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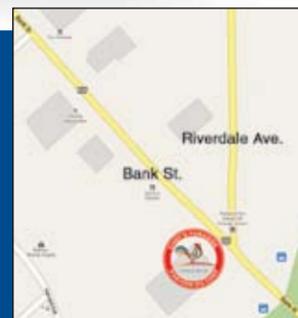


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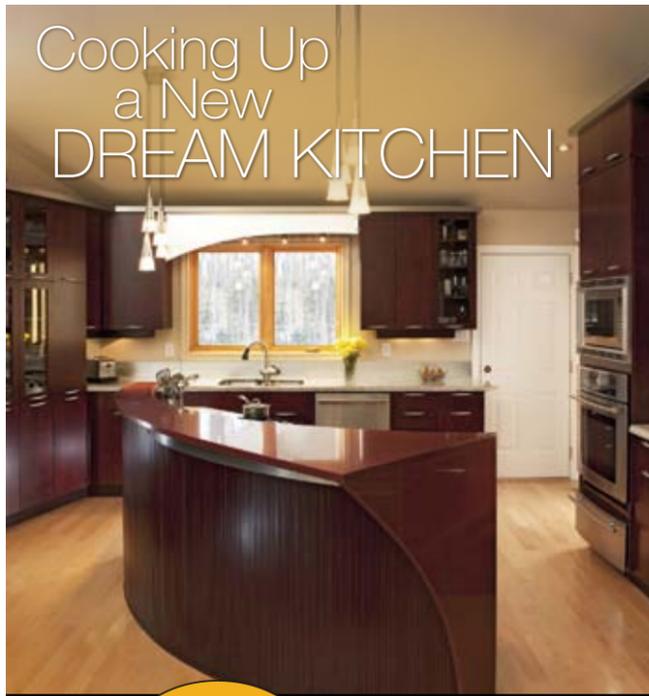
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love listening to the wind's song as it blows through the trees, making the vibrant coloured leaves dance and spiral to the ground. For me, the unfolding of the season is a sensory experience that is nothing short of inspiring!

In this issue of OUR HOMES you will find plenty of inspiration, including a beautiful story about how the generous donation of a home to the National Capital Region chapter of Habitat for Humanity sparked the spirit of giving in a group of local designers, builders and business people. The project, which is fittingly called *The Gift Home*, is a unique designer showcase home that, once sold, will help up to 10 low-income working families in the Ottawa area build a house of their very own. Now that's a gift!

In our Home & Builder section, you will read about a stunning executive home in the west-end of our city. Decorated in a palette of rich, warm tones that are reflective of the season and brimming with custom detail throughout, it's a real showpiece.

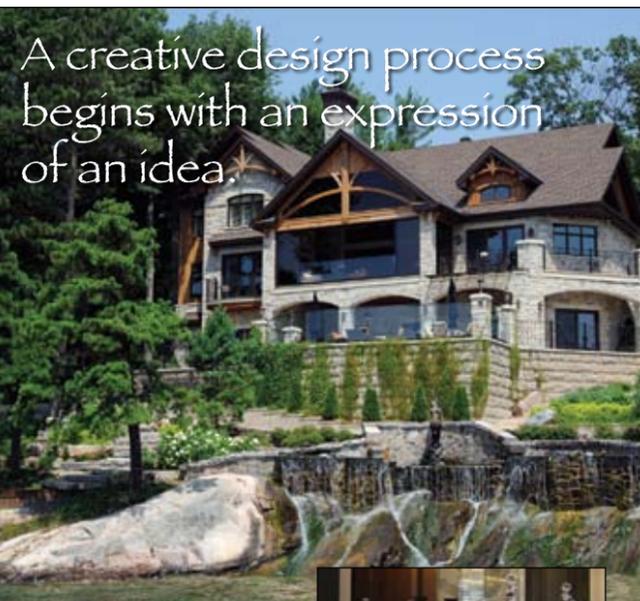
The inspiration continues to flow as you flip to the pages of our People section. There you will meet four local artisans who use their artistic talents to create unique custom details to personalize and beautify your space.

Art can be enjoyed in many forms and can even be appreciated through the wonderful world of multimedia. In our Comfort Zone section we visit Signature Audio Video; a store that caters to those who appreciate the ultimate audio-visual experience.

Like the beautiful unfolding of the season, I hope you will find your share of inspiration among our pages.

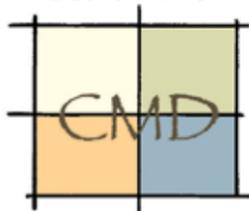
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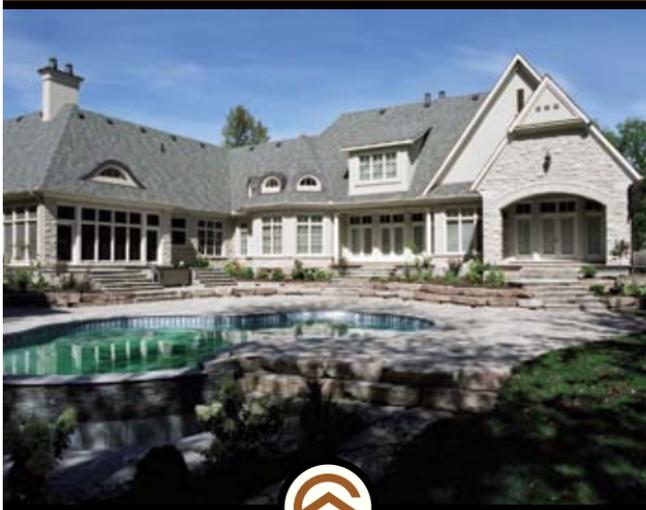
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Ottawa autumn is near - a time to enjoy bountiful harvests from local farmers markets and the glorious display of colour that nature so generously

provides. With autumn comes a feeling of renewal, celebration and gratefulness for the things that are important to us. We would like to take a minute to express our gratitude for the positive response to our premiere issue. It's the community that drives a publication like OUR HOMES, and with the local economy and local content as our cornerstone, Ottawa has shown it is both a welcoming and thriving community.

