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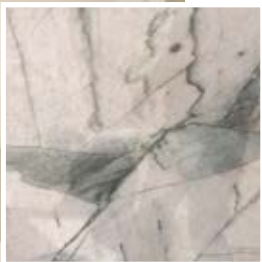
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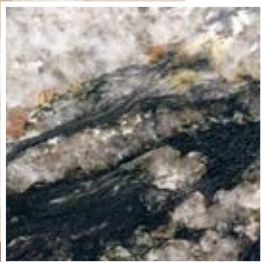
    
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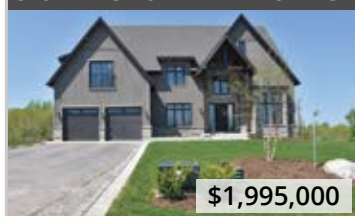
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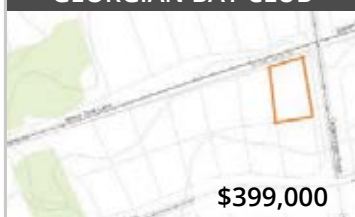
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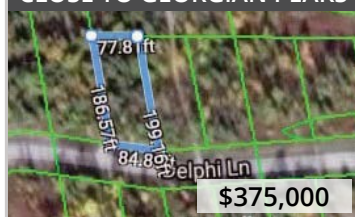
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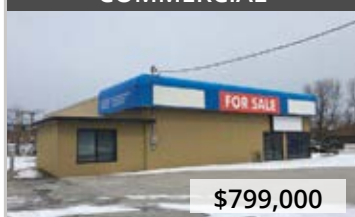
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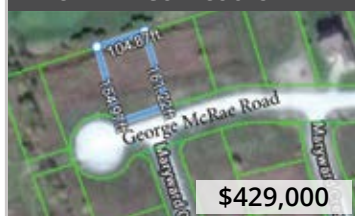
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My favourite drive is along Highway 26 from Thornbury to Collingwood. I love seeing the campers at Craigeith and often think about how lucky they are to fall asleep to the sound of waves hitting the rocks. Further along, people are out on the shale, sunbathing or cautiously walking out on the rock, mustering the courage to submerge themselves in the cool water.

Then, driving past all those waterfront homes. I've been honoured to arrange photo shoots at some of these homes and I never get over just how wonderful it must be to live so close to the water.

This issue we have the pleasure of showing you two homes that are on the bay. Both have used lots of glass to enjoy the water views. Just reading those features will help you cool off!

We also introduce you to the Thornbury Builders and Trades Association, so if you are lucky enough to find your dream plot of land – one with a view or on the water – you can start looking for a builder or trade to help you create or renovate your ideal summer retreat.

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Air conditioning is the number-one topic in our sweltering home.

Our friends laughed out loud (at us, not with us) when we told them we lingered in the LCBO beer cooler and loitered in the frigid air at the local gas station.

My husband and son went for a drive to the local library, and it wasn't for a book.

After a few nights of tossing and turning I headed to the local hardware store.

Wandering aisles of fans, I finally decided on the “cool breeze, whisper quiet, oscillating pedestal,” and thankfully it did the trick.

Staying cool would be easy in any of the amazing summer homes we bring you in this issue!

The Spotlight on page 80 visits Serendipity Soy Candle Factory and on page 84 our People feature introduces you to the Thornbury Builders and Trades Association and their directors.

You'll think summer theatre when you turn to our back page and get to know actress Araby Lockhart.

We'll be back in late fall, but before then, remember to mark Saturday, November 10th on your calendar. This marks the 7th Annual Holiday House Tour. There's lots of fun in store while fundraising for the Canadian Shelter Foundation/My Friend's House and other important local charities. Find early bird details on page 135.

Whether you are soaking up the sun or retreating to your air conditioned home, enjoy our mid-summer issue!

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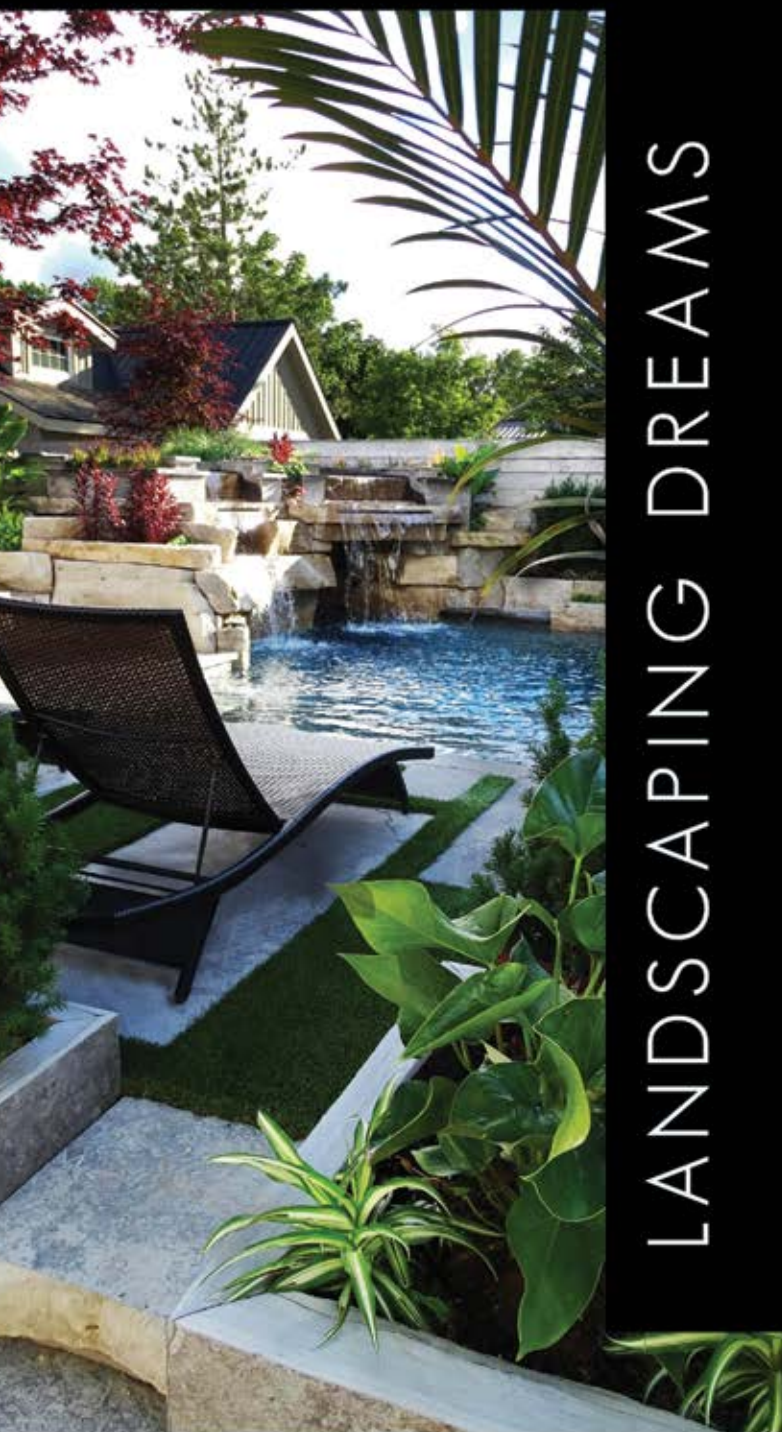
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NIGHT LIGHTS

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

First impressions matter, whether it's a single family bungalow or a condominium building. Outdoor lighting can improve curb appeal, welcome you home and make you feel safe and secure.

Because lighting choices and applications are limitless, you need a well-thought-out plan to help beautify your outdoor living space.

LIGHTING STRATEGY

What is your outdoor personality? To determine that, you'll need to ask:

What do I love most about my yard, patio or balcony?

When and how will I be using my outdoor space?

When and where is security lighting most important?

Do I need help? Can a professional help me achieve my objectives?

Lighting up your yard, garden, deck or patio is a great way to extend the square footage of your living space. It adds ambience to your home, promotes enjoyment and maximizes your entertainment space, adding to your personal style, comfort and convenience.

Strategic placement of fixtures can enhance the architecture and the use of your space. Here are some options:

Up-lighting – lights from below to create a focal point in the landscape

Wall washing – general illumination

Silhouetting – dramatizes an interesting shaped object

Step lighting – illuminates stairways and walkways

Path lighting – enhances landscaping elements such as flower beds, shrubbery and borders while safely illuminating pathways

Deck and patio lighting – provides safety and accent lighting



BEFORE YOU INVEST

What you need to know before purchasing and installing outdoor light fixtures:

Not all light fixtures can be used outdoors. Check the safety rating for damp or wet locations.

FEISS: Hilo 12-Light Outdoor Chandelier



Hire a qualified electrician. Outdoor lighting requires special attention and fixtures can be located in hard-to-reach places. You only want to do this once, safely and according to the Ontario Building Code.

Buy quality, long-lasting finishes.

Quality housing protects the light and is more resistant to the elements, so fixtures last longer with little to no maintenance.

Colour temperature. Do you want cool or warm light? Selecting the correct lamp can dramatically change the look and feel of your outdoor space.

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

Be kind to the night sky and your neighbours by directing lights downward, use low glare fixtures and place motion sensors on essential outdoor lamps. Turn lights off when not in use.

NEW, NOTABLE & SOMETHING SPECIAL

Today's technology lets you have more fun outdoors both night and day, with clever and charming items such as:

Portable LED lanterns with wireless speakers. Great for condos and other areas where no electrical outlets are available. The Uma Sound Lantern by Design Within Reach (DWR) has a dimmable light with a speaker.

Chandeliers for that extra bit of panache. Feiss makes an explosive orb chandelier that adds elegance to any outdoor dining area.

Mobile lighting in the form of wireless globes, cube tables and other pieces of furniture. They are cordless and rechargeable with a colour rotation to suit your mood or occasion. DWR makes a variety of globes that are waterproof and glow in a variety of colours.

String lights in a variety of shapes and sizes and price points set a festive mood for patios and balconies.

LED candles come pretty close to the real thing.

P.S. PREPARE FOR WINTER

I know it's summer, but don't forget to prepare for winter. Check bulbs and replace them with LED bulbs, clean fixtures and adjust timers. You can still enjoy the winter landscapes while cosy inside.

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RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY
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The frosé (rhymes with okay) is the hottest drink of summer. This wine-based frozen slushie gets its flavour from watermelon, the season's most popular fruit. Perfect for the patio or around the pool.

INGREDIENTS
Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 5 cups watermelon, cubed and frozen
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup water
- 1 750ml bottle of rosé wine
- ½ cup vodka
- Fresh mint

DIRECTIONS
Core and cube a large watermelon. Place cubes on a baking sheet and freeze. Meanwhile, combine sugar and water in a saucepan. Simmer until sugar is dissolved, creating a simple syrup. Just before serving, add all ingredients to a blender, adding ½ cup of wine at a time. Pulse until smooth. Garnish with mint and serve.
If you're strapped for time, make frosé ahead of time and store in the freezer until ready to serve. **OH**

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STORY **YANIC SIMARD**

We know some things we shop for will be a passing fancy – like a “millennial pink” pillow or a glitzy brass bauble. However, some pieces in your home should absolutely be approached as an investment, and if chosen well can become a true heirloom, weathering decades of use and shifts in style.

CIRCA LIGHTING:
Sanger Small Chandelier



A ROOM-MAKING RUG

While too often rugs end up being an afterthought, if chosen properly they will and should anchor and elevate the look of an entire room. Rugs can also last for generations, if selected in a quality material, tight weave and a timeless style. Traditionally, patterned rugs can feel very hip and trendy when mixed with contrasting styles of furnishings, but you also know they’ll stand the test of time, as these styles have already endured for centuries. Just expect to pay as much for a long-lasting rug as you would a good sofa, and in some cases, depending on size, even more.

LOOK FOR: Wool in a tight weave.

TIP: Bend the rug on a diagonal to make sure there isn’t excess empty space between the rows of fibres for soil to gather.



THE RUG COMPANY: Amritsar 403

A STATEMENT CHANDELIER

Individual pendant lights may not be worth moving from home to home, but a grand chandelier is forever. Plus, it can be enjoyed from all angles and makes a natural focal point, so it’s worth investing a bit to get something that stands up to all the extra attention. For the best long-term investment, choose a handcrafted one-of-a-kind piece, or look for a style that has lasted for at least 15 years (such as a French mid-century period crystal chandelier), to avoid passing fads.

LOOK FOR: Honest finishes like smoked glass or bronze, rather than faux finishes like gold-plate.

TIP: Choose one with an adjustable cord or chain, so it can be rehanging in a taller or lower space later.

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A good sofa needs to do a lot: be comfortable, look good, survive spills and indulge naps. This is definitely not a place to cut corners in any home. A quality leather sofa in a natural, supple material, will only grow more beautiful with age as the material develops a patina over decades of use. The best thing about a comfortable sofa? It can start as the central feature of your first home, and eventually move to a den or study in a future space – but you'll always have that one place you love to lounge.

LOOK FOR: Timeless natural shades like tan or soft grey.

TIP: Choose a simple and understated style that's truly comfortable, and then customize with beautiful one-of-a-kind vintage pillows. Think Hermès scarves turned into pillows.



LIGNE ROSET: Nils Sofa



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AN ORNATE MIRROR

Like Modern? New Traditionalist? Art Deco? No matter your preference, you can find a beautiful mirror that adds style to your walls, while also being functional and doubling the visual size of a room. Ultimately while the frame will add flair, it's a quality piece of glass that will make a true heirloom, so look for one without the subtle ripples and warps that you often find in flimsier mirrors.

