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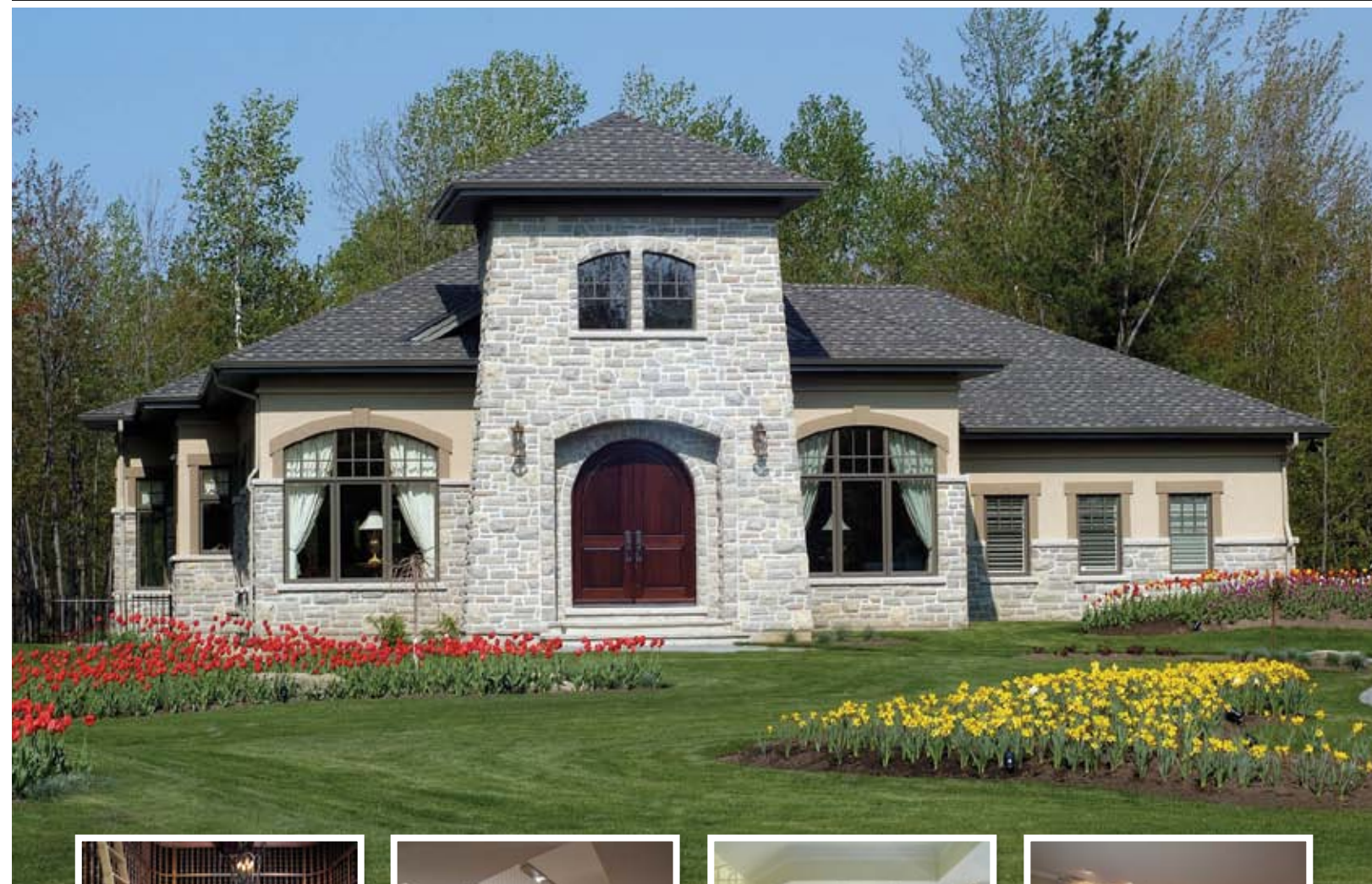
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The mention of Ottawa to most Canadians living outside the National Capital Region likely conjures up images of federal politics unfolding on Parliament Hill. Let's face it, we are a government town and Ottawa is a city that is more often linked with politics and business than it is pleasure. But as anyone who has had the good fortune of living in our city knows, there is another side to Ottawa; a side that pulsates with life, culture and natural beauty. With its many festivals and top-notch restaurants, its blend of historic and modern design and its expanse of lush green spaces, Ottawa is a wonderful and beautiful place to live!

