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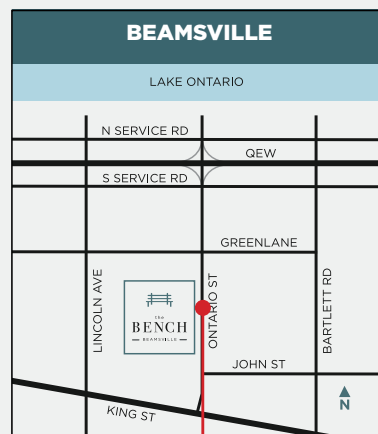
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THERE IS A CAT SLEEPING ON MY DESK AS I TYPE THIS. His name is Buddy and he's a skinny old dude. I never intended to keep him as my own when I found him a year ago while walking to the grocery store for some vegan sausage.

My husband often jokes I'm the cat whisperer. I think it's more likely I give off some kind of scent that's particularly appealing to cats in a bad state. Buddy was the saddest-looking soul when he and I crossed paths in north St. Catharines. He was skinny, his eyes infected, and his behaviour a little trepidatious. Yet he let me scoop him up and walk him back to my home, my plans for vegan sausage abandoned.

I would nurse him back to health, I told him. Find him a good home. Everything would be fine.

It would take months for everything to be fine for Buddy. He turned out to be an old guy, at least 15, with a thyroid condition and lots of grey hair that I didn't notice until I got him cleaned up.

My vet was the best possible support, helping me nurse Buddy back to health and working miracles, really. I tried not to get too attached to Buddy because it was so touch and go for a while, but now, as he lies on my desk, I can't imagine life without him, his lawnmower purr and giant tomcat noggin.

That love for a pet was evident in the homes we photographed and wrote about in this issue. Both homeowners adore their rescue animals, and you'll be able to catch some glimpses of their sweet and grateful souls making these stunning houses a home in our feature spreads.

In both dwellings, the homeowners were keen to honour something – in one case, the planet; the other, history. Both stories are equally inspirational as far as how the rest of us – and our rescued critters – can live our best lives.

And if you happen to be reading this with an animal in your midst, be sure to pat them on the head or give them a belly rub for me.

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MILESTONES – WE ALL CELEBRATE THEM.

Sometimes they're huge life goals, such as selling a business and buying your dream home. Or maybe it's retirement or creating your own home from the ground up.

Our feature homes in this issue are both examples of milestones. Both homes are fantastic, each reflecting different dreams. We're very grateful to the owners for sharing their homes with us and with you.

I'm reaching a milestone this fall as well. I'm not sure how I feel about it. I'm officially a senior. Yikes. So many of my friends have managed to make it through. My husband, Tim, made it. I expect I will, too. To celebrate, my best friend and I are planning a 130th anniversary tour – she's also hitting the same milestone this year – and our goal is to be pampered on a river cruise through Europe. I'm excited about all the homes we will tour while in port – those huge ones referred to as castles – and museums and towns, taking in all the scenery.

Meanwhile, on the home front, your troops may be starting school. And we're all starting to head back indoors to restart those projects we left behind while we enjoyed the summer and achieved other important milestones.

Enjoy your goals as you reach them. And if you have a home for us to feature when all the work is done, just let us know.

Happy reading!

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WINE CELLARS

*WINE CELLARS AND
WINE-TASTING ROOMS
ARE COMING OF AGE.*

Wine collecting requires a special space of its own and more homeowners are installing wine rooms in new and existing homes to ensure the right bottle is on hand. With today's technology, refrigeration and modern materials, wine can be stored in almost any location. However, this 6,100-year-old beverage still requires tender loving care.

WINE IS FUSSY

Wine breathes through the cork and ages in the process. Too much oxygen makes the wine bitter. The pace of this breathing is faster at higher temperatures and slower at lower temperatures. Fluctuations in temperature and humidity accelerate the aging process.

WINE STORAGE

Wine requires a cool, dark space with higher humidity than the average living space. Wine does not like noise or vibrations from any source.

It doesn't like any temperature extremes; 45°F to 65°F are the best temperatures for serving wine and 55°F is the ideal storing temperature for long-term storage, regardless of your wine style. Wine storage rooms come in two types: passive and active.

Passive Wine Cellars such as caves, basements and closets are naturally cooler and only receive indirect sunlight. They minimize swings in temperature and damage to the wine.

Active (Cooled) Wine Cellars are fully climate-controlled and can be set to the perfect storage temperature and humidity level to ensure ideal conditions. They are more flexible and can fit into any large, small or odd space in your home.

MODERN DESIGN TRENDS

Glass enclosures allow you to show off your wine collection and can be built as tall or wide as you want. The choice of tempered glass used is extremely important. The insulation value should maximize the refrigeration, humidification benefits and UV protection required for wine rooms that are in direct contact with sunlight. Etched or frosted glass are decorative options.

Integrating wine cellar design into your space for that WOW factor. Placing wine storage in living areas, man caves or kitchens allows you and your guests to engage with the wine while you show off your collection.

A label-forward design draws attention to the label art. It creates an intimate, interactive experience between the user and the bottle of wine.

Metal and acrylic wine racking. These materials are gaining popularity in contemporary wine cellar design. They provide the same storage quality as wood and can be much more cost effective.

Bridging old and new. Combining wood with metal or acrylic allows for more flexibility in a project design that is less stuffy and ornate, more contemporary and inviting.



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MODERN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Use LED lights and UV film for glass enclosures.
- ▶ No vibrating wall speakers and no noisy air conditioners. Insulate your mechanical air ducts or use a ductless air conditioner.
- ▶ Vent equipment heat outside.
- ▶ Storing multiple bottles of wine requires plywood backing for wall installation.
- ▶ Proper wall insulation, a vapour barrier and moisture-resistant green board walls are essential.
- ▶ Easy access to electricity.
- ▶ Moisture-resistant flooring is a must. Consider the insulation value of the floor and materials.

RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT (ROI)

A wine cellar is a high-end investment and, in some homes, it is a must-have upgrade. With an average bottle price of \$95, it pays to design your investment so it can add value to your home.