LOOK FOR: Clear, flawless glass.

TIP: A traditional mirrored frame with bevels and facets will be the most timeless.



RESTORATION HARDWARE:
Louis Philippe Gilt Lener Mirror

THE ART SHOPPE:
Nero Mirror

A PAIR OF CHAIRS

Whether you host massive family gatherings or intimate dinners, every home probably needs at least two great one-of-a-kind vintage chairs. While mixing and contrasting your furniture gives great creative results, having at least one matching pair gives lots of options: they can be part of a living room set, serve as end chairs anchoring a dining table, or be broken up to give differing rooms a sense of continuity.

LOOK FOR: Sturdy construction – good bones can be reupholstered later.

TIP: Seek out reputable manufacturers that have perfected just a few classic models over years, as these are proven to stand the test of time. **OH**



THE ART SHOPPE: Velvet Bergère Chair



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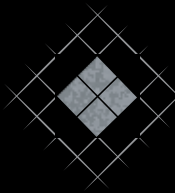


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MATERIALS

- Jars with lids (mason jars or recycled jars)
- Cabinet knobs or drawer pulls
- Paint for metal and wood surfaces
- Paintbrush
- Large nail
- Hammer
- 1 piece of wood in desired tray size
- Cork pads for bottom of tray

HOW-TO

Remove lids from jars. Mark the centre of the lids. Using the nail and hammer, punch a hole in the lid. Paint lids and wooden tray with the same colour of paint. When dry, fasten knobs to lids and cork pads to tray. **TIP:** You may have to cut or replace the knob screws if they are too long. **OH**



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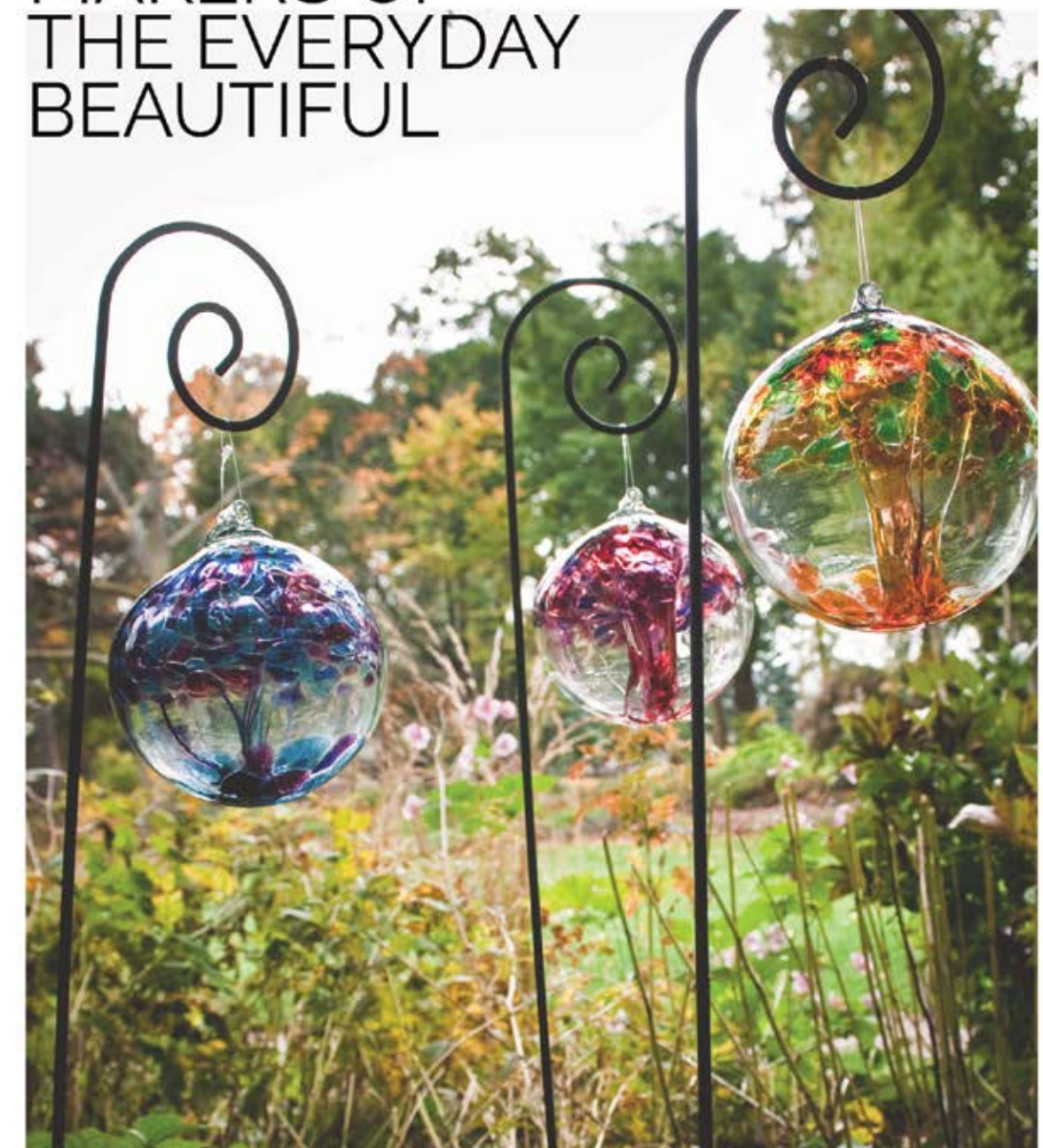
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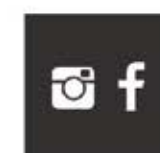


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The impressive Fantasy Brown Quartzite kitchen island is ready to entertain a crowd. The mirror backsplash lets light into the pantry behind the kitchen and reflects the water view.

BAY INTEGRATION

STORY **LAUREL FORTIN**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**

THE WALLS ARE OPEN ALL SUMMER LONG AT THIS CONTEMPORARY HOME NEAR THORNBURY. Continued on page 34



LEFT: With smiles on their faces, Dave and Christine Harrington of Absolute Craftsmen stand proudly in front of this spectacular waterfront home. **BELOW:** On a trip with the builder to select counters for the home, the owners considered this ivory-toned onyx a candidate for a back-lit vanity before Dave suggested it could serve as subtle, integrated artwork in the front foyer.



“The integration with the waterfront – to slide the walls back and have an expansive deck space that truly is a part of the home, to be inside and outside at the same time – is very grounding,” says the owner of this home on Georgian Bay.

The expressive house was built by the father-daughter team of **Dave** and **Christine Harrington** of **Absolute Craftsmen** three years ago. The owners, a successful entrepreneur, his wife and their two children, wanted the home to have the open feeling of an estate in the hills of California or the oceanfront in Miami, where they have spent time.

Brad Abbott of **Abbott Design** drew the home’s plans to maximize the 180-degree water views over the bay. “We stay here as much as we can. The natural environment has brought a balance to our lives that we wouldn’t have if we lived all our time in the city,” says the owner.

The family was immersed in the collaborative approach to the home’s making.

They started spending winter weekends skiing and snowboarding in the region over 10 years ago when their children were young.



A live-edge dining table brings another natural element into the open-plan main floor. The polished stainless-steel base and chairs reflect light from the double-height windows. Leaves provided by Collingwood Flowers and Home Decor. **OPPOSITE, BOTTOM:** Pivoting wood and glass panels create a division between the front foyer and the rest of the main floor. They can be opened more or less to create different flows for the space.



LEFT: Low-slung contemporary furnishings let the 180-degree view take centre stage. The custom chandelier emphasizes the double-storey height. **ABOVE:** Onyx was used again in the main-floor guest bathroom. Back lighting shows the beauty of this unique stone. **BELOW:** The three-storey floating, glass-enclosed staircase allows light to flood into the front foyer and the lower level.



with Dave’s creativity – no matter what we dreamed up, he was able to bring it to light, there was no resistance. When something didn’t go right, he never had an issue with making changes to modify it. Three years later, any time we need repairs or have issues, Dave or Christine take care of it.”

Dave and Christine credit their team at Absolute Craftsmen with making the build come to life. “We have a truly perfectionist core crew that have been with us for many years,” says Christine. “They each understand the level of craftsmanship that is needed in every single detail. You can see how proud they are of the work that they do, and we couldn’t execute the quality that we do without them.”

Oak panel feature ceilings in the 10,000 sq. ft. space bring warmth to the home’s bright, sleek aesthetic. The Harringtons integrated every detail in a cohesive way inside and out.

While the waterfront side of the home is mainly glass (Applewood Glass & Mirror), the front exterior curtain wall incorporates windows and maintenance-free Trespa panels in European walnut. Inside the front entry, to provide some mystery, a series of pivoting ivory and glass panels create a visual break to the view beyond, and can be opened or closed for privacy.

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An integrated patio off the kitchen has a retractable power screen wall. A wood-burning fireplace extends the season and evening. All exterior stone was supplied and installed by Steve’s Masonry. **ABOVE:** Looking from the living room into the kitchen, the owners can gaze along Georgian Bay’s shoreline.



Just the right salad for summer, ripe juicy tomatoes, fresh bocconcini and fragrant basil are ready for lunch.

It didn’t take long to find a camaraderie in the community and realize that the winter playground also had beautiful, warm, summer waters. With a peaceful hour-and-a-half distance on country roads from their home north of Toronto, the commute has become an opportunity to decompress. “My wife and I have been able to nurture our kids and our lives, moving my business forward while ensuring we spend time with our family and friends,” says the owner.

Having abundant space to entertain was vital to the floor plan, as was having clean lines throughout. “We had kept hearing about Dave and Christine and the work that they do, so when we were planning our home, and Absolute Craftsmen said they would have it finished in 13 months, where other builders had projected two or two-and-a-half years, their speed impressed us,” says the owner. “We have been amazed



One of five fire features on the rear deck, this sits on the water side corner of the pool. Its flames dance in the breeze off the bay.

Lighting and the home's mood after sundown was important to the owners. A custom chandelier with coloured glass panels hangs in the foyer and is repeated in the kitchen with turquoise and sea green tones. A light valance runs the perimeter of the great room to accent the room's height.

Outside, five fire features contribute ambience across the back of the home. The family worked with **The Landmark Group** on the landscape architecture and design, while **Parklawn Landscaping** handled the landscape construction and **Thornbury Clear Choice Pools & Spas** installed the lap pool.

Mirrored glass appears as the kitchen backsplash, as practical as it is beautiful. "When we have guests over, of course we congregate in the kitchen, so we might have 10 people seated at the island facing inward. With the mirror, they still have a view of that water," says the owner. The two-way glass also serves to draw light into the pantry tucked behind the wall, which would otherwise be a dark space.

Upstairs, Absolute Craftsmen designed and built a custom quarter-sawn white oak bed with built-in side tables in the master bedroom. In continuity, the ceilings feature the same white oak panels that appear on the home's main level. A smoked glass mirror is set into the headboard as a room divider to allow natural light into the open walk-in closet.

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In the master bedroom there's a spot to enjoy the view on a rainy day.



TOP: Tranquility reigns in the master bedroom, painted Benjamin Moore's Pashmina. The custom quarter-sawn white oak bed has a mirror inset in the headboard that streams light into the walk-in closet behind. All floral arrangements in the master suite were supplied by Collingwood Flowers and Home Decor. **ABOVE:** A spa experience awaits in the master bath with a large tub, a walk-in shower with an oversize rain shower head and fluffy white towels under the double vanity. **LEFT:** The private deck off the master suite lets the homeowners relax together, enjoying the view. **OPPOSITE, TOP:** If Georgian Bay is too cold or rough, the pool (Thornbury Clear Choice Pools & Spas) offers a nice spot to cool off. **BOTTOM:** A view of this modern masterpiece from the water's edge.

RIGHT: For evening entertainment, the main floor games room has stools to watch the action around the pool table and a bar area so drinks are close at hand. The room is painted Benjamin Moore's Gray Mist. **BELOW:** The deliveryman jokingly asked Christine why the parcel was so heavy. "It feels like it is full of rocks," he said. Christine laughed and said, "you are right, it is rocks!" These polished stones bring the shoreline into the lower level under the stairs. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A wall of glass keeps the gym light and airy.



ABOVE: Wall to wall carpet gives soft footing for games of foosball and ping pong. The whole family can stretch out on the sectional sofa for movie nights. Extra space is used by the daughter to practice handstands and cartwheels.

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LEFT: A feature wall made from varied cuts of MDF and painted Yamaha blue creates the headboard in the son's bedroom. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Touches of turquoise were requested by the daughter. Dave and Christine obliged with this beautiful tile inset in her en suite shower. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The daughter's bedroom also gives her a view over the water and offers a cosy spot to do homework.

The tranquil setting in the en suite contributes to the relaxed atmosphere of the home. A spa-like vessel tub sits on a raised teak platform with a bed of polished river rocks beneath. Teak slats for the shower floor are repeated on the shower ceiling, where an oversize rain head is positioned. A private deck off the master suite gives the owners a personal view of not only the morning sunrise over the bay, but the evening sunset in the west. All motorized window coverings by **Ashton's Blinds Draperies Shutters.**

Through the experience of building the serene home, the owners and the Absolute Craftsmen team developed a deep mutual respect. The owners say they would have loved the builders to work on an estate for the family closer to Toronto, but know that the Harringtons prefer to stick close to home in Southern Georgian Bay. "I don't think we can duplicate the magic we have with Dave and Christine," says the owner. **OH**

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STORY **MELANIE REKOLA**

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Garden structures have countless uses – anything from saunas and yoga rooms to complete outdoor kitchens with fireplaces, pizza ovens and home theatres. They also come in many different shapes, forms and combinations. Let's take a closer look.