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On the topic of helping out, we are proud to support the Habitat for Humanity *Gift Home* project featured on page 18 of this issue. The results of this incredible makeover are nothing short of stunning!

Enjoy our fall issue!

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THE *Gift* HOME

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Throw a pebble in a pond of tranquil water and you will undoubtedly see a beautiful ripple effect across the water's surface.

Sometimes an act of generosity can have a similar ripple effect with one kind gesture leading to waves of kind gestures. The folks at the National Capital Region offices of **Habitat For Humanity** experienced such an effect when Calgary lawyer Marilyn Vavasour donated a bequeathed home to the organization. An excited Donna Hicks, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat NCR had never seen this happen before. She says initially, the organization was unsure how to best make use of the incredible donation.

"Zoning didn't allow redevelopment for anything other than single family, and the house really needed work," says Hicks. "So, we decided to try to create a designer showcase home and sell the house, and use that money to fund further Habitat projects."

With the decision made, the Habitat for Humanity Gift Home was born. A committee was struck to oversee the details of the grand project from design concept, to marketing, to eventual sale of the home.

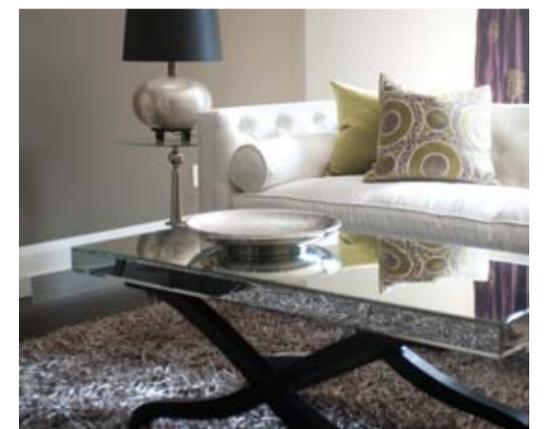
Originally built in 1967 by Ottawa developer Bill Teron, the house was a time capsule, untouched since the day it was built. Both a blessing and a curse, it meant the unique architectural style of the house needed to be incorporated into the new build.

Before long, countless volunteer builders, designers and suppliers were involved in creating the grand vision.

Gord Weima of **Gordon Weima Design Builder** acted as general contractor and designer for the main floor office. He says the project was rewarding but had its challenges. "It's a high-end designer showcase home, so you're approaching people and asking for their most expensive product, and you want it for free," says Weima.

The house was gutted to the studs and new plumbing, wiring and insulation were added. Next came the opulent details. Friedemann Weinhardt of **Design First Interiors** and Chuck Mills of **Chuck Mills Residential Design & Development** were co-lead designers on the project, which involved more than a dozen designers. From individual interior rooms to exterior landscaping, each designer had his or her own space to create. Mills says elements that were carried throughout the house, such as door style and trim were pre-determined to create a

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FAR LEFT: The modern style cast-stone fireplace is the main focal point of the stylish living room. The recessed lighting (Marchand Electric) adds to the ambiance of the room.

RIGHT: A beautiful grand piano loaned by Lauzon Music is right at home in the solarium.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The living room features creamy white furnishings, complemented by accents of silver, green and aubergine.



consistent look. Other than that, they were asked to create something along the lines of “transitional-contemporary.”

“It was quite fascinating when we sat down and looked at the colours everybody was going to use, how unbelievably consistent they were from room to room,” says Mills. Indeed one wouldn’t know the home involved so many different design chiefs as each room blends seamlessly with the other, from main floor to second floor to basement.

One incredible element that unifies the look of the home is the stairwell. A spectacular Realstone feature wall from **Merkley Supply Ltd.**, which extends from the finished basement all the way up to the inviting second level, can be seen through the simple open-risers.

To the right of the foyer is a sophisticated living room by Linda Nolan of **Linda Nolan Interiors**, which features creamy white furnishings from **Polanco Furniture** with accents in aubergine, lime and silver. Nolan says



she built the room around the modern style cast-stone fireplace. “It was the first thing I chose, so then I knew I was going to have a white scheme with touches of black and grey,” she says. “What I love about the white and the touches of black is that they have very special properties. They intensify any other colour they’re with and add a touch of elegance.”

Rich chocolate brown hardwood flooring connects the living room, dining area and solarium, which easily accommodates a piano. *Continued on page 22*

LEFT: A fully integrated fridge and top-of-the-line stainless steel appliances are the stars of this kitchen.

INSET LEFT: High-gloss white lacquer cabinetry, white quartz counter tops and a subtle detailed back-splash are beautifully contrasted against dark walnut wood.

RIGHT: Rich chocolate brown hardwood flooring connects the living room, dining area and solarium.

INSET RIGHT: Delicate crystal pendants from the dining room chandelier (Multi Luminaire) reflect the home’s beautiful natural light.

