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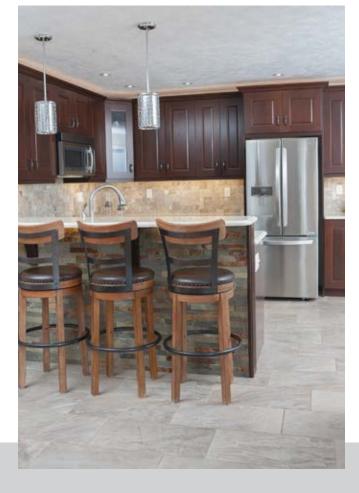
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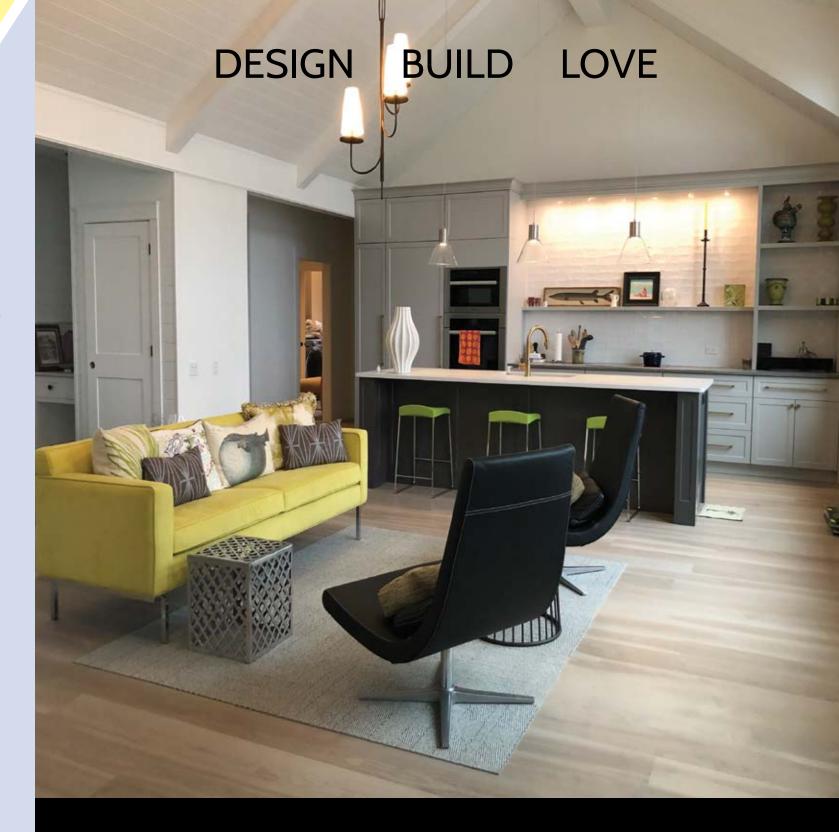
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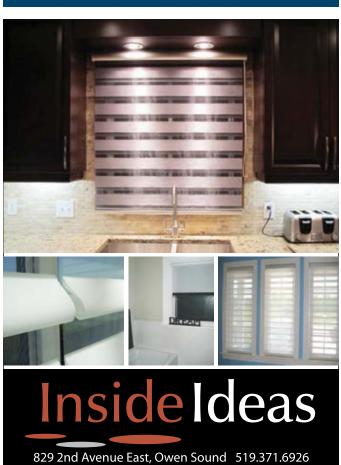
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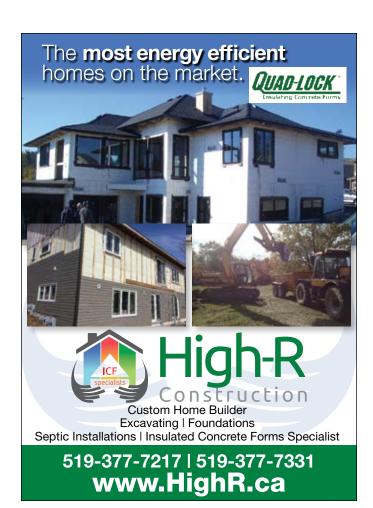
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editor's note



I AM VERY EXCITED to be working as the new Managing Editor in the Grey and Bruce counties edition of OUR HOMES.

New people to meet, new houses to see, new businesses to discover and a little time to stimulate my senses with new artists in this area.

I love art, and every time we visit a home to feature in this magazine, you and I get a chance to see how art can add colour, texture, interest and complete a room.

The thrill of finding a new creation keeps me looking carefully for galleries, studios and shops that promote and support local talent. I'm always asking our homeowners about their art and where they found a painting.

So, as I was driving through Durham, on my way to see Don Tremble of Candue Homes, featured in our People section with eight other builders and decorators, I saw the Durham Art Gallery. A quick stop was in order and I was delighted to experience Jennifer Clark's installation. In our Style Picks, the artist Yükselle showcases a painting that reminds me of the wonderful warm days that are ahead for all of us. I will be visiting her gallery to further explore other paintings.

As you read this issue and drive around Grey and Bruce counties, keep your eyes open to discover the great local businesses and studios out there, you might find a picture that speaks to you, brings you joy and adds that special something to a space in your home.

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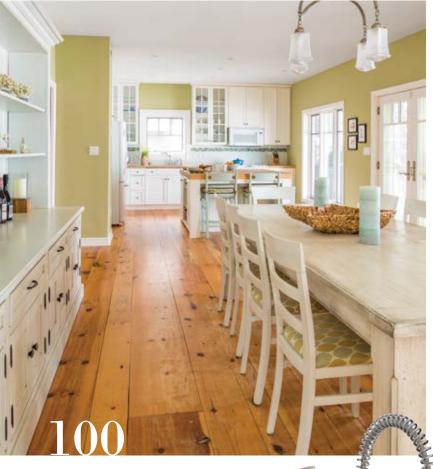


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advice



Interior Designer **Dolores Pian** shares her ideas

Pets provide us with unconditional love, soothe us when we're upset and deliver many entertaining moments. While there are a variety of pets such as fish, birds and hamsters - a majority of Canadian households own a cat or a dog. Pet parents call them "fur babies."

Because an animal's home is as important as a bed, lamp or a chair - many serious designers have channeled their skills and sense of fun into these small-scale structures. This world of haute architecture for pets is detailed in a fun book titled Pet-Tecture: Design For Pets by Tom Wainwright. It's full of inspiration and fanciful features you can integrate into your home.



Because your home is their home, here are some elements to keep in mind when customizing your space for pet space.

Give Them Shelter

Pets need a space to call their own so that they can lounge and decompress, especially in active households with children. Kitchens, laundry rooms, closets or under stairs are ideal spaces for this function. Consider using miniature versions of your cabinetry and house doors to match your decor.



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Sounds, Scents & Territory

Animals rely on sounds and smells more than humans do. Open windows allow them to hear and smell what's lurking in their surroundings. Window seats and high shelves are ideal spots to keep tabs on their territory. Remember to use a screen or a pet gate to prevent escapes.

Furniture & Fabrics

These soft cushy elements face the greatest challenges around the house.

- Leather, vinyl and Sunbrella are perfect choices. Look for an abrasion rating of 100,000 double rubs or more to minimize wear and tear on upholstery.
- Patterns or chunky woven fabrics help make pet hair less
- Slipcovers are well worth the extra cost, just so that you can throw them in the washing machine when required
- Indoor-outdoor rugs at doorways help with muddy paws.



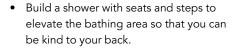
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- Minivacuums are ideal for quick clean ups.
- Fabric seal your precious rugs for those pet accidents.
- Sofas and furniture raised off the ground on metal legs or frames are less tempting for scratching and easier for clean-up.
- Scratching posts keep cats from scratching furniture. Yes, there are good looking designer scratching posts available that look like sculptures.

Bath Time

Bathrooms, mudrooms and laundry rooms are the obvious choices for this wet and wild function.



- Use a flexible shower head for a quick hose down or a full-on bath.
- Make sure that the drain has a hair catching system.
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- Dedicate an area with all the clothing, toys and treats that your fur baby requires.
- Customize a bulk food station into cabinetry to contain the mess along with a special platform to prevent their food bowls from
- Locate leashes on decorative hooks at the back door.

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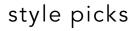
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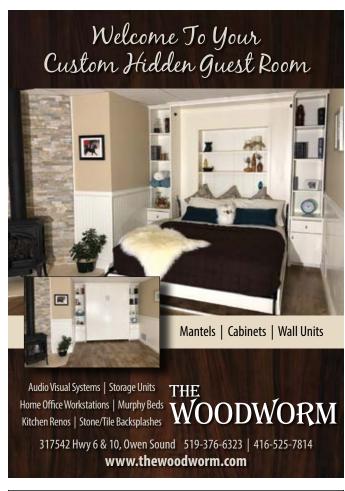
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INGREDIENTS

Makes approximately 8 ounces of shrub

3 cups strawberries, cored and sliced

½ cup dried hibiscus leaves

1 cup raw honey, honey or white sugar

¼ to ½ cup apple cider vinegar

DIRECTIONS

In a jar, muddle strawberries, hibiscus and honey or sugar. Cover and place in the refrigerator for two or three days, shaking daily. Remove from refrigerator and, using a fine mesh strainer, press the juices out of the solids into a sterilized jar.