Cabana: A cabana (sometimes called a pool house) is basically a miniature house that usually shares architectural style with the existing home. They typically hold the pool equipment and have plumbing, electrical and fixtures just like any house, and can serve a multitude of functions in the backyard. Pool houses are the epitome of luxury and can even be equipped with glass walls and pocket doors that can open up fully for the summer months. They sometimes are designed with a pavilion or pergola attached to create a unique structure that maximizes outdoor living space.

Pergola: A pergola is an outdoor structure that consists of posts or columns and an open "roofing" grid of beams and rafters. Often rustic and made of wood (though sometimes modern and metal) these offer aesthetic value and a feeling of walls and ceiling. They provide some sun protection by way of light filtration but not any real protection from rain and other adverse weather. An option is to build it with a louvered cover system that can open and shut as needed, offering maximum versatility. They can be freestanding or attached to the home, depending on the structure and rooflines with pillars added to the posts if appropriate for the space.

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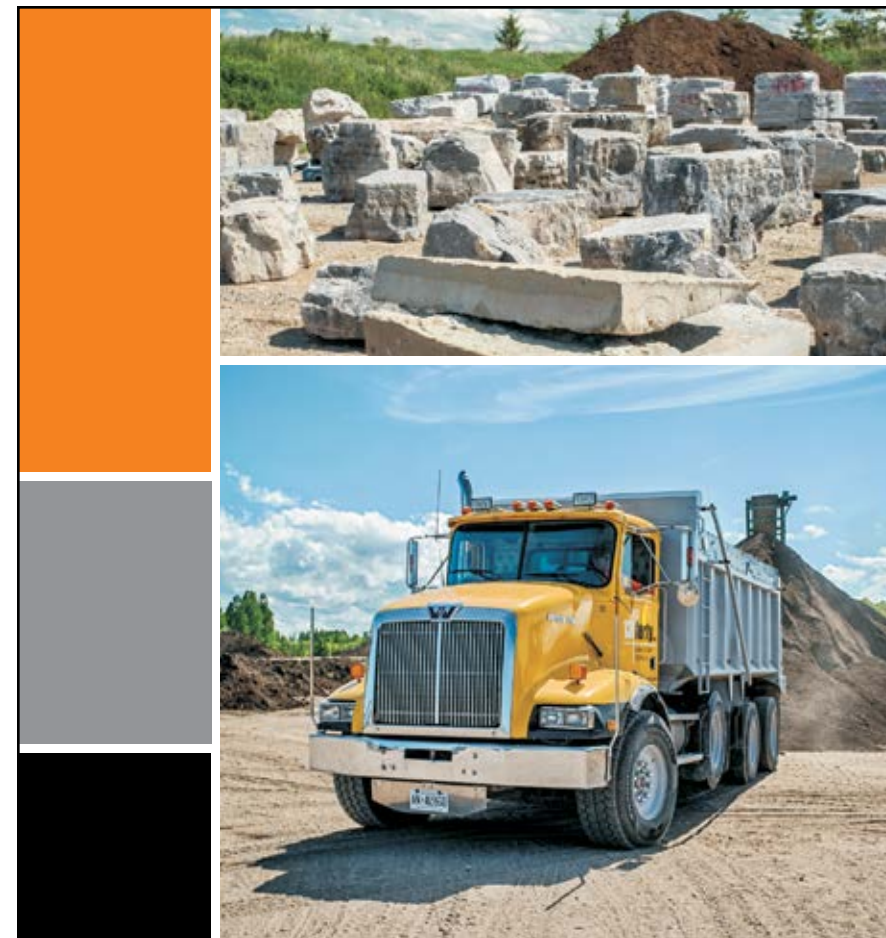
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Pavilion: A pavilion is an open-air structure with a solid roof. They generally don't have walls but are sometimes enclosed on one or two sides for privacy or wind shelter. A wonderful function of having a solid roof is that these spaces are protected from the elements so there's no need to store outdoor cushions or apply furniture coverings. These spaces are ideal as outdoor living rooms complete with plush sofas, toss pillows and, of course, a freestanding fireplace.

Gazebo: Similar to a pavilion and offering many of the same functional benefits, a gazebo has a solid roof and no walls but with one key difference – they are always octagonal in shape. These fit in well to country settings but in a modern application they often look awkward.

TIP: Sometimes prefabricated metal and cloth canopy structures (typically sold by big box stores) are also called gazebos. Though these are tempting because of their price point, they are a temporary solution and will require frequent replacement.



Greenhouse: Perhaps these buildings are self-explanatory but couldn't you just imagine a gorgeous glass greenhouse in your backyard filled with lavish plants and a swanky little seating set ready for afternoon tea or an evening glass of vino? As these are prefabricated, there is no need for architectural design, though proper placement is crucial. Buyers beware – permits may also apply!

Though a landscape designer can provide concept plan and inspirational photos as the starting point for outdoor structure design, most will require a technical draftsman to blend detailing with local building code requirements. This can be accomplished

through some combination of a Landscape Architect/Engineer/Builder/Architectural Technologist. Designing an outdoor structure is a process and a specialty field – larger structures will require building permits and zoning permissions.

As the illustrious Benjamin Franklin once said, “The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten.” The application of this phrase to outbuilding construction is no exception. Be forewarned – great tradespeople are in short supply and many good builders are already fully booked a whole year in advance. Take your time to find the construction company that's right for you and be prepared to wait for the perfect end result. **OH**

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GOLDEN STATE *style*

STORY **TAMARISK MCNALTY STEPHENS**

California has always been trending in the world of design, but the coveted west-coast style is having a moment.

The interior of a California home reflects a certain reverence for the vast and diverse landscapes found within the state, which include the redwood forests, cliffs along the Pacific Ocean, countless sandy beaches, Red Rock Canyon, Joshua Tree National Park in the Mojave Desert or Lake Tahoe – just to name a few. The connection to the outdoors is a central tenet in creating a space that aligns with the style of the Golden State.

With approximately 300 days of sunshine, Californians are well known for enjoying the out-of-doors and are recognized for being early adopters of sustainable initiatives and organic lifestyles. This connection to the landscape means that interior living environments often naturally extend to terraces and spaces that meld the worlds of indoor and outdoor living.

Inspired and influenced by the landscape, California style can be described as casual, relaxed and organic while also reflecting a deliberate less-is-more approach to obtain a look of curated minimalism. However, this simplistic approach is combined with the thoughtful layering of textures and a keen attention to natural and artificial lighting, which creates a warm and inviting space.

PALETTE

To create this look in your own home, begin with a soft, neutral backdrop in a muted palette of whites and ivories for walls and ceilings to make the space feel bright, fresh and airy. Try Benjamin Moore's Steam (AF-15), White Down (CC-50) or Deep In Thought (AF-30). A plaster finish would be a welcome, warm element that references the Spanish influence of the Adobe architectural style.



TEXTURE

Add in layers of natural textures such as heavy sisal and jute with softer elements such as a light cotton Turkish throw and breezy linen draperies. Natural, wire brushed and white-washed woods, worn leather, wrought iron and many handmade artisan elements such as woven baskets and imperfect pottery are also common design details.

Bohemian touches like patterned tiles and textiles such as vintage Moroccan rugs, Turkish kilims, Navajo weaving or African mud cloth can add a focal statement piece while anchoring the space with a splash of colour and another layer of visual interest.

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Another common design statement is created by carefully selecting furniture that is practical in nature and beautifully simple in form. As a mecca of mid-century modern design, the influence of this movement is evident in the clean lines and modern forms that have become synonymous with Californian style (think Palm Springs, home to Modernism Week, which is devoted to celebrating and fostering an appreciation for mid-century design and architecture.)

GREENERY

Bring the natural world indoors with lots of greenery through house plants. Try an oversize fig tree, a rubber tree, which are surprisingly easy to care for, cacti, or native botanicals to add the fresh feeling of Mother Nature in your living space. Integrating natural elements such as driftwood and other treasures found along the shore is another common way to accessorize the home.



WALL ART

Art that is simple in form and appropriately scaled in tones reminiscent of the sand, ocean and desert landscapes complete the look. Adorn the walls with simple line drawings, textural woven wall hangings or paintings of native plants and animals to create a design aesthetic consistent with California style. **OH**



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Play Pieces

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Black marker

NATURAL

Using white paint, mark five stones with an X and five with an O. When dry, coat with Mod Podge to seal.

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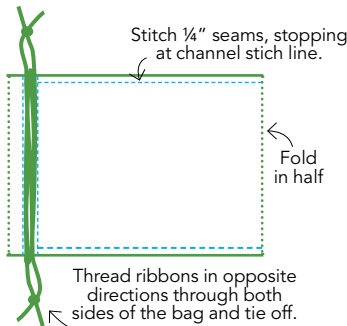
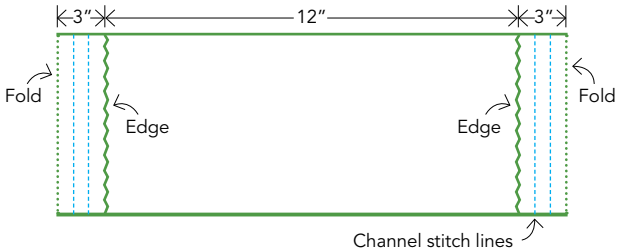
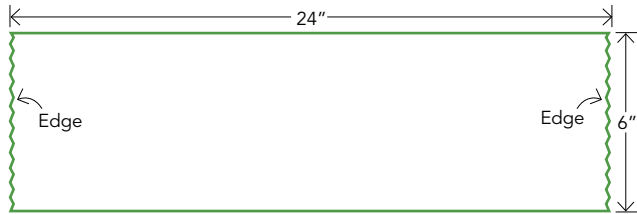
Paint five stones red and five yellow.

When dry, on red stones using black, paint each end, and a stripe down the middle and add spots.

On yellow stones using black, paint stripes around the stone and a wider stripe at one end for a head.

When dry, add two white dots for eyes on all stones.

Coat with Mod Podge to seal.



Drawstring Bag

Material, six-inches wide by 24-inches long (we used burlap ribbon and fabric)
Ribbon, 2 lengths, 18-inches each
Thread (we matched our material)
Scissors
Safety pin or bobby pin

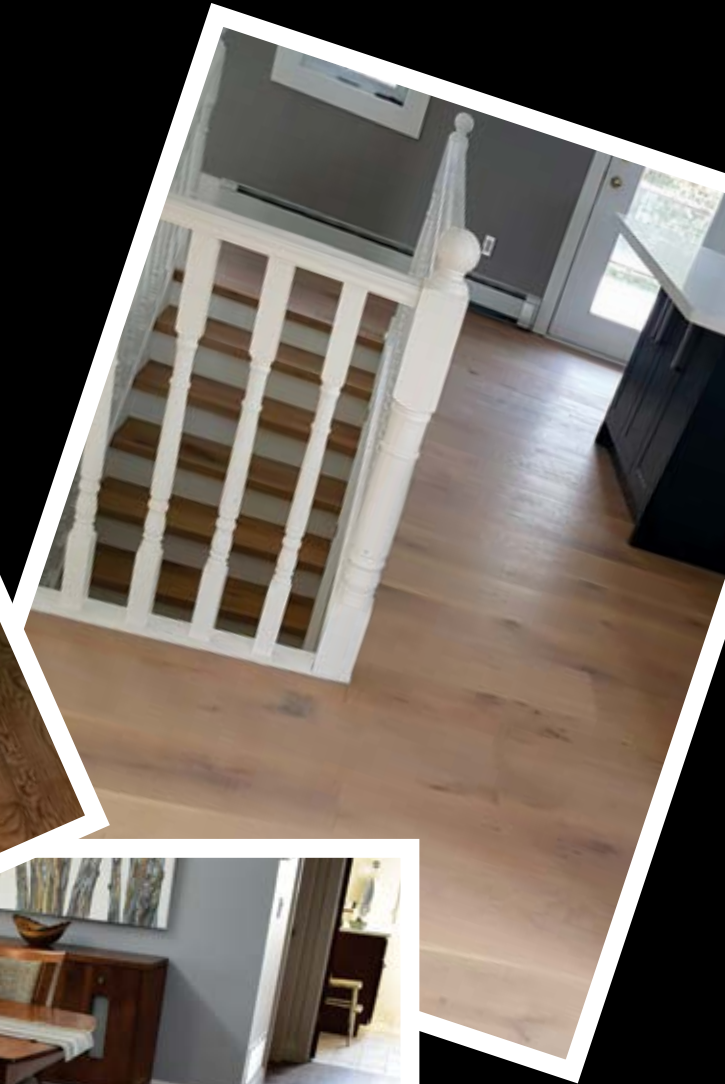
To stitch a channel for the drawstring, fold 3-inches in from each end of the material. Stitch two seams at each end, at 1-inch and 2-inches from the folds.

Fold material in half, right side in. Stitch each edge with a 1/4-inch seam, stop 2 inches from the top of the bag to leave the stitched channels open. Turn right side out.

Attach the first ribbon to a safety pin or bobby pin and thread it between the stitched channel on the front of the bag and out, then thread back through the channel on the back. Knot the ends of the ribbon together to make a loop. Repeat with second ribbon, starting from the opposite channel opening. You should be able to pull the knotted ribbons and draw in both sides of your bag.

