



Ron and Michelle Paleczny call their kitchen ceiling "a labour of love" because it had to be designed very precisely. **FAR AND TOP LEFT:** Pocket doors separate the foyer and a main floor sitting room. The doors feature custom-made stained glass panels. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The Palecznys' front doors were inspired by Parisian style and design.

A golden TOUCH

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When **Ron Paleczny** set out to build the perfect home for his family, he had no idea his endeavour would lead to building beautiful homes for other people in his neighbourhood. But that's just how his company **GoldenEye Developments Inc.** got its start. *Continued on page 24*

RIGHT: Light streams into the spacious kitchen from floor to ceiling windows looking out to the backyard. **MIDDLE RIGHT:** Homeowners and builders, Ron and Michelle. **FAR RIGHT:** More stained glass panels accent storage in a butler's pantry and separate bar area.





Ron, his wife Michelle, and their two children, Julia, 6, and Thomas, 4, moved into this, their second custom build, last summer. Since completing their first home, plus one for close family members, other people took notice and enlisted GoldenEye Developments to build for them too.

A family business through-and-through, Ron now builds about four houses per year. His sister-in-law, Alisha, partners with Michelle to take care of the design side of the business.

The GoldenEye team puts just as much love into those houses as they did with their own. “In every house we’ve built, we always stand there at the end and say, ‘I could live here!’” says Michelle.

The quality of their work is obvious even from the outside. Ron worked with draftsman Craig Frede (**C. Frede Design Inc.**) to create a stunning all-stone exterior design with bell roofs, topped with cedar by **M.K.M Roofing Ltd.** The Wiarton natural stone was purchased through **Patene Building Supplies Ltd.**

LEFT: Crisp white cabinetry keeps the main-floor laundry room looking fresh and clean. **BELOW:** A large stone fireplace is a family room favourite while built-in shelving [OPPOSITE BOTTOM LEFT] adds functionality. **OPPOSITE BOTTOM RIGHT:** The master bath boasts a luxurious soaker tub, large shower and a lovely dressing table. **OPPOSITE TOP:** The master bedroom is an oasis of soft greys, purples and whites.



The front doors are stunning. Michelle designed them based on photos and inspiration from a trip she and Ron took to Paris. They were purchased at **Bavarian Window Works**, who also supplied the home’s windows.

Inside, the attention to detail is even more apparent. Pocket doors to the right separate the foyer from a sitting room. The doors feature beautiful handmade stained glass panels by **Kara’s Stained Glass**. Ron and Michelle used the same panels for transoms around their home and to add detail to different storage areas, including their butler’s pantry and bar area, both of which lead off their bright, open kitchen – the most-used room in the home.

Fittingly, the kitchen is where everything started, too. The entire design was inspired by a piece of granite Michelle saw at **Natural Stone City Inc.** when she was shopping for another home. She was immediately drawn to it and the countertop became the starting point for the room, which was designed by **Chervin Kitchen & Bath Inc.**

Michelle loves her large, charcoal-finish Sub Zero refrigerator from **TA Appliance** because it doesn’t show fingerprints like stainless steel. The chrome hardware was supplied by **Northfield Lumber Co. Ltd.**

Beyond the kitchen is a cosy family room with built-in shelving and storage and a long, linear stone fireplace by **Fineline Fireplaces**. That focal point ties in nicely with the grey hardwood, a unique colour and pattern from **Panagos & Van Flooring**. Ron says they are the first house in this region to have that particular flooring installed.

“We’ll try out things for the first time in our own houses,” says Michelle. “The hardest part is that you can get emotionally connected to all of your choices,” she says.

The family room also houses the wireless Sonos Sound System, installed by **Gibson Sound & Vision**, which is the central unit that plays music across the main level of the house, in the basement and in the backyard. Michelle uses her iPhone to control the system remotely.

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ABOVE: Julia does homework at her bedroom desk. **TOP RIGHT:** Thomas sleeps under a replica of the front end of Major William Barker's Sopwith Camel Plane from World War I. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Julia's room is decorated in wall-to-wall pink. **RIGHT:** More built-in storage and beautiful stained glass in the upstairs hallway.



Upstairs is Ron's favourite room in the house: the master bedroom, which features a second fireplace. "It's nice to have a place to take a breather," he says. The master bath is equally tranquil. It features white marble counters, a soaker tub and comfortable dressing table for Michelle.

Down the hall, Julia and Thomas have their own special bedrooms. Michelle picked unique ceiling fans from **The Lighting Shoppe** in Cambridge and used those as inspiration for the rest of the décor.

Julia's room, full of pink, "is a true girly-girl's room," says Ron. Her en suite bathroom is just as full of bubblegum pink. Thomas's room is the complete opposite; more neutral colours, a large bed and an aviation theme.

Plans for the family's basement are still in the works. It already has heated floors installed by **Total Home Energy Sytems** and, with 10-foot

ceilings, it will be a big space for Julia and Thomas to play, but Ron and Michelle want to allocate some space to their interests, too.

Ron says they will dedicate one of their two cold cellars exclusively to wine. Just outside the cellar's eight-foot mahogany door, which they've already picked out, Ron will build a wine tasting area.

Although their home is not quite complete, the Palecznys love their new space. It's a labour of love that has come a long way since they purchased their lot through **Nan Schmidt** and **Kim Bambury-Al** from **Royal LePage Scharf Realty** over two years before they began building.

Now, the big question is, will this be a forever home for the family or will their growing business tempt them to build something new in the future?

Ron seems to have the answer. "The process of putting it together is sometimes just too fun," he says with a smile. **OH**

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