Add ¼ cup of vinegar, adding more to preferred taste. Store in refrigerator for five to seven days.

To serve, in an eight-ounce glass over ice, mix two ounces of syrup with either water, soda or in a cocktail. **OH**

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Floral water tubes

Coordinated ribbon

Fishing line or wreath hook



HOW-TO:

- Put the flower stems in water-filled tubes.
- Hold closed umbrella around the middle, handle up.
- Insert flower stems down into the umbrella. Arrange flowers to your liking.
- Wrap ribbon around the middle of the umbrella to secure the arrangement. Tie a bow.
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Tags (for gifts)

INGREDIENTS

Makes five bags each.

rose coconut milk tub tea

2 cups Epsom salt

1 cup Himalayan pink salt

1 cup coconut milk powder

1 cup dried rose petals and buds



lavender oatmeal tub tea

2 cups Epsom salt

1 cup coarse Dead Sea salt

1 cup powdered milk

1 cup oats (ground in a food processor or blender)

½ cup dried lavender





eucalyptus thyme peppermint tub tea

2 cups Epsom salt

1 cup coarse Dead Sea salt

½ cup baking soda

2 Tbsp dried eucalyptus leaf

2 Tbsp dried peppermint

1 Tbsp dried thyme

Add a colourful tag to make lovely gifts for friends (or just for yourself!)

Directions

For each recipe, mix the ingredients in a large bowl and divide evenly to fill 5 tea bags.

Once filled, close each bag tightly, knot the strings and tie on a pretty tag. Store in a cool, dry place.

When it's time for a bath, toss in a tea bag while you fill the tub with water. Let tea steep for 10-15 minutes (or desired strength) before removing the bag. Happy soaking... он

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Luxury and art are dominant décor motifs for 2019. As bathrooms continue to be a big interior interest, people are seeking to inject high-end touches here and artful accents there. Here are six trending elements to keep an eye out for in the coming year and beyond.

1. Hexagon Tile

The trendy hexagon shape has worked its way into the modern bath where it's splashing everything from walls to backsplashes to floors. This

shower enclosure features micro hexagon tiles in three colours and, underfoot, a larger hexagon tile in a slate colour and finish, offering a great visual variety while maximizing this popular trend. Companies like ErthCoverings offer both small and large hex tiles in



2. Open Vanity Shelving

Move over, big bulky vanities! Open vanity shelving has a fresh, lightweight look and feel that instantly opens up a bathroom both visually and literally. This trend will be a particularly welcome addition to small spaces like condos. Victoria + Albert's Candella washstand, topped with a Lario 100 Solo basin is elegance personified, featuring sleek, polished chrome legs, a barely-there towel rail and a storage shelf beneath. Stocked or empty, open shelving is definitely one trend to watch for this year. Continued on page 32



TIP While your instinct may be to enclose your vanity's base for the sake of storage (as they say, "out of sight, out of mind," right?), consider open shelving and cull the clutter. This chic look is definitely worth that effort.





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3. Bold fixtures

Expect to see a departure from white bathroom fixtures. Bold colour will make an appearance in bathrooms, ranging from modern and edgy to classic with a mildly contemporary twist. British brand Victoria + Albert is dominating this trend with its Barcelona 2 bath collection. A sure-fire showpiece, this freestanding tub is sleek and streamlined - perfect for a compact space, but certainly not short on drama. Black, grey, blue and custom colour choices are splashing onto tubs and sinks in 2019.

4. Mixed Metals

The eclectic look of mixed metals will continue to be a strong style trend in 2019, as we've already seen in other areas of the home. Bathroom faucets, fixtures and hardware will venture beyond pretty-butpredictable polished chrome to matte, brushed and aged metals, offering more depth of character. Bronze, copper, rose gold and gold will continue to be in demand this year, for their warm and overall "extra" aesthetic.

5. Textural Elements

Where white does make an appearance, you can bet that it won't be the plain-Jane variety. With minimalism gone by the wayside, texture will play an essential role in spicing up the ever-popular white palette. Sculptural, three-dimensional wall cladding is primed to become the next modern bathroom fixture, featuring an artful interplay of shadow and light for an ever-changing alternative to basic white. The Atlas Concorde 3D Diamond White Matt 80 textured tile is anything but basic.

6. Marble Lookalikes

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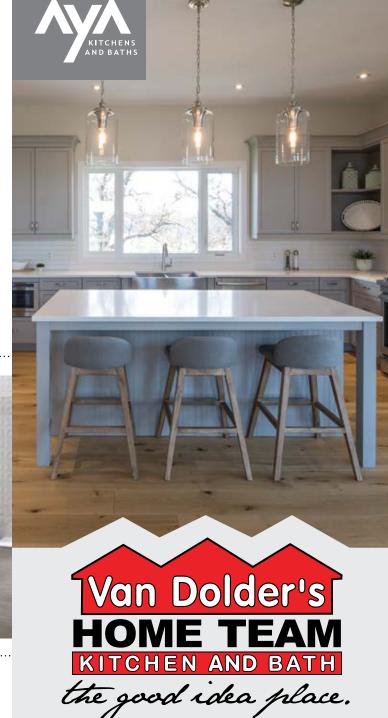
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The Food

The sheer diversity of our native bees, butterflies, moths and other insects is astonishing and their specialization to feed on certain flower types is equally awe-inspiring. Some insects only pollinate one particular species. Others are far broader in their feeding habits, feasting on nectar from an array of flower types. Ideal pollinator habitats grow various species that bloom in diverse sizes/shapes and

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flower in a succession from early spring to late fall. These should also include trees and shrubs in various heights.

TIP

Flowers with multiple petal layers are often called "doubles" and though doubles are pretty, they should be minimized as most insects can't access the nectar within. Plus, many double flowers or hybrid plants don't produce any nectar at all.

Egg Laying & Nesting

Certain insects require certain plants for propagation. Probably the most famous insect-plant relationship is that of the monarch butterfly and the milkweed. Monarch butterfly larva can only survive and thrive on the milkweed plant. Do I really need to mention that we should all allow milkweed into our gardens? Many native bee species nest in small holes in the ground and though I am a strong advocate of mulch, it is necessary to leave an area of bare soil exposed for this purpose.



Water Source

Butterflies and other insects require places to "puddle" where they drink water from damp puddles to attain the minerals they require. Puddles are easy to make. Simply bury a shallow plate or bowl in the ground so the lip is even with the surface of the soil. Fill the container with sand or soil and arrange a few rocks on top for landing spots. Add water as needed to keep the sand consistently wet. Bees require a slightly different setup that's actually very similar to

what most birds need. A shallow, wide bowl with some large and small rocks and just an inch or two of water is all that's needed. Top up water daily.

Overwintering

Many native bee species and other beneficial insects overwinter in the hollow stems of plants. Therefore, don't cut back herbaceous plants in fall. By leaving perennials to stand you'll also provide shelter and food to a host of birds and other small wildlife. Another option is to create or purchase a bee habitat to offer them an extra helping hand.

Melanie's Pollinator Plant Picks

Even adding just a few gorgeous species from this mix of native and non-native (but high nectar/pollen) plants to your garden space can make all the difference to these small but special creatures.

Trees and shrubs: Apple, pear, willow, redbud, maple, sumac, serviceberry, elderberry, honey locust, oak, horse chestnut, mahonia, basswood, dogwood, blueberry, raspberry and currant.

Perennials: Aster, allium, bee balm, blanket flower, pasque flower, baptisia, salvia, Russian sage, nepeta, snow drop, tulip, liatris, goldenrod, shasta daisy, coneflower, black-eyed Susan, coreopsis, oregano, mint, dill, parsley, columbine, milkweed, butterfly weed, hyssop, Joe-pye weed.