Using a black marker, draw a grid on the drawstring bag with two vertical lines and two horizontal lines as your game board. OH

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HOW TO CREATE THE BEST STREET PARTY EVER

STORY **CONNIE JESKE CRANE**

It's a simple yet powerful concept – an entire block whooping it up in the middle of the road. For a few hours, traffic and regular routines are swapped out for barbecue grills, coolers full of beverages, road hockey and glow-stick wielding kids. As the daylight fades, new friendships have already begun to form.

Street parties are deeply embedded in Canadian culture. In Toronto's Annex neighbourhood, for example, Walmer Road residents recently toasted their 30th annual party, complete with dancing and tug of war.

Similarly, in the east end, many streets, mine included, have long-standing party traditions. With side benefits like increased safety and community spirit, these parties also tend to be keenly envied by everyone else. I can't count how often I've heard, "Wow, I wish we had a street party!"

So does your street want in on the party action? It's actually surprisingly doable – and so worthwhile. We consulted several successful party organizers in Toronto's east end and got recommendations for would-be planners.

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Define your goals

Are you aiming to build community and inclusivity, or make memories for the neighbourhood kids? A clear vision helps guide planning decisions and also adds a sense of purpose to your event. Katharine Harrison, who launched a hugely successful event on her street 20 years ago, says she sought to build a safe and caring community after her son, now 21, was born with a disability. Over the years, she says, "The street became so social and so safe."

A few streets over, Rob Torr, Steph Graham and Theresa Bailie dreamed of an alternative car-free Halloween celebration. Now in its 10th year, their spooky-safe street event draws 300-plus kids.

Do lots of consultation and communication

Will we have a small potluck or line cooks? Activities? Do we block off the street or gather in a backyard? What's the best date? When starting up, Harrison recommends consulting neighbours on key aspects: "If you want the most people and participation, that's what you need to do."

Then, keep everyone in the loop with a Save the Date. The week before, send specifics about food, parking, kids' activities, etc.



Arrange permits

If you want to block off traffic, check in early with your municipality about permit fees, barricades or other requirements. For her street's October event, Bailie says, "I begin permit applications in January or February so that there is a placeholder date for Transportation Services each year... I also need to reach out to other city divisions for approval with the waste collection plan, safety plan, fire plan, sound amplification (if applicable). We also need to provide general liability insurance as part of the road closure permit application process."

With these extras, Torr warns, "It is not a cheap endeavour."

Cover costs

After designing your event, Harrison suggests agreeing on a per-household donation to cover agreed-upon items. And don't forget to check with your municipality – some have funding available. Burlington for example, waives street closure fees and offers funding up to \$300 for block events like hockey and movie nights.

Share the workload

Having a fearless leader is great, Harrison says, "But you also need people to recognize that not everything can be done by one person." She suggests a steering committee and planning meetings. Then, for the actual party, delegate. With her day-long extravaganza, Harrison says, "Every family had to participate" with tasks ranging from running kids' activities to clean-up crew.

Pass on knowledge

Harrison says she's now backed away from a leadership role. "My kid is 21. I might be there on the evening to eat but chances are I'm doing something else later," she says. But not before she wrote up a project plan. Ultimately, while events may ebb and flow, passing on your knowledge makes it much more likely that the event you started might just live on for decades. **OH**



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AT WORK

Upcoming Project: Bringing an untouched 70s ski chalet up to the modern style of today's tastes.
Favourite House Design: Longhouse.
Success Secret: Starting work before most people wake up and getting in an early morning fitness session.

AT HOME

Summer Activity: Dirt bike riding. **Hot Day Cocktail:** Cold beer. **Love About Your House:** Concrete floors.



AT WORK

Recent Project: Large post-and-beam retirement home to be completed in early 2019.
Most Used Tool: These days it's my computer. **Trending Style:** Mountain Modern. Also, houses are scaling back a bit in size so they remain affordable to maintain during retirement years.

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AT HOME

Beer or Wine? Lot 9 Creemore Pilsner. **Relaxation Mode:** In our screened porch, weather permitting.
Most-Used Room: Our family room.

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AT WORK

Most Interesting Project:

Emily Burgetz's house that we use in our ad. Rolled steel roof, pool and super nice people. **Favourite Flooring:** Torlys cork flooring for basements. **Game Changer:** High velocity air systems that are so quiet and take up very little space.

AT HOME

Front or Back Porch?

Front porch as that is where the sun is. **Go-to Take Out Food:** The Mill Café. Good portions and great food. **Bay, Pool or Pond?** Our pond, it is so quiet and private.

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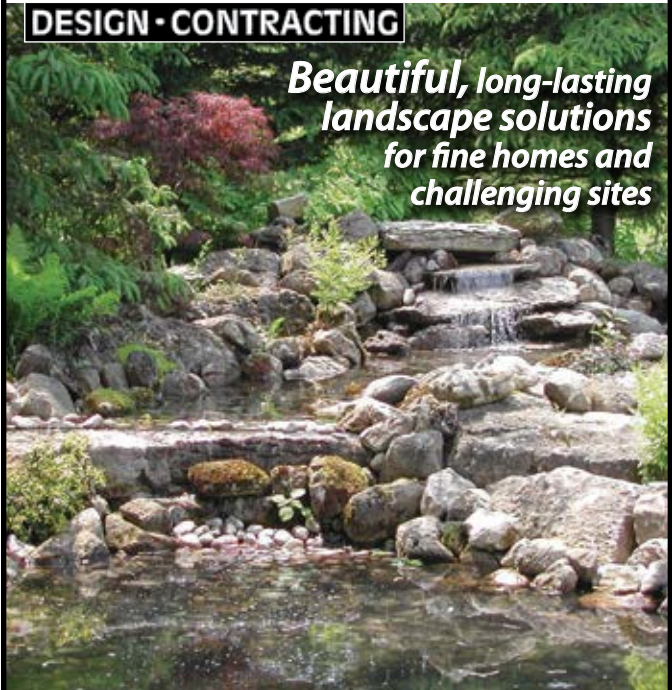


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AT WORK

Kitchen Trend:

Ergonomics. Our clients are looking for user-friendly kitchens that will age with them. **Upcoming Project:** We always have several on the go, log cabin, ski chalet, century home and a new build. **Most**

Popular Kitchen: Shaker style, it is so versatile.

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AT WORK

Fireplace Trends: Linear fireplaces are still the most requested, but square and hanging fireplaces are on the rise. **Favourite Mantel:** A rustic barn beam. It's where I came from. **Most Popular Material:** Stone but steel is on the rise.

AT HOME

Wood or Gas? Preferred wood, went gas, I lost the argument. **Weekend Relaxation:** What does relax mean? **Chicken, Fish or Steak?** Steak, no time for fishing and chickens are too hard to catch!

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AT HOME

Apple or Android: Android phone and Samsung tablet. **On the Barbecue:** Steak to go with a veggie stir-fry. **To-Do:** Integrate all household systems plus Alexa in the kitchen and Google upstairs.

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AT WORK

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AT HOME

Apple or Android? Apple iPad and iPhone. **Extracurriculars:** Skiing, sailing, gardening and walking Bosco. **Charity work:** Canadian Cancer Society, Past Chair for Sail for Hope.

CARLA NICOLSON
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AT WORK

Upcoming Project: Retrofitting a chalet's great room with Lutron battery-operated roller shades that will integrate seamlessly with Lutron lighting control. Also, the Thornbury Bakery Cafe renovation, including music zones, cameras, WiFi and security system. **Biggest Change In Technology:** Wall keypads for music and other stand-alone house systems have been replaced with apps for phones and tablets; reduces wall clutter and increases flexibility. **Top Ask:** Geo-fencing... have your home systems (lighting/shades, music, temperature, etc.) wake-up as you approach your home with your phone and go into away mode as you depart. **OH**

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RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY
JENELLE MCCULLOCH

The grilled cheese sandwich has been around since the inventions of processed cheese and sliced bread. For your next party or luncheon, here are three elevated takes on everyone’s favourite sandwich. After all, it’s what’s inside that counts.

TO ASSEMBLE

- 1 baguette, sliced
- Butter
- Choice of filling

Slice baguette into an even number of pieces. Butter one side of each piece. Place slices butter side down in a frying pan over medium heat. Fill each sandwich with toppings outlined in the recipes to follow. Top with a second slice of baguette, butter-side up. Cook until bottom slice is golden brown, flip and repeat.



1. Peach & Candied Bacon Filling

- Gouda cheese, sliced
- 1 or 2 fresh peaches, thinly sliced
- Candied bacon (see below)
- Dijon marmalade (see below)
- Arugula
- Fresh sage, lightly fried

CANDIED BACON

- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ⅓ cup maple syrup
- Black pepper
- 1 pound thick sliced bacon

Preheat oven to 400°F, line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and top with a wire rack. In a small bowl combine brown sugar, maple syrup and pepper. Lay bacon slices on wire rack, brush with sugar mixture, flip and brush other side. Bake for 10-15 minutes, flip slices over and continue to bake until crisp and caramelized.

DIJON MARMALADE

- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
 - 1 Tbsp marmalade
 - Black pepper
- Combine Dijon mustard and marmalade. Season with black pepper.

2. Fig & Onion Filling

- Brie cheese, sliced
- Fig caramelized onions (see below)
- Arugula

FIG CARAMELIZED ONIONS

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup white onion, thinly sliced
- 2 figs, diced
- Splash of balsamic vinegar
- Salt & pepper

In a pan over medium heat, add olive oil and onions. Slowly cook onions until golden brown, about 20 minutes. Once caramelized, add diced figs and a splash of balsamic vinegar. Allow the vinegar to deglaze the bottom of the pan and scrape up all of the bits on the pan. Season with salt and pepper and set aside to cool.

3. Spinach Walnut Pesto Filling

- Gorgonzola cheese, sliced
- Spinach pesto (see below)
- Dried cranberries

SPINACH PESTO

- Heaping handful of fresh spinach
- Handful of fresh basil
- ½ cup walnuts
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper

In a food processor, add spinach, basil, walnuts, parmesan and garlic. Turn processor on and slowly add olive oil. Process until smooth. Season with salt and pepper to taste. **OH**



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GROWING TO STAY

Katherine and Mario Arcaro's rambling Collingwood home has evolved with their family over the years, with additions and renovations tailored to their changing needs.

STORY **KRISTIN SCHNELTEN**
PHOTOGRAPHY **SANDY MACKAY**

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When the couple first built their home nearly two decades ago, their space requirement was not great; a small home with a two-car garage suited their needs. But as children arrived, they realized their house needed to grow. The first remodel included a downstairs mudroom as well as a family room adjacent to the kitchen. "Our initial renovation really changed the way the house worked, and improved the feel of our space so much," says Katherine.

As the children, Maria and Tony, grew into teenagers and the family's needs changed again, Katherine and Mario considered selling their home and starting over with a new build. But only briefly. "Our home is mature, with such a cosy feeling and our neighbourhood is filled with friends. We just couldn't imagine moving away," says Katherine. They ultimately chose to create the space they needed, right where they were.

That second renovation was substantial and included adding a kitchen that spanned the length of the house, a new master bedroom, an additional kitchen, screened porch, pool and second two-car garage. But Katherine, partner and designer at **Farrow Arcaro Design Inc. (FAD)**, was up to the challenge. "This type of project is typical of

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LEFT: The front elevation shows the seamless design that was created when an addition was put on the home. A fire pit on the front lawn is still very private as the house is surrounded by mature trees. **ABOVE:** Random cuts of flagstone create a meandering path to the front door. A Japanese maple is surrounded by coral bells and hostas in a repetitive pattern in the front garden. **OPPOSITE:** Katherine, Mario, Tony and Maria Arcaro have lunch on the screened porch. The linen tablecloth and the wicker seating keep the feeling light and breezy. Strings of Edison-bulb lights shine at night.



LEFT: Katherine and Pippin, a long-haired dachshund, relax by the pool. Lush tropicals and flowering containers surround a distressed door. Metal table and door from Kettlewells. **RIGHT:** A peek into the guest bathroom through the sliding barn door reveals a Moulin Rouge poster. **BELOW:** In the dining room of the open-plan main floor, a trestle table and leather chairs offer lots of room for entertaining.



the services we provide at FAD. We work with clients to identify their needs, designing the space to fit their lifestyle,” says Katherine.

Coordinating with architectural technologists and tradespeople, Katherine and her partner **Marina Farrow** develop and implement plans for new builds, renovations, and remodels. The two designers are hands-on with clients, sketching concepts and helping them to visualize their project. “Sometimes homeowners realize, after working with us, that they may not require as much space as they initially planned,” says Katherine. “And often we see, from the outside, solutions they haven’t yet considered.”

Such was the case with Katherine and Mario’s home, as it was Marina who first suggested the large kitchen expansion. “Once she mentioned it, we immediately realized this addition was exactly what we needed. Our kitchen is often filled with friends and family, and the new space we created is perfect for entertaining.”