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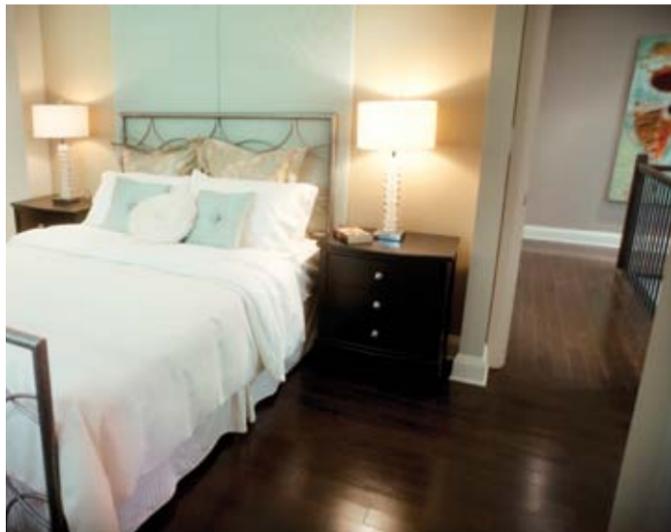
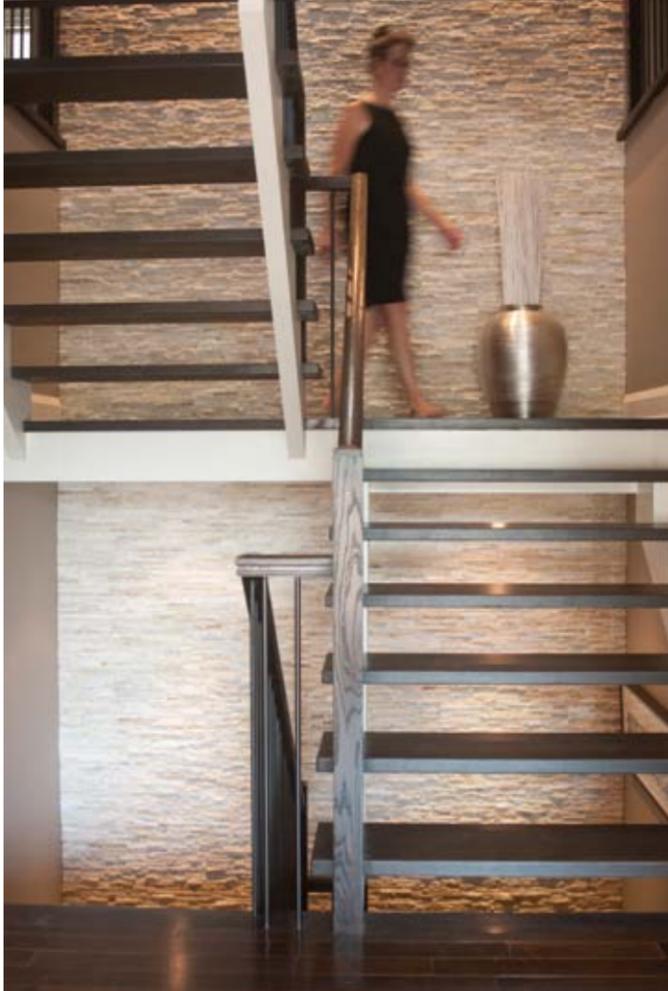


The master bedroom design incorporates subtle arts and crafts influences.

BELOW: A palette of soft creams and turquoise gives a relaxing feel to this bedroom.

TOP RIGHT: A spectacular Realstone feature wall, which extends from the finished basement all the way up to the second level, can be seen through the simple open-risers.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The home features another comfortable gathering place in the basement.



The heart of the main floor, in every sense, is the kitchen, designed by Friedemann Weinhardt. It features an island with breakfast bar, separate eating area and tons of storage space. High-gloss white lacquer cabinetry, white quartz counter tops and a subtle detailed back-splash from **Euro Ceramics** are beautifully contrasted against the dark walnut wood that holds an array of Miele appliances, including a fully integrated fridge, range hood, two ovens, dishwasher, and even a built-in coffee system.

Weinhardt says he is pleased with the overall effect of the kitchen. "I'd really like to have the chance to make a meal in here," he laughs.

Beyond the kitchen is a large family room designed by Penny Southam of **Southam Design**. The room is decorated in creamy hues with brown and turquoise accents. A delicate crystal pendant chandelier suspended from the vaulted ceiling plays off the abstract artwork by **Jean Jewer**. Plenty of natural light streams through the large windows donated by **Loewen Windows** and a second fireplace can be enjoyed for gatherings on cool autumn days.

The home features another perfect gathering space in the basement. Created by Norm Lecuyer of **Just Basements**, the space includes a cosy

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ABOVE: Pictured are the volunteer designers responsible for transforming the interior of The Gift Home. (Left to Right) Marianne Dupont, Friedemann Weinhardt, Penny Southam, Haley Florenza, Norm Lecuyer, Linda Nolan, Karyn Watson, Carrie Colton, Yvonne Potter, Gord Weima, (standing left to right) Dean Large, Chuck Mills and André Godin. Seated on floor at left of table is Carolyn Munro and at right of table is Amy Talbot.

OPPOSITE: Home donor Marilyn Vavasour is surrounded by The Gift Home planning committee. Pictured left to right are Friedemann Weinhardt, Melissa Clark, Gord Weima, Marilyn Vavasour, (continuing front row) Donna Hicks, Shirley Brown, Amy Talbot, (back row left to right) Linda Nolan, Myra McKeen and Chuck Mills.



sitting area with its own fireplace, a wine cellar, wet bar and an open area that could easily accommodate a pool table. There is also a convenient full bathroom and exercise room further down the hall.