Galileo tells us: "Wine is sunlight, held together by water." Then sunlight and water hold together the truth in wine. Take good care of your truth. **OH**



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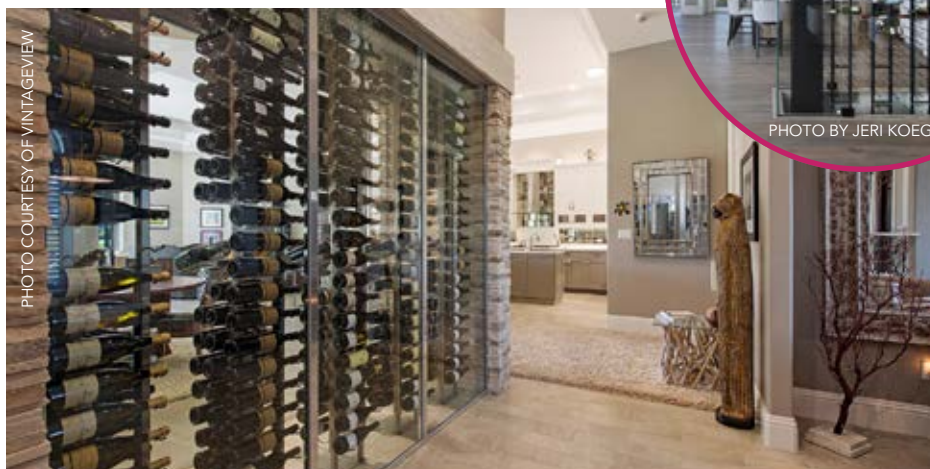


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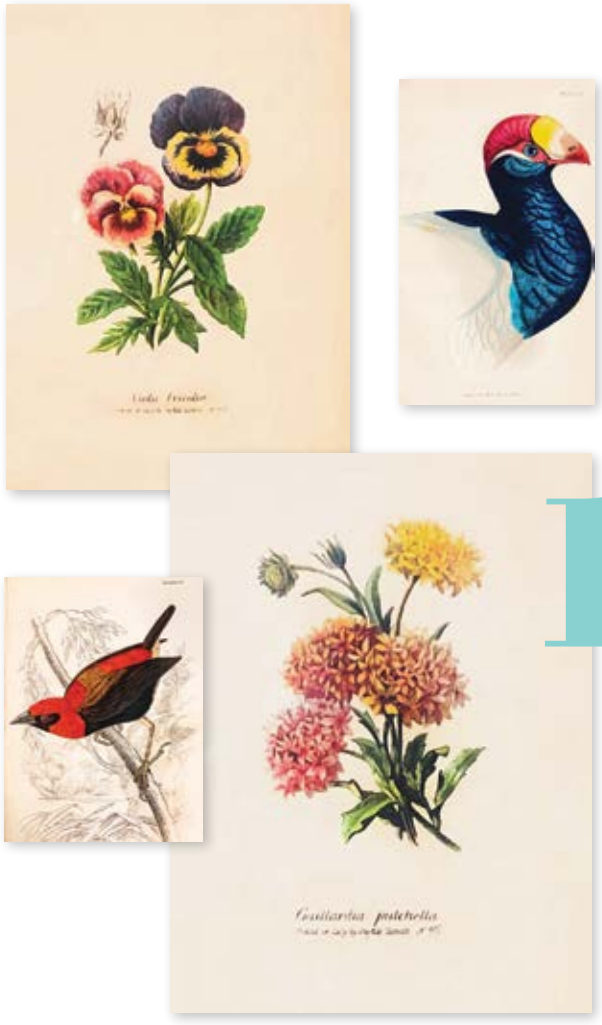
10 WAYS to add VINTAGE STYLE to your home

Gargantuan mahogany dining sets. Towering armoires. Royal Doulton figurines, anyone? If items like this aren't your thing, you're not alone. As *The New York Times* recently reported, thanks to today's small homes and pared-down aesthetic, the market for traditional antiques has shifted sharply in the last two decades.

"As far as decorating, I think we're contemporary," confirms Marlene Cook, owner of the Sunday Antique Market in Toronto. So, why is thrifting all the rage? And why are markets like Marlene's still mobbed on any given weekend? Marlene says that while her urban hipster shoppers give certain items a pass – yup, those dark old furniture suites – they love to snap up quirky vintage and antique pieces from savvy sellers.

Yet the mindset has really changed. "Some people are thinking about upcycling and recycling," she says. "When you buy something from a market like mine or somewhere else, it doesn't go to landfill." Today's buyers also want quality craftsmanship, and investment potential. Above all, says Marlene, rather than rooms stuffed with antiques, buyers want single pieces to inject interest into modern interiors. "It could be a really great piece someone has seen in a magazine. Here they can buy the original. It doesn't have to be a reproduction."

Beyond the actual goods, Marlene says the market experience itself – communal, hands-on, revelatory – is another huge draw today. "People get to talk to our vendors, they can get to shop and touch it and feel it, and see the vibrancy of the colours," she explains. Vendors can also tell you about an object's history, she says, meaning buyers are likely to take home a story along with their fab finds.



Ready to dive into the happy chaos of your local antique market and find some deco treasures of your own? Looking for inspiration, we asked a couple of pros what's flying off the shelves these days.

HERE'S OUR LIST OF MUST-HAVES FOR 2019:

BOTANICAL AND FLORAL PRINTS

Bring the outdoors in with framed antique prints. Marlene says, "We had a book dealer with beautiful botanical prints and prints of birds from the mid-1800s and they just sold like hotcakes!"



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Often featured in high-end design magazines, buyers love using these items to add interest to kids' rooms.



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VINTAGE VINYL LPs

Whether for display or listening pleasure, at the St. Jacobs Antique Market, manager Patrick Gilkes says, "Records are still the number-one seller right now."

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DISPLAY PIECES

From typewriters to vases and sculptures, people are buying vintage objects for display.

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TEA CUPS & DISH SETS

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MID-CENTURY ANYTHING

Vases, coffee tables, credenzas – sellers say the demand for well-designed mid-century pieces remains strong.