In this issue, we will take you to two gorgeous Ottawa homes. Both are unique in their architecture, interior design and setting. One is built on the shores of the Ottawa River, the other is set in the quiet woods of Navan and offers city chic with peaceful country living.

In the People section of this issue you will meet some of our city's talented designers. From kitchen design, to interior décor and exterior landscaping; their ideas and advice could be the very inspiration you are seeking to launch your home improvement project.

If you appreciate the historic side of Ottawa, you will want to flip to the Comfort Zone section of the magazine. There you will meet Marc and Line from Gendron Antiques and Reproductions, a store that offers countless antique and decorative finds for your home.

Yes indeed, Ottawa is a beautiful place, and I look forward to sharing more of its many hidden gems with you in future issues.

Now, I invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy a sweet summer moment in Ottawa as you peruse the pages of OUR HOMES Magazine.

Happy reading!

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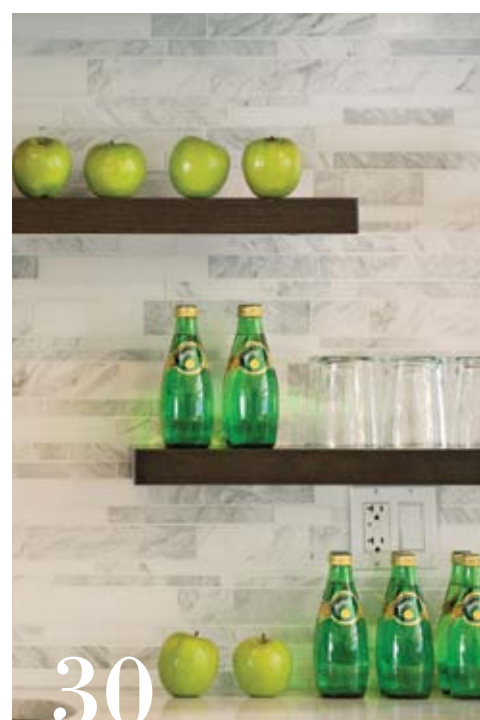
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You're probably expecting us to write about how excited we are, how special our city and its people are and how we're going to help you discover gorgeous homes, remarkable people and valuable businesses right in your own backyard; and you would be right, so we are already meeting your expectations!

But we may also do a few things you might not expect. We hope to show you the difference between just living in your home and really loving where you live.

We will aim to inspire by showing what others are doing to their homes to make them unique and functional and we will introduce you to the experts who can help make improvements to your own home to better reflect your personality.

Should you decide an improvement to your space means a move to a new one, OUR HOMES can point you to the resources you need to help find the home of your dreams.

Having been born and raised in Ottawa, we appreciate the many underlying elements that define our National Capital. One of these elements is the generous nature of its citizens, which can be seen first hand in a special Habitat for Humanity project known as The Gift Home.

The Gift Home project involves a dream team of exceptionally talented and kind-hearted designers, tradespeople and businesses from our community who have volunteered their time and expertise to renovate a

1960s home recently donated to the organization. Once the renovations are complete, the home will be sold. The organization hopes to generate enough funds from this initiative to build housing for 10 families in Ottawa.

OUR HOMES is proud to support this project and we encourage you to tour the completed home in September when public viewing begins.

Finally, we would like to thank the wonderful people who graciously opened their homes, stores and design centres for our feature stories. We are confident that we will always uncover great places to show you. A special thanks to our advertisers, the people at OUR HOMES who work to bring this magazine to life and of course our valuable readers – your support is greatly appreciated!

On behalf of our wonderful team, enjoy your time spent amongst our pages.

