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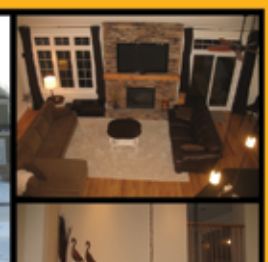
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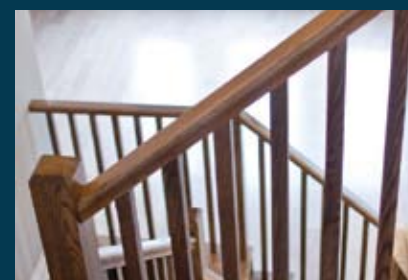
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**SIERRA WOODLANDS.** Fabulous end unit. 3 bedroom, 3 bath town home back onto a protected green space, very private. Vaulted ceilings and a stone faced gas fireplace. Hardwood floors, granite counters & a custom kitchen. Huge deck off the living room. Oversized double car garage with an inside entry below. Just minutes to the Alpine Ski Club & a short walk to the Craigleith Ski Club. **\$495,000. MLS®#20130899**



**ALPINE HILLS** Luxurious mountain chalet. 3850 sq. ft. Architecturally designed. Loaded with character. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, wood burning fireplace, upgraded fixtures, reclaimed wood floors. Double garage with inside entry on treed lot with extensive landscaping. Winter view of Georgian Bay & ski hills. Close to Craigleith & Alpine ski clubs & Intrust village. Walk to Northwinds Beach. **\$1,550,000.**



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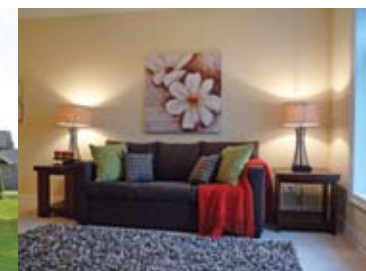
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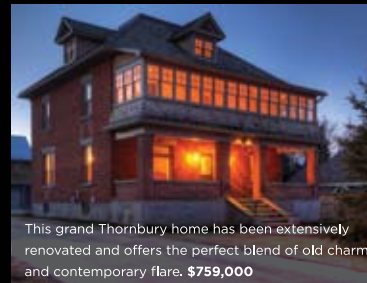


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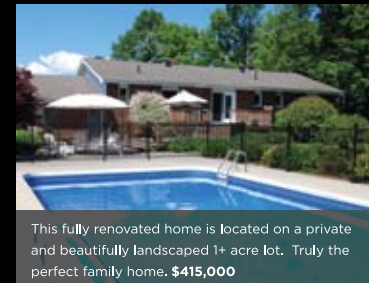
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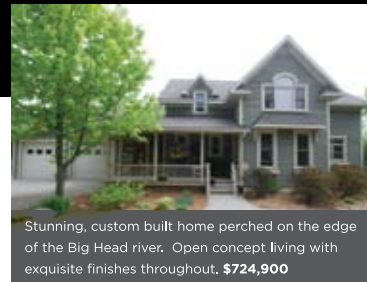
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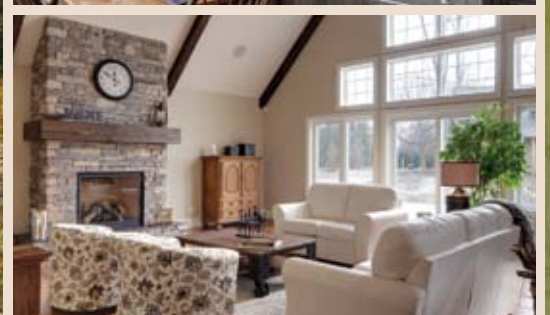
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And that includes my precious and faithful companion of 11 years, my chocolate lab, Mickey. Last spring, Momma bird nested her babies in a tree in my backyard. Fascinated with her comings and goings, Mickey listened inquisitively to the chorus of chirping babies, wondering what the heck was going on in that hole. We built Momma a stoop to feed her nestlings, but Mickey just couldn't resist getting a closer look inside their home.

I've been writing feature articles for OUR HOMES magazines for several years. With this spring issue, I'm assuming the position of Managing Editor for Southern Georgian Bay. I look forward to working with such a talented and creative team... and to featuring your special nests in our upcoming issues.

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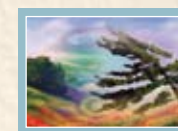


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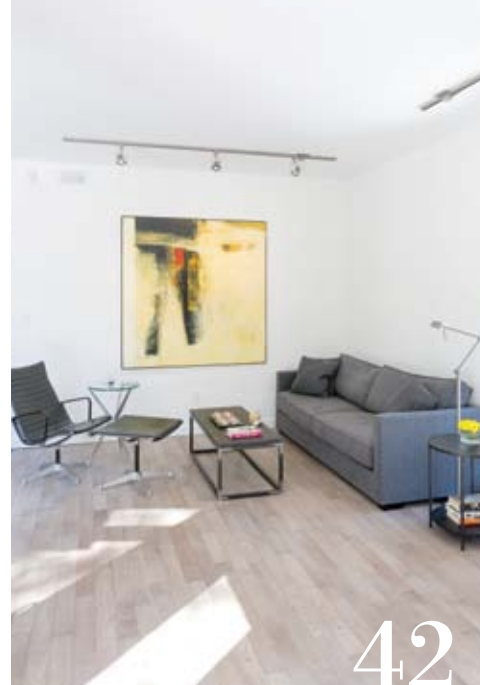