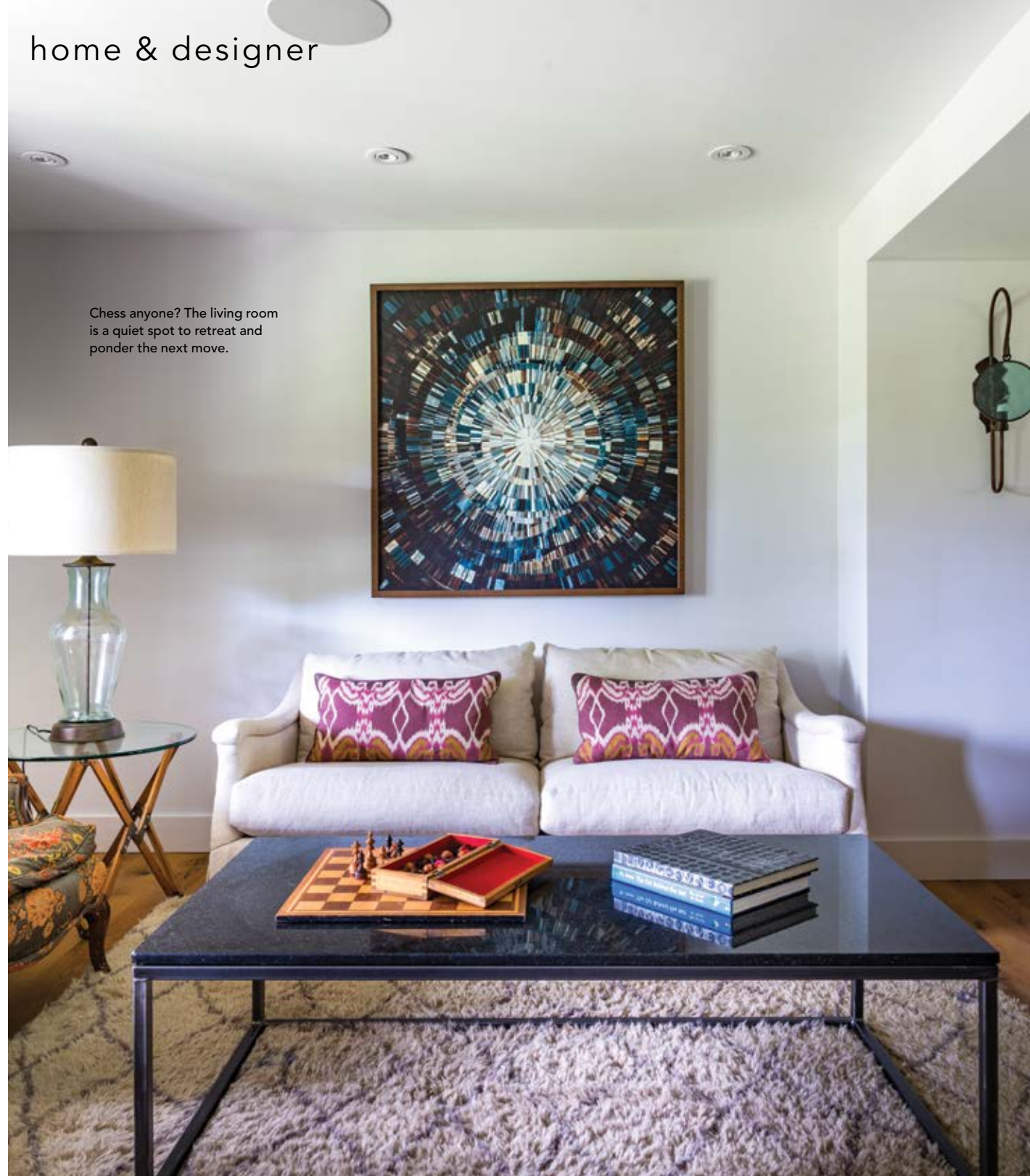
As is the case with her other FAD projects, Katherine reserved the décor decisions for the final touch. “At FAD we concentrate first on how the homeowners live and what design works best for them. Once those plans are final, we move on to colours, furniture and other décor.” In Katherine’s own home, she chose a casual,

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Open shelves hold an eclectic collection of china and glass. Having only lower shaker-fronted cabinets creates an open clean aesthetic in the new kitchen. Windows on two sides let sunlight fill this well-used space, and provide a view of the pool.

“OUR KITCHEN IS OFTEN FILLED WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.”



Chess anyone? The living room is a quiet spot to retreat and ponder the next move.

eclectic feel. The expansive kitchen island called for two large, bold pendants, which create the focal point of the room. The mauve of the pendants' shades is continued throughout the home as an accent colour, including the linen curtains in the living room, dining area sconces and bedroom linens. The couple's furniture was primarily sourced through FAD, along with other

decorating elements, such as lighting, accent pieces and textiles.

In summer months, the family gathers for meals in the new, comfortable screened porch, and spends many afternoons poolside. Greenery and vintage treasures from **Kettlewells** give the pool deck personality. **Martin Zeng of Zeng Landscaping** installed the swimming pool and stone work.

Stonemason **Dominic Arcaro** completed the masonry work on the house, making the addition seamless.

The tranquil pool area leads to the second garage, where Mario stores his "baby," a 1969 Chevy Camaro. The immaculately restored and rebuilt muscle car is the latest in a series of classic vehicles, "But this one is really his dream car," Katherine notes. *Continued on page 108*



TOP: In the front hall, a view into the kitchen also shows the open-tread stairs to the second floor and down to Mario's cantina and mudroom that has access to the garage. **ABOVE:** The master bathroom double vanity has a matching mirror that reflects the large walk-in shower. **RIGHT:** Double doors open onto the screened porch from the master bedroom. Patches the cat has a view of the garden to keep an eye on the birds. Mixed patterns come together on the master bed. The door leads to the master en suite and on the other side of the bed is a walk-in master closet.

MAUVE REPEATS AS AN ACCENT COLOUR IN THE KITCHEN, LIVING ROOM, DINING AREA AND MASTER BEDROOM.



The large bulletin board displays medals and mementos.



RIGHT: Linen bedding on Tony's bed keep it cool for the summer. Doors to a closet were removed and shelves built in, becoming an organized space for his desk. **BELOW:** While gaming in the family room, Tony picks the bean bag chair over the large sectional. Family photos, grouped together, hang above the half stairs to the main floor. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Maria's music and art fill her bedroom.



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The Honda dirt bike waits in another garage to be cleaned and tuned up for its next ride.

When weather turns cool, Mario's lower-level kitchen fills with friends. "This space is all Mario – the kitchen, the cantina for curing his prosciutto, the wood stove. It's so handy to have it all here, connected to the mudroom," says Katherine. "The room, and the

whole house really, are quite warm and cosy in winter with the heat of the wood stove." Among the family's visitors are a multitude of neighbours, who may take a break from their afternoon walk to sit down for a chat around the Camaro or kitchen island. "We just

love our neighbourhood. Our children have grown up on these streets, free to roam and play with their friends. There's a real feeling of community here, and we're grateful the renovations we made to our home allowed us to stay," says Katherine. **OH**



ABOVE: The '69 Camaro has pride of place. With tools and Mario's expertise, this beauty is in top shape. **LEFT:** The kidney-shaped pool installed by Zeng Landscaping is in a sheltered and private corner of the rear garden, perfect for sunbathing.



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Chicken ROULADE

RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY **JENELLE MCCULLOCH**

This chicken roulade with a flavourful filling of chestnuts, pancetta and mushrooms sits on a colourful bed of pea hummus. It's a light, savoury dish you'll love.



CHESTNUT FILLING AND ROULADE

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 2)

- 1 cup whole chestnuts
- 1 cup mushrooms of choice (I used cremini and shiitake)
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 shallot
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 tsp fresh chives
- ½ tsp black pepper
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 boneless, skinless chicken breast

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°F. Score an X onto the flat end of each chestnut and roast until skin begins to peel back. Let cool and peel.

Dice 1 cup of mushrooms and sauté in olive oil over medium heat. Let soften and add chopped garlic and shallots. Cook 3-4 minutes until softened.

In a food processor combine chestnuts, mushroom mixture, chives, salt and pepper. Pulse until combined.

Place chicken breast in between two sheets of plastic wrap. Pound breast with a tenderizer until about ¼-inch thin. Move to a clean sheet of plastic wrap. Line one end of the breast with the chestnut filling. Fold chicken over filling and tightly roll breast.

Wrap chicken breast with plastic wrap, rolling it tightly. Twist each end of excess plastic wrap so that the chicken roll becomes tight. Tie each end.

In a large pot of simmering water, poach wrapped chicken for 5-10 minutes, depending on the size of the breast.

Alternatively, tie chicken with kitchen twine and roast in 350°F oven for 20-25 minutes.

PEA HUMMUS

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 2)

- 2 cups peas, fresh or frozen
- 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 2 Tbsp pecorino cheese
- 1 tsp truffle oil
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp fresh chives
- Salt and pepper
- 1-2 Tbsp of water if needed

DIRECTIONS

Blanch peas before use. Boil peas for 4-5 minutes or until tender and plunge into an ice bath to preserve colour and stop cooking.

Combine ingredients in a food processor and puree until smooth. Add a few tablespoons of water if necessary to aid in the process.

Heat in a saucepan over low-medium heat before serving. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

PAN SAUCE AND PLATING

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup pancetta, diced
- 1 cup whole mushrooms of choice (I used cremini and shiitake)
- 2 Tbsp wine, optional
- ½ cup chicken stock

DIRECTIONS

Sauté pancetta over medium heat in a heavy bottomed pan until fat is rendered. Remove pancetta and reserve a tablespoon of fat in the pan. Unwrap roulade and sear in pan until a golden crust forms. Remove from pan.

Add remaining whole mushrooms to the pan and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Add pancetta back into pan. Deglaze the pan with a splash of wine, optional. Add chicken stock and cook until reduced by a quarter.

Slice roulade and plate with pea puree and whole mushrooms, spooning pan sauce on top. **OH**



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Canning offers tips on how you can turn your crafty dreams into the ultimate room for your DIYs.

KEEP IT COLOURFUL
If you can't have fun with colour in a craft room, where can you have fun? In this case, we went with a beautiful teal called Sylvan Mist by Benjamin Moore. It's soft and inviting but definitely saturated enough to be whimsical and playful. I think it's also a really fun accent to the MDF tongue and groove we applied to the walls from Metrie.

I added a bit of colour with the cabinet hardware. I selected cast bronze knobs in bright bronze from Shayne Fox Hardware, adding a pop of contrast against the white cabinets. The bold stools are from Wayfair and I incorporated more colour in accessories – paper clips, pens and a feather-shaped pen holder – all from HomeSense. *Continued on page 114*



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2 KEEP IT PRACTICAL

Craft rooms get messy. For this reason, I wanted a really durable, but beautiful floor. I used ErthCovering's Tivoli natural stone plank, which has the texture of wood but the durability and liquid resistance of stone.

And because it is a craft room, including a sink makes so much sense. We used the Delta Cassidy faucet in the Champagne Bronze Finish. It has Touch20 technology. That means that when your hands are full of glitter, simply tap anywhere on the faucet when the handle is in the on position and the water flows. I also love the pull-down spout.



3 KEEP IT COSY

This room is in the basement adjacent to the backyard entrance and as a result, it is cold and drafty, especially in the winter. To keep it cosy, we put in the Celeste stove by Dimplex. My favourite thing about this electric fireplace is just how portable and easy to install it is. A pop of colour in this carpet from HomeSense completes this cosy vignette. And to help with that exterior draft, we replaced the window with an Energy Star rated, top quality vinyl window in white by Fieldstone Windows, and finished it off with Metrie's Very Square casing to keep the details contemporary.

4 KEEP IT PERSONAL

A craft room is where you can get really fun and personal. This homeowner loves the outdoors and essential oils! So I worked with Posterjack to create all of the artwork in the room using personal photos to create unique pieces.



Organization is key when creating the ultimate craft room.

5 KEEP IT ORGANIZED

Keeping craft supplies organized really is the key to an ultimate craft room. The best solution to this, hands down, is strategic storage cabinetry. I partnered with Tailored Living on this project. They provide all the tools to create effective storage solutions that will help you meet your organizational goals. In a craft room, this means a combination of shallow drawers for small items like essential oils and paper, base cabinets for tall bottles and jars, and tall cabinets for rolls of wrapping paper and banners. **OH**



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The kitchen is the heart of the home. This summer we bring you seven one-of-a-kind kitchen makeovers by local designers and craftspeople.

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SERENE CONTEMPORARY

This bar and a downstairs kitchen (still in progress) are all about thoughtful design. Owner Margaret Dabrowski Sickle knew exactly what she wanted – Douglas fir cabinets and counters and discrete LEDs to light up each shelf.

Millard Bautista Designs executed the design perfectly.

KITCHEN: Millard Bautista Designs.

DESIGNER & HOMEOWNER: Margaret Dabrowski Sickle, M. Arc, OAA.

CABINETRY: Flat-sawn, vertical-grain Douglas fir.

COUNTERS: Douglas fir.

HARDWARE: Silver finger pulls on bar, polished nickel bullets in kitchen.

FAVOURITE ADD-ON: LED shelf lighting.



A vertical grain finish on the cabinets hides a surprise – deep, soft-close, double-depth drawers. A second drawer makes sure nothing gets lost at the bottom.



Adding to the charm are simple flowers from Sideroad Farm Floral in a container provided by Butternut Mercantile.

Lindsay painted the two pieces that create the bar area in Empire Silk by Annie Sloan, topped it with hemp oil and a touch of black wax. This striking pop of red is a testimony to her talent with paint.



KITCHEN: Baywood Designs.
HOMEOWNER: Lindsay Herbert.
CABINETRY: Shaker style.
CABINET FINISH: Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in a 50/50 blend of Pure White & Old White.
ISLAND FINISH: Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in Graphite over French Linen, distressed with black wax.
BAR FINISH: Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in

INSPIRED SHADES

The heart of Lindsay Herbert's home is her kitchen where her young family gathers. The owner of **Baywood Designs**, Lindsay knew just where to start when it came to tackling her own kitchen project. Her inspiration was Annie Sloan Chalk Paint, which she sells and works with on custom projects for clients. From the stained shiplap walls to the island, her painting technique transformed this country kitchen.