From OUR HOMES to yours,

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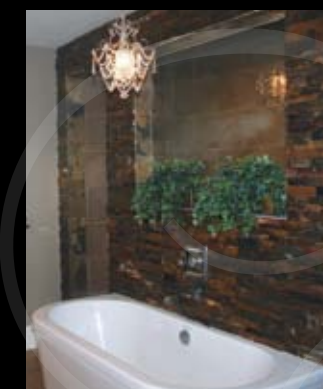
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The house appears to rise in greeting as you ascend the large stone steps that lead from the river to the backyard. (Potted flowers from J.A. Laporte Flowers & Nursery)

RIGHT: A garden view can be enjoyed from the large terrace.



the best of BOTH WORLDS

BY ANDREA TOMKINS // PHOTOGRAPHY BY JIM COCHRANE

Bernard and H  l  ne Marcil knew the perfect home for them would combine the benefits of city living with the tranquility of cottage life. They wanted the best of both worlds and seem to have found it... in a custom home built on the banks of the Ottawa River.

Their thoughtfully designed bungalow features two levels of spacious living complete with grand windows that showcase a gorgeous view of the river. Designed by **Denis Laporte** and built by **Lemay Homes** in 2001, this home features two finished levels of open concept living. The main floor encompasses a large living and formal dining area and a stylish kitchen.

Open concept living might be a challenge to some, but the Marcils say they are happy with the design. "It isn't the ideal place for little children," laughs H  l  ne, referring to hardwood flooring and high ceilings, which echo every word and footstep. "But we love it here." H  l  ne says she likes the open feel of the home's design. "At first we thought about a raised counter in the kitchen to act as a barrier, but we changed our minds," she says. In fact they did the very opposite. The breakfast counter, the ideal place for her visiting grandchildren to colour while the grownups are busy in the kitchen making dinner, is lower than the rest of the counter. This also allows for an unobstructed view of the vast living area. *Continued on page 20*

feature

Strategically-placed custom windows on the home's main floor, by **Dalmen Windows and Doors**, frame the view of the river like a piece of art, while a large octagonal window placed higher up in the dining area serves the dual function of letting in plenty of natural light while minimizing the view of the neighbour's roof line. Lighting by **Multi Luminaire** illuminates the spaces the grand windows can't easily reach.

A graceful spiral staircase leads down from the main floor to the home's lower level; a space decorated in a palette of soft colours. This is where the Marcils' grandchildren watch TV and cuddle by the fireplace. Three bedrooms and one bathroom easily provide for the occasional sleeper.

Bernard and Hélène are also wine collectors and connoisseurs, and they recently had a wine cellar built in the lower level of the home. "We wanted a place where we could come and enjoy the wine," says Bernard. "We wanted to admire the wines. There's a story behind each acquisition."

Eric Schuller of **Choice Vintners** created a 1,500-bottle cellar for the Marcils where they can store and enjoy their fine vintages. Armed with an original design plan by **Sonia Grenier**, which incorporated rich warm tones and stylish decorative finishes, Schuller was able to create a gorgeous space that provided proper display, storage and climate control for the Marcils' collection. *Continued on page 22*



The main floor's open concept living space is perfect for entertaining.

RIGHT: The light airy feel of the home's main floor is accentuated by a cathedral ceiling and large picture windows.



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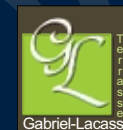
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ABOVE: The large kitchen has an unobstructed view of the vast living area and a scene of the river beyond.

LEFT: Bernard and Hélène Marcil enjoy a glass of wine in their private wine cellar. Copper ceiling tiles and warm cherrywood add to the rich feel of this special room.

When designing a cellar, it is important to create a balance between storage and style. “With all of our design work in every cellar we do, we always try to have maximum storage and maximum display to be able to showcase the vintages properly,” says Schuller. “When you’re looking at designing a wine cellar you really want it to show nicely. You don’t want it to just be about basic storage.”

The coolness of the slate and the warmth of the wood binds the elements in a way that works for a space that could easily have given way to the practical side of storage instead of the beautiful side.

The place where the city and the country truly intersect is only steps away outside the home. One-hundred-and-fifty tons of rock was trucked in by Gilles Sarault of **Leo Sarault & Fils**, who designed and built roughly hewn stone steps, which lead from the back of the home down towards the river. It’s a truly organic transition between the two; the stairs bridging the space as if the ancient riverbed itself was rising up in greeting.