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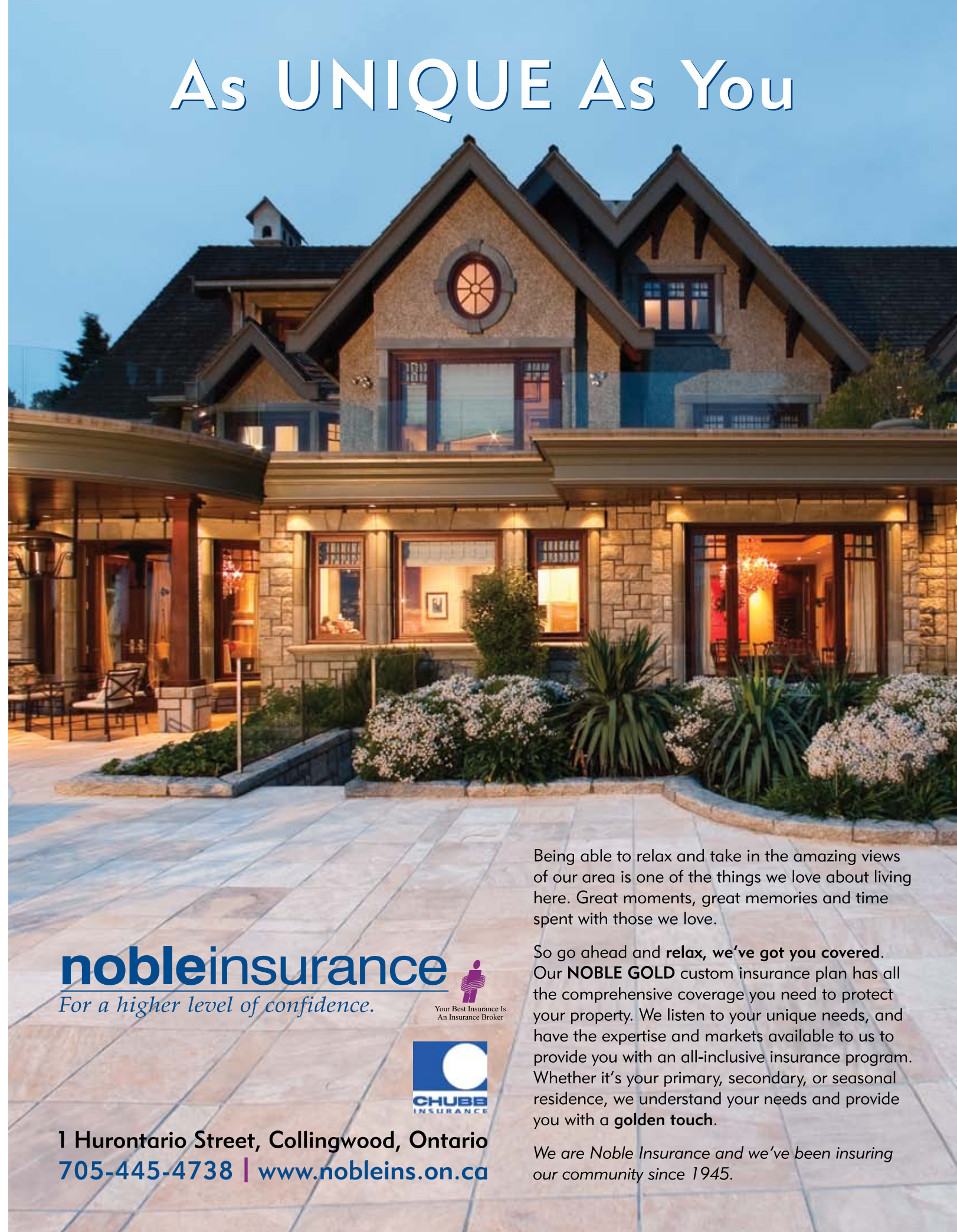


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### HOPEFULLY IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

I've hung up my skis and snowshoes and hauled out my paddleboard and collection of bicycles. I love my bikes and pedalling all over Thornbury.

Part of my newly expanded role here at OUR HOMES Southern Georgian Bay includes finding out what our readers love about our magazine. Last issue, I asked readers to let me know which cover they preferred. If you recall, the choices came from two completely different styles of homes.

I received all kinds of responses. Some readers loved the kitchen and dining area from the spectacular mountain home while others preferred the contemporary look of the cover we ultimately selected.

I put all the responses into a hat and pulled out Vanessa Burgess-Mason's name. Vanessa liked the dining room of the mountain home.

Vanessa wins an outdoor table-top fireburner from At Home Interiors (watch for their new downtown Collingwood location soon).

At OUR HOMES, we're a busy, passionate group and your feedback makes producing this all-about homes magazine even more gratifying.

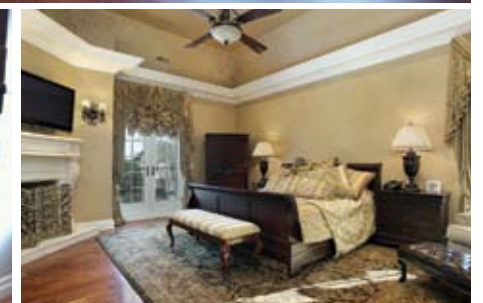
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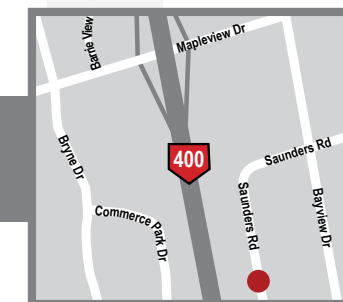
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advice

## MODERN kitchens

I'm building a new home and giving a lot of thought to my kitchen. Can you help me with some current ideas for new appliances and generally modernizing my space? – Donna



### THE MODERN KITCHEN

A kitchen has a lot of moving parts and when discussing technology we tend to focus on appliances. However, there are a few other ways to make your kitchen look modern and benefit from progress or changes in design.

Here is my Top 10 List of Kitchen Advances (including appliances) that will help you cook and entertain with ease:

1. Refrigeration. One new development is to make our fridges "smart" so to speak. LCD screens on the outside are compatible with apps for note taking, scheduling and viewing recipes. Say goodbye to sticky notes and magnets, and hello to a built-in information station. Some of the more mainstream brands are also including higher end options like LED lights, which really jazz up the interior.
2. In oven technology, one of the biggest changes is the rise in popularity of steam ovens. Injecting moisture into cooking will certainly keep meats moist, but these ovens also claim to reduce cooking time significantly. One drawback is the lack of browning you get with a traditional oven. However with that added time you can pop your chicken into your traditional oven for a quick broil.
3. With virtually no waiting time and absolute control, induction technology has changed the world of electric cooktops. The energy savings alone make up for the minor inconvenience of a glass surface (which is not resistant to scratching) and the need for magnetic pots.