The house also features a smart home system donated by **TriVista Smart Homes**, which allows the occupant to control heating/cooling, lighting, security and even the entertainment system through an iPad or smart phone.

The home's second level has a master bedroom with en suite and three gorgeous rooms.

The master bedroom, designed by Chuck Mills to incorporate subtle arts and crafts influences, features a full wall of white cabinetry donated by **Deslauriers Custom Cabinets** and a warm palette of taupes with hints of autumn red.

Two of the secondary bedrooms are connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom. Carolyn Munro of **Carolyn Munro Design Inc.** used a palette of soft creams and turquoise for one room while the other features a palette of chocolate brown and greens. The second floor also features a convenient laundry room, smartly designed by **André Godin Design**.

Public viewing of the Gift Home will begin this fall, after which it will be placed for sale. And that's when the ripple effect will continue. Donna Hicks says if all goes according to plan, the sale of The Gift Home will allow Habitat for Humanity to house 10 working families. "That would be something that would usually take years of fundraising to accomplish." she says. **OH**

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SMART SYSTEM DESIGNS

BY LISE LAROCQUE // PHOTOGRAPHY BY SANDIE HEWSON

THE PLACE: With a name like Signature Audio Video, one clearly expects this store to be about what can be heard and seen. However, part of this store's unique appeal is what can't be seen. Co-owners Roger Delarosbil and Sue Chatelain wanted to offer customers a place that not only provided top-of-the-line products but also provided custom design service. "We wanted to be more than a product outlet," says Roger. "We are a full service store that helps people create custom media rooms based on their needs."

THE STYLE: Signature Audio Video specializes in intelligent system designs that blend the latest in technology with smart storage solutions. Picture a private media room complete with

a large screen television, surround-sound technology and plush, comfortable chairs to sink into to enhance your viewing experience. Tucked-away behind a sleek panel is a custom racking system that houses all the electronic components. Each system is cleverly configured based on a pre-determined wiring diagram and is tested in the store before it is installed in the client's home. This translates to less time worrying about technical set-up and more time spent enjoying movies. Popcorn anyone?

WHAT'S HOT: An emphasis on technology to complement green living, with many people paying close attention to automated lighting and drapery. A central automation tablet (which can even

be linked to your portable iPhone) becomes the master control system for the various components of the home; from your sound system to the various lighting scenes and even the placement of large drapery panels. "If you have a large wall of windows, you can control the draperies (at the touch of a button) and determine the amount of heat generated through the windows by controlling the amount of light you allow in the room," says Roger.

TREND WATCH: According to Roger, 3D technology will be one of the biggest trends to revolutionize home entertainment. "Within two years, 85 per cent of all TVs will be 3D," he says.

WHERE: 126 Iber Rd., Ottawa (Stittsville) 613.831.7140, www.sigav.com **OH**



BY KIRK ESTIN

DESIGNING BY NUMBERS

Style your home the right way. OUR HOMES shares some advice professionals use to make every room functional and fabulous.

(1) HANGING ART: When hanging artwork above a sofa make sure it is **two-thirds** or more of the full length of the sofa. The centre of the picture/art work should be hung **60** inches from the floor. In sitting areas, the pictures can be hung a little lower so, when in a sitting position, the picture is at eye level.

(2) POSITION OF TELEVISION: To determine the proper distance between your television and the viewer, take the measurement of the television diagonally and multiply it by **three** and divide by **12**. For example, the ideal distance from a **40-inch** TV is **10** feet.

(3) FLOOR LAMP: The distance from a floor lamp to a book that you are reading should be **20** inches.

(4) AREA RUGS: The area rug in a room should be large enough to extend under the front legs of any furniture by **three** inches or more.

(5) FLOWERS: Flowers in a tall arrangement should be **two** times the height of the urn.

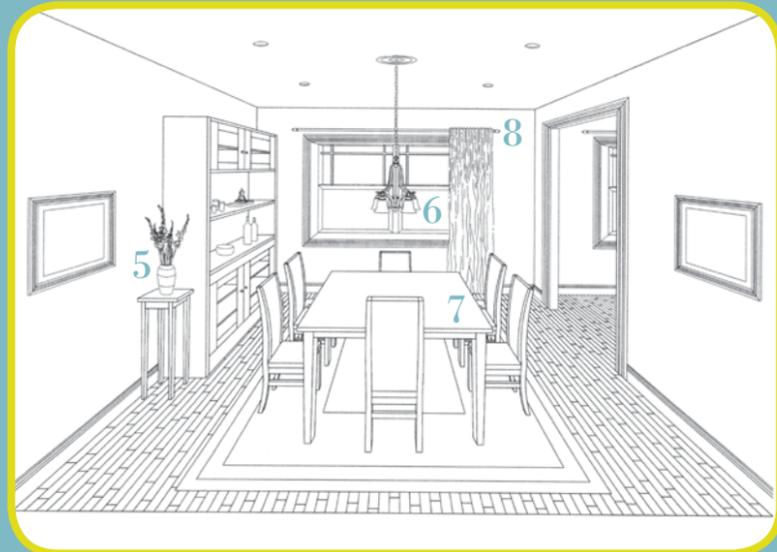
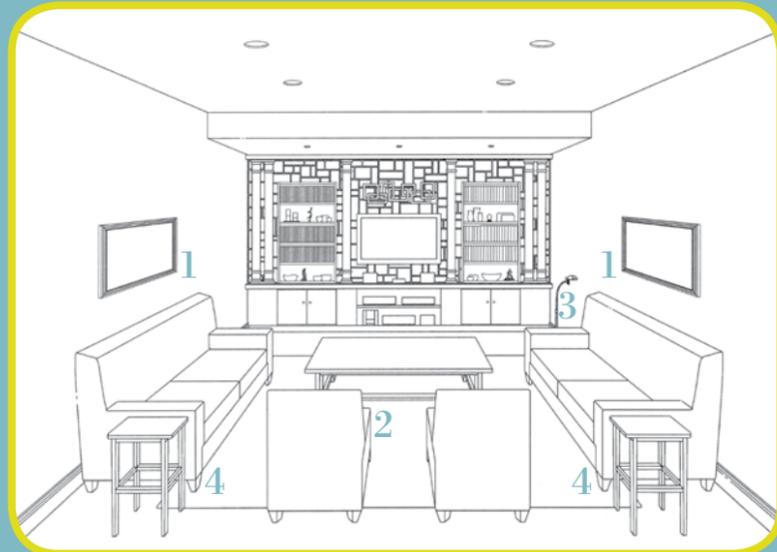
Centerpiece arrangements should be two inches below eye level when sitting.

