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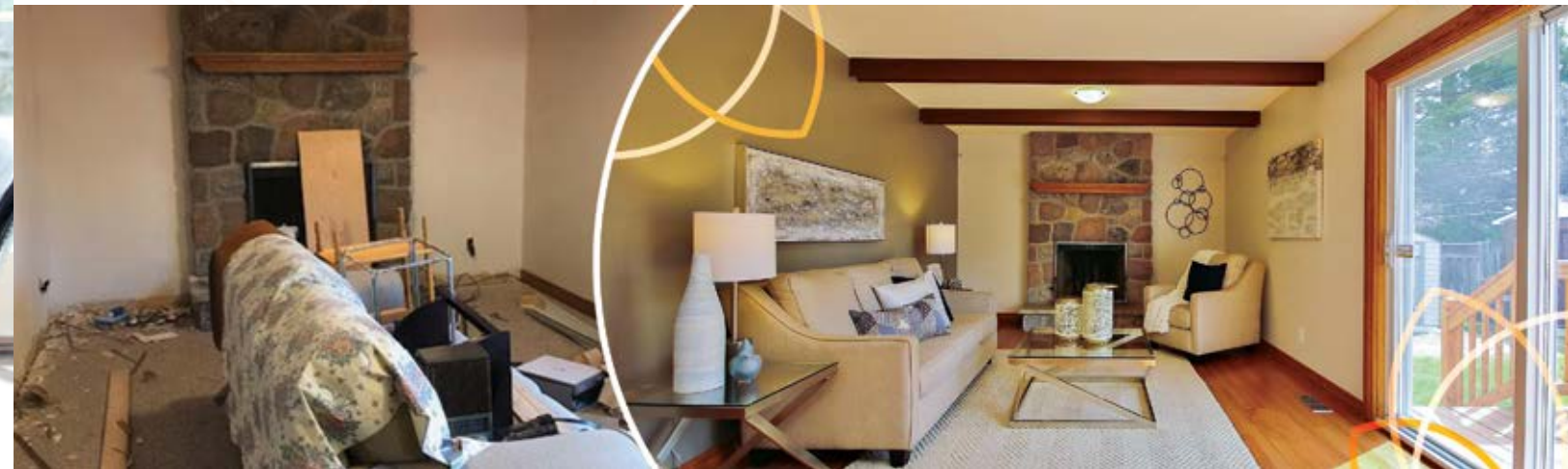


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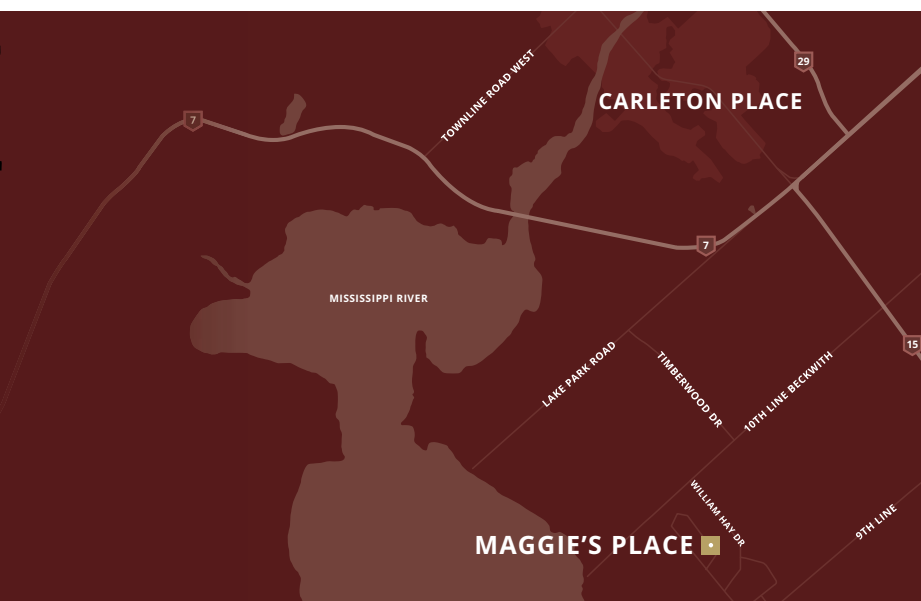


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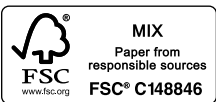
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Mayor Jim Watson, Stittsville Councillor Glen Gower and Greg Graham, President Cardel Homes Ottawa, officially unveiled the new name today.

The sponsorship agreement is part of the City's ongoing Community Champions Program, which provides sponsors with year-round recognition for their contribution to improving the lives of Ottawa residents where they live, work and play.

Cardel Homes Ottawa will pay \$40,000 annually for 15 years, for a total of \$600,000.

### Facts:

- CARDELREC features hockey arenas, a swimming pool, gymnasiums, programming spaces and meeting rooms.
- Cardel Homes Ottawa is designated a Community Champion Builder for an annual investment between \$35,000 to \$74,999.
- Other Community Champion partners have included: Meridian Credit Union, IceNet Wireless, Richcraft, RBC, Coca-Cola, Minto, Myers, and Swim Ottawa.
- Revenue generated through the Community

Champions program to-date totals \$1,638,100 since 2012.

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### Quotes

"The City of Ottawa is pleased to welcome Cardel Homes Ottawa into this new investment partnership, and I invite all residents to continue coming to the CARDELREC Complex to enjoy a swim, a skate or a workout in a friendly, comfortable atmosphere. The

Community Champions Program allows the City to build on its long history of providing residents with an abundance of programs delivered in outstanding facilities." - Mayor Jim Watson

"I invite all Ottawa residents to learn what Stittsville residents have known for years, that this facility, now known as the CARDELREC Complex, is a jewel in recreational landscape of rural Ottawa. I know this sponsorship agreement will reinforce that reputation and help it continue for years to come." - Glen Gower, Stittsville Ward Councillor

"Ottawa is a critical city in our business endeavours and we are thrilled to be collaboratively promoting CardelRec Complex with the City and encouraging a healthy, happy and fruitful lifestyle in our community." - Greg Graham, President Cardel Homes Ottawa.



Left to right: Cardel Homes Ottawa President Greg Graham, Councillor Glen Gower and Mayor Jim Watson.

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And summer abounds with small, blissful things, like liberating your feet into sandals and that first awareness that the day hangs on just a little bit longer before dark. There is beauty in all of our seasons here in Ottawa, and I know that there are many that abhor the heat, but no question: I'm solidly a member of team summer.

I'm a runner, (a fair-weather runner mind you) so summer is even more meaningful. I love how running is such unfettered exercise. All you need to do is lace up your shoes and pick a path, wherever you are. In addition to the obvious mental and physical benefits, I love how when I'm running, the time unequivocally belongs to me, which is invaluable in the push and pull of work/life/family balance.

Ottawa offers an abundance of scenic running locations (is there anything cooler than running in the nation's capital with Parliament in sight or along the Rideau Canal?). Ottawa also has a vibrant road race scene and some of the most notable races take place in the late spring through the summer.

In addition to providing me with training targets and a family-inclusive activity, what I've really come to enjoy over the years is the unique perspective these road races give me of this wonderful city. Many of these races meander through the nooks and crannies of Ottawa neighbourhoods from west-end suburbia, to the posh city centre, to communities gentrifying and electrifying, to the rolling countryside

that surrounds the city. You get a different and more immersive experience as you trot along absorbing the streetscapes, seeing homeowners mill about and having time to admire various homes, which always piques my housing-obsessed curiosity.

We've gathered a diverse housing lineup this issue that criss-crosses the city. We have a model home that resets the bar for standards in Riverside South. We've got a stunner in Westboro that exemplifies clean lines and architectural artistry. We've also got a heritage home in Fallowfield Village that demonstrates that good design is timeless.

Enjoy summer Ottawa!

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This spring, Ottawa experienced major flooding, which was all over the news. Story after story about flood victims attempting to save their properties. I admire the determination of those who were at their breaking point, yet willing to carry on without sleep in a valiant effort to save their homes. The interviews that affected me the most were with victims most distraught at the loss of family memorabilia, and those worried about their beloved pets. Thankfully for these homeowners, neighbours and numerous strangers alike arrived to help and toil shoulder to shoulder with them. The road to recovery is long as they continue to rebuild

their homes and their lives. Ottawa is a wonderful place to call home. I haven't lived in Ottawa all my life but it certainly feels like home to us – everyone is so warm and welcoming. This was exemplified by the outpouring of time, effort and donations in support of our neighbours suffering an ordeal we all dread. I arrived at one of the volunteer centres to drop off supplies and food and was astounded at the number of people who were already there, ready to help their fellow citizens in any way possible.

