

ALL IN THE *details*

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Finishing touches give our homes personality and style. They transform a house into a home, and no room is complete without that special touch. Meet local professionals who specialize in details, from flooring and fixtures to custom carpentry, home automation and window coverings.

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ADVICE FOR HOMEOWNERS: Consider both form (style and aesthetics) and function (how you are going to use the flooring and your expectations of it).



Jim McKendrick

Timeless Woodwork

SPECIALTY: I specialize in solid wood furniture, built-ins, entry doors and reproduction trim and millwork.

TELL US ABOUT THIS PIECE: The vanity is solid Cherry wood designed specifically for the client. The joinery is the best - mortise and tenon.

HOW DO YOU GET CREATIVE WITH WOOD? Canadian woods are readily available and varied enough for all uses. There is no reason woods cannot be mixed for accent in a design.

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Jackie McDonald Quanbury Flooring Centre

WHAT'S YOUR SPECIALTY?

I'm a design and colour consultant, and sales representative.

WHAT DOES QUANBURY OFFER BESIDES FLOORING?

Quanbury also offers in-floor heating, as well as installation of stone, marble or tile backsplashes and fireplace hearths.

WHAT'S HOT IN FLOORING FOR 2013?

Engineered hardwood, which has all the advantages of solid wood and more. It reduces your eco footprint, can be used on all grade levels, can be installed with in-floor heating, is less likely to warp than solid wood, and some types can be sanded down and stained like solid woods.

FAVOURITE WAY TO SPEND A WINTER DAY:

In front of the fireplace with a nice hot cup of coffee and Baileys!

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WHAT'S HOT IN BATHROOM DESIGN FOR 2013? Zen soaker tubs and larger rain-shower heads are two very popular items, as are the low-flow toilets we offer.
ANY FAMILY PLANS THIS YEAR? As a family business we can't all take holidays together, but we do manage to travel for a cruise or golf getaway. *Continued on page 68*



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FAVOURITE HOME AUDIO PRODUCT:

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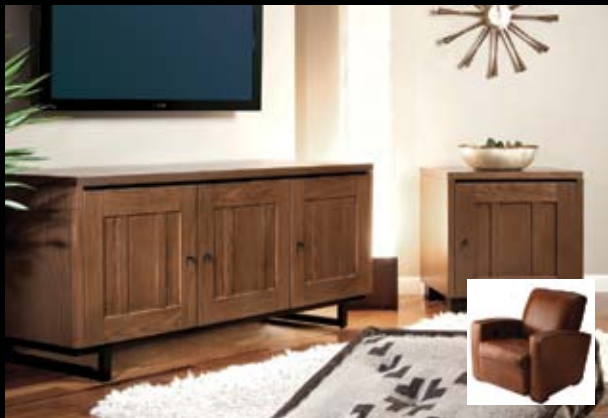


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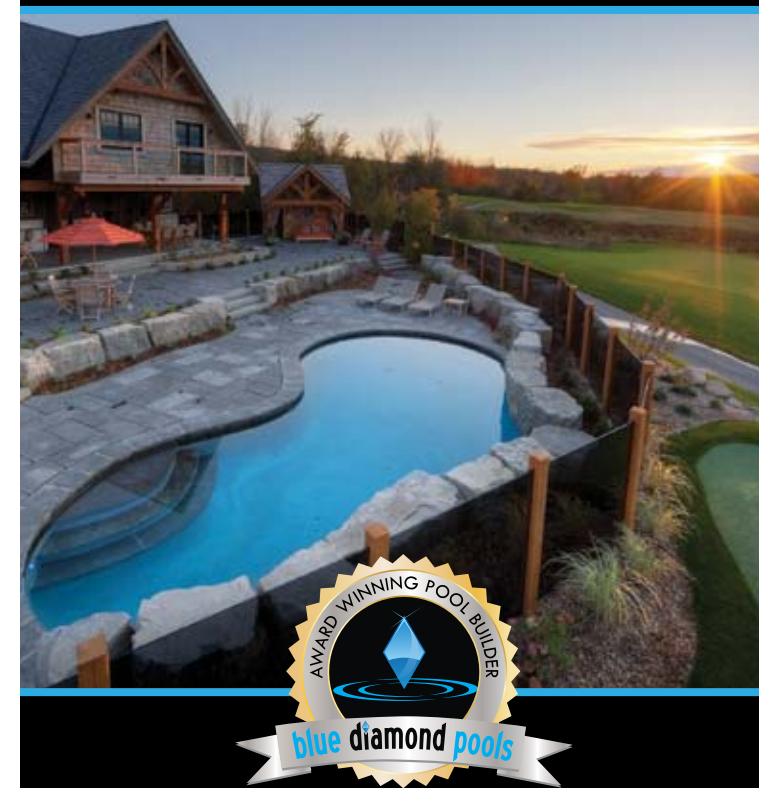


Rob Perry
Riverside Custom Cabinets Ltd.

SPECIALTY: Custom interiors
FAVOURITE PROJECT TO DATE: Any current project becomes the favourite because you are working with new clients or designers and they all bring different challenges to the table.
WHAT'S HOT IN KITCHENS FOR 2013? Clean lines, flat surfaces and natural woods.
FAVOURITE WINTER ACTIVITY: Coaching my son's hockey team. *Continued on page 72*

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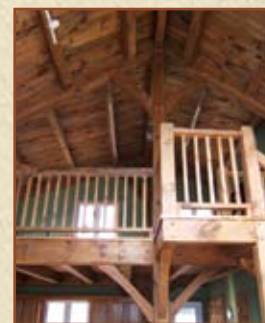
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FAVOURITE FLOORING AND WHY: Porcelain, it looks great and requires little maintenance. It's a strong wearing floor.

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WHAT'S YOUR BACKGROUND?

A life-long apprenticeship to my father, a master carpenter. I also have experience as an executive chef, which provides unique insights for today's better homes.

WHAT'S TRENDING FOR STAIRCASES?

Clean lines and beautiful aesthetics, but really there's great design opportunity regardless of home styles and owner preferences.

ANY BIG PLANS FOR 2013?

Enjoying my family and a new boat on Georgian Bay. **OH**

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