(6) CHANDELIERS: In a room with an **eight-foot** ceiling, the chandelier should hang **30** inches above the table.

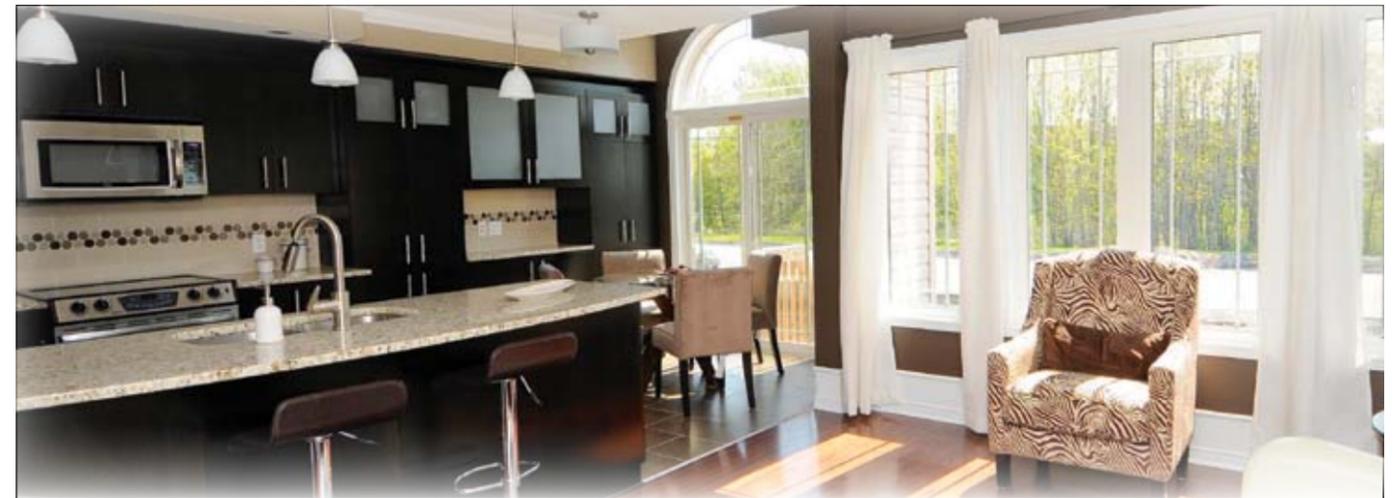
Each foot that the ceiling is higher, raise it **three** inches. To choose a diameter for the chandelier that is the correct size for the room, take the measurement of the total width of the room in feet and then double that number, then change it into inches. For example, a **12-foot** wide room requires a **24-inch** diameter chandelier.

(7) DINING TABLE: The distance between the wall and the dining room table should be no less than **three** feet and every person at the table should have **24 to 30** inches of table space. Area rugs should extend **two** feet outside the perimeter of the dining table; this allows the front chair legs to remain on the rug when pulled out.

(8) HANGING DRAPES: The drapery rod should be mounted at least **two** inches above the window. The rod should extend **six to 12** inches on either side of the window.



Applying these design tips will make a huge difference in the look, feel and function of your home. Use them the next time you decorate or take aim at a room that needs help. **OH**



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WOMAN TO MAN:

- It's not the size of the TV, but the way it displays the pixels that matters.
- There is such a thing as too much wood.
- Wall-to-wall shag carpet may remind you of your teens, but it has no place here.

REC ROOM RENOVATIONS

A ROOM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

BY HEATHER SMILLIE

The gender war between husband and wife is alive and well in basement rec rooms across the country. Nowhere in the home are differences in decorating styles more obvious. When the man of the house decorates the space as he sees fit (with a big screen TV, wetbar, lots of wood, and stone surround fireplace), he often forgets that his wife (who may have more decorating and design experience), will have her own rec room décor ideas.

Most women work hard to create a home that reflects their style. Their vision of a rec room is an extension of the tasteful atmosphere they have already created throughout the home. They might prefer a smaller television, with no cables strewn about, storage units to keep the room looking neat and tidy, and a cosy, cutting-edge fireplace for chilly winter nights.

The key to a successful rec room project, and to maintaining common decorating ground, is to base your design around something, whether it's a function of the room (home theatre, pool table) or a theme (sports, pub, or mid-century modern) that you both agree on. Whatever your theme or budget, a rec room can be both stylish and cool.