It's no wonder Ottawa feels like home.

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## The Ultimate OUTDOOR KITCHEN

Interior Designer **Dolores Pian** shares her ideas.

Our summers may be short, but from March through July and on to November, cooking outdoors allows us to share our food experiences with family and friends while we extend our outdoor play time. More and more people are choosing to invest in their homes and backyards rather than vacation elsewhere.

**Before planning and spending on an outdoor kitchen, ask yourself some simple questions:**

- How much time do I want to devote to maintenance? Knowing this will save you a lot of grief and disappointment.
- What's critical-to-have, must-have and nice-to-have?

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### Things to Consider

**Appearance:** What do I want to see when I look at my outdoor kitchen? Choose your landscaping and furniture for that perfect outdoor style.

**Clean-Up:** Install a sink with water. You may not want to use your indoor kitchen to clean greasy, sooty stuff. Plan ahead for plumbing.

**Heating and Electrical:** Layer your heat sources. Consider heat lamps, fire pits or a built-in infrared heater. Make sure you put in multiple electrical outlets that meet code. Plan ahead for electrical.

**Shade:** Create shade from the sun and protection from the rain with pergolas, retractable patio covers or tents.

**Stay Cool:** Cool yourself off with fans, misters or rugs to shield you from the hot floor and use light-coloured furniture.

**Layout and Seating:** Transition your rooms with removable screens, doors and walls. Offer a variety of seating – low Muskoka chairs, chaise loungers, stools and benches.

**Storage Space:** The ultimate amenity. Think of what else may need to be stored – equipment, furniture, sports and hobbies. You don't want to run back and forth from the house or garage, to the outdoor living area.

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### Nice to Have and Trending

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- Lighting schemes, televisions and sound systems. Treat this space like another room of the house.


### Value to Your Home

Outdoor kitchens seem to be replacing the pool as an add-on feature. It increases your competitive edge when selling because people will imagine themselves having great times in their new backyard.

Good design blurs the lines between the indoors and the outdoors. In what creative ways have you designed your very own private outdoor oasis? **OH**

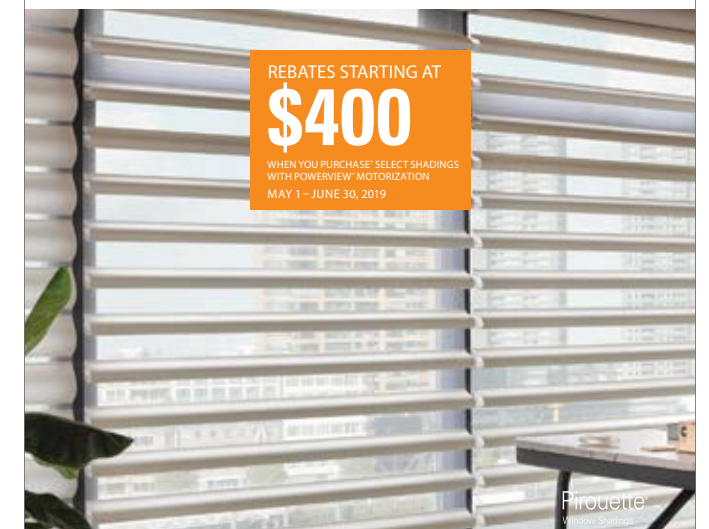



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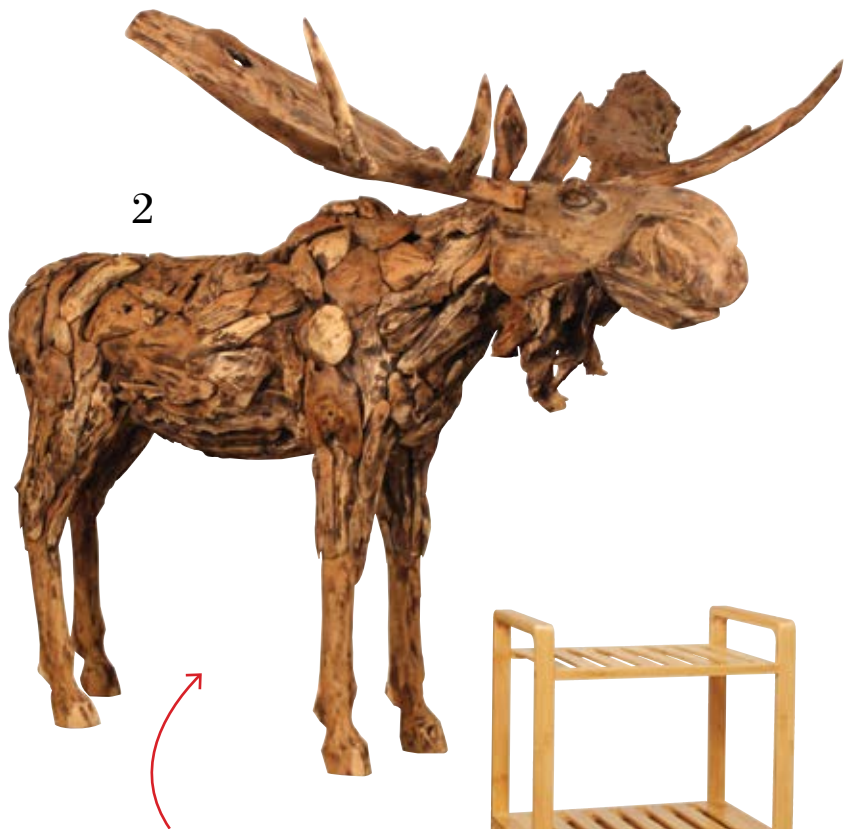
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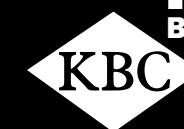
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# CEILING DRAMA

STORY  
SARA MARTIN

Look up. Is a popcorn ceiling staring back at you? If so, it might be time for a change. Here's some inspiration for that overlooked "fifth wall" in every room.

## 1 WOOD

Reclaimed barn boards add rustic, textured character and provide an interesting colour palette to draw from. Plywood is another choice and when sealed with a gloss varnish, adds warmth and simplicity to a space.



## 2 BEADBOARD

No longer just for the cottage, use it on any ceiling. In a peaked ceiling, try running the boards vertically towards the peak, it will draw the eye upwards. A real time saver if placed right over a popcorn ceiling.



## 3 COFFERED DIMENSIONAL

You need ceiling height to get the full effect of this style of finish, as the elements can overwhelm a nine-foot ceiling. This design adds formality and looks best in a living or dining room.

## 4 INDUSTRIAL

The unfinished, finished look is not for everyone. Exposed duct work and wiring can be a turn off to some, while others are excited by the conversion of industrial spaces into housing. *Continued on page 30*



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METAL

Metal ceiling tiles were introduced in the 1800s as an affordable alternative to detailed plasterwork. Today, reproductions are plastic and come in a variety of patterns. Of course, if you can find the antique tiles, their patina and dented appearance will add incredible character.



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LIGHTING

LED lights come in many options these days. Pot lights are smaller and directional and bulbs come in cool and warm light. LED strips or tape come in several lengths and colours and are waterproof.



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PAINT

In some ways, paint is one of the easiest ways to finish a ceiling, but try to move away from white. Stencils, stripes, faux finishes and glazes will add that extra touch or just use a high-gloss paint in a rich dark colour.



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MOULDING

With a seemingly endless choice of mouldings available, creating a design pattern on the ceiling is only limited by your imagination. Foam or plastic ceiling medallions can start the design and highlight a hanging fixture.



