

If You Build It

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If you plan to build or renovate this summer, reach out to these talented local experts to get your project done right.



JUDY PERSAUD & RAMSIN KHACHI

Stone Lab By Khachi

The use of quartz and porcelain in home projects has grown significantly. As with any popular lifestyle trend, many players now exist in this category. Consumers need guidance in navigating through the many available brands and designs in order to select the best one for their project. We are your countertop consultants that fabricate and install the top brands of quartz and porcelain slabs for countertop, shower, floor and wall applications.

AT WORK

Current Project: A 6,000 sq. ft. modern home in Aldershot with many custom quartz, porcelain and stone designs. **Why Quartz:** Strong, durable, stain-resistant and virtually maintenance free. **Newest Look:** Natural warm veining and a simple edge profile.

AT HOME

Summer Plans: Ramsin and Judy: A trip to explore Cuba's culture and then cottage with the whole family. **Ramsin:** A trip to Budapest, Vienna and Prague with the kids. **Sunshine Or Air Conditioning:** Ramsin: A little of both. **Judy:** Sunshine! **Favourite Ice Cream Flavour:** We both love lemon gelato. **Perfect Summer Evening:** Dinner on our rooftop patio and then sleep up there under the stars until morning.



ROBIN AT HOME

Summer Plans: Relaxing and spending time with family and friends. **Sunshine Or Air Conditioning:** Sunshine, bring on the heat! **Favourite Ice Cream Flavour:** Vanilla with fresh raspberries.

NICOLE JENKINS DESIGNER, ROBIN GARVEY CESTRA OWNER & STEPHANIE LANGFORD DESIGNER

Oakville Kitchen & Bath Centre

We've been designing kitchens and bathrooms for discriminating homeowners since 1965. Our reputation is built on our unique attention to quality and design. We are the premier destination for kitchen and bathroom renovations in the Oakville area, and offer a full range of products and services to fulfill all your renovation needs.

AT WORK

Current Project: Hunter green cabinets, honed stone countertops and concrete tiles. Natural elements that create a calming environment. **Must-Haves:** Matte black hardware, faucets and sinks. Matte black feels fresh as a crisp accent colour. **Newest Look:** Two different cabinet colours – wood cabinets with painted cabinets and mixing uppers and lowers.

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AT WORK

Current Project: New townhome complex. **Flooring Trend:** White Oak, wide plank engineered hardwood. **Why Wood:** Aesthetically pleasing, long-lasting and a great return on investment. **Care Tip:** Use a high quality hardwood floor cleaner.

ROBERT
BARNSELY &
GORDON MAIN

Value Wood Floors

A full-service company, Value Wood Floors has provided the best in flooring to customers throughout the GTA for over 20 years. They carry an array of quality, Canadian-made products, including Vintage, PurParket, Superior and Mercier. The showroom's open, spacious layout allows customers to look, feel and even step on many of the options for a complete shopping experience.

AT HOME

Summer Plans: Gordon: European vacation. **Sunshine Or Air Conditioning:** Robert: Definitely sunshine, everyone should take advantage of the summer months. **Favourite Ice Cream Flavour:** Robert: Mango gelato. **Perfect Summer Evening:** Gordon: Watching the sunset at the cottage.

AT WORK

Best Season For A New Roof: From April to November. **How To Choose The Right Product:** Use the right company for better products and warranties. **Maintenance Tips:** Clean eavestroughs, look for pieces of shingles on your property, have a roofing company assess and/or make repairs.

CHRISTIANE
AT HOME

Summer Plans: Landscaping, flowers, new grass and a bit of gardening. **Sunshine Or Air Conditioning:** Enjoying the sunshine as much as we can. **Favourite Ice Cream Flavour:** We like our frozen yogurt. Bruno likes vanilla and strawberries and I like chocolate. **Perfect Summer Evening:** Nice dinner and a nice wine on the patio with family and friends.



CHRISTIANE
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Let It Rain Roofing

A full-service roofing and renovation company, we do all types of roofing, ventilation upgrades, insulation, eavestroughs, skylights, roof repairs, and custom sheet-metal work. Our home renovation division does fences, decks, aluminum railings, carpentry, sheds, pergolas, painting, bathroom renovations, flooring, tiling, exhaust vents and more.

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AT WORK

Current Project: Oakville's First PassiveHouse-inspired home. **Latest Products:** Water and flood protection. **Must-Have Sound Solution:** Nakymatone Invisible Speakers. **Trending:** Circadian rhythm lighting.