Designer Stephanie Redmond  
answers your questions.

This is a small price to pay. Imagine, when your pasta starts to boil over you don't have to pick up that heavy pot to avoid a nasty mess, you simply turn the heat down and it instantly reacts.

4. A popular item that has become more affordable is the microwave drawer. With an open kitchen design, you tend to sacrifice upper cabinets. Instead, items are placed lower down, like in an island. With a microwave, this always posed a challenge. Using a drawer makes it easier as you access your food from above. This idea is brilliant.
5. Using a sensor (like in a public washroom), a touchless faucet is just that – you don't have to touch it. They are sanitary and convenient for little ones. This is ideal for hand washing (because they mix hot and cold water) but as your main kitchen faucet, you still have to adjust the temperature the old fashioned way.
6. A really luxe cabinetry option is the electronic drawer slide. You lightly touch the face of your drawer and it will electronically push itself out. To close, simply touch the face again and in it will go. No more slamming and no more half closed drawers, but beware of the cost!
7. LED lighting technology has developed in leaps and bounds. If you were hesitant due to the inability to dim your lights and the cold stark tone, those problems have been solved. Warm light and dimmable bulbs make LED lighting the next generation in all things lit. The bulbs are pricey, but you will save big in the long run – they last for years and are energy efficient... and fully recyclable too!
8. Stainless steel and glass are not exactly new to the world, but their use in a modern setting can be remarkable. A glass or stainless backsplash is sleek and seamless (depending on size) making it a clean option compared to porous grout lines. Stainless toe kicks (the base of the cabinet) create a nice modern detail and glass walls make an otherwise dull space reflective and bright.
9. One of my favourite uses for an iPad is as a never-ending recipe book, however to use it properly you need a great stand. Try the P2 by Elago for a simple and affordable solution. Next time you have a question about cooking a roast, the answer will be right in front of you.
10. Whether cooking for yourself or a group, music is definitely important. So for the kitchen, try the Sonos wireless music system. This can be loaded onto your tablet (or maybe your fridge!) and connect you with any music, radio show or station you can access online. Limitless listening. I consider this a must-have (it's easy to use too).

The key to modernizing your space is to make it work for you. Think about how you live in your kitchen and what tools are important to you. For myself, it had to be sparse, clean, quick and easy. Translation: My appliances have glass fronts for easy cleaning; I installed big, long stainless pulls on my drawers for easy access; and my tablet became a permanent kitchen fixture. The only trouble is keeping it on the counter, and not in the hands of the kids! **OH**