As natural pollinator habitats diminish and the effects of pesticide exposure take their toll on many species, residential gardens hold the key to positively impacting the lives of these important insects. Even the bumblebee has now been added to the ever-growing list of endangered species and the time to act is now. Pollinator gardens can help fill this void by providing food, water and nesting and overwintering habitats for a broad diversity of pollinating insects and other wildlife such as birds and small animals. These gardens can also serve as windbreaks, help stabilize the soil and improve local water quality. Plus, attracting pollinators to your yard will help your garden to produce more blooms and more food if you happen to have a veggie garden. As always, when you choose Mother Nature as your ally it's a win-win-win situation. OH

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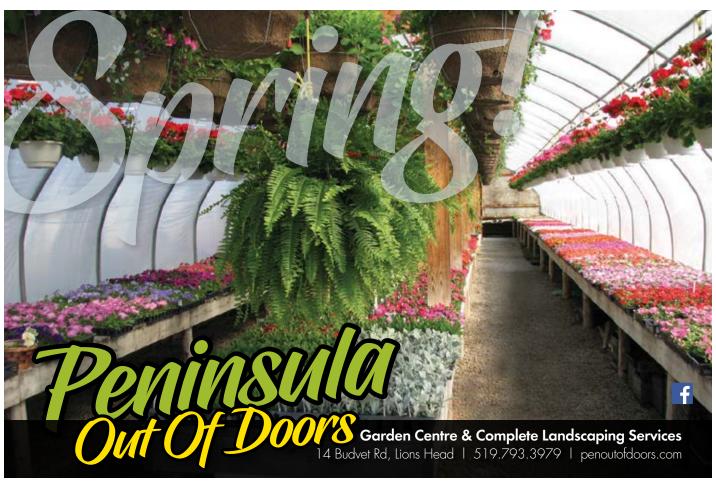
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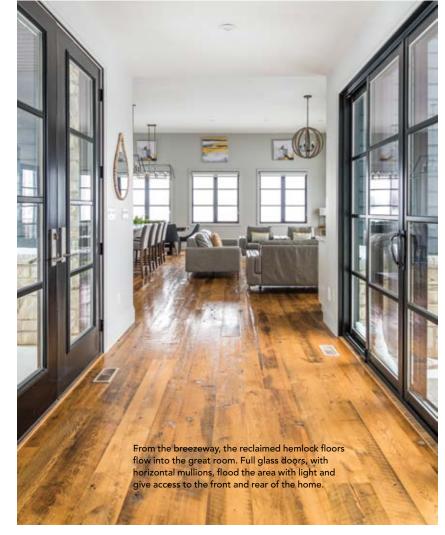
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GENIUS LOCI Highlands

classical Roman mythology, the term genius loci refers to the protective spirit of a place. In religious context, the *genius loci* was often depicted as a figure holding a bowl, or a snake. In contemporary design circles, the concept refers to a distinct atmosphere created, or felt, within a space. This home captures that spirit of place – born of a simple feeling wherein the genius loci shines through. Continued on page 40







Just north of Flesherton amongst the foothills of the Grey Highlands, adjacent to babbling brooks and juxtaposed by striking pines and stiff winds, this home began not as a showpiece, but a stepping stone. It began with the simple feeling that a breezeway should be the precursor to the aura of the house. The wind should be able to pass freely. Guests should feel welcome to enter. The outside should be let in. At the same time, no single design element should serve no less than two functions – the concept of the breezeway is as much about privacy as it is openness.

One of the homeowners is a paramedic, so the home is conveniently divided into two distinct zones that allow part of the house to rest while the other side is beaming with energy before the sun comes up.

"The concept of the breezeway was really where we started with

the design of the house," says the homeowner. "I can sleep on shift – or, I start days tomorrow, for example – so I'm up super early to get to work. So I can come in the kitchen and turn the lights on. The last house we lived in, no matter what I did everyone would hear me. I'd be looking in the fridge trying to get my lunch together using my phone flashlight."

The concept for the house, designed by **Neil Watson** of **Watson Designs** and built by **R. Talbot Carpentry & Renovations**, was born from exploration and built over seven months. "We go for drives," says the owner. "We look at other properties and find what kind of stuff we like – we thought of the breezeway concept as a way to divide the house into a main living area, and a main sleeping area."



The main living space is stunning and open, encompassing the living room, dining room and kitchen. Cabinetry throughout the home was designed by **Vivi Tree Design Millwork & Cabinetry**, and lovingly built by R. Talbot Carpentry and Renovations, as were the reclaimed hemlock barn-board floors and staircases.

The main room measures approximately 30-by-30 feet, filled with abundant natural light courtesy of Ostaco windows from DeCola Windows and Doors. A white marble replica quartz countertop on the kitchen island, clad in raw reclaimed barn board and a white herringbone tile backsplash is opposed by a fireplace and entertainment centre clad in steel on the other side of the room.

"I wanted the white kitchen look, with the chrome – the countertop was easy because I knew it was how I wanted it to look," says the homeowner. "I had seen the herringbone backsplash and loved the aesthetic. I'm basically here all day – and we were very particular on the island position. It had to be here and centered perfectly."

Overlooking the jutting topography of a seven-acre Grey County property, and to the immaculately landscaped pool yard, collaboratively realized by Clark Pools & Spas and Rock Solid Landscapes, a tastefully tiled deck area is skirted with limestone boulders, sleek steel planters and small gardens, becoming the focal point of a life lived outside. Continued on page 42







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Rock Solid Landscapes has meticulously created multiple spaces for guests to enjoy the landscape, lounging poolside or at the large dining table. The pump house doubles as a change room and a comfy bar to enjoy a cool drink.

Planter boxes are confined by raw steel courtesy of **Howie Welding & Repair**, adding a crisp and urbanized finish to the pool yard, complete with a unique overhanging pergola constructed of steel and wood. A floating timber bench in the front yard continues the minimalist feature approach. Rock Solid drilled a hole into a massive rock to support a timber beam that's as elegant and sophisticated as it is rustic and strong.

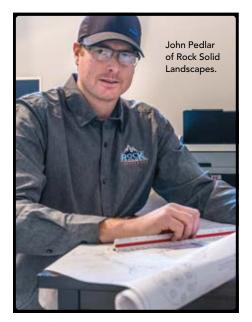
The home is cloaked in Maibec siding from **S & S TimberMart**, and skirted by limestone from **Maxwell Stone**. **Glen Weatherall** of **G.W. Masonry** is responsible for the beautifully sporadic stonework that contrasts the dark blueish-black siding adding an organic zest of natural appeal to an otherwise modern finish. In the back corner of the yard lies a stunning fireplace bordered in natural limestone overlooking a pond in the valley.

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LEFT: The grey, vinyl-lined pool has steps that run the width of it, making it easy to enter the water. If you want to dive in, there's a six-foot rock platform at the opposite end. Limestone coping caps the edge and natural square-cut limestone covers the deck. Russel Fence & Decks installed the fence that surrounds the pool. The steel planter contains sedum and goldentau grasses, both are perennials. OPPOSITE, **TOP:** An old propane tank was cut in half to create the fire pit. Jumbo random flagstone with creeping thyme filling the gaps sits beneath the pit. Three Armstrong maples will provide shade as they grow. Muskoka chairs from Squire John's are ready for the campfire stories to begin. **BOTTOM:** John Pedlar's children Reece and Sam test out the floating timber bench that is anchored at one end with a large boulder. Natural limestone square-cut pavers create a landing area before climbing the Eramosa limestone steps to the front door. Black Kichler LED lights line the walkway. Upright with a narrow profile, five hornbeam trees are grouped in this front bed.







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The master bedroom is as unique as the home's layout. Facing north on the main floor, the bedroom gives way to the master bathroom, and to the pool – an homage to the home's open breezeway beginnings. The master bath is home to a custom his-and-hers vanity, an expansive stand-up glass shower and a separate stand-alone tub all perched atop enlarged 24-by-24-inch tile. "Our bedroom isn't huge - we don't live in our bedroom," the owner says. "We liked the idea of having the doors out to the pool, but we also liked this idea of having our space flow around."

Downstairs, the great room is mimicked leading to a massive rec room for family nights in, while 10-foot ceilings and a deeper foundation from Carl J. Doerr Construction help to give the illusion of being above ground thanks to enlarged west-facing windows. Upstairs, the children rule the roost, with two east-facing bedrooms above a double garage, complete with their own communal bathroom and a common area geniously geared toward the eventual teenaged necessity for private space. All window coverings from **Décor Design.**

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TOP LEFT: In the master bedroom, the navy tufted headboard dictates the accent colour. Windows on either side of the bed and the doors to the pool let the sunlight pour in. Blackout shades from Décor Design help the homeowners sleep in. **TOP RIGHT:** Ikat fabric covers the accent chair in a cosy corner of the master. The décor items were sourced at Peek Thru My Window and Clerkson's Home Store. **ABOVE:** In the master en suite, the wall tile in the shower was also used on the floor. The marble penny tile on the shower floor complements the whole space. Reflected in the glass is the patterned blind over the vessel tub.







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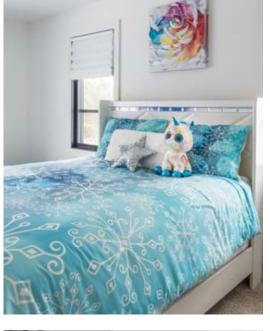
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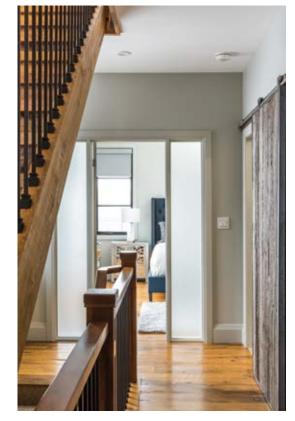








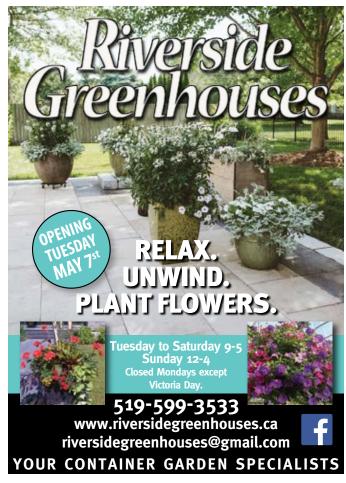
ABOVE: For nights spent dreaming of construction sites and monster machines, this bedroom on the second level is just perfect for the homeowner's son. Carpet and area rugs were sourced at Dean's Carpet One Floor & Home. TOP RIGHT: Glitter and sparkle is the theme in the daughter's bedroom. This lucky girl also has a walk-in closet used for toys and clothes. This is the only room in the house that is painted Cloud White by Benjamin Moore. RIGHT: The unique sidelights of the master bedroom doorway brighten the hallway and stairs with maple railings from Barrie Trim & Mouldings Inc. The reclaimed sliding barn door leads to the laundry room. FAR RIGHT: The second floor bathroom is shared by the children. Lots of storage in the double vanity helps keep the



"We were trying to think ahead," explains the owner. "We hope to stay here [but] we're project people. We enjoy looking for property - but having the kids, having the pool - we really like having the privacy. We like to be a little out of town, and the goal is to be here."