AT HOME

Summer Plans: Long drives in the bus. **Sunshine Or Air Conditioning:** Sunshine! Play time! **Favourite Ice Cream Flavour: Rob:** Pralines and cream. **Nikki:** Mint chip. **Perfect Summer Evening:** Our patio, perfect lighting, Cuban jazz and adult beverages.

ROB MAY & NIKKI LORD
OWNERS

Sounds Good

As technology experts we provide premium security, comfort, wellness and entertainment solutions to families for an enhanced lifestyle. Sounds Good is simply the best choice for home technology solutions because we are so passionate about the finished product. Any technology company can sell a bill of materials, it is the finishing touches that set Sounds Good apart.



AT WORK

Current Projects: Everything from large kitchens to small fireplaces and vanities. **Latest Trends:** Soapstone is used for everything. **Goal:** Satisfying every customer. **Favourite Jobs:** We take pride in every job that we do. We like to do it all. **Inspiration:** Stuff a little out of the ordinary. Large projects, large fireplaces, custom sinks.

AT HOME

Projects: A 1975 Airstream, a 31-footer that's being completely renovated. **Neighbourhood:** Out in the country. **Hobbies:** A lot of canoeing and fishing. **Favourite Meal:** Steak every Friday night. **How Do You Relax?** Getting the boats out and fishing.

PETER SELLORS
PRESIDENT

Greenville Soapstone Company

Greenville supplies countertops, fireplaces, tile and sinks – anything that can be made in stone. Soapstone is the only natural quarried stone that is non-porous. It will not stain with anything, says Peter. There is no chemical sealer. Soapstone is chemically inert so it's resistant to lemon juice, all acids, bacteria and is completely heat-resistant.

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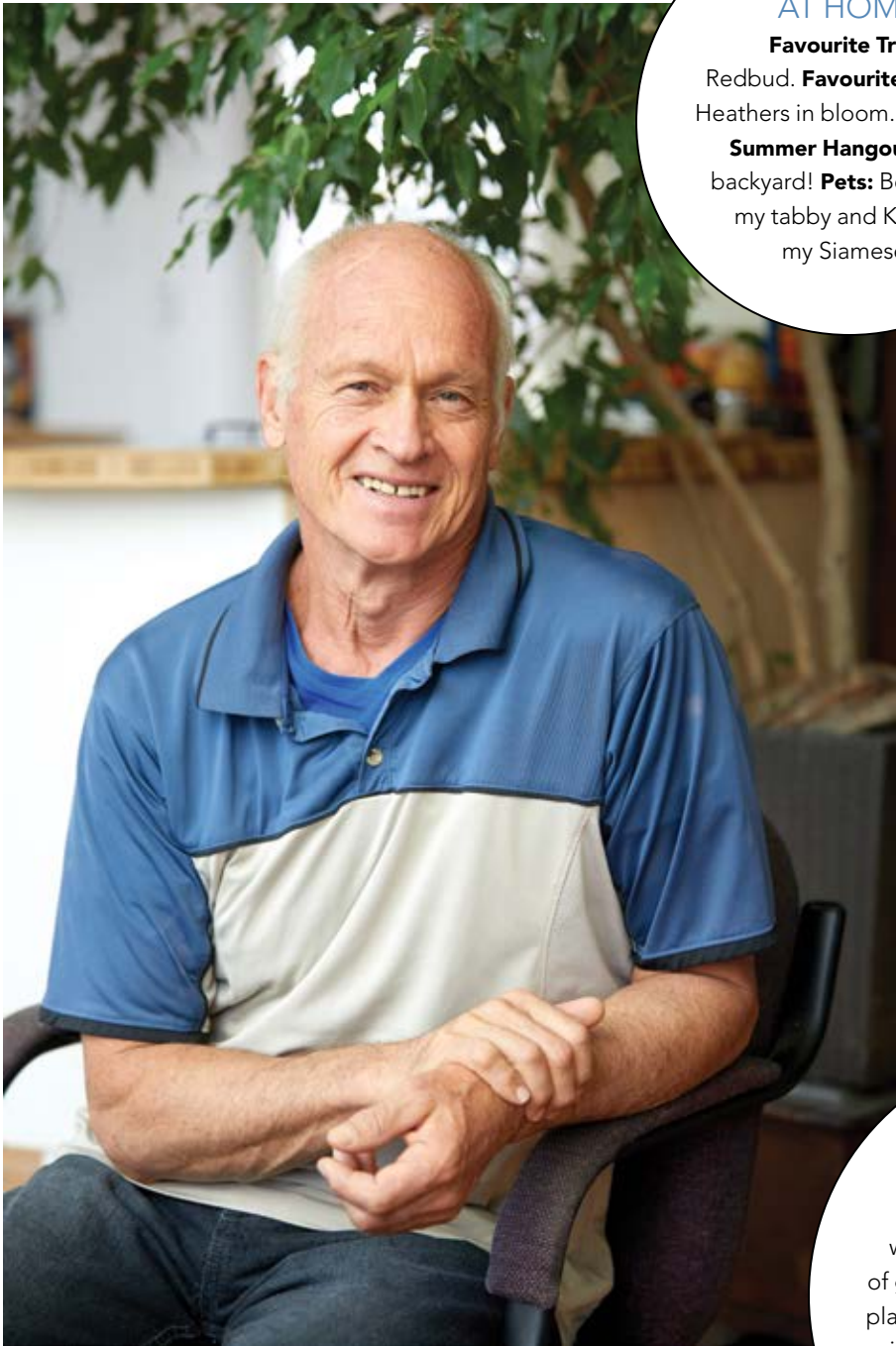