Here are a few fun theme ideas. Consider highlighting a collection you want to display, a pastime you love, or recreate the atmosphere of a favourite place (perhaps an English Pub). A theme also provides direction when completing the room décor. If you do select a theme, make it authentic, not amateur, and you will be more satisfied with your efforts. For instance, if you love golf, don't settle for a couple of posters on the wall; design a photo collage depicting famous golf courses, or trace the sport to its roots by adding a few Scottish accents, like a tartan wingback chair.

If a theme doesn't interest you, then add or enhance the architectural elements of the room. Columns, fireplaces, ceilings and walls can be approached creatively to add style to your room.

Walls may be clad in stone to provide "olde world" charm, or wood veneer can be applied for a modern look; either choice will make a bold statement in the room. Consider drywall on the ceiling, add pot lights for a finished look, or install tin panels instead of acoustic tiles on a drop ceiling.

A wealth of flooring options exist, including cork and engineered hardwood, which both top the trend list. Resilient floorings are an ace for high traffic areas, whereas carpeting features anti-fungal agents to help prevent mold and mildew.

Existing wood burning fireplaces are lovely in a traditional design and by adding a reclaimed wood mantel, you can make the piece more interesting. Gas fireplaces are convenient and suit many design styles; they also offer a variety of different options, such as surrounds and mantels. The long, low design of a gel fireplace lends nicely to modern palettes.

A word of advice about designing your space. Create one focal point per area and don't split your focus. For instance, installing your TV above the fireplace is ideal because furniture can then be arranged around one focal point. Locating your fireplace in the corner of the room, with the TV on another wall, creates a space planning challenge – how do you lay out the furniture so the fireplace and TV can both be enjoyed?

Whatever your style, try to make the design of your rec room reflect the entire family, so it becomes a sanctuary that everyone will enjoy. **OH**



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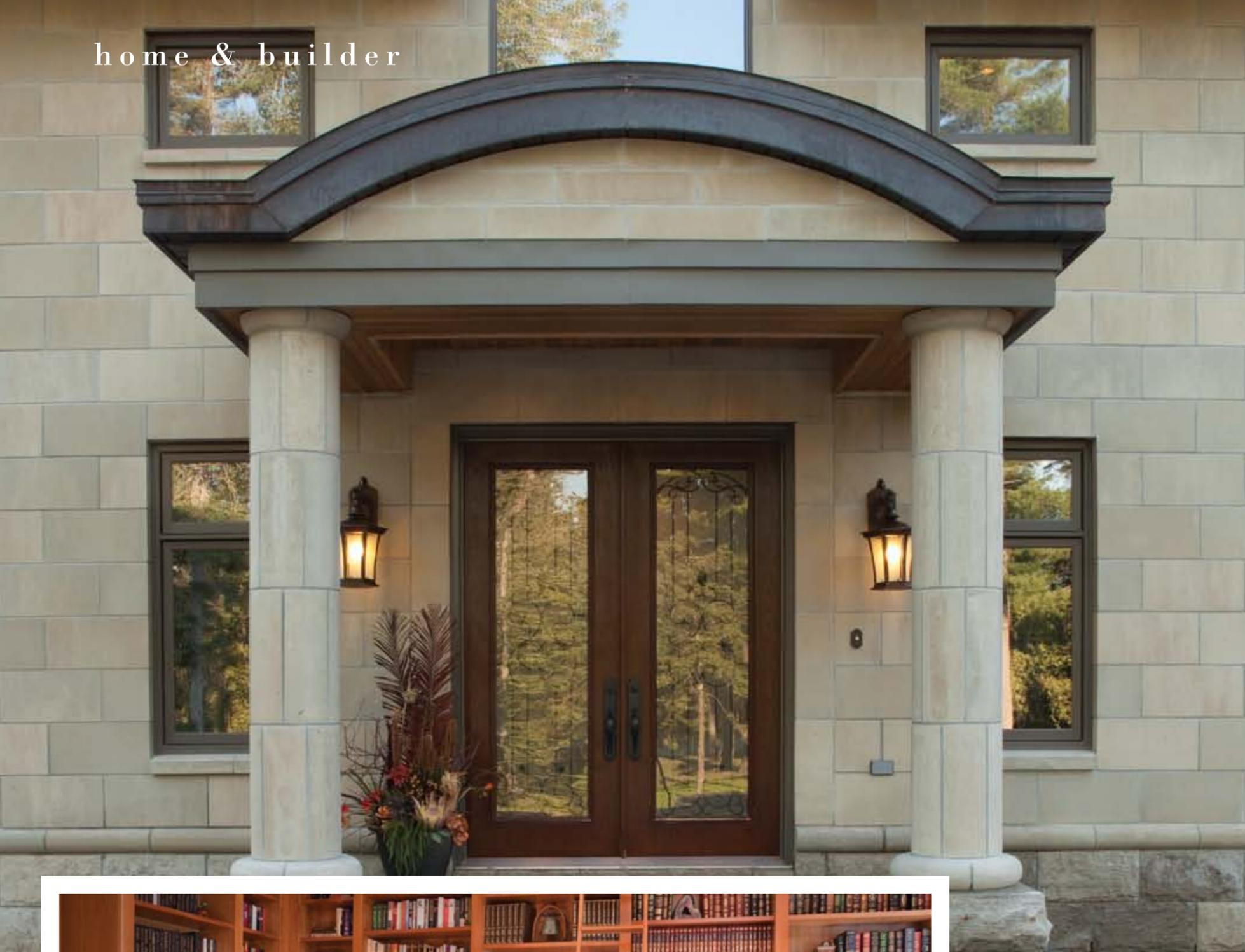


