple yet strikingly modern interpretation of "country style" influenced by the farmhouses and barns of rural Ontario. Beautiful homesteads on 1/2 to over one-acre lots will be available from the mid \$400's.

The Barrie-area developer has put great care and attention into maximizing the lifestyle opportunities offered at Braestone's beautiful setting.

Many remarkable lifestyle features will be offered, including a toboggan run, a skating pond, a sugar shack for making maple syrup, a hilltop observatory for stargazing called 'Starfall', a horse stable and paddocks, and the community's own 'field of dreams' for outdoor activity. In addition, over 60% of the landscape will be set aside

as a wildlife preserve and International Dark-Sky standards will be adopted to minimize light pollution and energy waste.

Register today at Braestone.ca and be among the first to learn more about this inspiring community. (Please see ad on page 75)



EGO'S NURSERIES

Plan to make a visit to this award winning garden centre this spring!

Ego's is a family-owned and operated garden centre and market shop that has been providing their customers with fresh, locally-grown ornamental plants, edible plants and farm fresh fruit and vegetables for 39 years. Located in the rolling hills of Oro-Medonte, on Horseshoe Valley Road, they are open seasonally April to December.

From old favourites, to the latest cultivars, Ego's Nurseries strives to keep up with the latest trends while also providing value for their customers through continuously evaluating new varieties of plants to determine their vigour and hardiness in the local environment.

Whether you are a seasoned "green thumb" or a "newbie" gardener, Ego's team of well-informed staff can help make decorating your outdoor spaces fun and enjoyable.

Looking for more "hands-on" experience? Watch for upcoming workshops and seminars to help you get your hands in the dirt this coming season.

Ego's is a garden centre for plant lovers... but also a lot more! www.EgosGardenCentre.com (Please see ad on page 73)



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Strawberry CUSTARD PIE

BY MARIA DASILVA
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What better way to usher in spring than with this decadent berry-topped pie? An orange vanilla-scented custard is the perfect vehicle for a mound of pure strawberry love. It's the perfect pie to end an early summer meal on the deck.

You'll want to use the easy no-bake crust and custard base again and again throughout the summer. Simply substitute the strawberries with other fresh, seasonal berries – blueberries, raspberries and blackberries will all work beautifully.

For the smoothest, creamiest, shiniest custard every time, be sure to cook the mixture over medium heat, whisking constantly, just until it begins to thicken (don't worry if it looks a little runny or loose, it will set completely in the fridge as it cools) and strain it through the finest mesh sieve you've got. You can make the crust and custard base up to 24 hours before topping with the strawberries if you're planning to make this for a stress-free special occasion. Keep it covered and refrigerated and top with the berries just before serving.

TO PREPARE:

Crust:

- Stir together graham crumbs and melted butter until combined.
- Press into bottom and up side of 9-inch pie plate.
- Refrigerate until firm, about 30 minutes.

Orange Vanilla Custard:

- In large bowl, whisk together cream, sugar, cornstarch, egg yolks, eggs and vanilla until smooth.
- In medium saucepan over medium heat, heat milk just until steaming and tiny bubbles form at the surface.
- Slowly pour the heated milk into cream mixture in a steady stream and whisking constantly to prevent cooking the eggs.
- Return mixture to saucepan. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, just until it begins to thicken, about 2 minutes.
- Strain through fine mesh sieve into clean bowl; stir in orange zest. Let cool for 5 minutes.
- Whisk smooth and pour into prepared crust; smoothing top
- Cover and refrigerate until set, at least 3 hours.

Strawberry Topping:

- Just before serving, toss strawberries with sugar and vinegar.
- Let stand for 10 minutes.
- Mound berries onto centre of pie. **OH**

CRUST:

1¼ cups graham wafer crumbs

⅓ cup butter, melted

ORANGE VANILLA CUSTARD:

½ cup whipping cream

⅓ cup sugar

2 tbsp cornstarch

4 large egg yolks, and 2 large eggs

1 tsp vanilla extract

1¼ cups 2% milk

1 tsp orange zest

STRAWBERRY TOPPING:

4 cups hulled halved strawberries

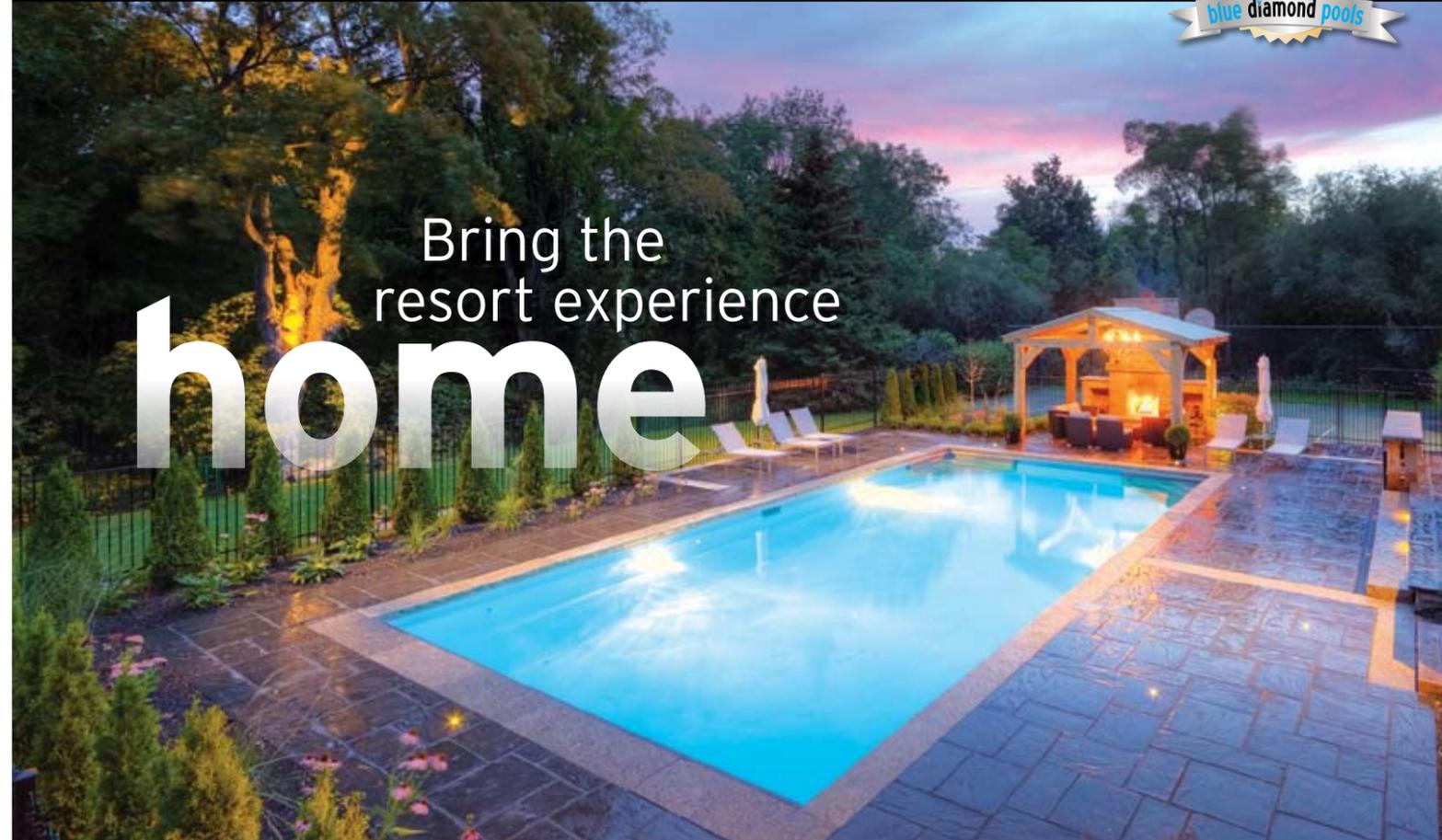
1 tbsp sugar

1 tsp white or regular balsamic vinegar

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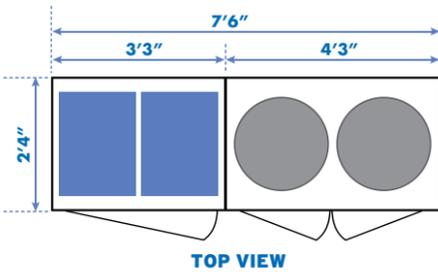
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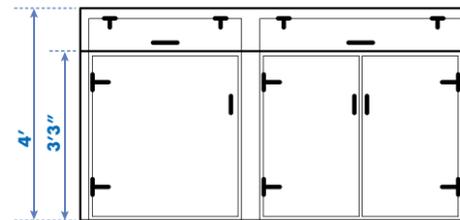
BUILD YOUR OWN BIN

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JILL ELLIS-WORTHINGTON
PROJECT DESIGN AND EXECUTION BY RALPH LEMBCKE

Raccoons and other vermin have been making their way into your garbage for far too long and/or you'd like a more attractive way to store life's refuse. If this spring is the time you've decided to try DIY, here are step-by-step instructions to say "I've bin there and done that!"



TOP VIEW



FRONT VIEW

Step 1:
Cut 2 x 4 lumber and screw together, forming three frames.

Step 2:
Cut three pieces of 2 x 4 lumber to form back braces; screw in place.

Step 3:
Cut 1 x 6 lumber and screw in place to form back wall of structure.

Step 4 (Base):
Cut five pieces of 1 x 6 lumber and screw them on to three 2 x 4 sleepers to form base. Place structure on base.

Step 5:
Cut 1 x 6 lumber to form shelf and sides. Screw on to frames; shelf is installed on diagonal bracing.

Step 6:
Make door frames, each constructed of four pieces of 2 x 4 lumber. Cut 1 x 6 lumber and screw on to frames to form doors.

Step 7:
Follow Step 6 to make lids. Then install hinges, handles and chains to control lid. Install handles, hinges and latches on doors. **OH**

BUDGET:
Approximately \$300 to \$350, depends on the size of the structure.
This one holds two garbage cans and two recycling bins.

MATERIALS LIST:
(All lumber used is pressure treated.)

MAIN STRUCTURE:

- 15 pc 2 x 4 x 8' (for framing)
- 57 pc 1 x 6 x 4'
- 1lb. #9 x 3 1/2" deck screws
- 3lb. #8 x 1 5/8" deck screws
- 5 Pair gate hinges
- 2 Gate latch sets
- 4 Door pulls
- 2 24" lengths 3/4" chain
- 4 Fender washers (to secure chain)

BASE:

- 1 2 x 4 x 8' (for sleepers)
- 5 1 x 6 x 8' deck boards
- 1lb. #8 x 2" deck screws
- 1pkg. Shims

TOOLS:

- 12" Mitre/Chop saw
- Table or circular saw
- Cordless screw gun
- Robertson and Phillips bits
- 1/8" Drill bit
- 1/4" Spade bit
- Clamps
- Extension cord
- Sandpaper (varying grits)
- Razor knife

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