This home is a true testament to a life lived together as much as it is about giving each other privacy and room to grow. The charm in the protective spirit of this place is in its ability to harness the modern family dynamic and hold it close. There's no doubt this was always meant to be a wildly impressive house by design, but first and foremost, it's the spirit of a beautiful home that shines through. OH







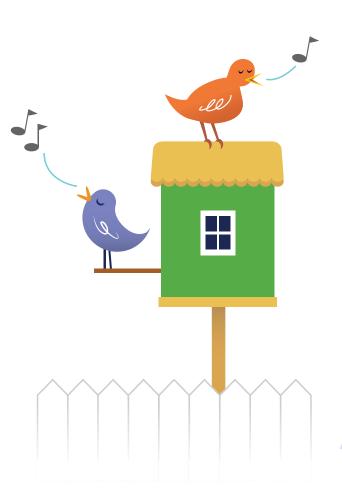
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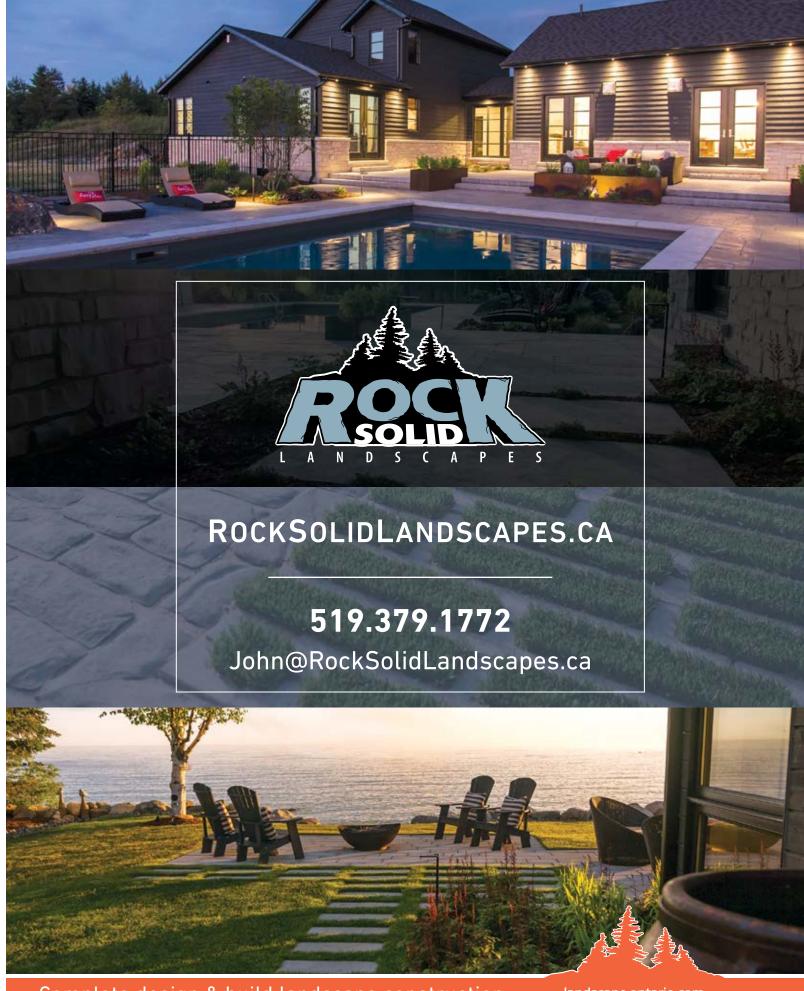
As these birds get ready to mate, they tempt potential partners and protect their turf with a symphony of sound and songs. Winged minstrels, they make summer mornings an auditory treat. With a safe place to nest, birds and their voracious nestlings will devour thousands of bugs, snack on the seeds of garden weeds and help protect fruit trees from damaging insects. All the more reason to help these creatures

Welcoming and sheltering birds with homemade nesting boxes is a simple, inexpensive and environmentally-friendly way to enhance human habitat. Population growth in North America exacts a heavy toll on woodland birds. Logging, farming, residential and cottage development cuts into forests, reducing the number of prime nesting sites and making songbirds vulnerable to predators such as cats, raccoons and skunks. Thirty-five years ago, the eastern bluebird faced stiff competition from European starlings, an invasive species that was taking over tree cavities and evicting bluebirds from natural nesting sites. But in just 12 years, a nesting box program reduced the competition. Bluebird populations rebounded enough that the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada deemed the bluebird no longer at risk. Many species, however, are still in trouble, including the endangered loggerhead shrike and the at-risk wood thrush. Populations of swallows, swifts, nighthawks and whip-poor-wills - birds that eat insects on the fly - are also declining.

Construction Basics

Building a birdhouse is easy. Once all the wood cutting is done, it can be child's play. Scrap wood, stowed below the workbench

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or in a garden shed, will work just fine. One board, six-inches wide and five-feet long, will provide enough material for a basic nesting box. A tape measure, saw, a square, hammer and nails or a few wood screws with a driver, and a hole-cutting saw are all the tools needed.

Preferred Species

Before building a nesting box it's best to decide what kind of birds to attract. Different species prefer varying habitats, birdhouse dimensions and locations. So, a little online research can be helpful. Wrens, for example, prefer houses with four-byfour-inch floors, a height of six to eight inches and an entry hole of 1-1/8 inches in diameter. Their birdhouses are best hung in trees, five to 10 feet off the ground. The tiny entry hole will prevent larger birds or predators, such as squirrels, from entering the box. Downy woodpeckers will nest in a similar-sized house and location, but need a slightly higher ceiling and a larger entry hole. Screech owls and American kestrels are partial to larger nesting boxes, installed at much higher heights. Install birdhouses in sheltered spots, protected from the sun, facing away from prevailing winds. For an extensive list of birdhouse dimensions for different bird species see www.birdwatchingbliss.com/bird-house-dimensions.html.

Design Elements

Small holes at the edge of the floor will allow water to drain. Side openings for ventilation near the top will help keep the house cool. Varnish or paint can protect wooden birdhouses from the elements and help them last longer but avoid painting, staining or varnishing the inside of the house. Leave it natural. Scoring the interior wall with saw cuts below the entry hole makes it easier for nestlings to reach the entrance. An exterior perch below the entry hole may make it easier for predators to access the nest, so it's best omitted. Hinge one wall or the roof of the birdhouse so that old nesting material can be removed after the young have fledged. Cleaning the box will help eliminate parasites and disease.

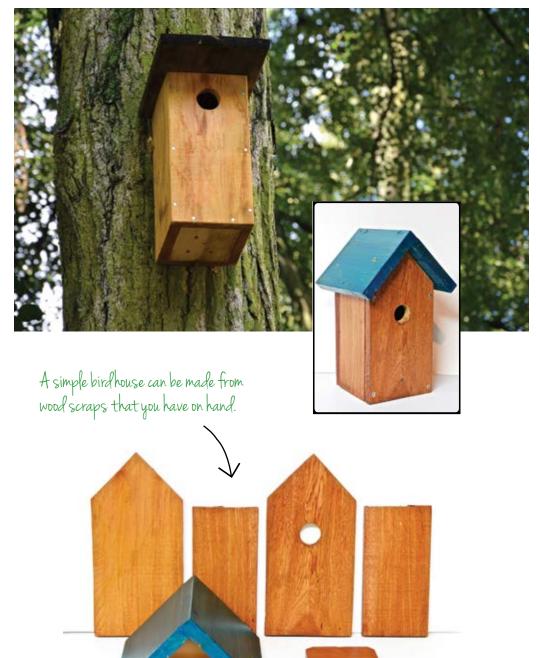
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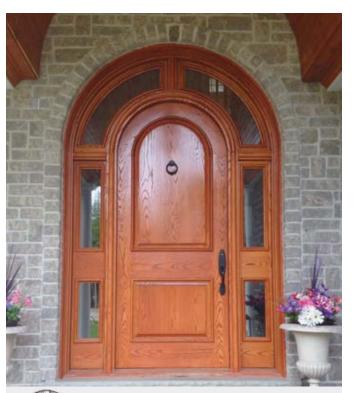
To attract more birds to the yard, suspended or pole-mounted bird feeders with black oil sunflower seeds will draw chickadees. common redpolls, northern cardinals and nuthatches. Dark-eyed juncos, robins and mourning doves prefer feed on the ground. Blue jays love peanuts on the ground or in

feeders while finches favour niger seed in tube feeders. Birds also need water so a birdbath will help attract them. They like the sound of running water so a small bubbler or fountain will help draw them to the bath. Trying a few different locations may be necessary to find the right spot.