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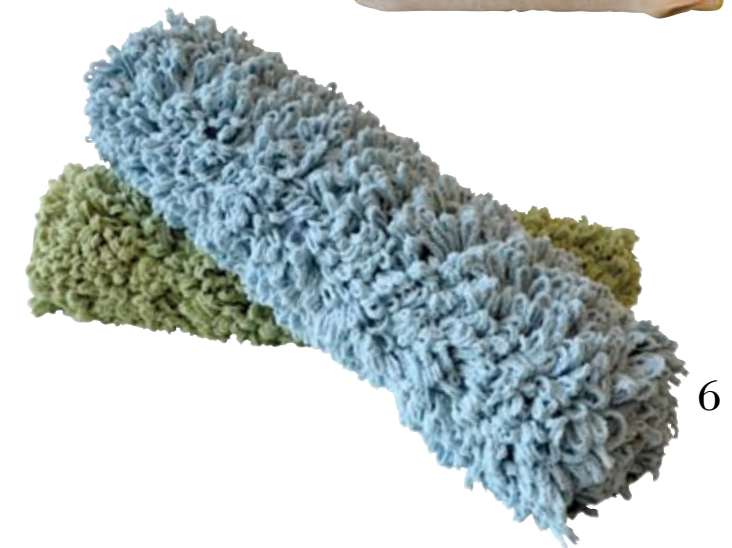
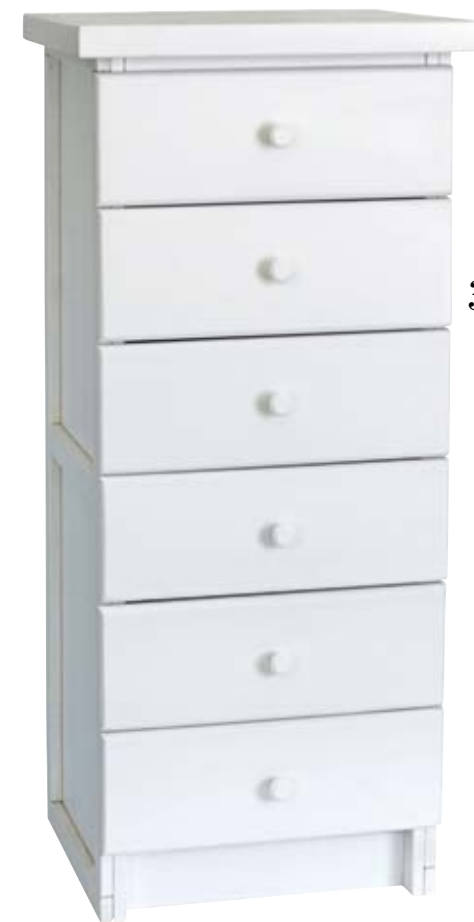
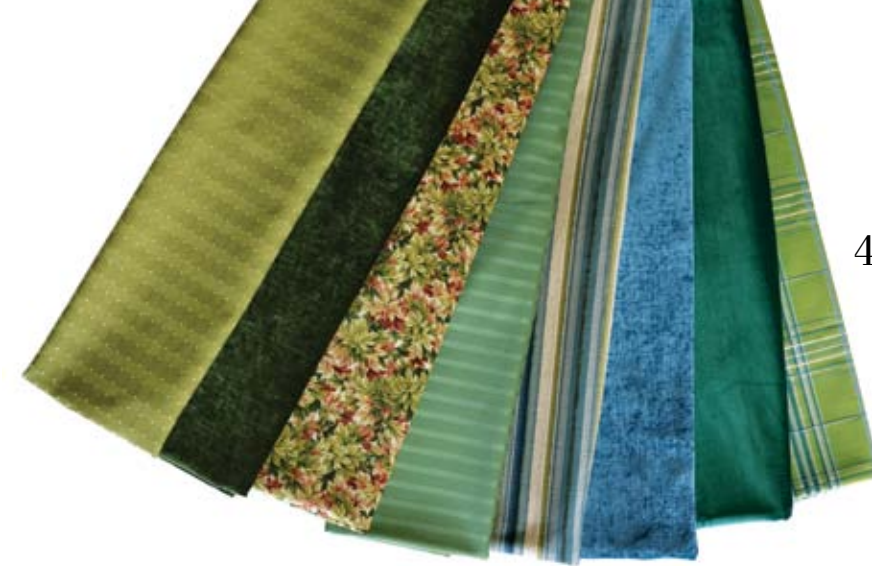
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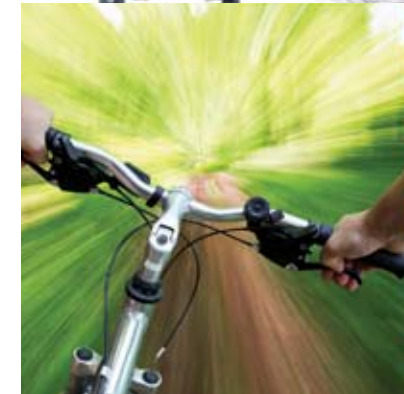
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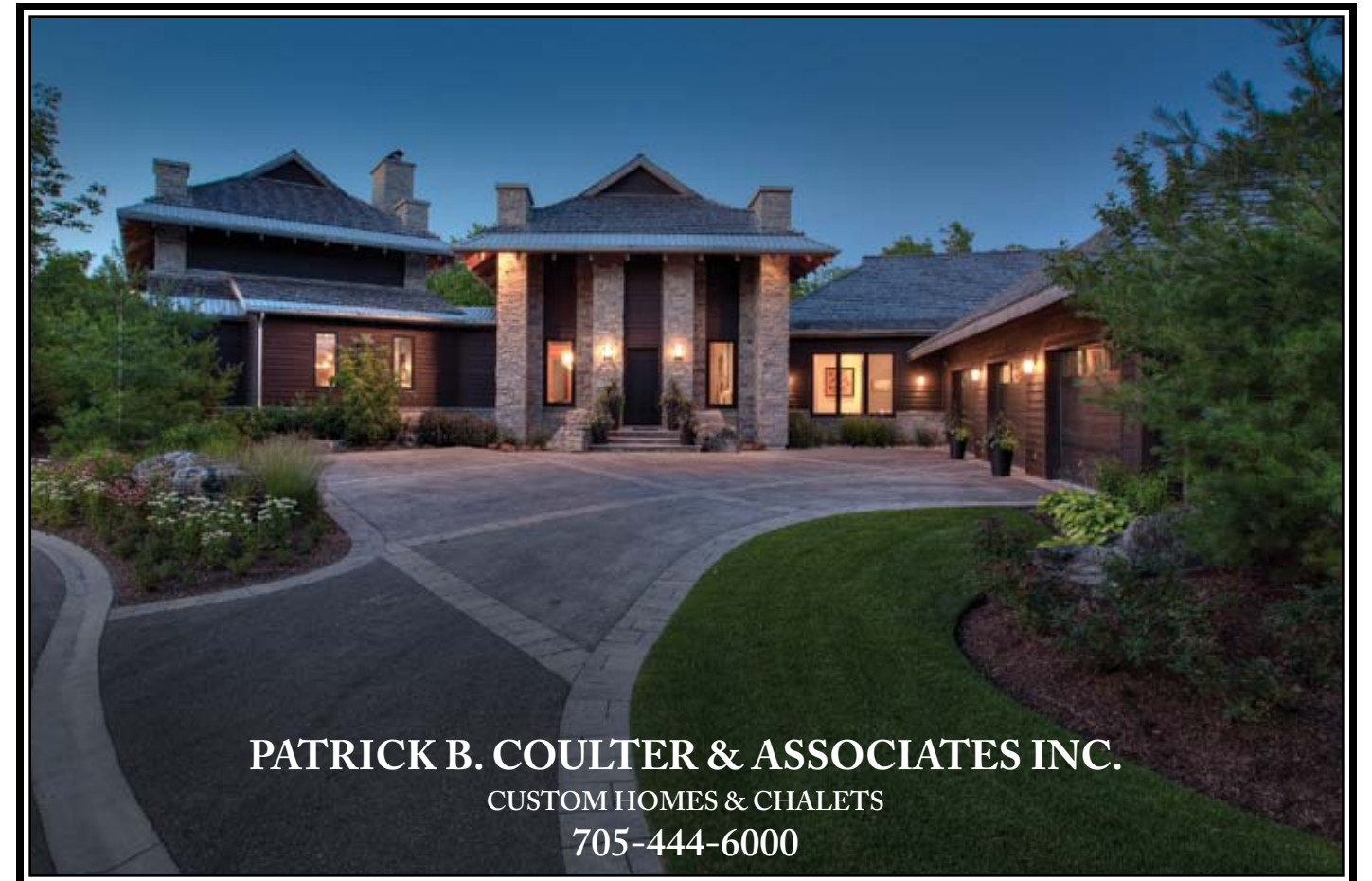
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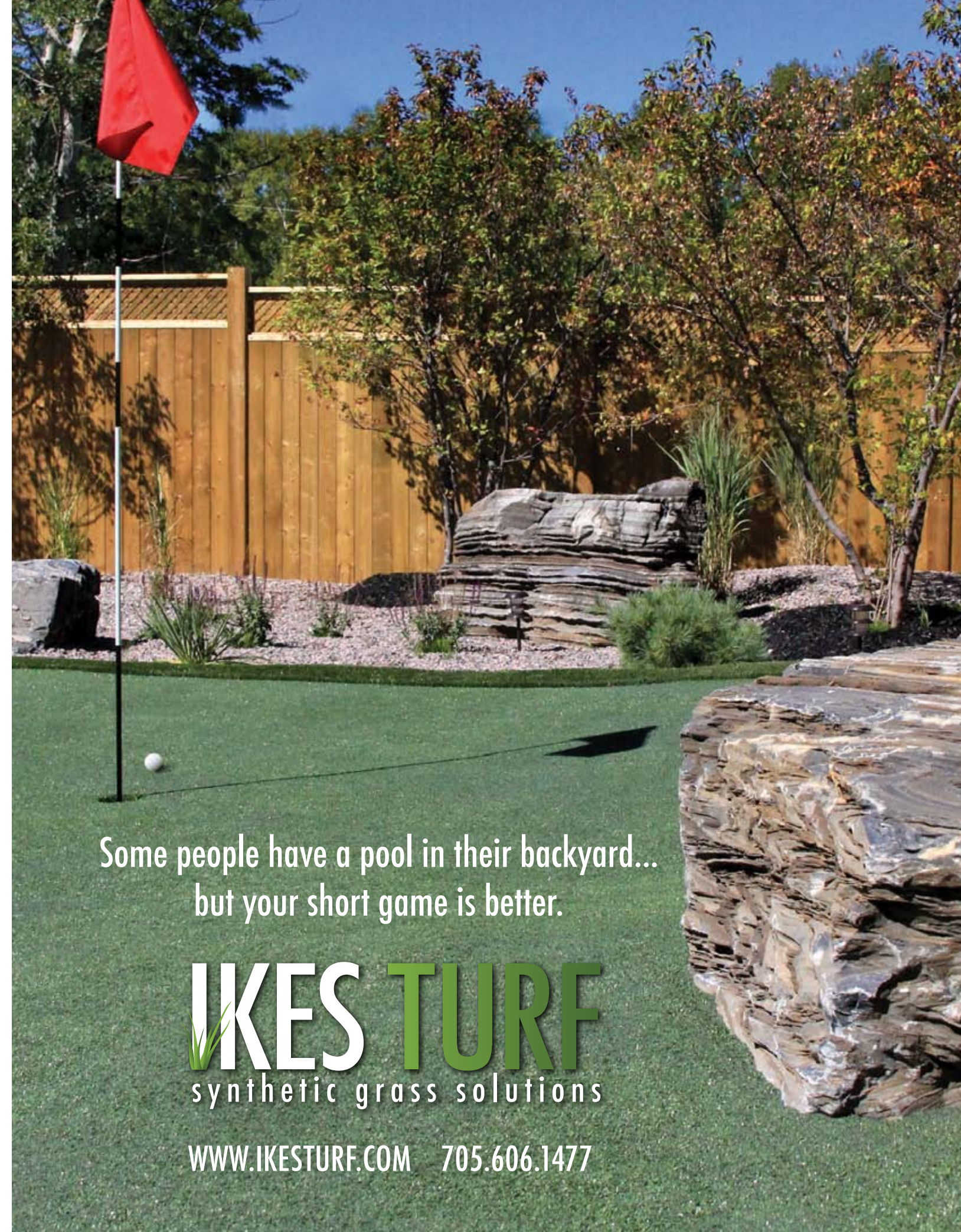
PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELANIE REKOLA