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Warm & INVITING

BY MARTHA ILBOUDO & LISE LAROCQUE // PHOTOGRAPHY BY JIM COCHRANE

Caroline Castrucci is no stranger to the design process. As part owner of Ottawa's **Lauryzen Kitchens Ltd.**, she has been involved in hundreds of custom design projects for a long list of clients. When it came time to build a home for her family, she and her husband Giuseppe knew exactly what they wanted. The Castruccis hired architect Gerhard Linse of **Gerhard Linse Design Consultants** and enlisted the help of family members at **Holitzner Custom Homes** to project manage and help realize their vision in a beautiful wooded community in Ottawa's west end. "We love the area and the house," says Caroline. "It's a great place for our family."

Surrounded by mature trees on a five acre property, the 6,000 sq. ft. executive home includes a large paved game pad for their three children and their friends to play their favourite sports. The couple also recently added an outdoor swimming pool to further their enjoyment of the exterior space. Inside, the house features five bedrooms and an array of amenities, including a home gym, a stunning library/home office and as you might expect, a gourmet kitchen that is second to none.

As you open the large doors to the home's front entrance you immediately sense the personality of the homeowners. The walls are painted in a warm shade of autumn gold which acts as the perfect backdrop for original artwork by Ottawa's own **Ben Babelowsky**. Large limestone tiles by **Emerald Tile and Marble** cover the floor and extend throughout most of the home's main floor living space. To the right of the foyer is the family's much used dining room. "We love to entertain," says Caroline. "Part of the fun is getting the table set for dinner." *Continued on page 36*



ABOVE: A seasonal arrangement by Trillium Floral Designs complements the home's grand exterior.

TOP RIGHT: Homeowners Caroline and Giuseppe Castrucci.

LEFT: The home features a stylish library with row upon row of books in rich cherry wood shelving.

BELOW: The homeowners love to entertain. "Part of the fun is getting the table set for dinner," says Caroline. (Flower arrangement by Apropos)

RIGHT: The large open concept kitchen boasts solid wood cabinetry in a rich shade of cherry chestnut and a polished granite backsplash and countertops in tones of tropical sand.

TOP RIGHT: The dining room's most prominent feature is the large trestle table made from a single plank of wood cut from an African bubinga tree.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A dishwasher is concealed inside each of the two kitchen islands; one for crystal and china, the other for everyday use.



The room's most prominent feature is a 10-and-a-half foot long, 52-inch-wide trestle table made from a single plank of wood which was cut from an African bubinga tree. The wood's rich colour and live edge make it a unique addition to the space. Caroline found the table while on a trip in San Francisco. "I was looking for small coffee tables for the living room," she says. "When I spotted the large plank of wood I knew it would be perfect as a table for our dining room."

When it came time to choosing a seating option for the table, the Castruccis enlisted the help of **Luc Crawford Design Planning Designs By 2** to create dark brown tufted low back leather dining chairs to

complement the beautiful wood.

Artwork by local artist Philip Craig (**Terrance Roberts Galleries**) and a sleek light fixture with matching wall sconces by **Arevco Lighting** provide the perfect finishing touch to the room.

Bridging the dining room and kitchen is a tiny hall that cleverly incorporates a built-in coffee and cappuccino station. "It's handy to have the coffee maker there when we're entertaining guests," says Caroline.

A few steps beyond the coffee station is the Castruccis' gourmet kitchen. Designed by Caroline and built by Laurysen Kitchens Ltd., the large open concept space boasts solid wood cabinetry in a rich shade of cherry

chestnut, a polished granite backsplash in tones of tropical sand by Emerald Tile and Marble, two islands, top-of-the-line appliances from **Universal Appliances** and a large table with plenty of seating for family meals.

There is no shortage of functional appliances in this kitchen, including a built-in stainless steel steamer, microwave and a large warming drawer, all by Miele. Another appliance that sees plenty of use is the dual fuel range by Wolf with convenient pot filler. "My husband is of Italian descent, so we eat a lot of pasta," says Caroline.

The large kitchen islands have plenty of practical storage space and each features a stunning hammered copper sink with oil rubbed bronzed

faucets. Each of the islands also has a hidden dishwasher; one for everyday use, the second is designed specifically for use with china and crystal and is positioned in the island closest to the dining room for easy clean-up when entertaining.

Adjacent to the kitchen is the family's great room; a grand inviting space divided in two main seating areas and which features cream-coloured coffered ceilings.

On one side of the room is an inviting sectional velvet couch (by Luc Crawford) in rich autumn tones of brown and burnt orange. The wall features a large custom wall unit designed by Caroline and Laurysen

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WHAT IF A REFRIGERATOR DIDN'T HAVE TO LOOK LIKE A REFRIGERATOR?



Kitchens to house a large television set and home entertainment components from **Signature Audio Video**. “I always loved watching old movies where they used to have these grand rooms,” says Caroline. “I really wanted something here that was elegant and still very comfortable – comfort is a big thing.”

The opposite side of the room features a cosy sitting area in front of a stunning floor-to-ceiling Realstone Systems feature wall by **Merkley Supply Ltd**. A mantel made from a 200-year-old wooden beam adds to the incredible character of the fireplace. A tiffany-style glass screen from **Living Lighting Home Décor** in shades of cream and blue picks up the detail in the intricate Persian rug, which was passed on to Caroline by her parents. Four comfy chairs and a handcrafted redwood burl table welcome guests to relax and share in conversation.