It's easy to spot nest-building birds as they carry twigs, bits of fur, feathers and grass to the abode. The incessant piping of nestlings will announce that a clutch of eggs has hatched. For days, the seemingly tireless parents will make repeated forays between the birdhouse and surrounding yard in search of bugs and seeds to nourish their insatiable brood. It's fun to watch and admire.

With spring weather just around the corner, it's prime time to welcome some new feathered friends. OH





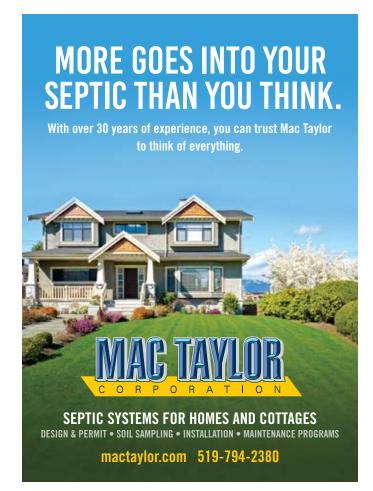


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HOME HUNGRY

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Young homebuyers who work in Toronto have to choose between a long commute or condo living to make the dream of owning a home a reality.

Forced by climbing rental and property prices in the Greater Toronto Area, Emily Proctor and her partner Dean Lane are taking the same route as plenty of other young people – they're heading north to buy a house.

"We've been halfheartedly planning for over a year," says Emily, who lives and works in downtown Toronto. Buying a house in the GTA is not easy these days, acknowledges the 27-year-old. "We took a look at our finances and started putting away some money and making cuts."

Dean sold his car, a move, he says, that also cut down on insurance and took away condo parking fees, gas and car maintenance expenses.

Then it came time to consider where they would buy a house, says Emily. "I've always wanted to have a house in a smaller city," she says, adding, "It's also within the budget."

The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB) recently polled young people in the GTA and found that 92 per cent of them agree that the dream of home ownership is becoming more difficult to achieve for their cohort living in their city.

"Affordability is a huge barrier," says Emily. "There are fewer, stable full-time jobs that pay well. Wages haven't been rising as much as the cost of living has." She says she's noted that friends who've moved out of the GTA are in a better position to own homes.



That's why Emily and Dean are looking to buy property in Simcoe County. And that's where the trend seems to be moving, says Sarah J. Stevens, a realtor with Century 21 B. J. Roth Realty in Orillia.

Sarah says to afford a house, groups of friends and couples are pooling their money to make it happen. This creativity, she says, also means young people are buying different types of properties. "They may buy triplexes so they can get some rental income from it," says Sarah.

With changes in rules around mortgages, everyone from real estate agents to mortgage brokers have to work harder.

Sarah says young people vying for properties have to drive their income. "Make as much money as you can," she says. "Find a side job, or an extra job, maybe online, or wherever your (soft) skills lie. Be conservative and live within your means and don't take on extra debt."

And as time goes on, Sarah says, she's finding most people are okay commuting farther for a cheaper house.

But according to the BILD and TREB poll, 86 per cent of respondents say it's important for young families to be able to afford to live and work within the GTA without having to commute over an hour to get to work.

That's what veteran GTA real estate representative Sue Massa of the Sell with Sue Team at Right At Home Realty Inc., Brokerage, is finding with her clientele

"The condo market has taken off," she says, adding her clients want to stay close to the city because of the high cost of commuting. "Most people when they sit down and do their budgeting, they want to cut down on their travel costs," she says.

"The trend of moving north has slowed down considerably," says Sue. "When the market corrects itself, the properties north will be hit first."

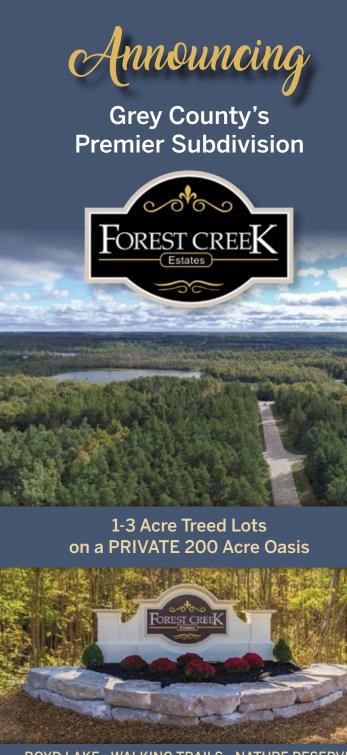
In her experience, she says, younger people buying homes are willing to spend that extra bit, instead of having to fix up a property after buying it.

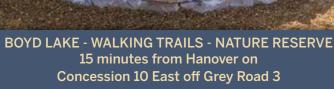
"At one time you were able to purchase a property and go and fix it," she says. "Today, it's hard to find that extra money to put towards that."

At the end of the day, both she and Sarah recommend that anybody looking to buy property should work with investment, real estate and mortgage experts to reach their goal of home ownership.

To save up, Sue says, take inventory of where you're spending your money. Most people can save a lot simply by cutting back on their monthly coffee and eating out expenditures.

"Once you've kept an eye on your money, you can decide where you're going to invest it," she says. **OH**







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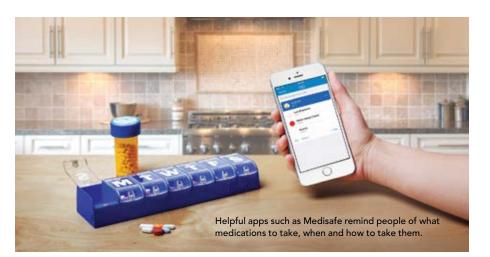
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Aging at home in the digital age can be a challenge as well as an interesting adventure that enhances and prolongs independent living. When it comes to adopting modern conveniences that help people live at home as long as possible, age-appropriate technology is essential.

Most seniors, already enjoying their retirement years, prefer low-tech, easy-to-use solutions, says Heather Mahon, who owns Heather's Home Healthcare, a medical equipment and supplies store that promotes independent living.

Low-tech solutions could include something as simple as soft rubber covers that slip over kitchen and bathroom taps, making them easier to turn. A portable phone or a cell phone, taken into the bathroom during showers or baths, is a simple safety measure. "If you fall, you can call 911," says Heather.

An ever-expanding universe of digital technology promises benefits unheard of when today's seniors bought their first homes. Retirement is an excellent opportunity to explore emerging technology and to learn about computers, the internet, digital devices and all they have to offer. Technology is used in every facet of life to make tasks easier and faster, according to Aging in Place, a resource hub for seniors and families. "It's important not to underestimate how technology can help you in your golden years," the organization advises.





When travelling to see family and friends gets too difficult due to inclement weather, distance or mobility issues, people can keep in touch through email, text messages or live video links such as FaceTime and Skype. Simple training in using computers, smartphones and tablets is available through local libraries, recreation departments or seniors organizations.

Medical alert services, often the first aging at home improvement, are also easy to use. They typically provide clients with a small help button that can be worn as a pendant around the neck or on the wrist. Someone in need of help can simply push the button to reach a monitoring service. Some systems have the ability to detect falls. With the home phone turned into a speaker phone, the monitoring centre can call the customer. "If they don't respond, they're going to call an ambulance," says Heather. Monitoring is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "They don't care how often you press that button. They're there," she says.

With voice commands, mobile digital assistants such as Apple's Siri or Amazon Echo's Alexa can be used to find out the weather or traffic conditions, to send an email, make a phone call and more.



Window shades can be automated to open and close and temperature can be adjusted remotely from a smartphone.



People with complex medical conditions that require multiple medications can take advantage of new technologies that help ensure they take their pills as prescribed. For example, a heart transplant recipient who takes more than two dozen pills every day uses an app called Medisafe to remind him what pill he should take, at what time and whether he should take it with food or water. The application for tablets or smartphones can be programmed to alert a designated relative or caregiver if someone has forgotten to take medication.

Spencer Heath Solutions has taken a step further and developed a medication dispenser. About the size of a toaster, it can be placed on a kitchen counter. It doles out pre-packaged doses of the right medication at the right time, as prescribed. It alerts users when its time to take medicine and can remind them when they've forgotten. The device can also alert caregivers and pharmacists when someone has missed taking medication.

THE SMART HOME

Sarah Love and her husband Stewart operate a Burlington company called PM WYRE that automates homes and cottages. Many of their customers are age 60 or older. "A lot of them are people who are building their retirement home and they're looking to stay at home forever," Sarah says. "So we work with the builder to provide a variety of solutions to make their home safer as they age."