Denis Brûlé of **Brûlé Enterprises** and Rossignol Landscaping perfected the natural feel of this outdoor space with a style of landscaping that solidifies the connection between home and water, country and city. While they enjoy their view of the river, Bernard and Hélène say they don’t spend much time by the river anymore. It’s mostly their children and grandchildren who take advantage of the new deck (the old one floated away – complete with furniture – after a storm) and the proximity to the water.

Regardless, it is certainly the Ottawa River that is the star of the show here. Although the vista is visible from almost every corner of every room, it’s the main floor terrace that has become a favourite place to eat dinner and share a quiet glass of wine. “The sunsets are magnificent,” says Bernard. “We spend a lot of time out here.”

Views of the river, a glass of wine, the company of family... it’s no wonder it’s one of their favourite places. **OH**

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THE STYLE: Since their humble beginnings more than 18 years ago in an exterior booth at the now defunct Stittsville Flea Market, the Gendrons' business has flourished and offers an array of traditional pieces for discriminating tastes. From one-of-a-kind antiques, to reproductions made of new or reclaimed wood, the store has much to offer. "We can incorporate a sentimental piece



into a larger piece so that it becomes useful," says Marc. One particular furniture piece was created using an old wooden framed window as a starting point. A solid wood structure was then built to house and feature the beautiful window to give it new life as part of a large armoire.

WHAT'S HOT: Antiques that can be used or that are unusual. "People want their pieces to be functional and to look like new," says Line. The Gendrons refinish pieces and even transform them by adding new features. "We have taken sideboards and

turned them into vanities by adding sinks," she says. "One customer loved an antique sideboard and we converted it to hide a flat-screen TV."

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BY GLEN PELOSO

BRINGING YOUR INDOOR STYLE TO *The Great Outdoors*

Summer is here and I can see neighbours, friends and family heading outside to enjoy the warm weather. Dinners in the yard or garden visits are what we are turning our attention to. We want to enjoy living in the great outdoors with all the comforts of being indoors. With the advancements in outdoor furniture, that is completely achievable.

POOL PARTY

Have a look at the space that you have at the back of the house and decide how best to divide it up to create both comfort and luxury. A pool offers a clear, central focus and function to the yard. This is the area around which to create your lounge or living area as it will be where people congregate for fun. Depending on how large the decking is around the pool, there should be lounge chairs for the sun worshipers. However, we are now able to gauge just how much sun we get with canopies being built right into the lounge chairs. The other new addition to the lounge is hydraulic lifts eliminating the need to get up and adjust that bar behind the back rest.

If the decking has a little more area, you can also incorporate an outdoor sofa and coffee table set up so that area also becomes an ideal place to entertain or to simply curl up with a book and a summer drink. Conversely, you can create a wild lounge area so that your backyard will be party central.

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In terms of making furniture choices, you want to look for items that have classic lines. You also want to be sure that they weather well, as our Canadian climate is hard on furniture. Being able to have outdoor furniture that is every bit as beautiful as your indoor furniture allows you to double the size of your living area in the good weather. In the past, it was difficult to host a brilliant dinner party in the backyard as the seating areas were never all that comfortable. I think it best to look at styles that are similar to what you have chosen for the indoors of your house so that you create a seamless feeling between the indoors and the outdoors.

UPHOLSTERY

The upholstery for outdoor furniture can be changed when you tire of the look or pattern. If you use quality neutral-coloured fabrics for the main cushions, you can add a spark with great accent cushions in mould-resistant fabrics that can be found at any good fabric store. Summer by summer you can change these cushions, which will give you the feeling of a new space each year in the same way the surrounding gardens change year-by-year.

As we are pushing on the gates of time to get us back into the great outdoors, don't ignore the indoors but do what you can to marry the two. What you finally end up with is a fantastic space that will keep you feeling as though you have gone to a resort. Now, the only thing that needs sun block is your skin! **OH**

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HOME *Staging*

BY SAMANTHA MARTIN
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STAGED BY HEATHER SMILLIE



A home has to be cleaned, de-cluttered and styled before it's put on the market. Presentation is everything. If you want to sell your home quickly, follow these tips and watch the offers roll in.