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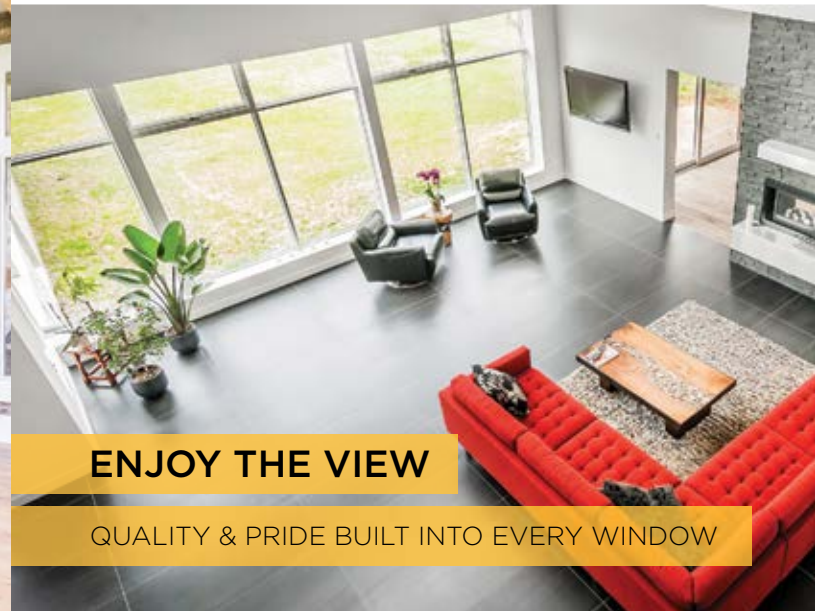
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# HIGHER *standards*

STORY **SUSAN SYKES** | PHOTOGRAPHY **GORDON KING**



New home buyers looking to put down roots in fast-growing Riverside South have a pleasant surprise in store when they stop in for a tour of **HN Homes's** Mayfair model.

The 2,390 sq. ft. single family home from the builder's 35-foot-wide collection impresses from the moment you walk through the front door with its modern aesthetic, luxe finishes and unique design features. But the best part? There's no need to upgrade to get that model home look.

Everything you see in the model – sparkling quartz and granite countertops, rich hardwood floors (**Nino Marte Hardwood Flooring**), soft close hinges and more – have been chosen from the builder's standard selections. HN Homes offers a broad range of choices that would often cost extra with other builders. *Continued on page 34*



**ABOVE:** The great room embodies the light filled, open, modern space that is seen throughout the Mayfair model. **OPPOSITE:** The beautiful staircase helps to visually define the space and connect the openness of the upper and lower floors. **LEFT:** A sleek linear fireplace with a simple surround is a common element in HN's single family homes.



The difference is immediately noticeable from the curb, with its dramatic mix of darker exterior finishes and natural wood elements that feel custom and high end. Discerning buyers will appreciate unique details like the cedar soffit underside of the porch roof and the rustic feel of the raw timber column that is common to many HN Homes models.

Like all the plans offered by HN Homes, the Mayfair was designed by award-winning **Christopher Simmonds Architect**, whose signature modern touch is evident throughout. “The Mayfair is one of my favourite designs,” says Christopher. “I’m always thinking about the way my family lives, and that was my inspiration for this space. I can picture us living here!”

HN Homes Marketing Coordinator **Vasi Jackson** agrees. “People are drawn to the Mayfair because the space just feels good.”

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The sunlit dining room is part of the open-concept kitchen, extending sightlines and contributing to this home’s gracious sense of space. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** An oversize island provides lots of prep space and a large eating area. Quartz or granite countertops are standard. **BELOW:** Here we can see the impact of expansive windows on the design, permitting maximum light into the sunny space.







Buyers can choose from nine different colours of granite countertops.

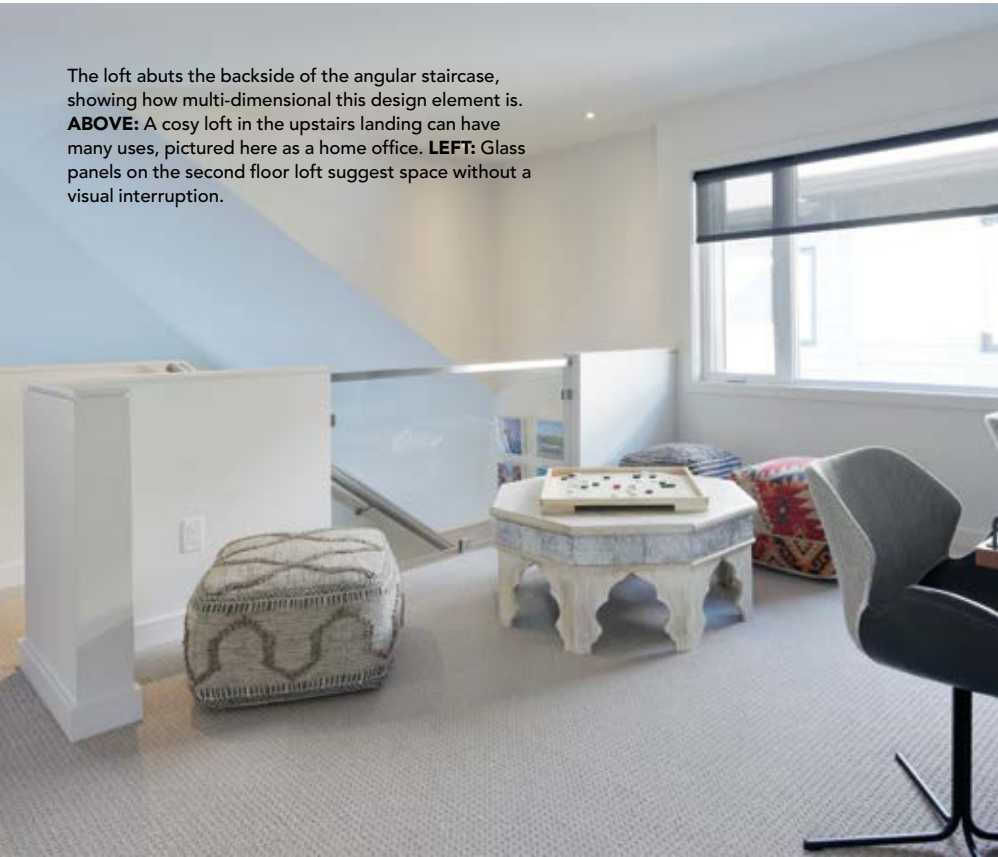


“It really appeals to the way modern families live. It’s a nice blend of styles that feels realistic to buyers,” says Vasi.

The Mayfair’s tiled (**Euro Tile & Stone**) foyer is spacious and flooded with light from the full pane of glass in the front door, with ample room for a handy bench tucked next to the closet. A generous hallway provides access to the tidy powder room on the left and mudroom to the right, with sightlines through to the home’s main living spaces. Grounded by a central fireplace (**Harding the Fireplace**), the kitchen and living room lend themselves to the natural flow of family living. The kitchen boasts an oversize island (**Vesta Marble and Granite**) with seating for five, extended 41-inch upper cabinets (**Deslaurier Custom Cabinets**) and LED under-cabinet lighting, all of which are, of course, standard features. Dark stained cabinets and deep grey-toned granite counters complement the lighter shade of oak hardwood

that is carried throughout the main floor. The adjacent dining area provides a perfect space for family meals and entertaining, with access to the yard through an extra wide sliding door. Chris is known for his use of large windows to bring in abundant natural light, and the Mayfair is no exception. He took advantage of the living room’s vaulted ceiling to add extra height to the window. **Designer Leonhard Vogt** selected an eclectic mix of furnishings to create a space that manages to be both contemporary and warm, and ultimately feels extremely livable. The colour palette combines a base of warm neutrals with deep charcoal and green accents. “It’s a nice blend of styles that feels realistic to buyers,” says Vasi. “It shows how they can mix and match what they already have with new pieces to recreate a similar look.”

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The loft abuts the backside of the angular staircase, showing how multi-dimensional this design element is. **ABOVE:** A cosy loft in the upstairs landing can have many uses, pictured here as a home office. **LEFT:** Glass panels on the second floor loft suggest space without a visual interruption.





**LEFT:** Large windows aren't just for the main floor. All bedrooms feature large windows to usher in as much light as possible. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The secondary bedrooms are sizeable and bright. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Placing the toilet and shower in a private enclosure in the bathroom makes it easier to share the space.

You can see the loft space upstairs from the living room downstairs. The hardwood staircase (**Ottawa Valley Handrailing Company Ltd.**) is another standard feature that feels like an upgrade, eschewing traditional spindles and railings for a more streamlined approach that incorporates glass panels for a modern, airy feel.

"There is a great visual connection and flow between the spaces in the Mayfair," says Vasi. "It really appeals to the way modern families live."

Upstairs, the Mayfair offers three bedrooms, two baths, and a laundry room in addition to the loft space, which can be converted to an optional fourth bedroom. Neutral carpeting (**Athens Rugs**

**Ltd.**) is warm and soft underfoot. Like the main floor, the second level is filled with natural light from the many large windows, including those in unexpected places like the transom in the closet of one of the secondary bedrooms.