A critical care nurse for 15 years, she worked closely with home care services in getting

people home after they were discharged from hospital. "I think I bring a unique perspective," she says. The couple work with clients to design smart homes to be exactly what homeowners want. PM WYRE can install sound and television systems, security systems, panic alarms and sensors that detect whether their sump pump is working or if water is leaking into the basement. They can install a camera if homeowners want family to visually check on them via smartphone or computer. Doorbells can be equipped with a camera to show, on the home television, who's at the door. "The client will hit it and see if they want to get up and answer the door," Sarah says.

"We work with clients to develop light pathways. So, for example, if they frequently get up and use the bathroom, we can do a pathway of light that's set at 10 per cent or 20 per cent that's on at night from their bedroom to the bathroom. And when they get to the bathroom, we can put in an occupancy sensor in the bathroom so the light goes on. When they leave, it automatically goes off."

Medical alert devices and mobile digital assistants can allow seniors to live independently for as long as possible.

In bedrooms or other rooms, window shades can be automated to rise in the morning and descend in the evening, so homeowners aren't struggling to get behind furniture to open and close shades, she explains. Lighting can also be automated to turn on and off when homeowners want. The house can be programmed so when homeowners leave, they can press one button and the security system engages, shades descend and lights adjust to leave on only those that are necessary. When owners come home and punch in their key code on the door or their smartphone, the security system automatically disarms and lights come on at appropriate settings and locations. The door code can even turn on their favourite music or radio station.

The systems are user-friendly and not difficult to learn, Sarah says. "Our objective for our clients is to make it as simple as possible for them." **OH**



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Simon and Courtney Dietz spent two summers clearing the land for their new home with the help of their family. Their young children took part - the three girls chasing butterflies through the fresh, open field. Continued on page 69



ABOVE: Stained glass detail in the front door offers privacy but also lets the sunlight shine in. The Fox Trot tile, laid in a herringbone Candue Homes and Daryl Regimbal of DR Designs. OPPOSITE: The warmth of the day is enjoyed on the front steps by homeowners Courtney and Simon Dietz, their daughters and their

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The family cherishes that experience, building bonfires and learning first-hand about their new property together. "It was a joyful, bonding time," remembers Courtney.

As they moved on to the next stages of building, they maintained that sense of excitement. "We saw the opportunity to build as a gift," says Courtney. "We chose to go about it as a new and exciting adventure, we kept that attitude even during the stressful moments. We really had a lot of fun."

The Dietzes credit much of their positive experience to **Don Tremble** and the team at Candue Homes. "We interviewed other builders, but when we met Don, we really hit it off," says Courtney. "We were just comfortable with him; his experience along with the guidance of project coordinator **Alex** Neuman made the building process a smooth one." Jason Tremble of J.T. Excavating did the final land preparations for the new build.

Through Tremble and Darryl Regimbal of **DR Designs**, they customized their chosen plan, including creating a lower level specifically for the girls. The finished basement now has three bedrooms, a full washroom and an additional living room - a perfect space for recurring family sleepovers.

The heart of the home, though, is the large, bright custom kitchen, provided by Barzotti Woodworking Ltd. The tile came from House Rules Design Shop and was installed by Gary Voisin Flooring **Solutions**. "Our lives are centered around the kitchen, around this island," says Courtney, "I love to bake. The children and I gather here, usually around the KitchenAid mixer."







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With Simon's mother just up the road and countless cousins and friends nearby, the Dietzes frequently host gatherings.

They designed their open floor plan to accommodate these gatherings, although the generous dining space was initially earmarked as a sunroom. Annexing this room during the building process gave Courtney and finish carpenter **Eric Hopkins** of **Eric Hopkins Limited** an opportunity to highlight the space with trimwork fitting its wide entry.

Everything the family needs is close at hand, with a well-designed layout that includes double ovens, multiple landing spaces for outdoor clothing and footwear and a main-floor laundry with exterior door, offering easy access to a backyard clothesline. "We wanted our home to be functional, open and inviting," says Courtney.

The finished product – a bit of country, with a touch of contemporary beach house – is comfortable and relaxing, showcasing Courtney's flair for design, "I think your home should include what you love: colours, patterns, shapes." For the Dietz family, that meant bringing the outdoors inside, with colours and textures inspired by the large yard just outside their windows, leading to 40 acres of forest beyond.

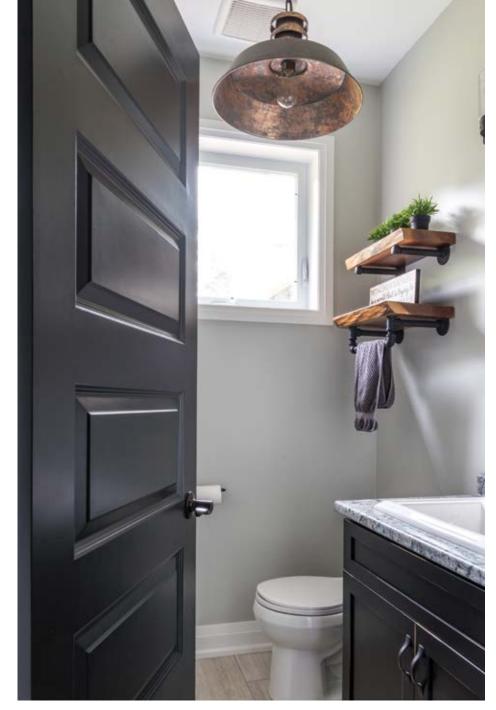
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LEFT: In the guest bathroom, industrial floating shelves and a barn-style pendant inject a rustic charm. A warm grey was used on the walls throughout the main floor. BELOW: Built-in cubbies for the girls keep all of their gear organized and separated to make getting out of the house an easy task on busy school day mornings. **BOTTOM:** On these warm spring days, the direct access to the garden makes it easy to hang clothes on the laundry line to dry in the sunshine. Overhead cabinets store cleaning supplies out of sight.





The family enjoys spending time on the walking trails on the bush property, observing sounds and discovering animal tracks. One of the children's favourite activities is lifting rocks is a perfect example of this palette. to search for hidden salamanders.

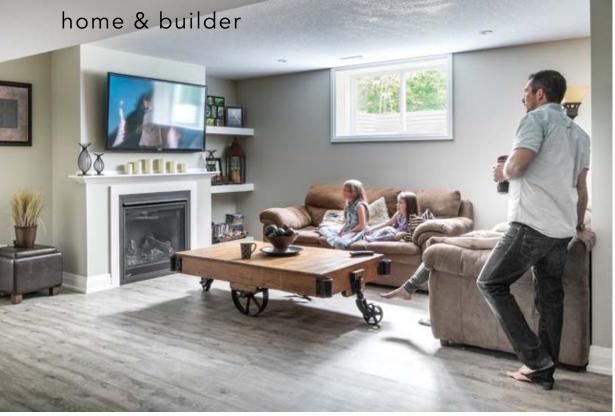
The salamanders haven't yet found their way back into the house, but the blues, greys and greens of nature have, as they make up the colour palette of the walls, accents and stone

throughout. The cultured stone fireplace (Country Ledgestone in Echo Ridge), installed by Chad Weltz at Candue Homes,

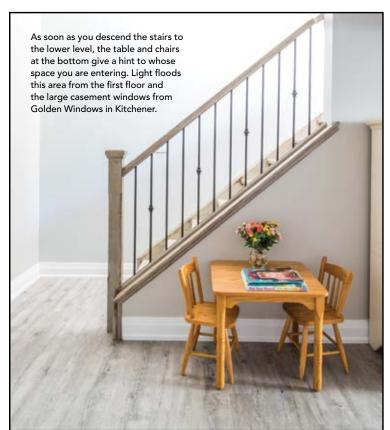
Black accents pepper their way through the home, including those in the Twelve Oaks Modern Maple flooring, chosen specifically for its dark knots combined with the bright natural colour. Continued on page 74







LEFT: The lower level space was created just for the children, so they have their own area to relax. The comfy couches are perfect for the whole family to curl up on and enjoy a movie night. **BELOW:** From the flying driftwood fish to the colour of the vanity, the beachy theme in this bathroom will bring back happy memories of days spent on sandy beaches, picking up rocks and shells. The Formica Arctic Snow counter floats above the cabinet, painted Rhine River by . Benjamin Moore.



Bright tones continue in the lower level, where the girls' area takes its cues from another of the family's favourite locations: the beach. Much of their summer is spent at the family trailer in Port Elgin, and family vacations find them at far-off beaches, where the girls spend hours searching for seashells. Continued on page 76







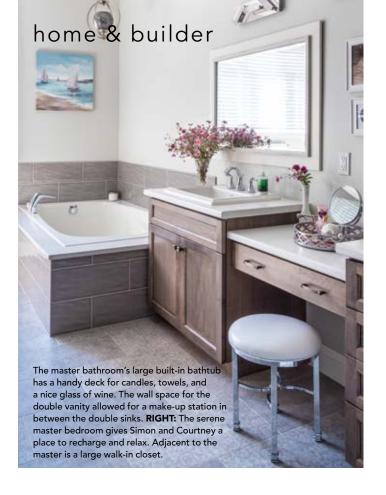


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Courtney's eye for detail and her positive passion for the building project opened the door to another opportunity: She now works as a Design Consultant with Candue Homes.