GLASSWARE

Whether funky cocktail glasses, colourful goblets or delicate stemware, Marlene says glassware sets are hot. "That's something anyone can buy for a party."



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EARLY ASIAN PIECES

Better-quality antiques, including pottery, are very popular.

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VINTAGE HARDWARE

It's a fantastic way to transform generic furniture, and dealers see many people hunting for hardware, particularly handles and drawer pulls. **OH**



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The homeowners' intentions for this impressive piece of modern architecture in Niagara-on-the-Lake went beyond aesthetics. They had an ambitious goal to create a net-zero home that would be a healthy and accessible space for them to enjoy well into their twilight years.



Aaron Hahn of
Hahn Builders.

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After much research into eco-friendly building methods and sustainable design solutions, the couple found Ottawa architect Linda Chapman, who's known for her eco-smart architecture, to design their dream home. The next hurdle was finding a Niagara builder willing to take on the task.

"Both my husband and I wanted to have a smaller footprint and have a really efficient and healthy home," the homeowner explains. "What we are trying to achieve is a net-zero home, meaning we hope to create as much energy as we use. It was difficult to find a builder to do this. Either they felt they didn't have the capacity or they weren't interested in doing such a detailed build."

Aaron Hahn of **Hahn Builders** was willing and excited to take on this new challenge, even after receiving 43 pages of detailed blueprints from the architect, as opposed to the usual four-to-five pages for a residential build. *Continued on page 27*



LEFT: The front foyer features lots of natural light, reclaimed timber, and hints at the homeowners' love of Mid-century modern furniture. **OPPOSITE:** The modern exterior of this eco-friendly home is covered in long-lasting metal siding. Landscaping and patio stone driveway by Tree Amigos.



“WHAT WE REALLY APPRECIATED WITH AARON WAS HIS YOUTHFUL ENERGY.”



FAR LEFT: A faux beam in reclaimed timber creates a striking divide between the kitchen and great room in this open-concept home. **LEFT:** Cabinets were installed using low VOC materials to keep the environmental footprint of this home as small as possible.

Mindy, the homeowners' rescue, has plenty of room to roam and relax.



“What we really appreciated with Aaron was his youthful energy,” the homeowner says. “He doesn’t get stuck in a certain way of doing things. We never heard him say, ‘No, you can’t do it that way.’ Aaron always looks for a solution.”

Before beginning construction, Aaron worked with Linda to find an alternative wall system that provided a similar R-value with less cost than the original double-wall design.

As Aaron explains it, the R-value, or resistance value, measures how fast heat transfers through something. The higher the value, the longer it takes for heat to transfer, so a greater R-value contributes significantly to making a home more efficient. It also makes the home more comfortable by eliminating cold zones.

“There are many accommodations that have to be made for the insulation and sealing of the home in the design,” Aaron says. “It’s not just pink fluffy batts.”

The house is also built using advanced framing methods, which use less lumber in the walls because wood has a low R-value. Less lumber provides more room for insulation,

which contributes to the higher R-value.

Beyond the energy efficiency of this home, it’s an eye-pleasing piece of modern architecture with an interior design elevated by the homeowners’ lovingly curated collection of Mid-century modern furniture.

The colour palette isn’t the usual stark white seen in many modern interiors. It’s warm and muted with a combination of tan and grey. Colours include **Benjamin Moore’s** Barren Plain on walls, Stone Harbour on doors, and Lenox Tan and Dolphin on the kitchen cabinets. Painting was completed by **Garden City Interiors**.

A spacious open-concept kitchen with an ample island speaks to the homeowners’ love of cooking. Cabinets were made and installed using low VOC materials by **Milestone Millwork and Custom Kitchens**. The countertops in Caesarstone Buttermilk, purchased through Milestone Millwork, pair perfectly with the colour scheme. Top-of-the-line appliances were purchased from **Nickerson Appliances** to last a lifetime and installed by **Strictly Installs**. All plumbing here and throughout the home was by **J & R Plumbing Inc.** *Continued on page 28*



A subtle element given big emphasis was reducing the carbon footprint of the home. The quarter-sawn white oak engineered hardwood floors with a custom oil finish were sustainably harvested from North American forests. They are also manufactured entirely in Canada by Logs End in Ottawa, and were installed by **Pro Hardwood Flooring Niagara**. An eye-catching ceiling and large faux exposed beam of antique reclaimed timber

sit in contrast to the sleek minimalism of the space, adding character and warmth. All of the reclaimed timber used for the mudroom bench, the great room ceiling, faux beam, kitchen and bar shelves, and stair treads was sourced from **The Timeless Material Co.** A motorized Velux skylight illuminates the open stairwell with a modern, glass banister and oak staircase by **Enzokhan**. When opened, it immediately evacuates warm air and cools the home. *Continued on page 30*

ABOVE: The great room is filled with Mid-century modern furniture carefully curated by the homeowners. The colours add warmth to this modern home.



RIGHT: A closer look at some of the lovingly restored antique furniture that fills the home.
BELOW: The home is designed to be a forever home with a main floor bedroom and second floor that doesn't need to be accessed as the homeowners age.



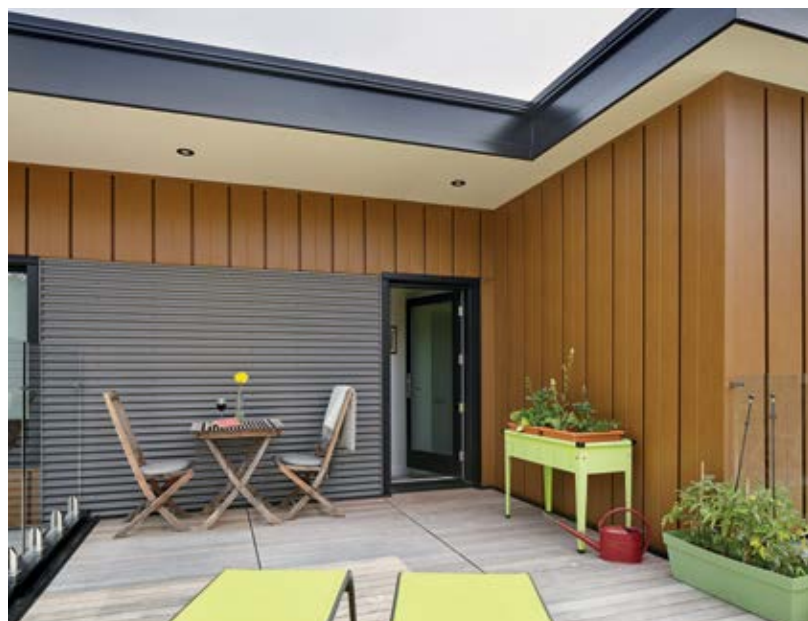
Natural wood and coloured glass figure prominently in the furniture and décor.



