

TERRIFIC TEXTILES

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Fabulous fabrics weave colour into our lives. It's a great way to update your décor and create an atmosphere of rich luxury. This season's experts have everything you need to bring beauty and dimension to your space.



▲ Cathy Boytos Trading Places Home Decor

WHAT IS YOUR SPECIALTY? We create custom one-of-a-kind headboards and refresh tired pieces with updated fabrics. We also guide paint and colour choices and help re-visualize a living space by moving existing pieces around a home.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT YOUR STORE? We offer some of the best prices in the GTA on custom work. Gain access to a full line of designer fabrics with our reupholstery program, from the latest hipster print to traditional patterns in new colour schemes.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HOME DÉCOR TREND RIGHT NOW? The trends right now aren't trendy at all. There is a lean toward fresh and elegant. It might be your grandmother's wingback chair recovered with an elegant new grey, yellow, bird print or toile. Even chintzes are making a comeback! Bold, modern colours on classic pieces become funky new cherished items. **OH**

▼ Shir Paiwand Herat Carpets

WHAT IS YOUR SPECIALTY? The quaint shop brims with a unique collection of Afghan and Persian oriental carpets, Kilims, pillows, textiles, jewelry, hand-blown blue glass, handcarved wooden objects and more.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT YOUR CARPETS? The showroom boasts carpets in a rainbow of colours and textures. Rare, antique and semi-antique pieces appeal to collectors and carpet enthusiasts alike. I share my passion and understanding of the design and craftsmanship with customers to allow them to deepen their appreciation of the beautiful rugs.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE? My favourite piece is a rare, antique Ersari Turkmen carpet that is in good condition. It's a museum piece.



— OUR HOMES SPECIAL ADVERTISING FEATURE —



Opal Bath & Design Team: Scott, Mike S, Michael, Mike C, Steven, Michele and Eric

Opal Baths & Design

One hundred years of renovation, craftsmanship and superior service. That's what the father-son team of Eric, Steven and Michael Kjarsgaard collectively bring to Burlington's Opal Baths & Design — all of which shines through in the work done by them and the entire Opal Baths team.

The history of the Kjarsgaard family and Opal Baths started in Hamilton in 1960 and years later, relocated to Burlington, now in their 30th year. The business is still continuing to boom, serving homeowners in Burlington, Oakville, Hamilton, Waterdown, Ancaster, Milton, St. Catharines and surrounding areas.

Offering bathroom renovations from concept to completion, Opal Baths & Design has been the recipient of many awards, including the Burlington Post Reader's Choice Diamond Awards for Best Bath Design and Best Bath Renovation for ten years running, a true testament to the quality of their service and work.

Whether your bathroom needs a complete update, new plumbing, electrical work, custom cabinets, a

new shower, upgraded tile or a new vanity, Opal Baths offers the knowledge and expertise to make the project a success. Their success of licensed tradespeople has built a solid reputation with their tidiness, professionalism, and efficient work. They can take on any project, regardless of its size or scale and complete it on time every time with superior care and impeccable craftsmanship.

"All of our employees are licensed in their trades" Eric says. "There are no handymen on our team, everyone is insured and experienced in their trade, ensuring that higher standards of quality are met."

Visiting their 5,000 square foot showroom will give you a true sense of what Opal Baths & Design is all about. With hundreds of faucets on display, glass shower set-up and a selection of over 75 vanity cabinets, Opal Baths can work with any style, design and budget while still achieving your vision. Carrying the latest in tile, marble, granite, quartz and cultured marble, Opal Baths makes selecting tile and countertop materials a breeze. Opal Baths & Design carry the top names in the Industry, including Kohler,

Bain Ultra Massage Air Tub, Toto Toilet, Maax, Aqua Brass, Grohe, Moen and many more, allowing a vast selection of bathroom elements.

Their commitment to quality, craftsmanship and service has helped Opal Baths & Design build a strong reputation as a leader in the bathroom renovations industry. Whether you need a small update or a full-scale overhaul, trust the experience experts at Opal Baths & Design to create the bathroom of your dreams.

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