Coffered ceilings in the master bedroom bring a wow factor to the space. Storage is at the top of many buyers' wish lists, and the Mayfair's master suite doesn't disappoint on that front. A short hallway connecting the sleeping area to the en suite bath is flanked by a pair of closets as well as a niche with handy open shelving, providing a place for everything.

In the en suite, an extra wide vanity with double sinks, quartz countertops, and designer plumbing fixtures (**Moen**) will check a

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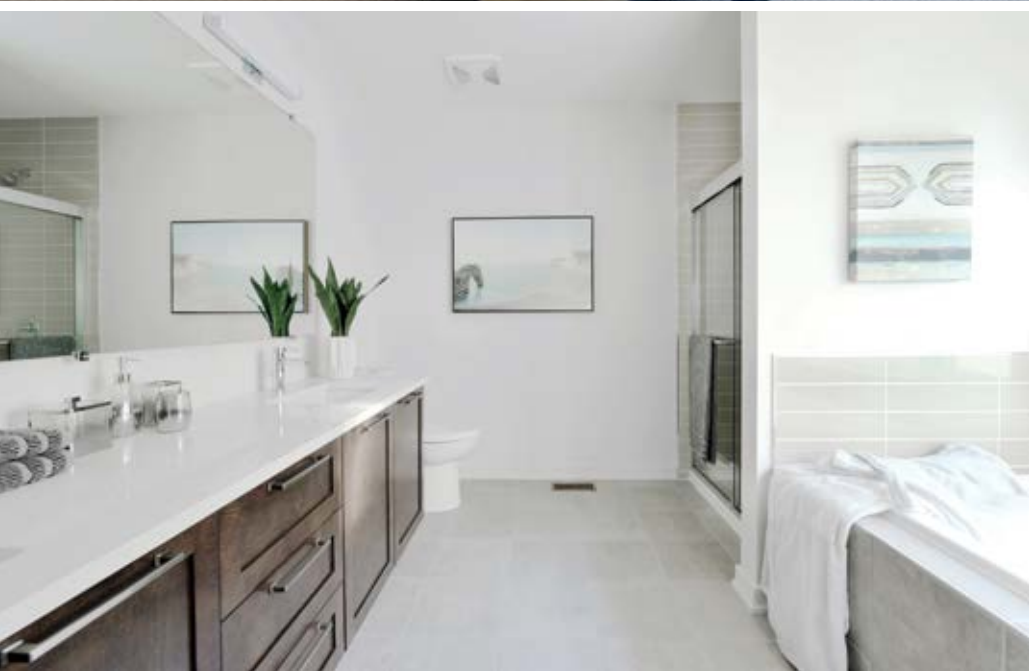
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**ABOVE:** Coffered ceilings in the master bedroom draw the eye up and add a touch of luxe. **LEFT:** The master en suite features an extra deep soaker tub with wide subway tiles, next to a shower with glass enclosure. **BELOW:** The subtle, neutral colours spread throughout the home are warm and inviting.



few more items off that wish list. There's also a deep soaker tub under a large picture window, and a separate shower to meet everyone's needs.

Conveniently located near the second and third bedrooms, the main bathroom is configured into two distinct zones, with the toilet and tub separated from the vanity space by a door for improved functionality. Next door, the laundry room will easily handle the needs of a busy family

and comes with plenty of cabinets to keep everything handy.

Also included with the Mayfair model at no extra cost is 342 sq. ft. of finished basement space, adding even more living space to this thoughtfully laid out home.

With all the bells and whistles and a thoughtful layout that keeps everyone connected, the lovely Mayfair is bound to be a popular choice for families looking for something special in Riverside South. **OH**

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# WHAT HOMEBUYERS *want*

STORY **GEORGETTE MCCULLOCH**



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*\*kitchen island*

A recent survey of Canadians who purchased a newly built home shows walk-in closets topped their list of must-have features. Surprising? Not really says Tim Bailey, division president of Avid Ratings Canada Ltd., a customer satisfaction company that works with Canadian homebuilders to determine what buyers want in a new build.

"The 2018 Canadian Homebuyer Preference Study revealed three themes," Tim says, storage solutions, energy efficiency and kitchen design.

New home buyers across the country are asked to answer 190 questions based on a recent new home purchase. It's the largest survey of its kind in Canada. The result is a comprehensive report by region, buyer type and demographics that Canadian homebuilders can use to plan new housing projects based on consumer wants and needs. *Continued on page 44*



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"MUST HAVE" NEW HOME FEATURES

1. Walk-in closets
2. High-efficiency windows
3. Energy-efficient appliances
4. Overall energy-efficient home
5. Kitchen island
6. Linen closet
7. Open-concept kitchens
8. Large windows
9. Heat-recovery/energy-recovery air exchange
10. Certification by a designated program (ENERGY STAR, Built Green, EnerGuide, etc.)

Avid Ratings is currently compiling results for 2019 but Tim doesn't anticipate dramatic changes. There's only been moderate changes in the four years Avid Ratings has been conducting the survey.

Consumers clearly want energy efficiency, Tim says. "But they also want granite and quartz and all the fine features so it's really about trying to strike a balance between what buyers can afford to spend. Energy efficiency is a hot button for consumers, especially with the carbon tax and rising utility costs. Buying a home is one thing but then carrying the cost of that home is another thing."

Homebuyers also want storage, lots of it. "We're a four-season country," Tim explains using his family as an example. "We're a *Brady Bunch* family with four kids and storage is critical. We have off-season gear, four seasons of clothing and four seasons of sporting goods."

People also want open-concept kitchens with an island. "Quartz countertops and smart home technology score high on the survey as well," Tim says. Other wants include a single-detached home, double-car garages, brick exteriors, tankless water heaters, LED lighting and a main-floor master suite.

What's surprising is the renaissance of the formal dining room. According to the survey, formal dining rooms have increased in importance since year one of the study.

What isn't a priority for new home buyers is outdoor spaces. Tim figures it's because landscaping isn't an immediate concern, it's not part of the purchase and new home buyers have to save and budget for outside projects that happen a couple of years down the road.

The 2018 study found the largest cohort of today's Canadian homebuyer is the growing family with kids followed by single couples with no kids. Millennials have edged out Gen Xers as the largest group of homebuyers.

How does the survey translate for resale homes? Tim believes new homes inspire renovations to older homes and stimulate the resale market. **OH**



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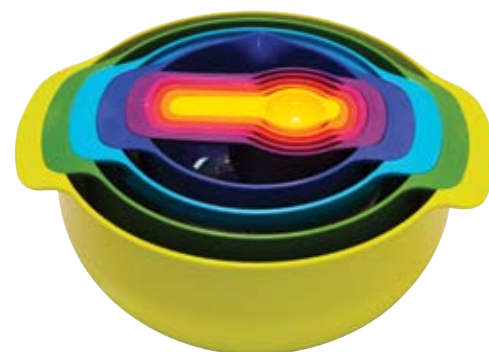
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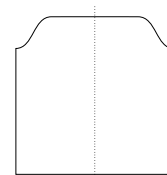
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- 1 Sand, and if desired, using a jigsaw, cut decorative corners out of the pine board. Wipe to remove dust. Paint board and let dry thoroughly.
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# A place IN TIME

STORY **HEATHER WRIGHT**  
PHOTOGRAPHY **GORDON KING**



This stately stone manor is one of the oldest homes in Nepean, but has contemporary accents to keep it current. **OPPOSITE TOP RIGHT:** Semi-elliptical transom windows are one of the key components of Loyalist architecture, seen here over the front door. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** This plaque displays the Heritage Property designation granted by the city of Ottawa.

Usually, house hunters build a wish list and then set off on their journey to choose a home that fits their needs. Once in a rare while, a home chooses its owners instead.

That's how Martin Clarke and Jane Curry came to be owners of this utterly charming stone manor home in Fallowfield Village. The home was built in 1828 by New England millwright, James Smith. It's one of the oldest homes in Nepean and is designated a heritage home. At one point in time, it was considered as a site for the Nepean museum. The gravity of owning a heritage home isn't lost on Jane and Martin, who felt instantly drawn to this house upon their first viewing. Well beyond falling for the insouciant charm that comes with original historical detail, they were taken with the notion of being the next

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The stone fireplace is likely where most of the cooking was done when the home was built. The door next to the fireplace is where water would have been fetched in pots to cook over the fire. **BELOW:** Deep windowsills are the perfect perch for family felines Archer and Kirk.