In this day and age where countless people live in cramped residential subdivisions, many underestimate their potential for a beautiful backyard. Most would look at these postage-stamp yards as a downfall, but on the contrary, there are some wonderful advantages to having a small outdoor space. The first being that your results will be almost instantaneous! Plus, your maintenance will be undemanding, and the cost less significant. Read on to ensure maximum use and impact from your small garden space.

### THE DESIGN:

**The Patio:** Straight lines make the best use of patio space, plus feel clean and modern. Hard, straight lines are easily softened by plant materials. However, if curvature is a must, choosing gentle arching lines will maximize your usable space. While it seems contrary, large pavers can make a patio feel more spacious, especially in tight areas. To further this illusion, place pavers on the diagonal. All stone fades over time so the colour that matches today may not in years to come. Neutrals are always the best colour option as they won't overwhelm a small patio area.

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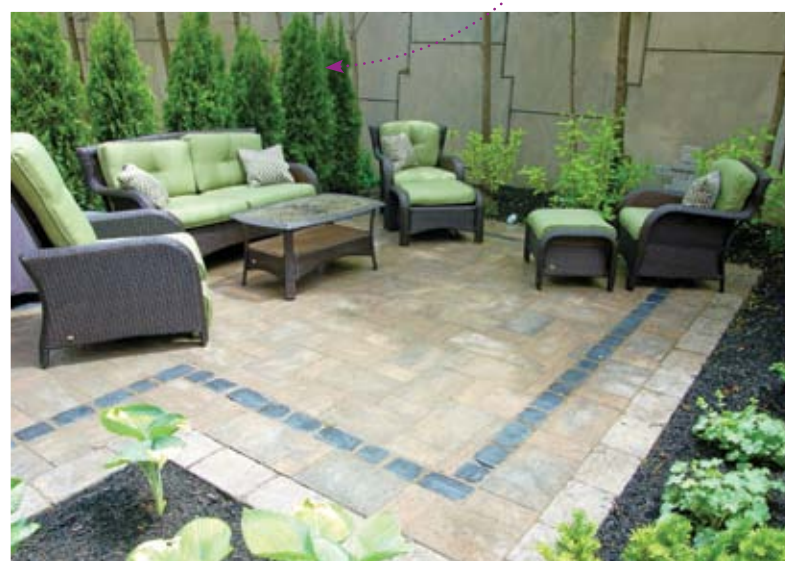
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Making use of a sculpture or water feature helps to create a focal point for your garden design.

Narrow-growth trees such as Emerald Cedar can fit in a tight space, soften your hard-scape and add winter interest.



**Trees, Trees, Trees:** All good year-round garden planning begins with evergreens and deciduous trees as it is these elements that will carry your garden through those desolate winter months. Think slender evergreen trees such as Emerald Cedar. Cedar has the wonderful benefit of being extremely malleable in pruning so it easily fits in tight spaces where privacy or a vertical element is needed. Single trunk, open habit, or small statured deciduous trees are the best choice in tight spaces. They can be easily pruned beneath to create living space and also generate a lovely ceiling effect. I adore Eastern Redbud, Pin Oak, and Sunburst Honey Locust.