KNOW YOUR BUYER

Who would buy your home? Would it suit a family, a retired couple or newlyweds? Is it a cottage or a full-time residence? Can a bedroom be converted to a den or office? Play up your home to attract the right buyer.

FAÇADE

A potential buyer will know within the first 15 seconds if your home is a match, so make sure it welcomes buyers with open arms. Your front and back yards should be manicured and your front door should be freshly painted. Nothing should be left lying around the yard.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The entrance of the home makes a strong statement. Highlight an interesting feature like a recycled barn beam. Also make sure to show the versatility of the space by using it effectively. An old church pew makes a long, empty wall in this home the perfect spot for extra seating near the kitchen and back patio.



SMELL

Smell is often the first thing a buyer will notice when they enter a home. Make sure to keep their noses happy with a fresh lemon scent (often associated with cleanliness). Some homeowners will bake before an open house or showing to make the home feel cosy. Designer Heather Smillie suggests keeping the smell simple and clean.

DE-CLUTTER

More open space makes it easier for potential buyers to picture their possessions in the home. Keep the walls neutral so buyers can imagine their own colour scheme. The homeowner chose to bathe his home in Para P2707-4, a warm beige colour that complements the natural, eco feel of the home.

TINY DETAILS

Don't assume buyers won't notice the smallest details. Make sure your paint isn't chipped and your floor isn't scuffed. Add fresh flowers to as many rooms as possible. Clean closets and organize your "stuff." Turn on all of the lights so buyers can see easily and don't have to look for switches.

SPACE/SIGHTLINES

Mirrors are your best friend. Besides allowing the buyers to literally see themselves inside the home, they amplify your space and throw additional light into the home. Also, remember that buyers will be checking out the home from all angles, so make sure when you are standing in the doorway of one room, the view of the room down the hall is also pleasing and inviting.

COLOUR

Although you want to keep the home neutral, you also want to add subtle splashes of colour for interest. Use some bright pillows and a throw and carry that same colour throughout the home with simple hints in the décor.



THEME

Your home should flow. If you change your theme in each room, the home and individual spaces feel much smaller. Here, Smillie brought nature inside the home with twigs, shells and artwork to continue the natural, eco feel of the home.

STRENGTHS

Make sure your décor features aren't taking away from the unique features of the home. Highlight the strengths of the home. These include the space (use an appropriate furniture style) and the upgrades (like the floor here). Smillie chose a beach theme in this home.

Remember, less is more. Too much furniture in a room makes the room appear small. Edit and ask your trusted friends what they think. **OH**



HIGH STYLE *country life*

BY MARTHA ILBOUDO
PHOTOGRAPHY BY SUZANNE BIRD

Homeowner
Chantale Pryor
and her designer
Luc Crawford.



Craig and Chantale Pryor love their new bungalow, set among mature trees in the quiet woods of Navan.

The Pryors wanted to blend the warmth of traditional design with the clean feel of contemporary design. “We really wanted to bring the outside in,” says Chantale, “we knew we wanted an open concept space.”

The Pryors turned to builder Mark Patterson of **Patterson Homes** and to architect André Godin of **André Godin Design Inc.** to help bring their

vision to fruition. The result, a 7,000 sq. ft. contemporary build featuring airy, high ceilings and large, bright windows that frame views of the picturesque outdoors.

The couple left the hustle and bustle of city life for a more peaceful retreat where they could raise their young family. “We wanted [the kids] to have a place where they could run and play and at the same time have privacy,” says Chantale.

Upon entering the home, guests are greeted in the magnificent entranceway, which is adorned with large, smoky-grey tiles, a modern fixture suspended from the vaulted ceiling and colourful artwork. A large mirror reflects cascading sunlight from the beautiful entrance. *Continued on page 32*



Sunlight cascades into the dining room where a contemporary glass pendant chandelier hangs delicately above a massive walnut-veneer table.

