DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS

What really makes a house a home is the small stuff; the details that make it all your own and something you want to share with others. OUR HOMES introduces you to some talented folks that can help you put the finishing touches on your home and bring your personal taste and style to life.



Cindy Gardiner

COMPANY: Décor Design LOCATION: Owen Sound **SPECIALTY:** Custom window fashions: drapery and Hunter Douglas shading systems **FAVOURITE FINISHING TOUCH:** Creating and transforming a simple window into an elegant work of art. Every window is unique and can be treated independently. Don't hesitate to call on an expert to help you choose the perfect window treatment! TRENDS THIS SPRING: Modern hardware that makes a statement on its own. Light flowing cotton/polyester sheers that offer elegance to any home. FAVOURITE FAMILY ACTIVITY: Riding our Harley Davidson and taking our little Yorkie, Brodie, along for a ride.

Amanda McDonald

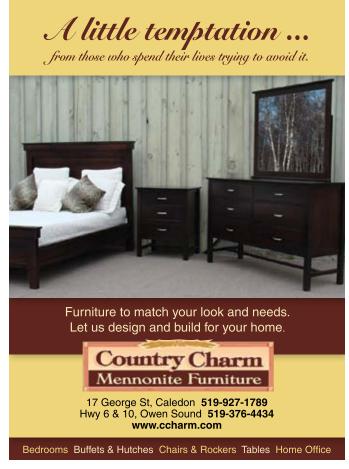
COMPANY: Exquisite Wood Designs **LOCATION:** Owen Sound **SPECIALTY:** Kitchen design FAVOURITE FINISHING TOUCH: Selecting new paint colours, fresh fabrics and art pieces to design a unique feeling in your home is great, but the best part is when you are done and able to add in your personal items like handknitted throws and family photos. These are what really make it feel like home. TRENDS THIS SPRING: Solid colours are going to be all the rage for your kitchen this spring. We are seeing lots of green shades - from chartreuse to dark greens. **FAVOURITE FLOWER:** Orchids. They add a touch of elegance and

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sophistication to any room.











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Don Stevens

COMPANY: Macdonald's Furniture & Appliances LOCATION: Meaford **SPECIALTY:** I work as an advisor to builders and customers on kitchen design. I help clients choose appliances that work for both them and their home to make sure they will meet their needs and expectations. Book an appointment with me to ensure you are getting the most out of your kitchen. FAVOURITE FINISHING TOUCH: Solid cherry cabinets and different woods like hickory. TRENDS THIS SEASON: Induction cooking. Cooking with magnetic energy is 100 per cent efficient and it's faster, safer and more responsive than gas. FAVOURITE FAMILY ACTIVITY: It's a tossup between playing guitar with my three sons and walking our two Siberian huskies together.





■ Gail Slocombe

COMPANY: Inside Ideas
LOCATION: Owen Sound
SPECIALTY: Window coverings,
reupholstering, bedding.
FAVOURITE FINISHING TOUCH: A small
shot of colour in a cushion, throw or vase
TRENDS THIS SEASON: Spring green and
lilac toss cushions, and colourful doormats
FAVOURITE FAMILY ACTIVITY:
Skiing and biking



COMPANY: Ron Torry Painting and Decorating Ltd.

LOCATION: Markdale

SPECIALTY: I've been in the painting business
for 34 years. Being able to sense when clients are
anxious about their colour choices and helping them
feel content is an important skill I've developed.

TRENDS THIS SPRING: What's old is new again
(if you remember the colours of the 50s to 70s).

FAVOURITE FAMILY ACTIVITY: There's nothing
like a home-cooked roast beef dinner
followed by a few good hands of euchre.
FAVOURITE FLOWER: Orchid, but really it's
the Toronto maple leaf OH