"We had been warned by friends about the stress of building, but we loved every bit of our project," say Courtney. Now she's able to share this energy with clients, as she assists them with their design and décor decisions. "I want others to have the same joyful homebuilding experience that we had." он

BELOW: Two other bedrooms show what is special to each of the girls. Mermaids and cats in one and a telescope in the other. The girls couldn't be happier with their rooms. BOTTOM RIGHT: A happy little girl in her beautiful bedroom. Turquoise is one of her favourite colours and unicorns her favourite animal.





SOURCE GUIDE

- Barzotti Woodworking Ltd. Bathworks Candue Homes
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MATERIALS

Teacup and Saucer | Spoon or Ribbon | Pliers
All-Purpose Adhesive (we used Goop Glue) | Birdseed

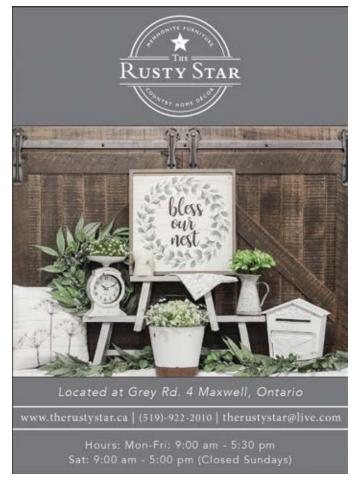


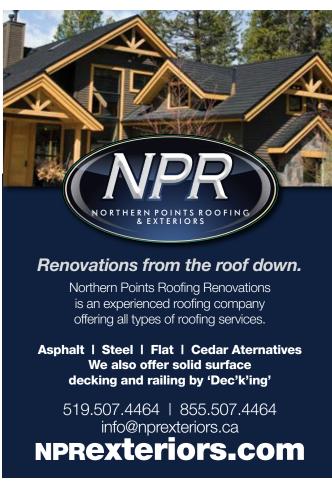
DIRECTIONS:

- Apply a thick line of all-purpose adhesive from the centre of the saucer to one edge.
- Holding the teacup with handle upward, press the opposite side of the cup down into the adhesive in the saucer.
- Hold or support the teacup until the adhesive sets.
- To use a spoon as a hook, bend the spoon with pliers into an S shape.
- Use the spoon hook to hang the teacup from an easy-to-access branch of your favourite tree. You can also hang the feeder with a ribbon. Fill with birdseed.



Second-hand stores are a great source to find vintage spoons to make these charming hooks. OH





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READY, SET, BUILD!

Pride & Joy: My family. **Spring To-Do:** Concrete driveway. Retirement Plan: Travel.

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Neighbourhood:



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AT WORK

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Local Sources: Allen's Home Hardware Building Centre in Paisley; Grey Bruce Paint & Décor in Owen Sound. Clients Ask For: Curbless showers. High-End Extra: Bi-fold

AT WORK

Latest Trends: High-efficiency; contemporary designs.

Go-To Local Sources: Shouldice Designer Stone; eastern white cedar

Clients Ask For: Maintenance-free exteriors and steel roofs.

High-End Extra: Composite decking, glass railings and triplepane windows.

PATRICK AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Hepworth. Pride & Joy: My home. Prized Possession: My stores. **Retirement Plan:**

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AT HOME

Neighbourhood:

Pegasus Trails in Port Elgin. **Pride & Joy:** My basement recreation room.

Spring To-Do: Tree trimming. **Retirement Plan:**

I don't plan on retiring!

AT WORK

Latest Trends: Modern front doors with vertical frosted glass; sliding barn doors.

Go-To Local Source: Port Elgin Home Hardware Building Centre.

High-End Extra: Customized home sound systems.





Neighbourhood: Markdale. Pride & Joy: Our family. Spring To-Do: Be healthy. Retirement Plan: Travel

AT WORK

Current Project: Latest Trend: Multigenerational living. Go-To Local Source: Centre Grey Building Supplies in Markdale. Clients Ask For: Barrier-free designs.

> **High-End Extra:** Bathrooms with curbless showers.

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AT WORK

Current Project:

Go-To Local Source: The Old Barn Polished Stone Creations in Hanover. Clients Ask For: Walk-in pantries. High-End Extras: Tiling an entire wall; Cambria quartz.

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AT WORK

Latest Trend: Modern design. **Go-To Local Source:**

Young's Home Hardware Building Centre in Mount Forest.

Clients Ask For: Granite countertops.

High-End Extra:

Deluxe bathrooms.







AT WORK

Latest Trend: Modern contemporary timber frames. Go-To Local Source: Centre Grey Building Supplies in Markdale Clients Ask For: Timbers! **High-End Extra:** Commercial glass.

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Neighbourhood: Chatsworth, born and bred. Home Style: Great light, beautiful timbers and tall ceilings. Pride & Joy: My two daughters. Spring To-Do: Build a timber frame outdoor room.

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AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Creemore. Home Style: Classic century home. Pride & Joy: My son. **Spring To-Do:** Paint the cottage. Retirement Plan: Explore the rest of Canada.

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AT HOME Neighbourhood: A farm in the former Bruce Township (Kincardine). Pride & Joy: My three children. **Spring To-Do:** Organize! **Retirement Plan:** Travel more. **ANDREW**

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AT WORK Latest Trend: Lots of windows. **Go-To Local Source:** Ziegler Lumber Ltd. in Port Elgin. **Clients Ask For:** Luxury feel at a reasonable price. **High-End Extra:** Heated floors in the bathroom; steam showers.

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an accent wall, on furniture pieces and interior doors, or hidden spots like inside closets or drawers. This bold colour choice is an homage to our positively powerful state of mind.



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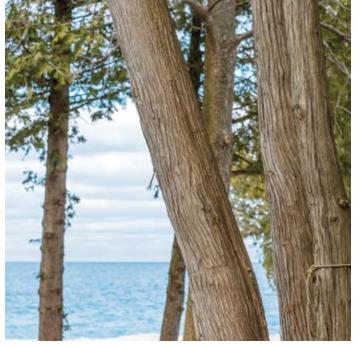






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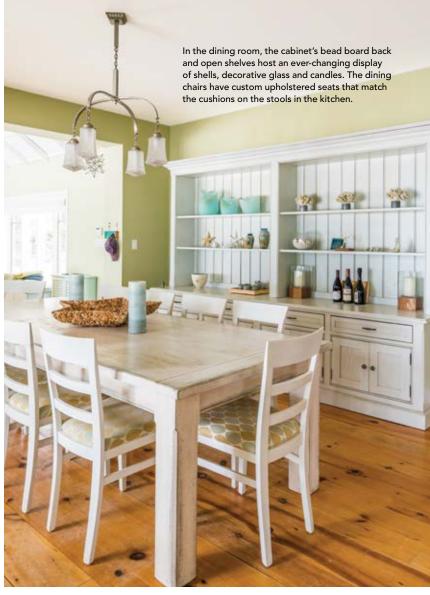


n the 1900s this little area, just outside of Kincardine on the shores of Lake Huron, was a destination for families from Ripley, Gorrie, Teeswater, Detroit and New York. Renowned for its sandy beaches and incredible sunsets, its natural beauty was worth the journey, which back then, was long, difficult and hot. The simple cottages built on waterfront lots offered a place to sleep, eat and somewhere to sit when it rained. Vacationers' days were filled with swimming, golf, entertaining and relaxing in the great outdoors. Today, the cottages are much more elaborate but the families enjoy their time much the same way as the early arrivals.









When the owners of this cottage – originally built in 1927 – were introduced to this area by friends and family, they fell in love. Buying the cottage was an immediate decision. At the time, they thought they would be renovating. For two summer seasons, the family frolicked on the beach, swam in the lake, hosted friends and considered the next step for their old beauty from another age. However, knowing what they wanted from the cottage for the future, they realized that, unfortunately, it was time to tear it down and build new.

They created a list of wants and needs for their new cottage and at the top was a wish to replicate the original cottage's living room into the new structure. With the help of an architect, thoughts were turned into drawings and the hunt for a builder began.

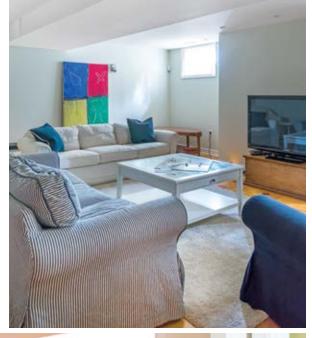
On their way back and forth to Toronto, they passed the **Royal Homes Ltd.** design centre in Wingham. Seeing it was local, they did some research and were very impressed with the awards, quality of Royal's home builds and the positive feedback they encountered.

They liked that all Royal Homes are built inside a heated warehouse that would protect the materials from being exposed to the extremes in temperature and weather that are typical of the area.

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feature

RIGHT: In the rec room on the lower level, the family enjoys board games or movies on a rainy day. The blue and white slipcovers on the sofas and chairs add that beachy feel and are easy to clean. FAR **RIGHT:** Chris Weppler of Royal Homes Ltd. loves helping customers build their dream homes with the skilled craftsmen at Royal Homes.