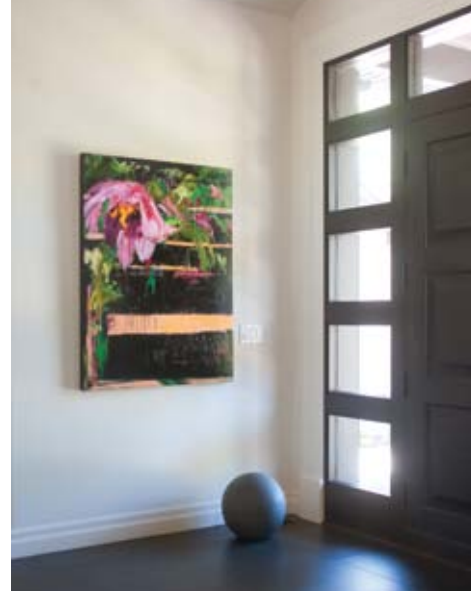


Dark hickory flooring extends throughout the main floor, including the large open concept living area; a bright, open, elegant space that showcases sleek and modern furnishings and accessories. To the left is a large fireplace by **Merkley Supply Ltd.**, encased in stone from floor-to-ceiling. **Designs by 2** took care of the interior styling of the home. They added a large L-shaped sectional and a cosy chair to the living area, a circular patterned area rug and hints of bold accents to give the room flair and warmth.

Adjacent to the living area is one of Chantale's favourite rooms – a large gourmet kitchen. Featuring a custom-built island with granite countertop, it is the ideal place for the children to eat lunch. Rich, espresso coloured kitchen cabinets by **Louis L'artisan Inc.**, and stainless steel appliances further complete the sophisticated look. "I like the kitchen because of the space flow... it's ideal for entertaining," says Chantale.

The kitchen opens on to a sun-washed dining area, which exemplifies the perfect combination of function and style. An extra-large, custom walnut veneer table designed by **Luc Crawford Design Planning Designs by 2** and constructed by FNK Kitchens easily accommodates extra seating while entertaining family and friends. Hanging gracefully above the massive table from the extra high dining area ceiling is a contemporary glass pendant chandelier, which provides ample lighting for the room.

Further down the hall are two beautifully decorated children's rooms and the stunning master suite. The immaculate space is adorned with a simplistic modern décor with minimalist furnishings and accessories in soft silver grey and aubergine. Floor-to-ceiling windows by **Grandor Group** boast breathtaking, panoramic views of the secluded woods and an impressive multi-faceted chandelier gives the illusion of a bright, starry night. *Continued on page 34*



The kitchen features a large custom-built island. Rich, espresso coloured cabinets and stainless steel appliances complete the sophisticated look.

OPPOSITE PAGE:

LEFT: A large fireplace encased in stone from floor to ceiling is the living room's showpiece.

TOP RIGHT: Light streams through windows surrounding an impressive door in the front entranceway, showcasing colourful artwork.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The kitchen features a prep area with extra sink, ample storage and a wine fridge.

home & builder

Beyond the main area of the master bedroom is the couple's his-and-hers walk-in closets and an expansive master en suite bath. White porcelain rectangular-shaped sinks sit atop a slab of grey slate. A solid dark wood vanity has open shelving for towel storage and large drawers for containing smaller toiletries. A large white roman tub and a glass-enclosed stand-in shower by **Mirror Works** complete the contemporary look and feel of the en suite.

The house also includes a home gym and an indoor lap pool, built to accommodate the couple's busy, active lifestyle.

"We are from the city and we like to work out so that became a critical part of the design," says Craig.


The Pryors are very pleased with their builder Mark Patterson of Patterson Homes.

The couple say Patterson showed a clear understanding of what they wanted during their first meeting, which is why they decided to put their trust in him to build their home. *Continued on page 36*



Mom and son share some laughs in the large master suite, decorated in soft hues of silver-grey and aubergine. An impressive multi-faceted chandelier gives the illusion of a bright starry night.

RIGHT: Chantale takes some time to read to her son in his cheerfully decorated bedroom.





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A large inviting chair is the perfect place to sit and enjoy the panoramic views the floor-to-ceiling windows have to offer.