Empire Silk topped with hemp oil and a touch of black wax.
SHIPLAP WALL FINISH: Annie Sloan Curio finished with dark wax.
SINK & FAUCET: Georgian Design Centre.
FLOOR TILE: The Flooring Place: Porcelain plank, wood-look.
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FAVOURITE ADD-ON: Everything.

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KITCHEN: Cabneato.
HOMEOWNER: Jane Doyle.
CABINETRY: Shaker-style with custom crown moulding.
CABINET FINISH: Benjamin Moore Snow White.
COUNTERS: HanStone Quartz in smoke.

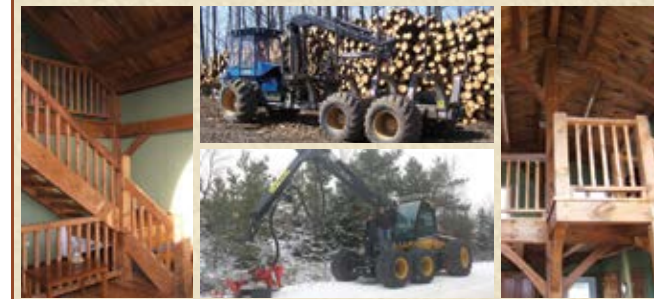
HARDWARE: Polished nickel.
FAUCET: Moen.
SINK: Bristol.
APPLIANCES: LG and Whirlpool.
FAVOURITE ADD-ON: Drawers instead of cabinets.



Cabneato created a custom cabinet with a handy wine rack and glass doors. It is in an ideal place for guests to help themselves on the living room side of the peninsula, so as not to bother the cook.

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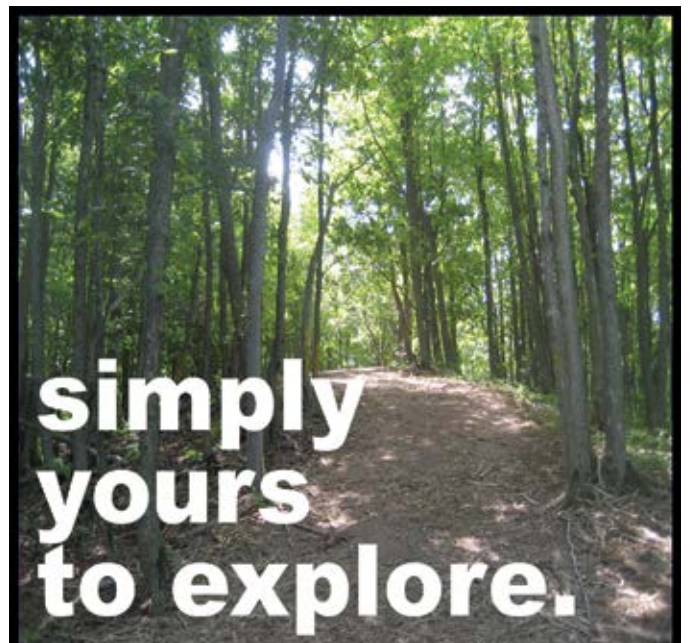
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KITCHEN: Corinthian Kitchen & Bath Studio.
HOMEOWNERS: The Himes Family.
CABINETRY: Shaker-style.
CABINET FINISH: Benjamin Moore Cloud White.
HARDWARE: Berenson Designers Group Polished nickel.
COUNTERS: Cambria Quartz Britannica.
APPLIANCES: Fully integrated Miele appliances.
FAVOURITE ADD-ON: Coffered ceiling.

Disposing of household waste can be a chore. But when there is a dedicated area, it's almost pleasant. In a separate alcove near the kitchen island and in close proximity to the garage door, three pull-out units help separate recyclables and garbage. When full it can all be expedited, quickly and easily, outside.

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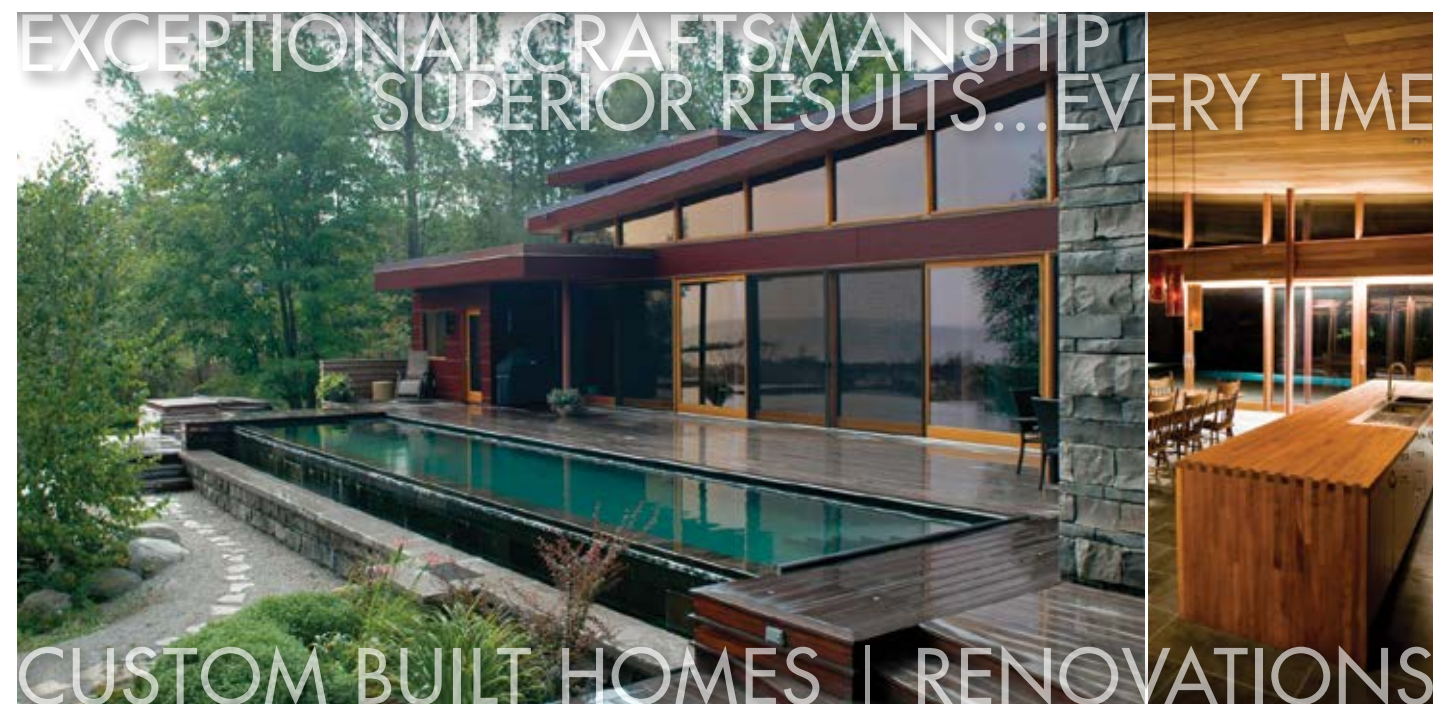
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Helena and Cory DeBruyn worked very closely with **Sterling Custom Kitchens** to incorporate everything on their new kitchen wish list, from the large island with a chiseled edge to a separate coffee and wine station. This kitchen has space for everyone, and a spot everywhere to enjoy the view.

- KITCHEN:** Sterling Custom Kitchens.
HOMEOWNERS: Helena & Cory DeBruyn.
CABINETRY: Contemporary flat-panel fronts with upper awning cabinets.
CABINET FINISH: European polyurethane finish in Chantilly Lace and Trout Gray by Benjamin Moore.
HARDWARE: Brushed nickel bar pulls.
PANTRY: Blum Legrabox soft-close roll-out drawer system.
COUNTERS: Cambria Quartz Britannica with chiseled edge profile.
SINK AND FAUCET: Georgian Design Centre: Blanco under-mount sink and Delta Fuse faucet.
APPLIANCES: Chatterson's Home Furniture & Appliances.
ELECTRICAL: The Electricians.



Sturdy Blum rollouts in the pantry cabinet make it easy to see what's on every shelf—useful whether making recipes or the shopping list.

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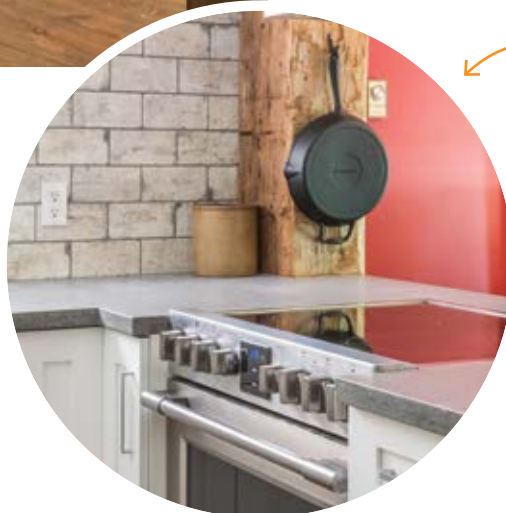


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The backsplash and the beams add a lovely natural element to this space.

The counter wraps around to the Fisher Paykel refrigerator from Macdonald's Furniture & Appliances that has no handle, again gaining a few extra inches.



KITCHEN: Collingwood Home Hardware Building Centre.
HOMEOWNERS: Rob & Patricia Smith.
CABINETRY: Shaker-style.
CABINET FINISH: White.
COUNTERS: Caesarstone in Rugged Concrete.
HARDWARE: Polished nickel.
APPLIANCES: Fisher Paykel and Frigidaire.
BACKSPLASH: Georgian Design Centre: Renaissance Italian tile with grey grout.
FAVOURITE ADD-ONS: Microwave appliance garage and blind corner storage.

RUSTIC WARMTH

Having renovated a number of kitchens, Rob and Patricia Smith have fine-tuned the list of what works and what doesn't. In this compact kitchen, space is at a premium and there are many little details that help add more room, including having the cabinets reach right to the ceiling to grab those extra inches. **Collingwood Home Hardware Building Centre** was on the same page and helped to give the Smiths as much cupboard space as possible. The deep corner units have blind corner organizers and are one of Patricia's favourite features.

The range from Chatterson's Home Furniture & Appliances has been recessed so that the handles do not stick out past the cabinets, gaining those extra inches.

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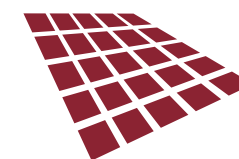
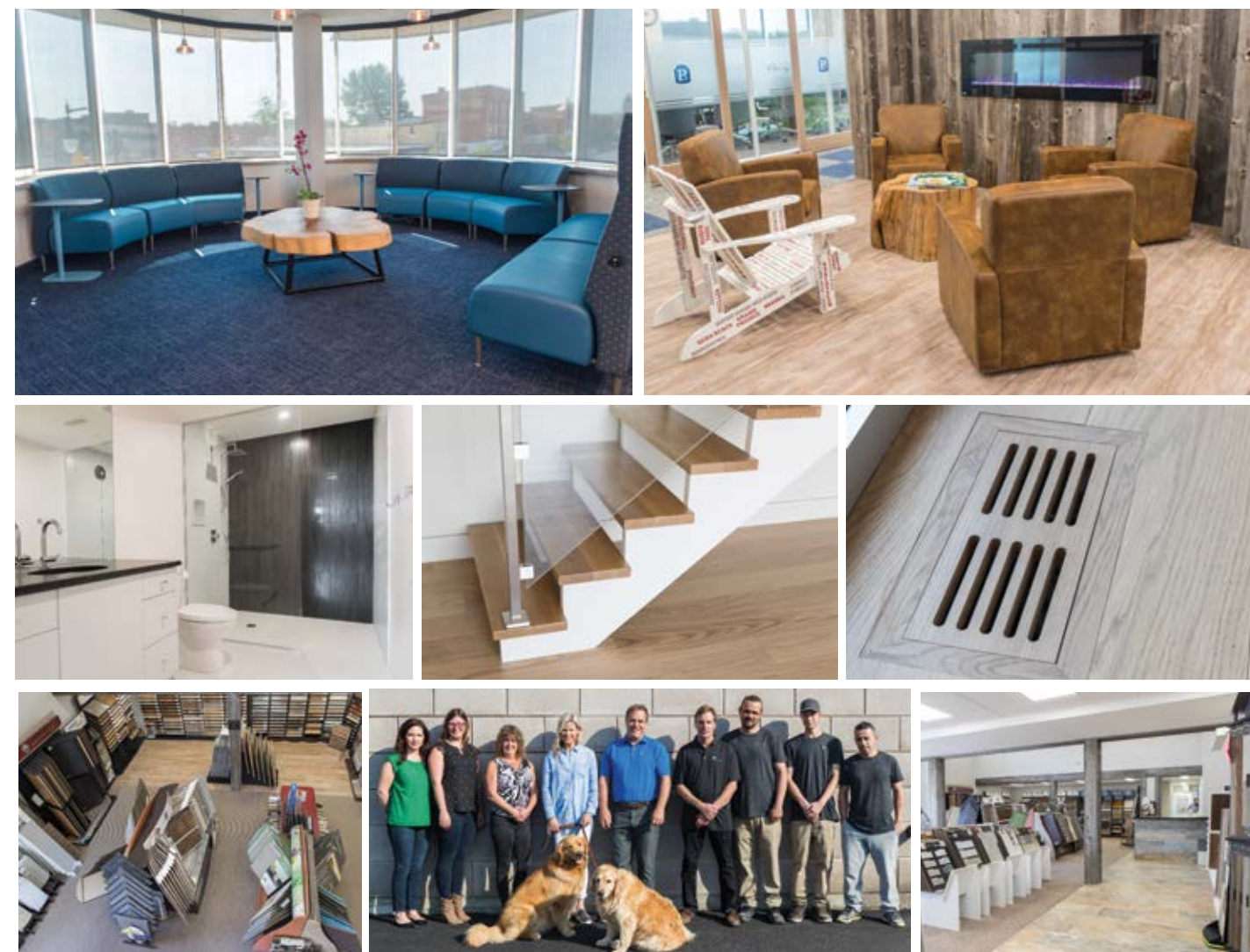


KITCHEN: South Gate Cabinets.
HOMEOWNER: Angie Smith.
CABINETRY: Westport Door.
CABINET FINISH: Benjamin Moore's City Shadow and Collingwood.
HARDWARE: Brushed nickel.
COUNTERS: Di Pietra Design: Quartzite.
APPLIANCES: Jenn-Air.
FAVOURITE ADD-ON: Pull-out storage.