Beyond the great room is a sleek powder room and a large bedroom wing that completes the first level of the grand two-storey home.

Up the solid cherry staircase by **Ottawa Classic Stairs & Bannisters**,

to the home’s second floor, is the couple’s home gym and Caroline’s favourite room in the house – a stylish home office and library with row upon row of books in open cherry wood shelving.

Plenty of natural light filters through two large windows from **Golden Windows**, which were strategically placed on either side of the room’s main focal point, a beautiful Victorian coal-style natural gas fireplace. Complete with his-and-hers desks and two comfy leather chairs positioned by the fireplace, the library makes for an inviting place to curl up on a cool day.

“I love my library,” says Caroline. “I can just sit there and enjoy a book in front of the fireplace... it’s like my own little sanctuary.” **OH**

TOP: The family’s great room features a cosy sitting area in front of a stunning floor-to-ceiling Realstone feature wall.

BOTTOM RIGHT: This unique sectional can easily accommodate the entire family on movie night.

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WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PIECES YOU DESIGN? I design ceiling panels, window panels, sidelights, transoms and cupboard door inserts. I also create custom horse panels from supplied photographs. These allow me to capture the true character of the animal.

WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVOURITE DESIGN PROJECTS? A project for Lynn Waito's home. (photo)

WHY WAS IT A FAVOURITE? I enjoyed working-up the design with Lynn, then seeing everything come together.

▶ Norman Pirollo

COMPANY: Refined Edge Design

SPECIALTY: Studio furniture and wall art

HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SPECIALTY? It began with a course in cabinet making 15 years ago.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO WORK IN THIS MEDIUM? I appreciate the inherent beauty of the wood. Working through this medium also reinforces my connection with nature.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PIECES YOU DESIGN? Contemporary cabinets on stands, hall and side tables and unique wood wall art.

WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVOURITE DESIGN PROJECTS? A hall table I named "Wishbone Hall Table."

WHY WAS IT A FAVOURITE? I had to use bridge engineering principles to construct this piece and used extensive curves in the design.

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HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR SPECIALTY? It was a situation where I needed to specialize in a trade and so I pursued iron work design. I began my training in Greece in 1993 and have been working at it ever since.
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PIECES YOU DESIGN? I create cast and wrought iron features for homes and businesses including spindles, balusters, stair railings, fencing and gates.
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HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR SPECIALTY OSCAR? In 1964, I earned my Masters in sculpting and carving in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I then applied what I learned in the architectural field.
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PIECES YOU DESIGN? Thousands of architectural details including 3D accent walls, columns and pilasters, coffered ceilings, cast stone kitchen range hoods and reproductions.
WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVOURITE DESIGN PROJECTS? The Sinai Grand Casino in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
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GRILLED CORN AND BLACK BEAN STUFFED PEPPERS

BY MARIA DASILVA // PHOTOGRAPHY BY SCOTT HUNTER

SERVES 8

8 red peppers. If possible, choose peppers that are more stout than long with flattish bottoms.

4 ears fresh corn, shucked

2 tbsp vegetable oil

1 onion, finely diced

1 rib celery, finely diced

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp cumin seeds

1 tsp ground coriander

1 tsp chili powder

¼ tsp salt

½ tsp dried oregano

¾ cup basmati rice

1 can black beans, drained and rinsed

1 ½ cups crumbled feta cheese

¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro

1 tbsp red wine vinegar

I always find fall to be the most inspiring season for cooking. The country is literally bursting at the seams with fresh produce of all shapes, sizes and varieties. The weather is still kind enough to get outside and use the grill. And the harsh reality of winter continues to be a far-off prospect. With all this in mind, I've given a nod to our (kind of) neighbours of the American southwest. The tangy vibrant flavours of that region coupled with our amazing local produce results in this colourful, ultra-satisfying dish. It's rich enough for a vegetarian main course when paired with a salad, or equally at home as a side to your favourite grilled meat. Best enjoyed with friends or family, of course!

The separate components can be prepared a day in advance, then assembled and baked the following day. A great option for entertaining without any fuss.

TO PREPARE:

- Heat grill to medium-high heat. Grill pepper, turning occasionally, until skins are blackened but pepper still holds shape, about 10 minutes. Transfer to bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let stand for 10 minutes. Peel skin from pepper, being careful to leave pepper intact. Set aside.
- Grill corn over medium heat, turning often, until tender, about 10 minutes. Let cool. Cut kernels from cob and set aside.
- Heat oil in saucepan over medium heat. Saute onions, celery and jalapeno until golden, about 8 minutes. Stir in garlic, cumin seeds, coriander, chili powder, salt and oregano; cook for 2 minutes. Stir in rice; cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Stir in 1 ½ cups water and bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until rice is tender and all water is absorbed, about 8 minutes. Turn off heat, let pot stand on burner, covered, for 5 minutes. Stir in black beans, 1 cup of the feta cheese, the cilantro, vinegar and reserved corn kernels.
- Cut tops from peppers and remove core and seeds. Stuff each pepper generously with rice filling. Place in baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining feta cheese. Bake in 400°F oven until mixture is warmed through and cheese is golden, about 20 minutes. **OH**

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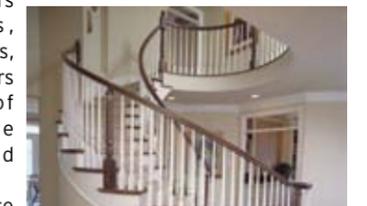
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