**High Impact Shrubs and Perennials:** The grouping of shrubs and perennials is always a good approach as it gives the eye a rest before moving on to the next texture or colour. Long blooming Little Lamb hydrangea and repeat blooming Bloomerang dwarf lilac are good shrub options. For perennials, repeat blooming daylilies and the incredible long/repeat blooming Orion Cranesbill are fine selections. Consider choosing a strategically placed larger specimen shrub/small tree such as Betty Magnolia or Summer Gold Corna Kousa Dogwood in a part of the garden that can be hidden. Gardens are meant to be explored, therefore a bit of mystery lends to a space feeling larger.

**Don't Forget The Vines:** Another way to maximize vertical elements without sacrificing precious living space is by planting vines. Consider the large-leafed Dutchman's Pipe to mask an unsightly wall or fine textured Trumpet Vine to train up your latticework. I always say, "when you need a quick fix, plant a vine." Sadly, they are much underused and are often forgotten in a garden altogether.

**Focal Point:** A focal point such as a garden sculpture or water feature can be just the thing to punch up the wow factor and make a little yard seem more spacious. Perhaps some ornamental boulders placed randomly throughout the garden would be appropriate, which can double as a casual seating spot or make-shift table.

#### TIPS AND BEYOND

**Play With Perspectives:** Perspectives can do much to make a petite space feel bigger. Give the illusion of depth by placing large-leafed/brightly coloured plants towards the entry and cool tones/fine textures towards

the back. Try a specimen or grouping of the trendy and mysterious black plants in a far corner, such as Black Lace Elder or Purple Emperor Sedum.

**Use All Land:** Consider making use of your front or side yard. Installing a seating area/garden in these places is an efficient utilization of space. The trick to making these open areas feel comfortable is to provide the proper privacy needed. Plant materials, a screen or a combination of both are the tools needed to achieve this. Maximize useable space and forgo lawn altogether, if possible. Lawn only looks good "en masse" plus it's useless and high maintenance to have chopped up bits of lawn scattered here and there.

**Keep It Simple, Stupid:** Continuity will be achieved by composing a small plant list and using repetition. Be stringent with plant choices and sow only what has at least two of these attributes listed: interesting bark, attractive leaves, berries, flowers, seed pods, fall colour, appealing texture and form. A common mistake many make is to choose upon flower alone. Choosing the multiple attributes listed will ensure your garden's beauty throughout the seasons.

On a less serious note, spring is here! In Canada, our season is short and time precious. Do your due diligence and plan now. You can get to the fun parts faster. Then off to the nursery with you! **OH**

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# vacation HOUSE SWAPS

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The biggest investment you will ever make is your home, and if you like to travel you can use your property as a kind of vacation currency. In fact, you can eliminate a chunk of your travel costs simply by exchanging your home with someone who can offer theirs to you for the same period of time in a place you want to go, say, France, Australia or San Francisco. In short, you're house swapping. It's not really a new idea, given one of the oldest vacation home exchange organizations, HomeLink International, has been around since 1953. But when the Internet transformed our lives not so long ago, and the economy tightened up, home exchange programs blossomed. Now, potential exchangers can communicate directly with each other in seconds, posting and previewing thousands of alluring vacation property pictures with a simple click. In fact, Google Maps will take you right to the front door of pretty much any property you want to check out.

If the house swap idea appeals to you, first ask yourself: Am I a trusting and trustworthy individual who is relaxed and easy-going? We all know from experience that beautiful pictures don't necessarily tell the whole story. John Mesinger, of the website [www.homeexchange guru.com](http://www.homeexchange guru.com), says, "There will be problems and glitches, and you must accept these gracefully." Although he and his family are veterans, having participated in 12 vacation exchanges worldwide, he adds, "When you arrive in a strange home in a strange place, it takes you a while to get used to the home, its quirks, and the region."

Still thinking of those dollars you'll save? The chance to live like a local in another culture? Spacious quarters, rather than cramped hotel rooms? If the answer is yes, follow these steps... and start packing!

## ARRANGE THE EXCHANGE

- **JOIN A REPUTABLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.** You will likely have to pay a fee to list your home. For example, [www.homelink.org/canada](http://www.homelink.org/canada) charges \$150 for a basic one-year membership.
- **PUT TIME ON YOUR SIDE.** You're not just booking a hotel, so start planning well ahead of when you actually want to travel.
- **BE FLEXIBLE.** The more date ranges you put out there - for example two or three weeks between July 1 and August 31 and two weeks between February 15 and March 31 - the more likely you'll find an appealing exchange. Don't limit your destinations. Even though you've always wanted to see Tuscany, that dreamy California cottage might be available exactly when you are able to travel. Consider travelling to spots where house exchanges are popular, such as Australia, New Zealand, Western Europe, New York, and North America's West Coast.
- **SING YOUR OWN PRAISES,** especially if you do not live in a popular tourist destination. Maybe you're not in downtown Toronto, but you are offering a spacious property with a backyard pool. Stress the big city is within easy driving distance of your place and describe the many other fun day trips nearby.
- **EMAIL POTENTIAL EXCHANGE PARTNERS.** Get to know individuals, as well as you can online, to

see if you click. Some sites provide client reviews of exchange homes and families.

- **GET IT IN WRITING.** Most programs provide an exchange agreement signed by both parties covering issues such as utility expenses and any domestic responsibilities such as pet care and grass cutting.

## PREPARE YOUR HOME

- **CLEAN UP.** Make sure your place is spic and span, and the beds are made with freshly laundered linens. Leave a change of sheets. Provide two sets of towels per person.
- **REMOVE CLUTTER.** Pack away precious belongings and free up some dresser drawers and closet space.
- **PROVIDE A MANUAL** of how things work in your home. Leave the name of a neighbour or handyman who can be called in an emergency.
- **MAKE SURE YOUR INSURANCE IS UP TO DATE** and that your policy covers any damage done in your absence. This is especially important if your exchange partner will be driving your vehicle. Insurers will like the fact that your home is occupied in your absence.
- **PROVIDE A TOURIST INFORMATION FILE** and maps for your guests.
- **LEAVE A SMALL WELCOME GIFT** such as a nice bottle of wine or a few gourmet treats.