Glass bottles collected from the property over the years provide authentic décor in the kitchen.



generation of caretakers, but not without pausing to realize the responsibility that comes with it. They are homeowners who will write the next chapter in this home's story.

Many original features remain, like a stone fireplace in the kitchen, saddle hooks in the basement, a semi-elliptical transom over the front door (which was indicative of the period) and a stone fence that runs in the front of the property.

There are clues to the past everywhere. The original doorways of this home are short and wide, likely to accommodate the average shorter stature and wide skirts that were in fashion a couple of centuries ago. Window sills throughout the home are extremely deep, which would have promoted maximum airflow and daylight, keeping in mind this home wouldn't have had electricity for many years.

There is a real sense that the home belongs not only to Martin and Jane, but to the community as well. For instance, local artist **Richard Pell** knocked on their front door

and asked to paint a portrait of their home. His lovely watercolour is a reminder of the significance of this home. It hangs in Jane and Martin's basement.

Jane and Martin feel a kinship with the owners who held the home directly before them. There are elements of the previous homeowner's décor in the home to this day, including an arrangement of antique glass bottles, which had been collected on the property over time.

Martin and Jane have, like previous homeowners, put their own personal stamp on this home. They have been very conscious of "maintaining the look and feel" of the home's history, says Martin. In many cases, this meant leaving design and décor untouched.

For example, the rich, dark staircase at the entryway presents a pleasing colour contrast, but is well-worn after over a century of use. Martin and Jane say the worn treads of that staircase were high on the list of repairs and refurbishment from other house hunters who saw the home, according to the sellers' realtor.

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Rough-hewn logs and saddle hooks remain in the lower level, where livestock would have been housed on a dirt floor. Today it is a comfy entertainment space. **TOP LEFT:** Martin and Jane fell in love immediately with this well-worn staircase. **TOP RIGHT:** The formal dining room marries elements of its past with current day refinements.



feature



Jane says, “We really loved that there were 190 years of treads. How many people have been up and down this staircase over the years? The staircase was something that some wanted to change, but not us.”

Martin agrees, “Anything old, we wanted to keep.”

One of the first things that they did was not to the home itself, but to an old oak tree that sits on the property. They got it recognized as a heritage tree by Forests Ontario, which will

protect it as a 250-300-year-old white oak.

They updated kitchen appliances (**Corbeil Appliances**) and fixtures (**A-Team Plumbers**). They did some work in the garage (garage floor by **Tailored Living**; insulation, drywall and painting by **Newfound Homes**).

It is this home’s stunning backyard with an award-winning garden (**Yards Unlimited** by Designer **Stephanie Scott**) where Jane and Martin have really made their mark.

This garden was designed in the context of the home’s history, incorporating stone and plant life that would give it an English garden feel, true to the Loyalist period. According to **Ian Stewart**, president of Yards Unlimited, inspiration for Jane and Martin’s garden very much had to do with point of view.

“We had to build a landscape to suit the style of the home, as well as how Jane and Martin wanted to use their garden. In addition to the ground-level patio, they have

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**TOP LEFT:** Light passes easily through the hallways, due to clever construction. **ABOVE:** The bedrooms feature sloped ceilings, another architectural marker of the period. **LEFT:** Jane and Martin relax with a glass of wine in their beautiful garden.

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**ABOVE:** Jane and Martin desired a garden that looked like it had always been there, using plants that are native to Canada. **CIRCLE:** Martin and Jane enjoy all kinds of wildlife in their garden. **MIDDLE:** The lower seating area is a lovely way to experience the serenity of the garden close up. **RIGHT:** This garden was award-winning for Yards Unlimited.

a large upper deck on their home where they spend a lot of time. The orientation of the deck really pushed the design, as we had to keep in mind that the garden would be viewed from above as well,” says Ian. The solution was to “build a garden that had movement, texture and changed with the season.”

The slope of the yard might have been a challenge for some, but with this garden it presented an opportunity. “The slope allowed for the unique water feature, with a stream, a waterfall and a pond that draws the wildlife,” says Ian.

Martin and Jane agree that the ruggedness of the water features add multiple vantage points that not only enhance their viewing pleasure, but are a boost to the local ecosystem. Martin and Jane are both avid scuba divers and water lovers, so a water feature was a must.

When you think about all the quiet moments that unfold in a home over time, and that this home has seen so many of those moments, it is quite humbling. This is a home that you need to spend time in unhurriedly to fully consider the weight of its history. **OH**



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### RND Design Innovation Centre

The RND Design and Innovation Centre is a versatile space. It is an educational hub for the public on green buildings. It provides a unique environment for buyers to design their homes hands-on. It also gives RND a chance to demonstrate their commitment to building green homes. RND is "putting their money where their mouth is" with their showroom. The centre is currently approaching Net Zero with renewable energy via solar panels.

Visitors will see a host of green technologies and materials, like HVAC systems, cork floors, recycled fibre carpets and furniture made from reclaimed or recycled materials. There are motion sensors throughout the building to avoid wasting electricity. There are plants everywhere. Windows are placed on the south facing wall for passive solar heating in the winter, while solar shades protect from the summer sun.

### Education is Key

It is RND's mandate not only to build and renovate exceptional Net Zero homes but to be an educational resource for the public in general on the overall benefits of green homes and Net Zero.

They host seminars regularly at their Design and Innovation Centre that are free and are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about green construction and materials. Topics change per seminar but cover things like indoor air quality, HRV systems and other green technologies.

Roy has recently been appointed the president of the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association, where he will continue to help promote local builders, renovators, trades and suppliers. He will also help builders and renovators to find cost effective innovations to meet any upgrades of the building code, while stepping up and preparing for Net Zero by 2030. Great homes hinge on great design. When you combine green innovation, high intention, sincere effort, thoughtful direction, skillful execution and commitment together, you generate a high quality home for the future.

The most recent direction in housing incorporates more than design, comfort or operational efficiency. It's about combining all three of these aspects to create an ideal living environment that is stylish, sustainable and cost-effective.

Using that approach, award-winning RND Construction is redefining what a beautiful home is by shifting their focus to building and renovating homes to meet Net Zero criteria.

Roy Nandram, RND Construction's president says, "Beautiful homes come first, but you can also help contribute to the protection of the environment." Net Zero homes offer a unique opportunity to do that.

### What is Net Zero Housing?

A Net Zero home produces the same amount of energy that it consumes annually through renewable energy resources. The last four homes that RND built were built to Net Zero standards. Their Crestview model in Alta Vista was a finalist in the Net Zero category for the Canadian Home Builder's Association Awards. This contemporary home embodies what is possible when you combine the sustainability of Net Zero construction and sleek, snazzy design.

While Net Zero homes reduce operating costs for homeowners, "It's not just about saving money. It is about lifestyle and thermal comfort," says Roy.

RND is the pioneer of building green homes. Adding to their many awards, they recently won the Canadian Home Builder's Association Award for the Production home 2500 to 3000 sq. ft. category with their Meadow model in Riverpark Green. This is a green home that is R2000 certified.

With their experience and commitment to green construction, RND is uniquely positioned to see the path forward for Net Zero homes. They have created a unique green technology centre that lets the public experience firsthand how Net Zero construction looks and feels stylish and comfortable.





# CAPITAL IDEAS

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**AT HOME**  
**Best Part Of Ottawa In The Summer:** Dock time at the cottage. **Best Summer Vacation:** Cottage by the ocean in P.E.I. **Best Patio In Town:** Our Carp Road pub: the Cheshire Cat. **Favourite Summer Treat:** Fresh picked local strawberries and strawberry mojitos.

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**AT WORK**  
**What's New This Summer:** With our 20th anniversary, we are featuring some spectacular renovations in design and construction. **Style Tips:** For a cohesive and visually satisfying space incorporate repetition in design and décor decisions, either with accent colours or interesting materials. **Advice For Summer Home Projects:** Look to the outdoors for inspiration. We like warm whites mixed with lighter wood and fun floral wallpaper and greenery.

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Da Artisti is a woman-owned gallery and studio in the heart of Cumberland Village. This gallery gives local artists a judgement-free place to display their unique works of art; the studio gives creative minds a place to experiment with their various mediums and an opportunity to discover the world of fused glass with fun one-on-one and group classes.

