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THE PLACE: **Jasper Life**, in Collingwood's Harbour Centre, carries an array of luxurious and custom home furnishings. Since opening in 2014, the shop has outfitted countless of the region's most dashing patios, decks and interiors. Jasper Life is the retail wing of owner James Schneider's Jasper Group, which designs and builds custom homes throughout Southern Georgian Bay.

THE STYLE: Welcome to barn board, custom wall coverings, stylish natural décor, high-end outdoor furniture and contemporary, sleek accessories. You'll find Asian influences, hand-crafted local



Rosanne Hertogh

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WHAT'S HOT: Furniture with flexibility is in demand. The full-canopied Pigeon Point Bed transforms into whatever you need most – a circular bed, seats with an ottoman or conversation benches with a coffee table for poolside drinks. Indoors, says Rosanne, the Hayes Valley dining chair is a contemporary take on the Parsons design. Its button-tufted, linen back curves to contour the body, and its silhouette has a surprising, yet pleasing slope over the back legs. Lightweight, synthetic-weave patio furniture has the look of rattan but has a much longer lifespan when left in the elements.

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furniture, artisan-made trimmings and durable, comfortable furnishings. Merchandiser Rosanne Hertogh points out the intriguing recycled-newsprint lamp and rustic, oversize clocks that have been turning heads. "We lean toward eye-catching décor that will stand the test of time," says Rosanne.

THE SPECIALTIES: Look no further for quality patio sets that complement your open-air entertainment style. "We recommend considering furnishings sooner rather than later when planning your outdoor spaces," says Schneider. "You want your furniture to fit the scale of your deck or patio, and vice versa." Some homeowners have leaned on the design team at Jasper Group to reverse-engineer a deck design based on the furniture they set their hearts on. Many seating options, like the Telescope Casual lounge chair, have aerated sling seating that dries in less than an hour. Full cushion sets are popular as well as maintenance-free cast aluminum or marine grade polymer sets that include a 15-year frame warranty.