TOP LEFT: A glass-enclosed, stand-in shower stall with a rain-shower fixture completes the contemporary look and feel of the en suite.

BOTTOM LEFT: White rectangular-shaped sinks sit atop a dark solid wood vanity, which has ample storage space for towels and toiletries.



"From the first time we met him, he was very organized; he had a list of everything," says Chantale. "The team that works with him has been working with him for a long time. That resonated with us because he's a small builder who doesn't build a lot of homes. (The fact that) he's had the same guys working with him means they trust him, therefore it was easy for us to trust him with this process," she adds.

Patterson, who has been in the construction industry since 1988, says he believes trust is key to achieving success.

"It's critical to have a good working relationship," says Patterson. "We worked well together. The [Pryors] are nice people to deal with and the communication process was very simple and easy. Everything was always positive and moving forward."

Patterson says many of his clients have become his friends. "Because I've spent so much time with them, I've become very close to them," he says.

As a result of the close relationship he has developed with the Pryors, Patterson is currently working on several different projects for the family.

"That's what a close relationship will give you... trust," says Patterson. **OH**

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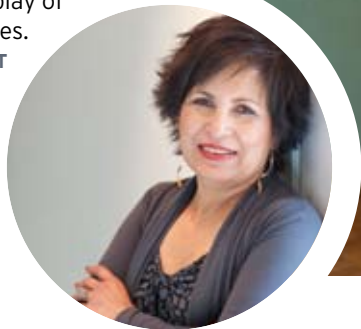
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MY BEST DESIGN ADVICE: Eliminate before you add. Remember, less is more.



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Pinch of salt

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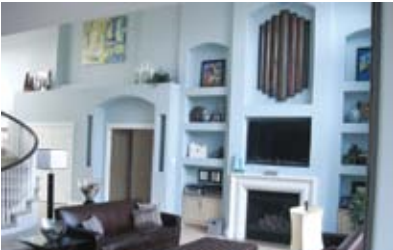
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MATERIALS

Sandpaper or orbital sander
Scraper (for digging paint out of corners)
Paint stripper
Wire brush
Paint brush
Stain, urethane, paint or oil (to finish the frame)
Window glazing points (to hold your mirror in place)
Wire (to mount your project on the wall)

STEP 1

Remove old putty from the frame and diamond-shaped glazing points that help hold the glass. Sometimes, you'll have to break the glass to get it out of the frame.

STEP 2

Scrape and sand the old paint off the window frame. Sometimes, paint stripper is necessary. If there is no paint on the frame, scrape off the rough, weathered wood. If you're going to paint the frame, it's not necessary to remove all the old paint. Take care with older windows because old paint may contain lead. It's best to wear a mask while sanding and do it outside. Cleaning the old frame can be the most challenging part of the project. Scraping and sanding the inside edges of the window frame can take a long time.

STEP 3

Window mirrors can be left without a finish or simply covered with a coat of urethane. If you're staining them, apply a finish coat of urethane over your stain. Another option is to finish the frame with linseed oil or tung oil.

STEP 4

Once the frame is finished, mirrors can be installed. You can find a large, old mirror in a thrift shop and have it cut in a glass shop to fit your frame, or you can buy a new mirror, perhaps a tinted one, and have it cut to size. Insert window glazing points to hold the mirrors in place. Finish your mirror window by installing picture wire on the back. Then choose a spot for it that will best reflect your work. **OH**



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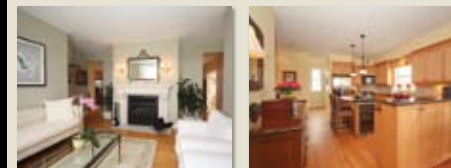
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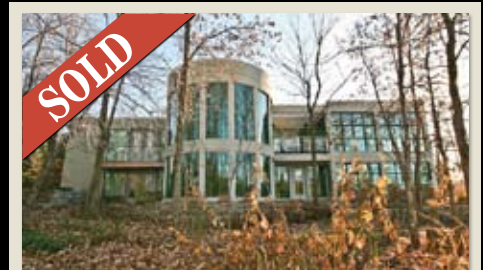
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