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AT HOME

Favourite Tree: Redbud. **Favourite Flower:** Heathers in bloom. **Favourite Summer Hangout:** Our backyard! **Pets:** Benjamin, my tabby and Keeper, my Siamese.

MARTIN FORD

Urban Cottage Landscapes

The foundation of our design is a focus on what makes plants healthy and grow successfully. We create designs to fit city homes and budgets of all sizes. Designs are inspired by nature and often include elements of the cottage environment such as natural curves, rocks, and water features. **oh**

AT WORK

Describe A Pocket

Woodland Design: Pocket woodland designs are made up of groups of trees, shrubs and other plants planted closely together on a raised bed of soil to ensure optimal health and longevity through rapid root establishment.

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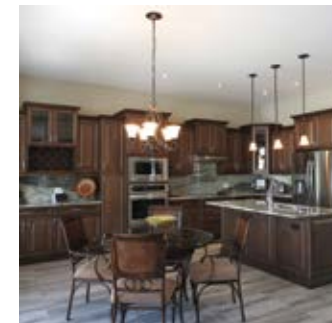
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JOSHUA CREEK FURNITURE

Joshua Creek Furniture, located in Oakville, has been in business for 21 years. Focusing on Canadian made furniture and accessories they have a large selection of solid wood bedrooms, solid wood dining, TV stands, barstools, artwork, lamps, rugs, sofas and sectionals featured in upholstery and leather. Custom options are available on many items.

The Bellini occasional chair is a contemporary design, created to compliment almost any room in the house. A pairing of The Bellini chairs flanking a sofa or sectional is the most common configuration however it can be a desirable feature piece in a master bedroom or foyer. The comfortable wraparound back features your choice of a unique curved brushed chrome or antique brass frame, following the contoured lines of the chair. What has become one of their best sellers is available in hundreds of fabrics and is proudly Made in Canada. \$1,088 as shown.

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We have a second location one block east on Springbrook Avenue, where homes start at 2,500 sq. ft. feet in the \$869,900 range for a full brick home, with granite countertops in kitchen and powder room, raised maple kitchen with crown moulding, and slow closing hinges, ten pot lights, hardwood floors, nine foot main floor, central air conditioning, stucco accents, and choice of a gas fireplace or linear electric fireplaces.

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A kitchen is often the most used area of any home, where family and friends come together. We keep this in mind when designing our layouts to achieve a functional and aesthetically pleasing design that will last for many years to come.

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ERIN MILLS PAINT & DECOR CENTRE

Erin Mills Paint & Decor Centre shares two important painting tips before you start any painting job:

1. KNOW THE TYPE OF PAINT BEFORE YOU BEGIN:
It's important to know if you have oil-based paint on the surface you are repainting, especially if you're now using latex-based paint as your topcoat. If you put latex on top of oil, the topcoat will come off like butter. To test – rub a cotton ball that has been soaked in nail polish remover with acetone in it, or pure acetone, on the surface. If the paint comes off, it's latex-based paint. If it doesn't, it's oil-based paint.

2. HOW MUCH PAINT WILL YOU NEED? Determine quantity you will need by measuring the square footage. If you are painting a wall, measure the width and the height of all the surfaces you will be painting. If you are painting a piece of furniture, measure the depth and length of the surfaces. Add together for the square footage.

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