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**AT WORK**  
**What's New This Summer:** An exciting "Everything Glass" exhibit featuring local artists who work with various glass mediums, from June 1st to July 27th. **Style Tips:** We let the artwork in our space set the mood. That's why the store has a different feel to it every time we switch up the artists. **Advice For Summer Home Projects:** Just start! Don't over-think; come up with a simple game plan and start to execute.

**AT HOME**  
**Best Part Of Ottawa In The Summer:** Taking the boat onto the Ottawa River or putting up to Parliament Hill. **Best Summer Vacation:** A staycation. Take time to play tourist and help your piggy bank and the local economy. **Best Patio In Town:** Kelly's Landing in Manotick. **Favourite Summer Treat:** Ice cream from Chocolate Favoris in Orléans.







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**Best Part Of Ottawa In The Summer:** Running or walking along the Rideau Canal. **Best Summer Vacation:** 2018 World Cup in Russia with family. **Best Patio In Town:** Kelly's Landing in Manotick. **Favourite Summer Treat:** Strawberry milkshake.

**AT WORK**

**What's New This Summer?** As winners of the 2019 Consumers Choice Award recipient in the countertop segment, we will build on our success. **Style Tips:** Choose a stone with character. Think texture (flamed, leathered or honed) for a focal point. **Advice For Summer Home Projects:** When planning outdoor projects, remember beautiful counters and surrounds for outdoor kitchens can enhance your space.

**AT HOME**

**Best Part Of Ottawa In The Summer:** The wide variety of active outdoor activities and urban festivals. **Best Summer Vacation:** By the water (any water) with family. **Best Patio In Town:** Quitters in Stittsville, just down the road from our shop. **Favourite Summer Treat:** Ice cream, Pinot Grigio.

**AT WORK**

**What's New This Summer:** We are moving towards online shopping. We will also offer décor services to help clients visualize projects. **Style Tips:** Trust your gut. Don't rush decisions. Pick furniture and décor pieces that speak to you. **Advice For Summer Home Projects:** Don't start projects in the summer. Rest and take time to find inspiration and plan for fall projects. It's too hot.

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AT WORK

What's New This

**Summer:** We have recently updated our showroom and have added triple-glazed windows to our product line. **Style Tips:** Choose windows that reflect your home's architectural style and with purpose in mind. Is your priority airflow, natural light or efficiency? **Advice For Summer Home Projects:** We invite you to visit our Facebook and Instagram pages for our inspiration.

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AT HOME


Best Part Of Ottawa



**In The Summer:** Walking through the ByWard Market.  
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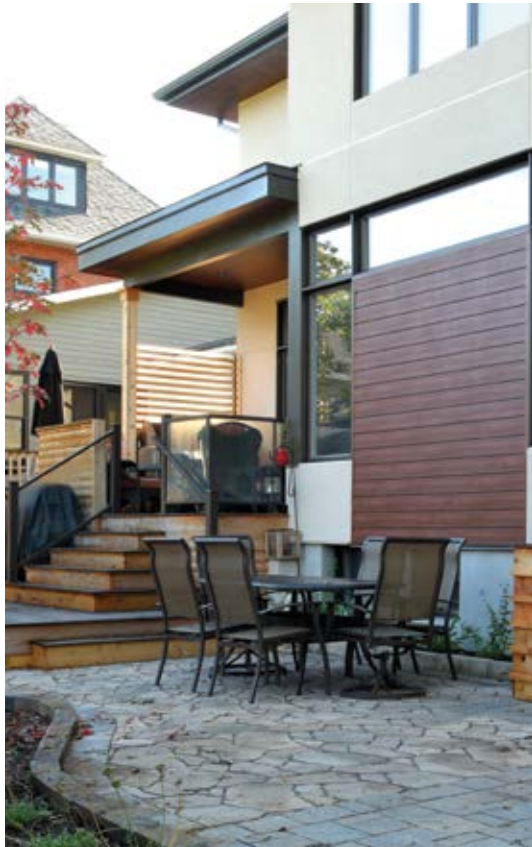


# ARCHITECTURAL

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STORY **SARAH HOY**  
PHOTOGRAPHY **GORDON KING**

*For architects David (**COLE+Associates Architects**) and Kathee O'Neill Cole, it was instantly apparent that their contemporary home was going to radiate love and warmth, right from the first night they spent in their self designed Westboro home. Kathee describes it with happiness in her eyes.*



The foyer is bright and welcoming. Translucent light fixtures draw the eye up and push the natural light through. **ABOVE LEFT:** David and Kathee picked materials and design to mesh their modern home seamlessly into the neighbourhood. **LEFT:** Kathee and David effectively extend their living space by creating outdoor dining and living rooms. **OPPOSITE:** Pictured here is the treasured Ginkgo tree that was preserved during construction.

There were no drapes or furniture apart from some lawn chairs; the house construction was nearing completion and there was a snow storm outside. It was New Year's Eve 2016. Kathee and David had a picnic dinner and watched neighbourhood couples walk hand in hand ready to ring in the New Year and waving welcomingly as they passed their home. The room was lit with candles and a fire in the

fireplace (**Hubert's Fireplace Consultation + Design**, stone surround from **Urbano**). In her own words, "it was magical." This lifelong dream started with a vision and was solidified by a well-considered design and positive building experience. "We had such a great experience with our contractors," says David, including construction manager **Westboro Homes**.

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Careful site planning saved an 80-year old Ginkgo tree, native to China, which the couple describes as a neighbourhood favourite.

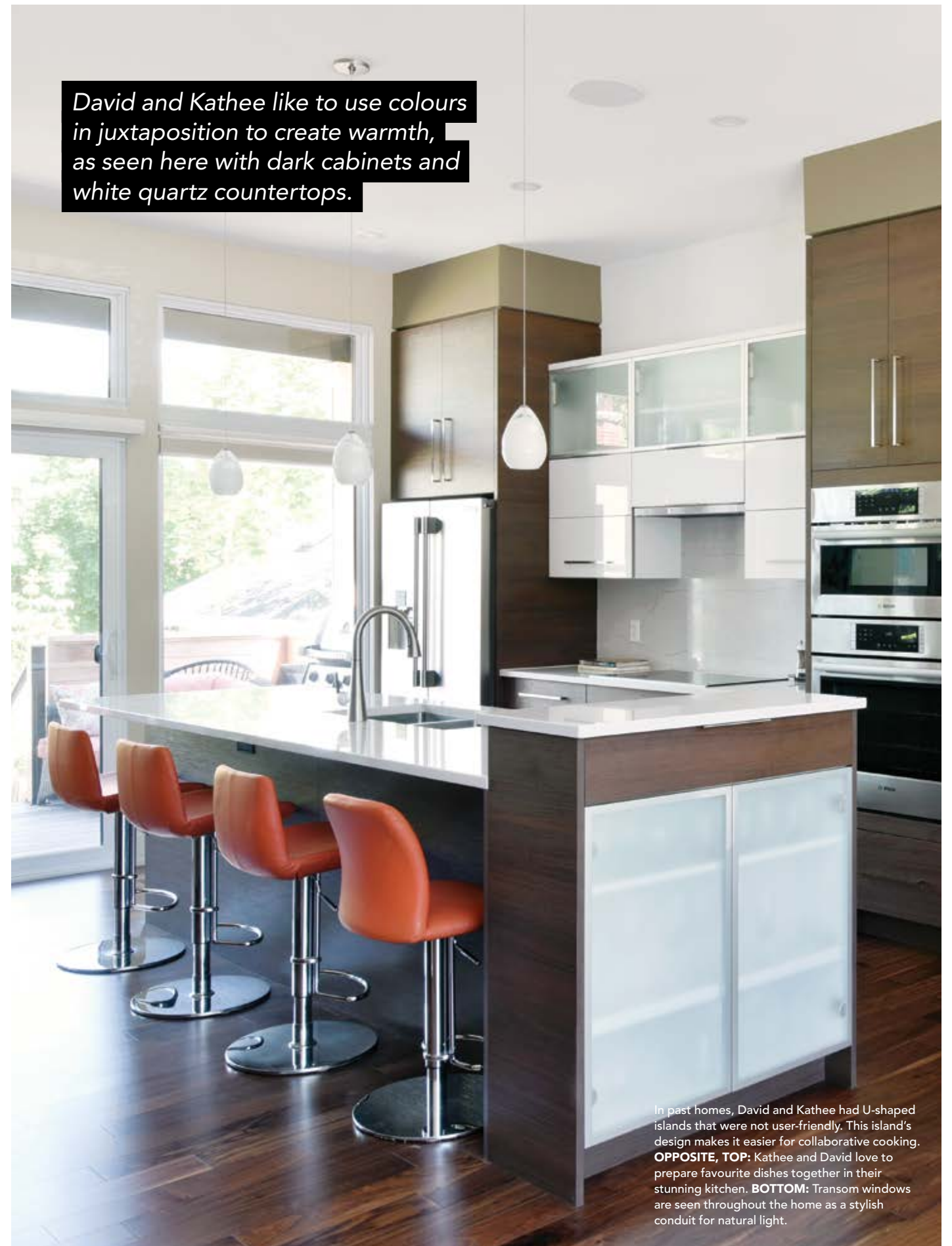
This unique tree is an important part of the streetscape and the love for this natural wonder is a theme in the home, as the leaves are printed on the glass screen as you enter through the front hall.