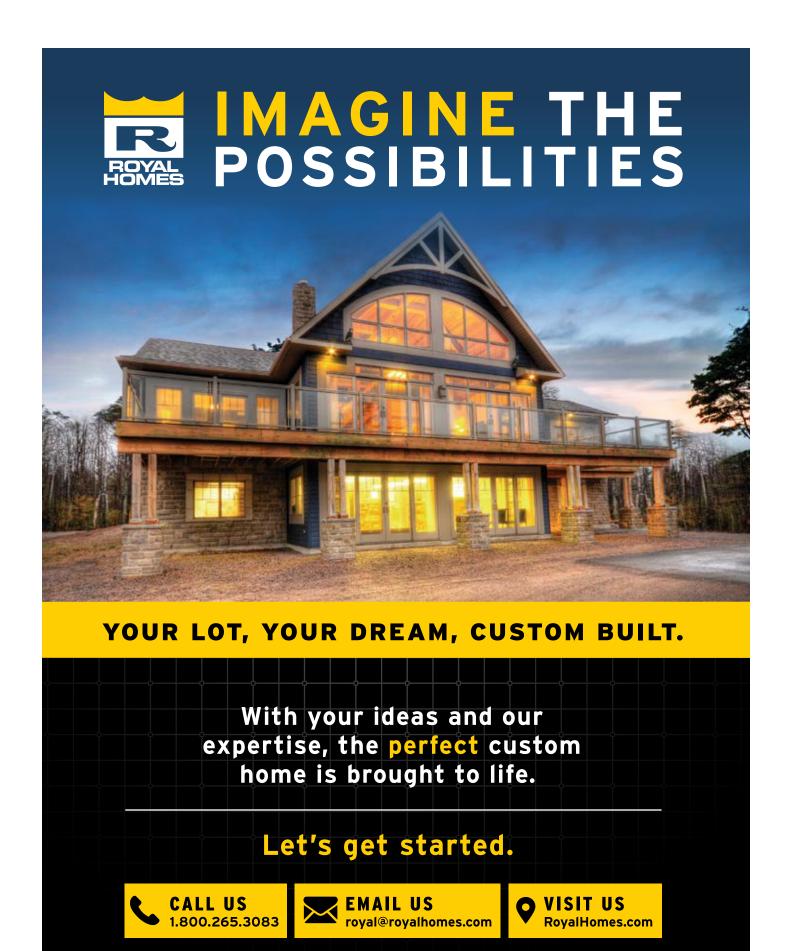
Royal Homes was hired. At a meeting at the old cottage, Designer Chris Weppler could see, first-hand, how to incorporate the cathedral ceiling into the new living room. As they progressed on the design, the wish list was double checked to make sure every item was incorporated before the drawings were handed over to the builders at Royal Homes.

The home was divided into modules that would be fully constructed and then delivered to the site where a crane would set them on the new foundation.

Royal Homes handled the entire build, including the foundation, septic and new water hook-up. The owners did not have to worry about coordinating trades and deliveries or being on site to keep the project moving.

The view of the lake was of utmost importance, so floor-to-ceiling windows frame the view and let the natural light pour in throughout the home.

In the living room, a fieldstone fireplace was constructed. They decided to keep it as a wood-burning unit, the same as in the old cottage. Cooler evenings by the crackle and flame of real logs was a memory of the family's first summers in this special spot. Continued on page 106











ABOVE: In one of the daughter's bedrooms, hot pink has been used as the accent colour. The duvet cover and Roman shade have flip-flop motifs while the contrasting plaid of the curtains and the bedskirt add another layer to this lovely room. TOP LEFT: The claw-foot tub was found in Toronto and refurbished. When it arrived on site it was installed in the module containing this bathroom and then lifted into place. To replicate the colours in this room, try using Benjamin Moore's Palladian Blue and Cotton Balls. **BELOW LEFT:** In the master bedroom, a deep comfy chaise is positioned to see the view. Many great books have been read in this spot. A petite glass-and-metal side table is handy for flowers or a cup of tea.

Carefully thought-out touches add age to this home and reinforce the cottage feel, including in the kitchen. Cabinets reach to the top of the nine-foot ceiling and are a mix of wood and glass fronts. Bead board was added to the backs of the glass-fronted cabinets. The perimeter counters are wood and the island is finished with a butcher block top. One modern addition is the large pantry with pullout shelves so nothing gets lost in the back on those busy summer weekends.

The dining room is in the same open space as the kitchen, where large doors lead to a deck at the rear of the house – the ideal spot to watch the water roll in and out.

The living room, just beyond the dining room, is a perfect copy of the original where many new memories are being made.

The wide-plank pine flooring that extends throughout the home is aging to a deep honey colour. With a few scratches and bangs, it looks as if it's been there for 100 years.

Adding to the authentic cottage look, the exterior of the home is finished in wood siding. The bevelled siding was installed in the same manner as the older cottages in the area.

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for our children and future generations.

And one of the primary tenets of social responsibility is sustainability.

What does sustainability mean? It's about meeting the needs of today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. A sustainable life cycle of a product is often referred to as "cradle to cradle" (C2C), wherein production techniques mimic nature and are efficient and essentially waste-free. This framework forms a closed loop, wherein all materials and byproducts can be reused. Opposite to C2C is "cradle to grave," which is an unsustainable life cycle and a linear model, wherein waste is the outcome and the item ends up in landfill.



LEFT: Hand pouring candles at Serendipity Soy Candle Factory.

HUMAN TOUCH

In our hyper-connected, technology-driven world with so much time spent in front of a screen, people are searching for ways to slow down. One of these ways can be found in a return to craft, which has brought an affinity for handmade, artisanal, one-of-a-kind pieces made with natural materials, traditional techniques and time-honoured processes.

The human touch is something that cannot be replicated. Softening the machine-made into a more organic, handcrafted form has a direct effect on how things are felt and experienced, and this interaction is a fundamental part of what gives items any meaning at all.

In a 21st century world often focused on the optimization of consumption, the commodity that remains the most valuable in contemporary life is time – and time is what is required in the design, preparation and crafting of materials into handmade goods. This investment of the most valuable commodity is a reason why handmade items are so revered and sought-after.



English architect and designer Edwin Heathcote writes: "We innately respond to things which have taken care and skill to make (skill takes time to learn), whether a good meal or a beautiful chair. It is not the expense of the materials that makes us feel a connection, but rather the way in which they have been treated from the time they are conceived through the making and their subsequent history."

Natural and sustainable elements also have a way of grounding us and connecting us with the earth and our roots. Appreciating the beauty of imperfections of natural materials such as reclaimed, recycled and

sustainably-harvested woods, handmade ceramics, artisan hand-baked clay tiles, and hand-loomed rugs have a way of warming up our homes and can provide a connection with the natural world that counteracts the pervasive technology-driven world we currently inhabit.

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Building on the overwhelming success of the inaugural show last year, the 2019 edition will showcase over 100 exhibitors and presenters focusing on home improvements, renovations, real estate, landscaping and other home and garden related services.

This year's Show will also introduce an Artisanal Marketplace and a demonstration stage that will feature speakers throughout the day focusing on a variety of home and garden related topics. Visitors to this year's Show will notice a focus on future-friendly, environmental and sustainable building practices and trends.

Free admission and parking, a children's craft zone, interactive exhibits. bucket loads of inspiration and the best-of-the-best in local building and design, the Grey Highlands Home Show is the place to be on May 4, 2019.

A full list of exhibitors and presenters will be available online.

Grey Highlands Home Show Saturday, May 4 – 9am to 4pm Flesherton Arena & Kinplex 2 Highland Dr, Flesherton greyhighlandshomeshow.ca

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Returning this year, each visitor will have the chance to win a cash prize, no purchase necessary, by visiting select booths listed on the Home & Cottage Expo-dition Prize Passport. Check out the Home & Cottage Expo at the Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound on Saturday April 27th and Sunday April 28th, 2019.

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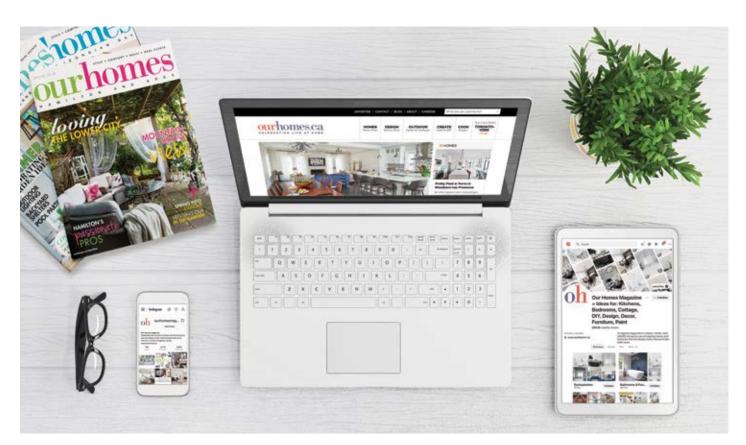
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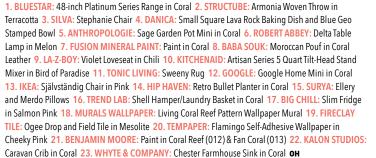
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