In the island, a Fisher and Paykel refrigerated drawer sits under a slab of Quartzite from Di Pietra Design. It is deep enough to store wine bottles standing up and can also be converted to a freezer when needed. **OH**

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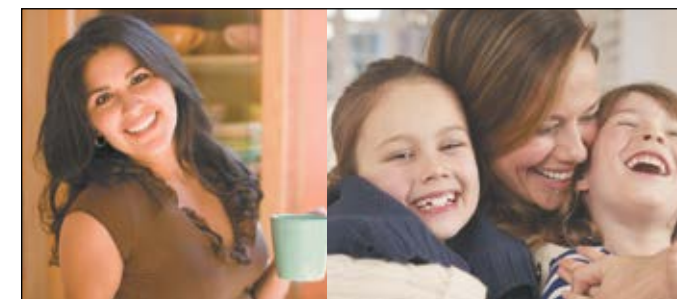
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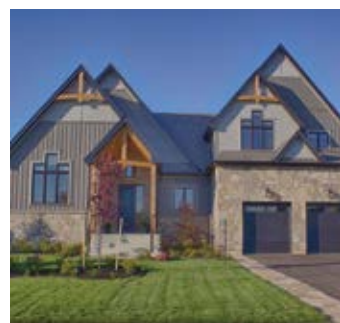
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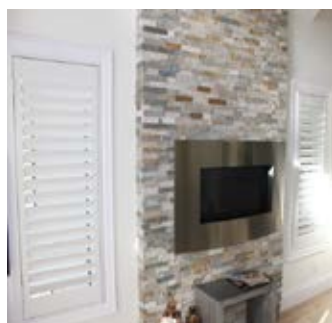
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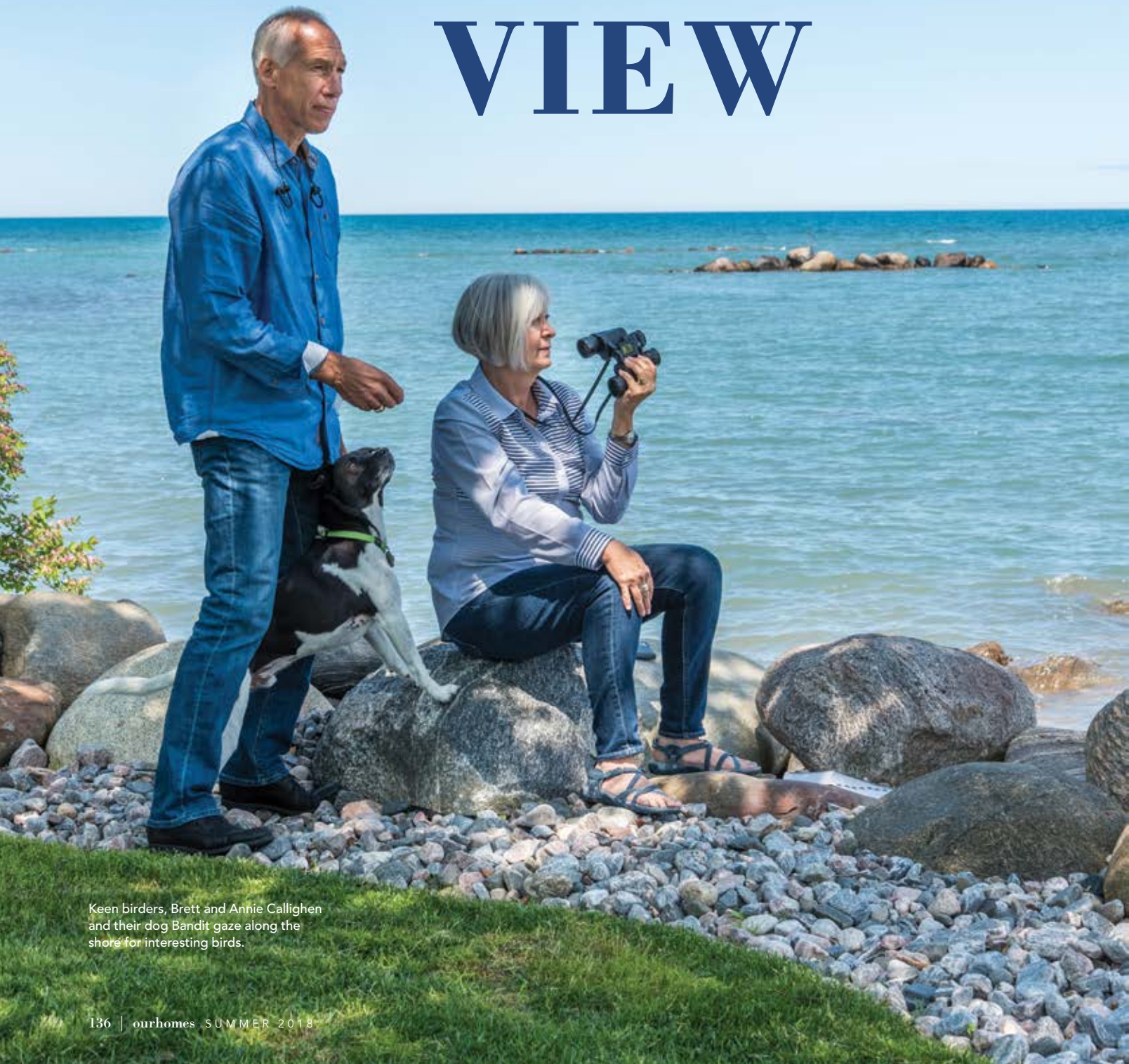
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Keen birders, Brett and Annie Callighen and their dog Bandit gaze along the shore for interesting birds.



TOP: The home's outdoor space is designed with multiple seating areas, each with their own personality. **ABOVE:** Under the pergola, the outdoor dining area has easy access through a side door that opens into the great room near the kitchen. **BELOW RIGHT:** Wide, low steps invite you into this welcoming home. Pops of yellow in planters add a splash of colour. Garden staging by Green Love. **INSET:** Wicker containers and furniture have a timeless look as well as offer durability.

With its breathtaking views and year-round activities, Brett and Annie Callighen decided Southern Georgian Bay was the ideal place to settle down.

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ABOVE: Standing in front of a custom firewood rack by Desiron, Chris Allen and Scott Carter of Carter Allen Ltd., turned house plans into reality for the Callighens. **RIGHT:** The view can be enjoyed by all at the dining table. Flowers by Collingwood Flowers and Home Decor. **BELOW:** The Callighens display treasures with a special meaning in the front foyer.



The couple split their time between Muskoka and Arizona over the past eight years. Nearing retirement age and with two adult children, daughter Harli and son Ryan, the Callighens were looking to set down roots in one place. They chose to return to Ontario.

Where in Ontario was the big question. They wanted to settle somewhere reminiscent of Muskoka’s dramatic landscape with plenty to do and see all year long.

“Southern Georgian Bay ticked all the boxes,” says Annie, finishing her dinner at the quartz-topped kitchen island in their open-concept, modern bungalow in the Town of The Blue Mountains, two hours north of their old home in Unionville, where they had lived for several years while raising their family. “So we started to look for property.”

There was one piece of waterfront property on the market and the Callighens quickly scooped it up. They sold their homes and made plans

to renovate the modest cottage to take advantage of the property’s expansive Georgian Bay panorama.

“What sold us on the property was the view,” adds Brett, a former NHL Edmonton Oiler – who was Wayne Gretzky’s first regular left winger – now working as a players’ agent.

A home inspection quickly extinguished plans to renovate. The cottage, unfortunately, was filled with mould.

The Callighens had previously sought the expert advice of **Chris Allen**, co-owner with **Scott Carter** of Thornbury home building firm **Carter Allen Ltd.**, when deciding on the property. They chose to hire the firm to build a new home on the site – a 2,500 sq. ft. modern bungalow just steps from

the bay. Annie, who practised for many years as an interior designer, worked closely with Carter Allen and **Mountainside Designs** to plan and draw a sleek, yet warm, open space that takes advantage of the property’s most advantageous feature – the waterfront. Carter Allen took those plans and crafted a beautiful home.

“We wanted to be part of the landscape,” Annie says, gesturing to the large, floor-to-ceiling windows showcasing the shoreline, a mere 40 feet from the home.

Simple yet elegant landscape designs by **Rock Solid Landscapes**, made up of a mix of several perennial plants for easy maintenance, surround the wood bungalow, painted in Behr’s Intellectual, a

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Apricots, raspberries and brie on a wooden board are ready for cocktail hour.



Eating, gathering and prepping can happen all at once at the large, quartz-topped island. **TOP LEFT:** A large pantry is located just around the corner from the kitchen. Full height, split, sliding barn doors give easy access to this walk-in pantry that houses small appliances, including the coffee machine. **LEFT:** The open, galley-style kitchen makes the space very functional.

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The living room sectional is another comfortable spot to enjoy the endless views of Georgian Bay, and hopefully spot some unusual birds flying by. Floral arrangements by Collingwood Flowers and Home Decor. **RIGHT:** "Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seed, you can grow flowers or weeds," – inspirational words written on the blackboard over Annie's father's refinished workbench. **BOTTOM:** The southwest/rustic style of this home is apparent on this wall in the living room.

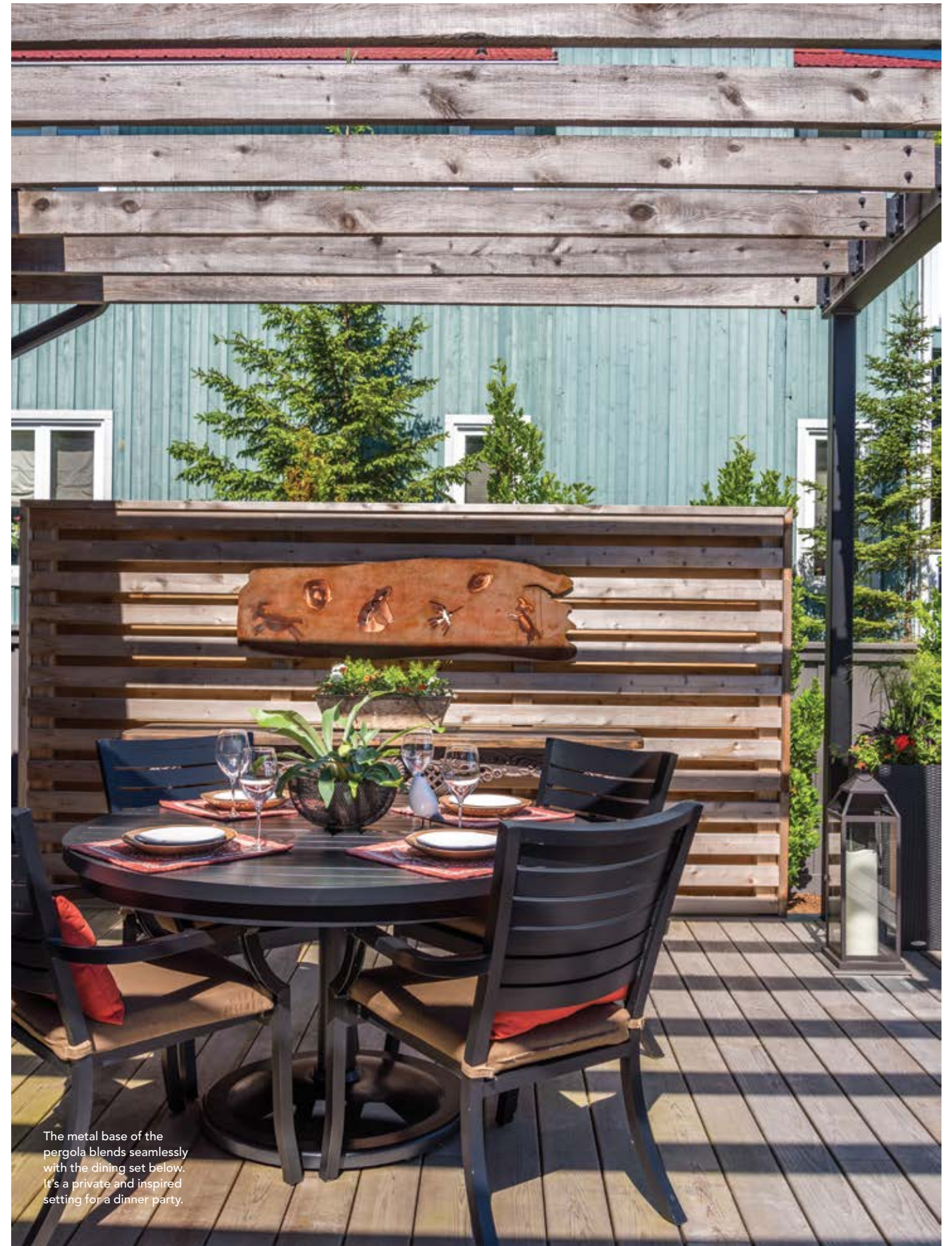


medium grey, on all sides. Black Ostaco window and door frames from Ridley Windows & Doors create a sleek look for the home, which the Callighens affectionately call *Four Feathers*, is tucked away on a quiet street. A mix of wood deck and stone patio extends the length of the home at the rear with plenty of areas to relax and enjoy the view.