The house was designed by the couple with varying factors in mind. “It had to be friendly for the future,” says David, meaning that it would be ideal for retirement. In terms of design, that meant that the home would be easy to access, with a level entry close to grade and low

maintenance exterior materials. It was also important that the home fit in to the neighbourhood. It is a modern home, but the materials used and proportions had to complement the established homes surrounding them.

It is instantly clear from the large windows that adorn the front room that this couple love natural light, “We are sun worshippers,” laughs David. The windows from Fabelta Windows Systems are designed so that the couple receives maximum exposure to natural light. They have managed to create the ideal balance of flowing light

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In past homes, David and Kathee had U-shaped islands that were not user-friendly. This island's design makes it easier for collaborative cooking. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** Kathee and David love to prepare favourite dishes together in their stunning kitchen. **BOTTOM:** Transom windows are seen throughout the home as a stylish conduit for natural light.





Ginkgo leaves are painted on the glass screen in the foyer.



David and Kathee make use of half and three-quarter walls and glass throughout the home to create an airy, flowing design. **OPPOSITE TOP:** The living room is bright and inviting. Rich walnut floors and a chic stone fireplace accentuate the space. **BOTTOM:** The staircase represents one of David and Kathee's design compromises. They settled on a gracious, warm staircase that adds nuance to the overall décor.



through the home that offers a welcoming atmosphere. **Randall's** supplied window coverings.

The main floor is an entertaining space. The central stairwell helps to create more intimate space. The front room leads in to a spacious kitchen, with brown high-pressure laminate cabinets with raised horizon grains alongside white high-gloss cabinets with polished metal edges from **Deslaurier Custom Cabinets** and fixtures from **Preston Hardware**. A beverage fridge fits perfectly at the end of the island. "We like a kitchen we can both cook in; it was important to get this space right," says Kathee. And they certainly did just that, with a large island that provides plenty of room to entertain and prepare meals. Behind the kitchen is a delightful outdoor living space, and directly opposite from the front room is a front yard deck, both by **Hemlock Carpentry**. This creates accessible outdoor living areas.

This lovely home is a hub for stylish living, as well as making family connections and memories that span multiple generations. The couple warmly smiles as they talk about David's elderly mother bringing her packed lunch on a short walk to their home and resting on the front yard patio, enjoying the sunshine and watching the neighbourhood's activities.

A favourite with David and Kathee's grandkids is a partially sunken hot tub from **Poolarama**, which is tucked in the corner in the enclosed back porch. The modern downstairs bathroom provides a space for a quick shower after splashing around.

A stunning glass staircase on the main floor has a railing from **Accurate Stairs and Railings** that matches the walnut flooring from **Rome Flooring** that runs throughout the house. "The floor has a lot of charm and warmth to it," says David. The glass staircase opens up the area and lets the light flow.

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They elected to use half-walls in a loft style to enhance the natural light.  
**BOTTOM:** An oversize shower with glass enclosure, sleek soaker tub and large vanity give the master bathroom a spa-like appeal.



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**RIGHT:** Vaulted ceilings with windows to match amplify the sense of space.  
**LEFT:** An enclosed porch provides a cosy corner for the hot tub.



A well in the stairs lets light cascade down. It's a smart design that provides for the maximum flow of light and air. The master bedroom is open to the two-storey front hall, bringing in more light. Upper hallway bridges are open to the foyer and the central stairs.

The fireplace in the master bedroom adds extra warmth. The spacious master en suite has more high-pressure laminate cabinets, a solid stone trough sink with two faucets and an attractive tile floor (**Centura Tile**). There's a white vessel tub and a large walk-in shower. On the opposite side sits a huge walk-in closet.

Two guest rooms, one doubling as a television/yoga room, and a guest bathroom complete the upstairs.

Artwork adorns the walls around the home and unique fixtures from **Arevco Lighting** hang in various locations. It is clear that the couple are building quite the collection of art in their energy efficient home.

Other energy-efficient features include an R50 insulated roof, large high-performance ENERGY STAR windows and solar shading. "Being green and sustainable is important to us; it's the way we practise as architects," says David. The house has many hidden extras like lights and heating on timers to ensure efficiency.

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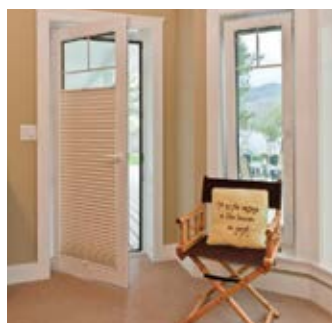
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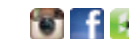
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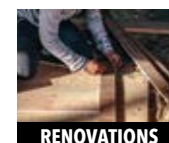
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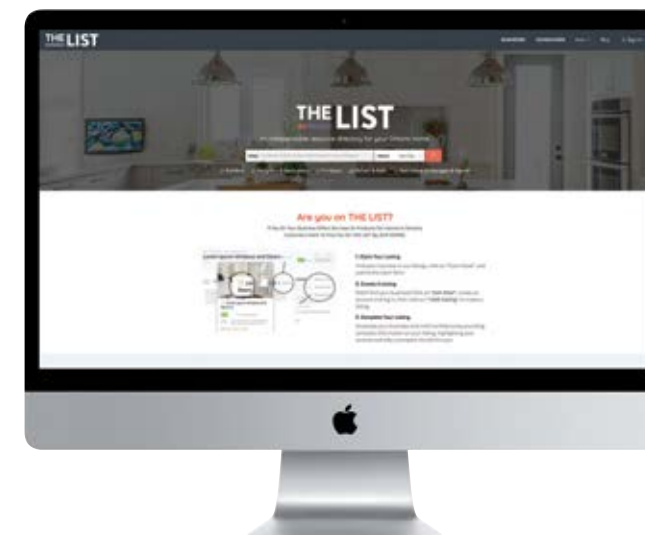


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# PAVLOVA

with citrus curd

THIS MERINGUE-BASED DESSERT IS CRISPY ON THE OUTSIDE AND SOFTER INSIDE. CITRUS JUICE AND BERRIES MAKE IT SUMMER FRESH.

RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY  
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## Pavlova

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 egg whites
- Pinch of salt
- ¼ cup cold water
- 1-½ cups sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp vinegar
- 1 Tbsp + 1 tsp cornstarch

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 300°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Draw a six-inch circle in the centre on the side of the parchment that will face down. This will be your guide when you shape the pavlova.

Combine egg whites and salt in a stand mixer and beat on medium-high until stiff peaks are formed. Be careful not to over- whip the egg whites at this stage. The egg whites will be thick and foamy and a peak will

form when the beater is lifted out of the egg. Turn the mixer to low and slowly add the water and then the sugar. Turn the mixer back up to medium-high and beat until stiff peaks are again formed. The eggs will be thick and glossy. Remove bowl from mixer and fold in vanilla, vinegar and cornstarch.

Pile the meringue onto the circle on the baking sheet. With a spatula, smooth edges and top of the pavlova so it almost forms a dome. If preferred, create ridges in the side of the pavlova by swiping the sides in an upward motion.

Bake the pavlova for 30 minutes. Do not open oven! Turn oven down to 275°F and bake for another 45 minutes. Let cool completely in the oven for an hour or overnight. It is normal for the pavlova to crack and the centre to sink in.

Remove from oven when cool.

## Citrus Curd

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 egg yolks
- ¼ cup citrus juice of choice (lemon, blood orange, etc.)
- 1 tsp citrus zest
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp unsalted butter

### DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients in a double boiler and heat on medium-high, stirring continuously until mixture thickens and coats the back of a spoon. Strain curd through a fine mesh sieve into a bowl. Cover the top of the curd with plastic wrap directly on the curd and chill until cooled.