There were minimal plastic products used during the build. Outside, long-lasting corrugated metal siding in charcoal grey and Urban Accent in light walnut was installed by **Permanent Siding & Windows**. The roofing was completed by **Bosco Roofing**.

The windows and sliding doors in the great room, which frame a leafy ravine and low-maintenance landscaping by **Tree Amigos** behind the home, are triple-glazed Inline Fibreglass. In addition, the home is furnished with pieces made of natural materials, including a pure wool area rug from **Aristocrat Floors of the World**.

A generous number of storage cabinets, made with low-VOC materials and installed by Milestone Millwork in the mudroom and laundry, makes it easy to keep the minimalist open-plan style of the home uncluttered. *Continued on page 32*



TOP: A view to the backyard. **ABOVE:** A built-in bar area upstairs accommodates guests and the homeowner when he's at work in his office. **RIGHT:** A rooftop patio is a quiet escape with a view of the neighbourhood.

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“THE IDEA IS, ONCE WE CAN’T GET UPSTAIRS WE CAN LIVE SOLELY ON THE MAIN FLOOR.”



A forever home in the truest sense, this home has been designed so the homeowners can age in place. The master bedroom is on the main level, which means there’s nothing they’ll need on the upper level as they grow older and stairs become a physical challenge. The intention to stay in the home long-term was another reason for using only low-maintenance and long-lasting materials in the build.

“The idea is, once we can’t get upstairs we can live solely on the main floor,” the homeowner explains.

The upper level features a guest room, bathroom, media room/office and a roof deck.

Back on the main level, the master bedroom is sophisticated and in keeping with the modern style of the home. A walkthrough wardrobe by **Leanne Mosquite Design** is hidden behind a floating wall. The Canadian-manufactured bed and corner table are from **The Furniture Gallery** and window coverings are made by **Karen Main of Main and Company Interiors**.

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ABOVE: The master bedroom with walk-through wardrobe. **RIGHT:** A sitting area in the master bedroom.



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A spa-like en suite features a heated towel rack and floors, with ceramic tiles by Ciot and recycled-glass penny tile from Saltillo Tile & Stone, installed by **Modern Interiors**.

Ultimately, this home epitomizes the people living in it, the architect who designed it and the man who built it.

“I was able to practise what I preach with this build,” Aaron says. “I have always been interested in this type of energy-efficient construction and design, but most consumers aren’t interested in the intangible features of energy efficiency, so I was excited to build a home like this. This home is really at the forefront of eco design, and built with love.” **OH**

ABOVE: The master bathroom features a walk-in shower and a urinal for comfort and convenience.

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Inspired By Throwbacks



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In the illuminating world of design and décor, history has a way of repeating itself. At least, the good things from the past seem to find their way back into the spotlight. Today's hottest interior lighting styles are taking a cue from days gone by, but these throwbacks are being revived with a cool, contemporary twist. Here are three lighting trends to keep your eye on in 2019 and beyond, inspired by the ages and back in all their glory.

ART DECO: 1910s-1930s

Art Deco has come a long way from its artful origins in the 1910s in Paris, France. This decadent aesthetic is distinguished by geometric motifs, curved forms, defined silhouettes and the dominant desire to be modern, influencing everything from architecture and furniture to jewelry, fashion and everyday appliances. Remnants of this distinctive style continue to inspire today's trendiest lighting designs. This bodes well for interior designers and homeowners who wish to incorporate a hint of adornment in an otherwise cool, contemporary abode. The avant-garde aesthetic is thoughtfully modernized with warm metals such as gold and copper and trendy geometric forms.

DESIGNER PICK:
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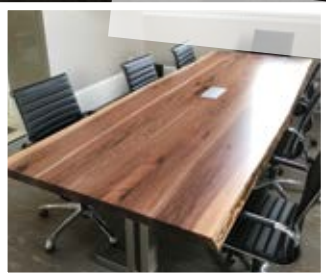


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OLD HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR: 1930s-1940s

Vintage romance is the prevailing theme of the equally inspired and inspiring Silver Screen starlet era. Those who seek to bring this luxurious look into the spotlight embrace a “more is more” mentality. (To those who find themselves asking if it’s “too much,” the answer is likely, “it’s just enough.”) Look for sparkle and shine, and overall softness that comes in the form of fabric shades and gentle silhouettes, such as a cascading crystal chandelier.

TIP: A chandelier lends the perfect touch of luxury that the Old Hollywood aesthetic demands. Traditionally featured in dining rooms and front foyers, a crystal chandelier also makes a dreamy addition to a bedroom or bathroom.

MID-CENTURY MODERN: 1950s-1960s

This important style movement continues to affect interior design today. The simple and understated look is all about minimalism and integrating with nature. When it comes to lighting, this enduring aesthetic has never truly gone out of style.

FAVOURITE: One of the most prevalent examples of Mid-century modern today is the Sputnik chandelier, which is well-loved for the simplicity of its glass globes and an unfussy, linear base, lending intriguing illumination with a chic, sculptural focal point.



FUTURE FORWARD: TODAY, TOMORROW & BEYOND

What’s next in the world of lighting and design? The future looks bright indeed, and as with all things these days, technology is the driver of the latest and greatest.

LEDs have created an endless world of possibilities for modern lighting designers, and they have become mainstream thanks to their efficiency, longevity, wide range of colours and temperatures, and their unique applications. They’ve also become more economical, which is great news for all.