Your chances of arranging a great exchange are better if you own a vacation property, especially one in a popular tourist destination. And because it's not your primary residence, you won't have to worry as much about finding exact dates that work for both partners in the exchange.

If your best surprise is no surprise, house swapping may not be your ticket. If, however, you're the type who prefers new experiences to predictable ones, you'll likely find the exchange exciting and a great way to enjoy the comforts of another home... almost as much as your own. **OH**














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# OCTAGONAL ZEN

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Before building the new addition, the Bush family spent most of their time watching movies or TV in front of the fireplace. Now the family of four gravitates to the open-concept bridge area, which feels like a screened-in room, where they play guitar, read, and enjoy morning coffee or cocktails with friends.





Sometimes, when you step across the threshold into someone's abode for the very first time, it feels like you've been there before. Because it feels like home.

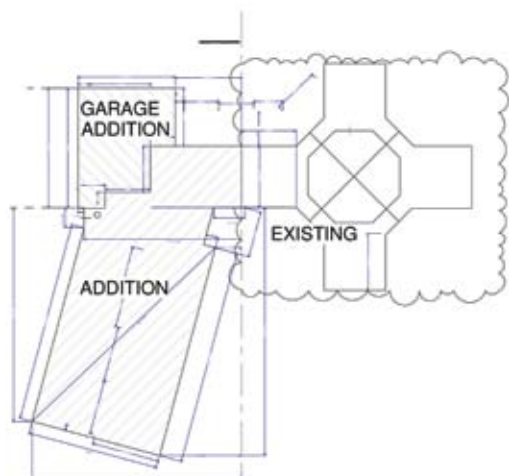
Many elements make a house a home and it's hard to pinpoint which ones evoke that warm and welcoming feeling. Maybe it's the architectural design or the space itself. Perhaps it's the way the light shines in or something about the décor. Could it be the homeowners? Maybe it's a combination of several things... or all of the above.

Matthew and Gabrielle Bush own such a home. It took them five years to find. And five minutes to buy. The year was 2002. A For Sale sign had just gone up, the property had yet to be listed, and they were the only ones to tour it. But the Toronto couple knew right away that this was one special home.

It was a very unusual little house because it was shaped like an octagon, and featured four pods in the main living space (2 bedrooms, a bathroom, and a kitchen). The original building was a 1,100 sq. ft. Austin Powers-style ski chalet, built in 1976, complete with shagadelic orange carpet, silver support column and sunken, in-the-round vintage fireplace. Sunlight streamed in the windows; a verdant forest beckoned at every angle.

Initially, the two-bedroom, one bathroom Thornbury cottage was a tight squeeze for the family of four, but they made it work, bunk beds and all, while they felt out the space and land, and took their time designing an addition. Their small, pie-shaped lot (wider at the back) proved to be an ideal configuration to add a complementary wing to the octagon.

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Stunning paintings by Owen Sound artist Drew Harris add a splash of vivid colour throughout the home - a lovely contrast to Gabrielle's clean and simple white walls. **OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT:** While renos were underway, someone penciled on the Bushes' door: "Mark Brown doesn't build houses. He builds pianos", in reference to how the contractor created a 'tight fit' in the home. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A sketch by Redman Watson Design Consultants illustrates the proposed additions to the existing octagon on the Bushes' pie-shaped lot. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Before (inset)... and after. DJ Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Ltd. installed a flat roof on the addition, and the Bushes sourced out a unique, ripple-glass commercial garage door that actually glows when the house is lit up at night.





The couple wanted their master bedroom to feel like they were sleeping in the forest. Simple, Japanese-style paper shades grace the floor-to-ceiling windows. **OPPOSITE TOP:** The bedroom pod features a long hallway into the master bedroom and en suite, offering a spectacular view of the surrounding forest. Commercial track lighting and industrial hardware on the walk-in door add a sleek, contemporary look. **BOTTOM:** The master en suite is Matthew and Gabrielle's private sanctuary, where they wanted to create a spa-type feel. A simple feature wall, tiled in Quartzite Grey Strip Mosaic, separates the bathroom from the bedroom in this airy, open-concept space.

"We always knew exactly what we wanted to do with this place," says Gabrielle. "It was a really, really positive space. It was basic, with a modern vibe and beautiful views to the forest."

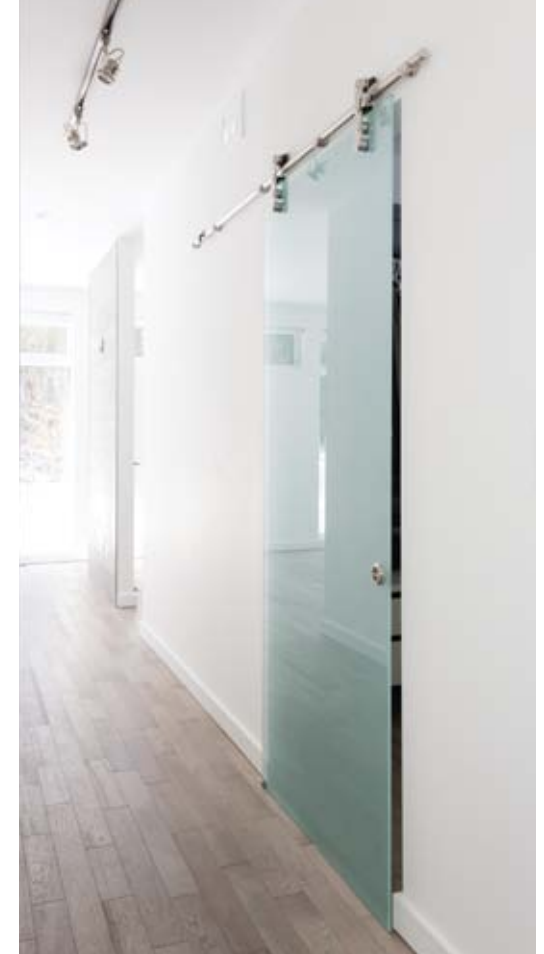
Ten years later, the transformation began. The Bushes worked closely with local builder, **Mark Brown** of **A.M Contracting**, who previously renovated the home. Singhampton design consultant **Jo Redman** (**Redman Watson**) sketched the couple's open-concept ideas into reality.