### GARNISHES

- Fresh whipped cream
- Berries
- Mint
- Powdered sugar

Pavlova is named after Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova.



### ASSEMBLE PAVLOVA

Assemble shortly before serving. Fill the centre of the pavlova with curd, whipped cream and berries. Garnish with mint and powdered sugar. **OH**

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# WALLS

STORY TAMARISK MCNALTY STEPHENS

Painted drywall is the traditional interior wall finish in new home builds and renovations. However, there are countless alternative materials and finishes for walls that can create a significant visual impact while also defining your style. Here are seven wall treatments and the areas of your home you might want to splurge on for the best investment.



1.

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## 1. WALLPAPERS OR WALLCOVERINGS

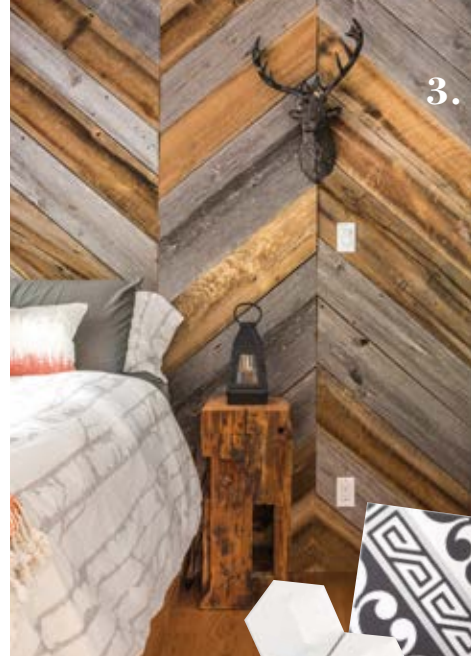
**Material:** Rolls or sheets of grasscloth, paper, cellulose or vinyl. Whether foil, flocked, embossed, block printed or textured paper, there is an endless selection of patterns and colours.

**Installation:** It is generally recommended to hire a professional, but if you're up for a challenge, do-it-yourself types often hang their own paper. Ensure you do the proper prep work – plot out the install, level everything, smooth the surface, have all the tools required and know whether you have a pre-pasted wallpaper or if you require an adhesive. Always check the pattern repeat, as it will affect the coverage provided per roll.

**Pros:** Natural fibres breathe and add an element of Mother Nature to the space, while vinyl is highly durable, stain and moisture resistant, colourfast and scrubbable. You can completely change the overall look and feel of a space with a wallcovering.

**Cons:** Natural fibres are more delicate, less scrubbable and more susceptible to sun fading. Vinyl cannot breathe. If selling is in your immediate future, perhaps give wallpaper a pass as some potential buyers can be hesitant.

**Application:** An entire room or a simple accent wall. Powder rooms are a great place to try out a bold print.



2.

PHOTO: SANDY MACKAY

## 2. TILE

**Material:** Porcelain, ceramic, slate, limestone, glass, mosaics, cement encaustic or marble.

**Installation:** Professional installation is generally recommended. Labour cost will vary depending upon size and style of tile and design of pattern and layout.

**Pros:** Easy to wipe up and clean, durable finish, waterproof when installed correctly.

**Cons:** Cleaning grout lines. Natural stones require a sealant to be applied a couple of times per year, or more frequently depending upon use and exposure.

**Application:** Great for bathrooms, powder rooms, kitchen backsplashes or fireplaces.

## 3. BARN BOARD

**Material:** Weathered boards, generally but not exclusively sourced from a barn.

**Installation:** Can be a DIY project with the proper tools.

**Pros:** Texture, visual interest, improved durability of walls in high-traffic areas. Provides a natural, rustic aesthetic. Commonly planks are installed horizontally but can be used to create various patterns such as herringbone.

**Cons:** Can collect dust.

**Application:** Great for accent walls, mudrooms or laundry rooms.

## 4. SHIPLAP

**Material:** Typically either long planks of MDF or a paint-grade poplar, installed horizontally. Traditional shiplap has a special rabbet or notch cut on the long edges of the boards to aid in spacing.

**Installation:** Can be a DIY project with the proper tools.

**Pros:** Texture, visual interest, improved durability of walls in high traffic areas. Typically white, but shiplap can be painted any colour you desire. Gives a farmhouse or coastal vibe.

**Cons:** Can collect dust.

**Application:** Great for accent walls, mudrooms or laundry rooms.



6.

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## 5. WAINSCOTTING OR APPLIED TRIM

**Material:** Tongue-and-groove wainscoting, bead board, board-and-batten and traditional applied-panel details are available in wood or MDF.

**Installation:** A trim carpenter is generally recommended however, depending upon the complexity of the installation, an avid DIYer can attempt with the proper tools.

**Pros:** Instant character and charm to a room, adds an element of elegance, great texture for visual interest and is more durable than drywall.

**Cons:** Can collect dust, can be costly depending upon species of wood selected and installation method for desired aesthetic.

**Application:** Dining rooms, dens, bedrooms or hallways.

*Natural or manufactured stone can provide a good return on investment.*

## 6. STONE OR BRICK VENEER

**Material:** Natural or manufactured stone and brick, generally sold in pieces by square foot or in sheets.

**Installation:** For masonry work, hiring a stonemason is recommended. Labour cost will vary depending upon the stone and method of installation. Sheet veneers can generally be managed by the average DIYer.

**Pros:** Strong visual impact. Can provide good return on investment. Non-combustible and available in a wide variety of styles and colours.

**Cons:** Can collect dust. Manufactured stone veneer products are formed and often a repeating pattern will emerge. With a natural material every piece comes from the earth and has its own uniqueness but requires cutting and fitting.

**Application:** Focal walls or fireplaces.



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## 7. PLASTER

**Material:** Clay, lime, Venetian, gypsum or tadelakt plaster each has its own pros and cons.

**Installation:** Professional trowel installation recommended. Pre-planning is required to ensure proper backing is installed as some plasters require wire mesh or blue board, while clay plaster requires a primer with added sand for adhesion.

**Pros:** Beautiful, timeworn aesthetic adds a depth and luminosity to walls that is impossible to achieve with paint and drywall. Plasters are generally more durable than drywall. Generally sanding is not required and therefore dust is limited at time of install. All-natural materials and low VOCs.

**Cons:** Costly and time-consuming to install.

**Application:** A splurge for rooms you'd really like to highlight. For tadelakt, use it in areas that require waterproofing (showers or perhaps a kitchen or bath backsplash). **OH**



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# Campfire COCKTAIL

RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY  
**JENELLE MCCULLOCH**

You don't need  
an open flame  
to create this  
campfire-inspired  
summer cocktail.

## INGREDIENTS

Chocolate chips  
Graham crackers  
Amaretto  
Bourbon  
Stout of choice  
Roasted marshmallows

## DIRECTIONS

To prepare rim, melt chocolate chips (in the microwave, on the stove or over the campfire). Crush graham crackers on a plate. Spread the melted chocolate along rim and dip into graham crackers to coat. Fill glass with ice and add ½ ounce each of Amaretto and bourbon. Top with stout and garnish with a roasted marshmallow. **OH**

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## DIRECTIONS

- 1 Cut post into three lengths measuring 38, 32 and 26 inches each. Your lumber yard can make cuts for a small charge.
- 2 Using a drill paddle, drill a hole 2-inches deep in the top centre of each post for the solar light stem.



## MATERIALS

- 1 6x6-inch post, 8-foot length
- 3 Solar lights with stems
- 4 L brackets
- 2 Flat brackets
- 24 1-½-inch woodscrews
- 15 feet of rope (pick your desired thickness)
- 1-¼-inch finishing nails
- Paint or whitewash

## TOOLS

- Saw
- Drill
- Drill paddle (of the same diameter size as the light stem)
- Screwdriver
- Finishing nails
- Hammer
- Paintbrush or roller

- 3 Paint posts and let dry thoroughly.
- 4 Arrange and attach posts together with brackets and screws – L brackets for inside corners, flat brackets on the back side.
- 5 Attach rope around the middle of the post bundle. Tuck ends in behind wrapped rope and nail end in place. Using finishing nails, tack rope into post in random areas to hold in place.
- 6 Cut solar light stems to 2 inches or desired length. Insert light stems in posts, attach solar lights to stems. Enjoy. **OH**



  
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