Lighting controls are a huge trend and an essential part of every lighting plan. Even the most perfect arrangement of recessed lights, pricey designer fixtures and top-to-bottom accent lighting won’t create the impact you want without the ability to customize. Lighting controls can range from basic fundamentals to high-tech features, so consult a lighting professional to determine what’s available to meet your needs and wants.

One piece of advice we have for all our clients, regardless of their lighting choices, is to ensure all lights are on dimmers. This allows you to adapt the ambience based on your current mood and use of the space. This is especially important with the rise of modern multi-functional rooms and open-concept floor plans.

Don’t forget about the multitude of other options available to you, such as timers, sensors and so forth. For instance, a multi-sensory switch with a motion detector in a bathroom or closet will enhance your day-to-day in a subtle way. Once you have this, you’ll wonder how you ever got along without it.

Then, for the smart-home owner, in the spirit of Google Home and Alexa, wireless and voice-activated lighting is the next big thing.



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Whether you’re tempted by the throwbacks, fascinated by the future or you find yourself somewhere in between, consider your lifestyle and consult with a professional who can shed some light on what’s available and what’s possible. **OH**

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STORY **TIFFANY MAYER** | PHOTOGRAPHY **KELLY HORKOFF**

THE PLACE: It doesn't take long after meeting Andy Jr. and Charlie Artinian to realize the brothers' life's work is about more than selling furniture. As the owners of **Dunn's Furniture Fashions** in St. Catharines, they're honouring the legacy of their father, Andy Sr. They do it not only with the passion they bring to the store each day but with their philosophy of selling the sofas, bedroom sets, dining tables, area rugs and chairs that make their customers' homes unique. "His business was his passion," Andy Jr. says. "He always

wanted to sell a better product, not out of arrogance, but he wasn't going to sell low-end items." And he never went for the hard sell, either, the brothers note. That's why today, 65 years after Andy Sr. launched the business by selling televisions door-to-door, Dunn's is the first place the children and grandchildren of those earliest customers come to shop when it's their time to furnish their homes. "That's been our success," Andy Jr. says. "We're not aggressive. We listen to their wants and needs and try to bring that to them."



THE APPROACH: Customer service gets top billing at Dunn's. Andy Jr., Charlie, and their staff, Sue, George and Larry, know that a showroom and a bedroom in a home, for example, are different spaces. That's why they take the time to come to a customer's home and help determine how or whether an item will fit. Because of their relationship with manufacturers, they can easily have products, such as sofas, customized to best suit a room. "It gives that added confidence customers need," Charlie notes.

THE STYLE: The emphasis is on Canadian-made at Dunn's. Andy Sr. intended it that way, and it's how his sons have continued operating. Transitional styles dominate the showroom, where vignettes show furnishings in context. "The customer can leave here with the look they want, and we have the team to help them do it," Andy Jr. says.



THE TREND: Condo-size furniture is big right now. Customers want less bulky pieces to better suit their lifestyles and living spaces, no matter the room. Sectional sofas, however, are still a crowd pleaser.

THE NEWS: Dunn's celebrates 65 years in business this year. Each month, Charlie and Andy Jr. highlight different manufacturers or rooms in a home with special promotions and sales. They've also added custom area rugs to their offerings, making Dunn's even more of a one-stop shop.

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Simmer over low heat for 2 hours.


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THE evolution OF A HOME

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When Lauren and Vaughn Goettler's home was built more than 100 years ago by John J. Wright, the man responsible for bringing the electric trolley to Toronto, the property was a large parcel of land in the heart of Old Town Niagara-on-the-Lake. It's come a long way since Wright moored his steam-powered yacht, *Electra*, along the Niagara River shoreline to build what was his family's cottage, but time has been kind.

The four-level cottage, built in 1908, was clad almost entirely with rock and pebble. The Goettlers have spared no expense to restore the beauty of this designated heritage home, also known as *King's Landing*. Since they purchased the property in 2015, they've lived through years of renovations to make it their own while honouring its history.

"We really feel like the house was waiting for us," Lauren says. "It had been for sale for five years when we bought it. The home needed a lot of work, but we loved its old-world charm."

This charm was also beloved by renowned local artist Trisha Romance. She captured it in her painting *Christmas at the Cottage*. "The stone fireplace in Trisha's painting remains exactly the same today," Lauren notes. "And we also celebrate Christmas amid the crackling of the wood fire."

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**"WE REALLY FEEL LIKE THE
HOUSE WAS WAITING FOR US."**
— Lauren Goettler

The foyer of the home was intensively refurbished with hand-cut-and-crafted stained glass windows at the entrance and black-and-white checkered porcelain floors. **OPPOSITE:** Homeowners Vaughn and Lauren Goettler and their dog, Cowboy.



Taylor Rumble of
Simply White Interiors.



The Goettlers love having friends and family over. So they worked closely with **Taylor Rumble** of **Simply White Interiors** for nearly three years to honour the home’s welcoming Arts and Crafts aesthetic.

“Taylor has done an amazing job of creating timeless elements that respect the era of the house,” Lauren says.

Taylor, who started his work in the master bedroom, “got along famously” with the homeowners, carrying out their vision inside the home, which required his keen and creative eye for detail.

“This has personally been my longest, continuous design project to date, with gratifying and satisfying results for both parties,” Taylor says. “It goes without saying that mutual respect and friendship have culminated in a lovely restoration that will continue. Simply White Interiors was privileged to be a part of an amazing historic restoration.”

There are four bedrooms on the second level and two bedrooms in the attic, all designed to pamper guests. In the master bedroom overlooking the Niagara River, Taylor says blue was an obvious colour choice, tying into the stellar views of the water. “I mirrored that in the indoor furnishings, wallpaper and appropriate fabric choices to reflect a cohesive vision,” he says. *Continued on page 48*

TOP RIGHT: The formal dining room with a view to the Niagara River. **RIGHT:** The sitting room, which is home to the fireplace featured in a Trisha Romance painting. Furniture from Jansen Furniture. **OPPOSITE, TOP RIGHT:** The galley leading into the larger kitchen area with a sizeable island for gathering and eating. **BOTTOM:** The island in the kitchen features built-in refrigerator drawers, making access to drinks and other necessities easy for entertaining.