Muskoka chairs circle a modern fire bowl. Firewood is stored in a unique, custom wood rack built by [Skot Lawrence of Desiron](#). [Green Love](#) styled the backyard.

The indoor and outdoor furnishings, both sentimental and loved, were brought from the couple's previous homes. The décor is a blend of woodsy Muskoka and southwest Arizona, including heirlooms from the couple's history together. Annie's father's workbench has been refashioned into a serving area off the kitchen. Across from the workbench is

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The metal base of the pergola blends seamlessly with the dining set below. It's a private and inspired setting for a dinner party.

BELOW: Daughter Harli’s bedroom is ready anytime she pops by. **RIGHT:** Annie works at the computer in her office. Many of the items, including the red chair, are pieces Annie loves. **BOTTOM:** With highlights of his NHL career hanging on the wall of his office, Brett is busy booking hockey players overseas.



a large pantry, which makes up for the absence of upper cabinets in the kitchen, a choice Annie says makes the open living space more intimate.

“We wanted it to feel like a living space,” Annie explains, adding there is plenty of cupboard space along the contemporary quartz-topped island custom designed by **Hanover Kitchen & Bath Gallery**, which also provided the modern finishes in the home’s three bathrooms. The millwork in the kitchen and bathrooms is made of Fenix Laminate, a relatively new product on the market that is clean, durable, heat and fingerprint resistant with a soft, matte finish. Stainless steel appliances, from **Macdonald’s Furniture and Appliances**, and a washed grey stone tile backsplash, complete the classic look.

Annie chose one colour for the entire

home, **Benjamin Moore’s** Pale Oak, a “greige” with warm undertones to achieve the cosy look she was after. The dark furnishings and window frames, coupled with polished concrete floors, achieve Annie’s other design goal – a modern look.

The concrete floors feature in-floor heating and stretch the 2,500 square feet of the home carefully and thoughtfully designed by the owners, builders and architectural team. The house is fully automated and secure, thanks to **Red Brick Group Inc.**

“Aside from featuring a very efficient and airtight building envelope, this home has most of the features and amenities found in a much larger build within a conservative slab-on-grade footprint,” says Chris Allen, discussing what stands out most for him. The home features a spacious master suite, large guest quarters,

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Tranquil, soft grey bedding works well with the Benjamin Moore Pale Oak wall colour. The view and sound from the bay means that after the curtains (from Baywood Designs) are closed, a good night's sleep is guaranteed. **TOP RIGHT:** A sliding barn door in the master bath maximizes the space. **RIGHT:** A view is offered by the painting of birch trees that mimic the linear window above. A metal side table holds everything needed for a relaxing bath.



open-concept living space, a mudroom, laundry room and offices for both Brett and Annie, who works alongside her husband placing North American hockey players overseas.

Daughter Harli, working for Carter Allen at the time, had a hand in the early construction, helping with form work, prepping the exterior for siding and framing inside.

"Annie was instrumental in spec'ing each and every design feature and material in this beautiful home," says Chris. "She had strong opinions and ideas that we executed together from start to finish. This home is a true reflection of its owners, Annie and Brett."

The Callighens couldn't agree more.

"We love it," Annie says. "It never gets old. The beauty of this place in all seasons. There is always something."

The Callighens have fit right into their new surroundings and enjoy the many activities Southern Georgian Bay has to offer – from the ski slopes and golf courses to five-star dining and outdoor adventures. The couple have taken up paddle boarding and kayaking and Brett has even found a group of guys to play hockey with.

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ABOVE: Just off the master bedroom, two sheltered loungers invite the owners to enjoy the first coffee of the day, or the first glass of wine at the end of the day.



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Paintbrush
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Scissors
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HOW-TO

Lay letter pattern on foam-core board, trace around pattern with pencil. Using a utility knife, cut out design.
Using Mod Podge, paint small areas on design surface and start laying down photos. Paint one coat of Mod Podge over the adhered photos as you go. Continue until entire letter is covered.
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The Q2 2018 Royal LePage House Price Survey and Market Forecast Survey was released to media July 10th. Highlights pertinent to southern Ontario are:

- Home price appreciation slowed across Canada in the second quarter of 2018, marked primarily by softness in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The price of a home in Canada increased 2.0 per cent year-over-year to \$613,968 this quarter.
- Looking ahead, Royal LePage is projecting an uptick in home price appreciation in the third quarter of 2018 with the aggregate price of a home in Canada set to increase 1.9 per cent compared to the second quarter.
- GTA expected to post third quarter price gains after price declines in the second quarter.
- Southern Ontario cities outside the GTA post highest home price increases in the province as buyers migrate to affordable communities (and this is SO true for our area, see below!)

HIGHS, LOWS & SPECIFICS

COLLINGWOOD:

- The high sale was a 4,800 SF home with 187' waterfrontage for \$2,150,000.
- The low sale was an east-side studio condo for \$156,900.
- Condos: Q2 2018 (vs Q1 2018): 66 new listings, 67 sold (141 listings, 36 sold); avg DOM 27 (28); avg sale to list price 99% (98.7%); avg sale price \$424,515 (\$355,893) – up approx. 19%.
- Single Family Homes: Q2 2018 (vs Q1 2018): 61 new listings, 86 sold (195 listings, 50 sold); avg DOM 27 (40); avg sale to list price 98.3% (98.3%); avg sale price \$580,012 (\$502,896) – up approx. 15%.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS:

- The high sale was a 42 acre exec home with golf course and Bay views for \$3M.
- The low sale was a 1 bdrm condo in the Grand Georgian for \$165,000.
- Condos: Q2 2018 (vs Q1 2018): 39 new listings, 36 sold (176 listings, 38 sold); avg DOM 54 (60); avg sale to list price 97.8% (98.2%); avg sale price \$357,072 (\$338,171) – up approximately 6%.

- Single Family Homes: Q2 2018 (vs Q1 2018): 66 new listings, 45 sold (347 listings, 45 sold); avg DOM 43 (57); avg sale to list price 98% (97.6%); avg sale price \$888,245 (\$869,025) – up approx. 2%.

CLEARVIEW:

- The high sale was a 2 acre exec home just northeast of Nottawa for \$1,485,000.
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Whipped cream

INSTRUCTIONS

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- Grab a chilled milkshake glass and coat the edge of the glass in cake icing.
- Next, dip the coated glass into your cookie crumbs.
- Smear some chocolate sauce into the sides and bottom of the glass.
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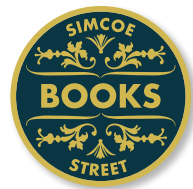


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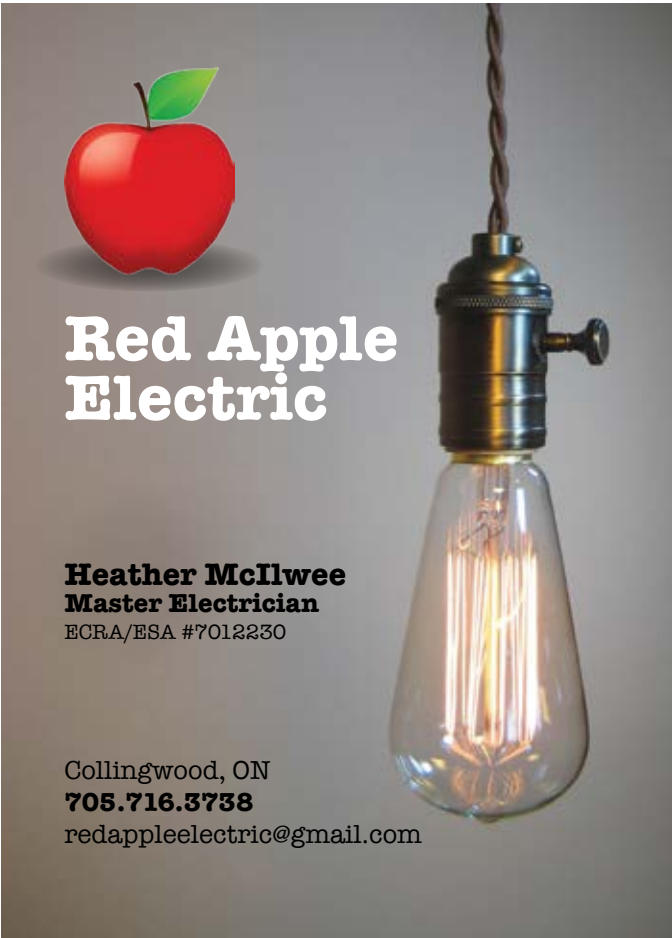
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PEACH MIXTURE

- 2 large or 3 medium peaches
- 1 Tbsp honey
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Dice peaches and add to saucepan with honey and cinnamon. Heat until soft, then set aside to cool.

COCONUT CARAMEL

- 1 can (14 oz) full fat coconut milk
- ½ cup coconut sugar
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 Tbsp coconut oil
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Sea salt

Combine coconut milk, coconut sugar and honey in a saucepan and heat over medium.

Cook for 10-15 minutes or until thickened.

Remove from heat and add coconut oil, vanilla and a pinch of sea salt.

Set aside to cool.

COCONUT MILK MIXTURE

- 1 can (14 oz) coconut milk
- 1 Tbsp honey

Mix together coconut milk and 1 tablespoon of honey, set aside.

TO ASSEMBLE

Using popsicle moulds, spoon in peach mixture then coconut caramel until each mould is half full.

Top up each mould with coconut milk mixture.

Place popsicle sticks in the middle of each mould.

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Canadian stage and television actor Araby Lockhart walks through the backyard garden at her quaint Clarksburg home, admiring the blooming purple phlox and moon flowers while lamenting the demise of her clematis. At 91, Araby is feisty, fun and captivating as she shares memories of her acting career, her family and her very active community and social life.



ARABY'S LAST GIG: She swore she was done with acting in her mid-80s after an illustrious career that included acclaimed performances in the films *Police Academy* and *Capote*. But this past April, Araby returned to the stage for five sold-out performances in the fundraising production of Morris Panych's *Vigil* at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg. The production paid for a new furnace and a new roof for the centre.

HOME SWEET HOME: In the late 80s, while living in Toronto, Araby, a mother of five, says she "needed a quiet place to practice lines for work and just relax," and found a small cottage on the river in Clarksburg. "There were two rooms up and two down," she remembers. "It was a workman's paradise." The place leaned to one side and she laughs that she had to cut the chair legs so they'd sit level on the uneven floor. "The kids hated it," Araby says, "which was perfect." But nature wasn't so kind. A monster snowfall took down the roof in the late 90s and Araby rebuilt in 2000. She moved here full time in 2008.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Araby is still as active in the community as ever. She's involved in the Marsh Street Centre, volunteers with Beaver Valley Outreach, does Tai Chi twice a week, is a regular at the library and admits that her social life "is quite something."

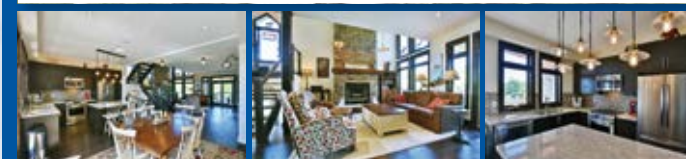


SENTIMENTAL TREASURES: A wooden sign above the door inside reads, "The Folly." It was given to Araby by her kids in a light-hearted reminder that the original home fell down. A Georgian Bay landscape painting by Brigitte Nowak hangs above the fireplace. "I saw it at Loft Gallery," Araby explains. "I went in to buy it one day and it was gone." Her children had purchased the painting and gifted it to Araby on her 90th birthday. **OH**

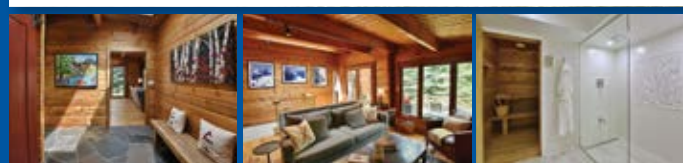
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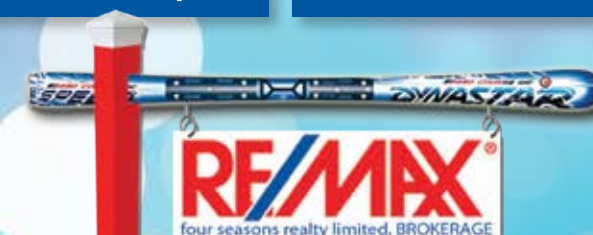
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