LEFT: A view to the en suite bathroom from the master bedroom. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** The master bedroom. Window coverings were cleverly installed to lead the eye to the view of the Niagara River and away from the bulkhead above. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A guest bedroom with whimsical bird wallpaper. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** One of the attic bedrooms. Sloped ceilings feature prominently in some of the bedrooms, requiring clever furniture design and placement.

Throughout the house, Taylor worked around existing obstacles, including slanted ceilings and uniquely shaped windows; for example, he designed curtains for the large master bedroom window so the eye is drawn to the stunning view instead of the low-hanging bulkhead above the window. He also designed headboards and bed frames to accommodate those sloped ceilings in many of the bedrooms.

“When it comes to finishing off a room, I have a knack for seeking out unused nooks, crannies and angles that can enhance the bare bones of the project, producing unexpected but pleasant results,” Taylor says. “Attention to the finest detail is my passion and forté, coupled with obliging and aligning with clients. Trust and precision are essential when custom pieces are involved in a historic renovation of a heritage home.”

Furniture that honoured the era in the living room was purchased from **Jansen Furniture** and area rugs add warmth to the hardwood floors throughout by **West Lincoln Barn Board & Antique Flooring**.

Original art by **Marilyn Cochrane** was sourced at **The Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre**. Walls were painted with **Benjamin Moore**’s Cloud White to offer a clean backdrop to the home’s historical features, and wallpaper was hung by **Alpha Maintenance Wallpaper & Painting**.

“Everything was a blank slate, so it was really fun to be part of the refurbishing process,” Taylor says.

The stained glass within the front door and entrance was hand-crafted by Stained Glass Services as a nod to the Tudor Revival exterior, and the black-and-white-checked porcelain floor of the foyer was painstakingly refurbished by **Tile Coverings Niagara**. Some of the homeowners’ favourite features include the original doors, stairways, trim, mouldings and floors. *Continued on page 50*



“EVERYTHING WAS A BLANK SLATE, SO IT WAS REALLY FUN TO BE PART OF THE REFURBISHING PROCESS.”
– Taylor Rumble.



The washer and dryer are kept out of view thanks to this custom-built cabinet made to look like an armoire.

“It was very important to us to respect these elements,” Lauren says. “We took great effort to match the original floors and trim, including installing new wood floors in the kitchen to match old wood.”

In the kitchen, new cabinetry was installed and quartz replaced worn countertops. Appliances, including those for an expansive outdoor kitchen, were sourced at **Nickerson Appliances**.

The bird mosaic backsplash was hand-cut and installed by Tile Coverings Niagara, and is dear to Lauren. It reminds her of the gardens outside the windows, originally designed by Lorrie Dunington-Grubb in 1923. Dunington-Grubb was a famous landscape designer of the time, and the original plans for the Goettlers’ gardens are kept at the Niagara Historical Museum. The homeowners now find the kitchen to be the perfect spot for guests to mingle and munch. *Continued on page 52*

ABOVE: The guest bathroom features glamorous touches, including a clawfoot tub. **RIGHT:** Headboard and bed are custom made to accommodate the sloped ceilings in this guest bedroom.



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Bathrooms were updated by raising the ceilings several feet to take advantage of unused space found hiding above. In one guest bathroom, equipped with a glamorous clawfoot tub and stone counters from **Dessco Countertops**, the change allowed for a stackable washer and dryer system to be tucked into what looks like a freestanding armoire by **Radunsky Construction**. **Jamie Radunsky** also installed clever built-in storage drawers in one guest room, making efficient use of an otherwise unusable space.

The home has three furnaces and air conditioners. As the owners of **Mr. Furnace** in St. Catharines, the Goettlers handled the HVAC installation themselves. “Walls couldn’t be penetrated to run HVAC work, so each floor needed its own system,” Lauren says. They also added on-demand hot water and a water filtration system. *Continued on page 54*

TOP RIGHT: The backyard features an infinity pool. **RIGHT:** The back porch. **BELOW:** Another view of the infinity pool, and the different lounge and seating areas incorporated into the backyard.





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ABOVE: An expansive outdoor kitchen was added to the backyard. **RIGHT:** A close-up of a sitting area in the backyard, equipped with a gas fireplace.

The property has also evolved. **Fairview Landscape** led the changes outdoors where the couple added a concrete infinity pool overlooking the river, a hot tub built to look like a wishing well, a backyard kitchen and several lounge areas, including a gas fireplace. All of it is surrounded by the precise and intricate stonework of **Silverstone Masonry**, and illuminated at night by **Lightscares**.

“This house has roots and the view is stunning,” Vaughn says. “We love being on the water.”

Their boat, aptly named *Electra II*, is moored only feet from their dock, near where John J. Wright likely once parked his yacht, and is part of that view. “Most of all,” Lauren adds, “we love sharing our little piece of history with loved ones.” **OH**



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DOUGH

INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cup milk, warmed
- 2 ¼ tsp active yeast
- ¼ cup white granulated sugar
- 1 egg + 1 egg yolk, room temperature
- ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp salt

DIRECTIONS

Place warmed milk (110-115°F) in the bowl of a stand mixer and sprinkle yeast on top. Yeast will begin to bubble/foam as it activates. If not, your milk was too cold or hot.

Once foamy and dissolved, add sugar, eggs and butter and mix with a spatula until combined.

Add flour and salt and stir until a dough begins to form.

Transfer bowl to the stand mixer fitted with the dough attachment and knead for 8-10 minutes on medium speed.

Transfer the dough to a large, well-oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap and a towel.

Let rise for 1.5 hours or until doubled in size.



FILLING

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp cocoa powder

DIRECTIONS

Combine butter, sugar and cocoa powder in a separate bowl.

ICING

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup unsalted butter, softened
- ¼ cup cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

In the bowl of a stand mixer, cream together butter and cream cheese.

Mix while slowly adding powdered sugar and vanilla.

ASSEMBLY

Roll dough into a rectangle that is ¼-inch thick.

Spread filling over dough.

Fold dough in half.

Cut dough into 1-inch strips.

Twist each strip and tie them into knots. It's okay if they're not perfect!

Place knots on a baking sheet and loosely cover with a layer of plastic wrap and a towel.

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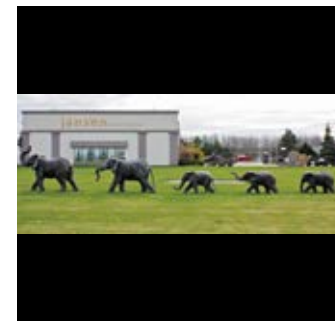
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AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Ridgeville. **Fall**

Projects: We have several Douglas Fir pergolas on the books, some spectacular entranceways, and intricate standing-seam metal roofs to go with timber detailing.

Morning Routine: Check email, feed the dogs, return phone calls and swing a hammer with my crew. **Dog Or Cat:** My hobby is showing and breeding Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

Current Reading Material: *Fine Homebuilding* magazine.

BUSINESS MENTOR:
My father, John, who never accepted an excuse if something wasn't right.

AT WORK

Motto: Provide customers with good quality at reasonable prices.

Best Part Of The Job: The creativity and seeing my projects in use. **In Demand:** Custom furniture, mainly large tables and fireplace mantels, rare wood products and restoration work. **On The Horizon:** Improved finishing techniques for durability and longevity is one of our goals.

SARAH AT HOME

Morning Routine: We have eight rescue animals, so we prep them for the day before preparing ourselves. **Best Part Of Fall:** The natural colour transitions of the foliage, plus the sunsets. **To-Do List:** There's always an action plan in the morning, and we are happy if we can get through half of it by the day's end. **Favourite Place To Grab A Bite:** The Pie Plate, Silversmith, Oast House, The Old Winery, The Twisted Vine, The Garrison House, Caroline Cellars, Bricks & Barley. **Last Movie:** *A League of Their Own.*

BUSINESS MENTOR:
My father, a pharmacist in St. Catharines for more than 30 years.

SARAH AT WORK

First Task Of The Day: Clean and prep all paint machines for the day. **Current Trend:** Wallpaper and feminine tones. Floral patterns and blush tones are dominant this season. **Biggest Seller:** Our Regal Select line of paints for their durability and washability. **Worth The Splurge:** Primer. You'll get the longevity the product promises, plus prevent future problems.

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AT HOME:

Neighbourhood:

Grimsby, by the lake.

Morning Routine: Sitting outside with a cup of coffee, watching the view of the lake.

Favourite Fall Activity: Hiking as a family and capturing beautiful pictures of the fall scenery.

BUSINESS
HEROES:
*My late
father, Ron
Hendriks.*

DARREN
AT WORK

Current Projects: A variety of custom homes, renovations/ additions and some commercial work. **Standing Desk Or Sitting:** Sitting. **Best Part Of The Job:** Seeing projects through from conception to completion and seeing happy clients. **First Morning Task:** Follow-up with any items from the day before.

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DARREN
AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Country living. **How To Enjoy Fall:**

Spending time outside, hiking or wine tasting. **To-Do List:** Landscape our new place and spend as much time as possible with my wife and kids.

Coffee Or Tea: Can I say espresso?

Current Playlist: Anything heavy that rocks!



AT WORK

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MENTOR:
My college professor,
Dick Kline.

AT HOME

Neighbourhood: Old Glendridge. **Favourite Room In The House:** Backyard. **To-do List:** Try to kick-start my fitness routine. **Dog Or Cat:** Dog. **Currently Reading:** Business-and-life-excellence books. **OH**

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STORY **MELANIE REKOLA**

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VANILLA STRAWBERRY

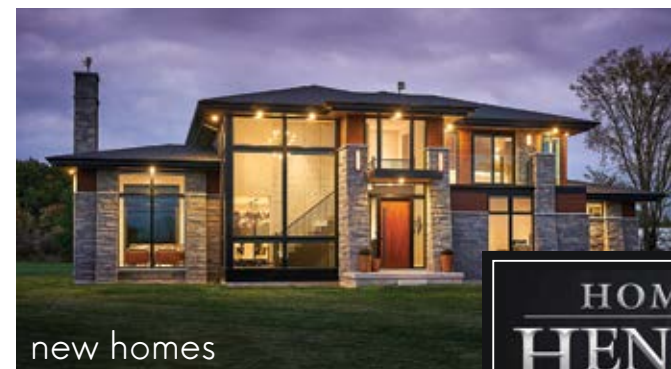
The fragrant Vanilla Strawberry hydrangea takes a few years to really get growing but when it does – oh my – patience will be rewarded with huge, fluffy and creamy white blooms slowly fading to pink and white bi-coloured flower heads.

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Quick Fire hydrangea (as the name suggests) blooms earlier than all the others. The flowers open white and quickly turn to dark pink. Little Quick Fire is exactly the same except it grows only about four feet in height – great for small spaces.



BOBO

Bobo hydrangea is a dwarf panicle that is exceptionally floriferous. White blossoms turning to blush pink smother this small-statured three-foot shrub.

LIMELIGHT AND LITTLE LIME

Yet another wonderful panicle type, Limelight hydrangea sports cool lime-green blooms. Little Lime hydrangea does too, in a smaller size.



SMOOTH TYPE
(HYDRANGEA ARBORESCENS)

Sometimes called wild hydrangeas, these have gorgeous, round snowball blooms that last for weeks in mid/late summer. They are much more shade tolerant than the panicle types but bloom best with some morning sun. They flower on new wood and can be pruned to the ground or near ground level in late winter/early spring to encourage abundant blossoms. The leaves of arborescens are large, dark green, heart-shaped, and thin.



ANNABELLE

Annabelle hydrangea is a well-loved classic hydrangea with tremendous staying power. It has large, pure white snowball blooms but they do tend to flop after a heavy rain. Peony rings work to keep them upright and are quickly hidden by their large leaves or you can prop them up with strategically placed dead branches.



INCREDIBALL

Incrediball hydrangea is exactly like Annabelle but with even more gargantuan white blossoms the size of basketballs!



CLIMBING
HYDRANGEA
(HYDRANGEA PETIOLARIS)

As the name advises, these hydrangeas are actually vines. Gorgeous white and fragrant lacecap flowers cover this sturdy vine in June/July. Mid-green leaves turn yellowish in fall with pretty peeling bark. This is a slow grower that enjoys a shady spot but can grow 50 feet, so plant wisely.

BIGLEAF TYPE
(H. MACROPHYLLA)

These include both lace-caps and mophead types and are sometimes called French hydrangeas. They have big, glossy leaves and have gorgeous pink, blue, purple or white blossoms and are the fancy kind coveted by many. I hate to be cynical and the bearer of bad news, but in our Ontario climate, this type of hydrangea will often produce lots of leaves, but blossoms can sometimes be a scarcity. Most varieties bloom on old wood, making the flower buds susceptible to killing winter temps, though there are some that flower on both old and new wood. Read below.

ENDLESS SUMMER

Endless Summer hydrangea and its offspring (The Endless Summer collection) bloom on old and new wood, making them the most reliable of the bigleaf type for our climate. The blooms of the whole series are beautiful! Just be prepared; they are high-maintenance and if you want to keep them blooming, you need to water them often and just the right amount. They need to be kept moist, but not have wet feet. Best of luck! OH

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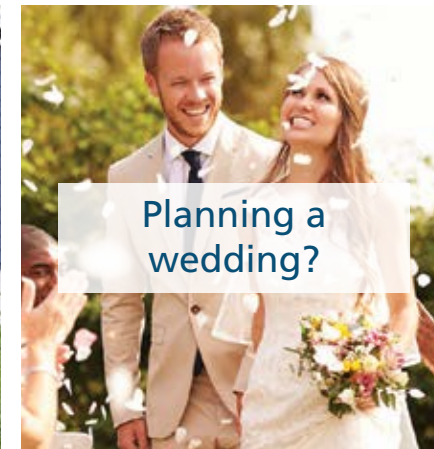
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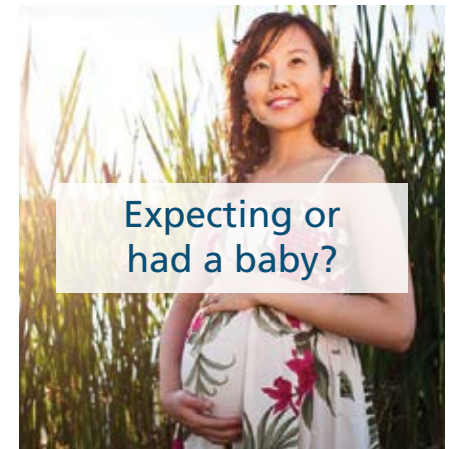
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5 STEPS TO CREATING A FABULOUS DINING SPACE

Cooler temperatures bring warmer gatherings as we all move indoors to entertain. That also means it's time to show off your home. No more backyard barbecues here. It's finally time to highlight your culinary skills or cocktail-making and impress your guests with a dining room design that feels both elegant and comfortable. Here are my five non-negotiable design elements for creating a fabulous dining space.

1 COLOUR & MOOD

Think about the mood you wish to evoke. A bright room with fresh white walls and lots of natural light will make you feel awake and alive. This is great for brunches and luncheons. For a more intimate vibe, choose richer colours and warm lighting. I love to use wallpaper and grasscloth in dining rooms. It adds a luxurious touch and can even act as a great conversation starter among guests while you slip away to prepare the meal.

2 FURNITURE LAYOUT

Function is foremost to dining room design. If your table is too big, the chairs may bump up against the wall, or if there are too many large furniture items, guests may knock over a lamp (or each other). A general rule of thumb is to keep a minimum of 36 inches between the edge of the table and the wall for chairs. This gives chairs just enough space to pull out so that your guest can slide in. More than 36 inches is even better. *Continued on page 78*

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3 SEATING SELECTION
You'll want to consider what type of seating suits your needs. Some families prefer a bench or banquette seating. This works great for children but not as well for adult dinner parties. No one wants to be the guest stuck in the centre of the bench. It's like having a middle seat on an airplane and the lady at the window continually has to squeeze by you to use the washroom. Banquettes do, however, work really well when you are tight for space. The 36-inch rule no longer applies when you have bench seating. Just make sure that your table has a pedestal base instead of four legs so people can get in and out easily.

4 SIZE MATTERS
The size of your table is important. It's not just about what fits in the room (although this is important too). Select a table that accommodates how you like to serve and dine with guests. You want it to have enough space for plates and décor or family-style platters in the middle, but one that still encourages great conversation across the table. Never go smaller than 36 inches wide. In general, tables 42 to 48 inches wide are most common. Anything bigger is difficult for conversation. The shape of the table can also affect your dining experience. You've seen this at restaurants. A round table is great for including everyone, but if it fits more than eight people (think of a wedding), it's too big and you get stuck talking solely to your neighbour all night. Round tables are great for smaller spaces. They lend themselves well to a space that also acts as a thoroughfare since there are no sharp corners to impede the flow of traffic.


No dinner table is properly set without candles, but use unscented so you don't compete with food aromas.



5 LIGHT IT UP
Lighting is the last main factor and perhaps the most important one if you're looking to create a space that keeps everyone wanting to get invited back. Use layers of light. Always add a dimmer to this room and use pot lights for great general lighting while you set the table, but turn them off when guests arrive and use a beautiful chandelier coupled with a pair of lamps on a sideboard or wall sconces for ambience. Chandeliers should hang approximately 29 inches above the table but this, of course, depends on your ceiling height. You can hang a light higher if your ceilings are extra tall.



BONUS DESIGN ELEMENT: If you have a little more space, consider a sideboard or a bar cart. Bar carts are fun to look at and you can set them up as an extra area for guests to serve themselves. The vintage bar cart in my own home sees a lot of action and sparks many conversations.

By considering mood, layout, table size, seating and lighting, you'll have covered all the bases to designing a beautiful and functional dining room. When you've found the perfect dining design, don't forget to add in some additional table decorations, candles and glassware. **OH**

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