"We started renovating in September 2011," says Brown, "and we built a funky bedroom addition. Both Gabrielle and Matthew knew exactly what they wanted, and were 100 per cent involved in the whole process."

The Bushes re-did the floors in the original cottage (brushed-stained oak from **Floorcrafters**), replaced all the windows and walkouts (Strassburger 4000 series from **Cedarport Window & Door Centre Inc.**), as well as the exterior siding, moved the front door and replaced old fixtures with more industrial, LED track lighting.

"It's a very different layout," explains Matthew. "When we renovated, we wanted to maximize the shape of the lot, keep the feel of the inside, preserve the octagon and just add on to it."

Today's new 1,400 sq. ft. pod adds a modern, industrial feel to the home. The wing features a spectacular master bedroom with open en suite, two bedrooms, joined by a funky little music room, and a shared bathroom for the couple's teenagers, Ali and Max. *Continued on page 48*





**RIGHT:** Says Matthew, “We sleep and work in Toronto. We live and play in Thornbury.” Both Matthew and Gabrielle spend as much time as possible in their newly renovated home. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Everything in the Bush home is simple and functional. The space is well thought out, and a minimalist décor lends a spacious feel to the design. **BELOW:** Aside from re-doing the floors, everything inside the octagon was preserved, and because of the home’s unique shape, Gabrielle says it’s super easy to spot on Google Earth.



A unique, 12-foot wide bridge joins the old pod with the new in spectacular style. It’s all about the windows and the view. “The bridge was totally dictated by putting the bedroom wing as close to the opposite property line, because it’s a pie-shaped lot,” explains Matthew. He opted to forego all window trim, giving the drywall returns a clean, commercial look.

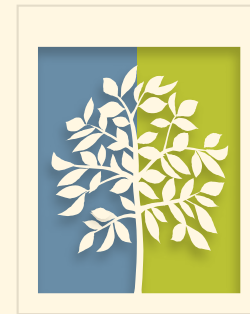
“We wanted the house to have a sense of light and space, but we didn’t want it to be cold because it’s all about family,” says Gabrielle. “We wanted our kids to have a forever home to come home to, but there’s definitely an industrial aspect to the design.”

Floor-to-ceiling windows bathe the master bedroom in natural light. Says Gabrielle, “we wanted our bedroom to feel like we were sleeping in the forest.” A sizable walk-in closet showcases a sliding, frosted glass door with exposed futuristic-like industrial hardware. *Continued on page 50*



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The home is simply and tastefully decorated by Gabrielle. All the walls are white, and the interior space beautifully reflects the outside environment. “The best thing about this house is the spectacular view down the long hallway to the master bedroom.”

“There’s something very feng shui about this octagon,” says Gabrielle. “It’s something about the energy flow.”

So what’s with octagons? For thousands of years, this unique, eight-sided architectural shape symbolized regeneration, rebirth, and renewal. To Buddhists, it meant completion. To the Chinese, it symbolized good luck and completeness.

Octagons offer several advantages: they enclose space more efficiently than a standard square, on average, offering 20 per cent more space than a square with the same perimeter, and they maximize external wall surface, decreasing heat loss and gain. Octagonal designs offer panoramic views and easier orientation on the building site. “Acoustically, audio quality is best in an octagonal-shaped room,” adds Matthew. *Continued on page 52*



**ABOVE:** A fresh bouquet and colourful accessories from Paperwhite Flowers, and a decadent lemon meringue pie from the Thornbury Bakery brighten up the dining room.  
**TOP RIGHT:** Artist Drew Harris, an occasional guest at the Bush cottage, gifted the family a humorous sketch of cottage life, which hangs in a prominent place in the kitchen beside a whimsical wrought-iron sculpture purchased in a local Thornbury shop.  
**RIGHT:** A view from the bridge to the octagon. The Bushes have plans to renovate the original kitchen and bathroom, which the family of four shared for 10 years.



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**ABOVE:** Privacy at last! The couple's son Max finally has his own spacious bedroom, which is flooded with natural light.  
**RIGHT:** Daughter Ali relaxes on her bed, delighted to have neighbours her age living just across the street.

"We didn't want this modern space to be cold, because it's a family home, but we don't treat it like a formal place," says Gabrielle. "We live here. Kids have friends over. They play music. The yappy dog runs around and we want that family warmth to come through."

Which it does. Loud and clear. Today, for some strange reason, everyone on the street seems to gravitate to the Bush home.

Could it be the magic of the octagon? **OH**



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BY JULIE SIMMONDS  
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**THE STYLE:** Touted as a destination store, Habitat stocks an array of tasteful treasures, ranging from oversized statement pieces to trendy trinkets that will delight the most travelled and experienced customer. "This is not just a high-end store," says Christine, emphasizing that Habitat works to develop a partnership with customers. "Meeting the customer, carefully listening to their needs and preferences is key to a long-lasting successful partnership." Products include everything from Dash and Albert rugs to Fatboy Furniture. Habitat also offers its own line of upholstery with over 500 samples to choose from to customize Canadian-made, solid-wood furniture delivered within four to six weeks.

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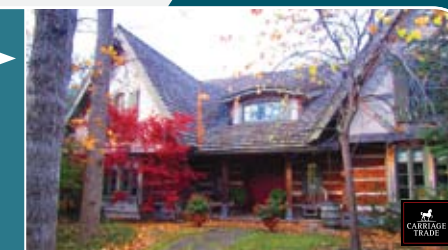
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**Jason:** For construction to  
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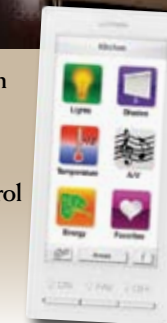
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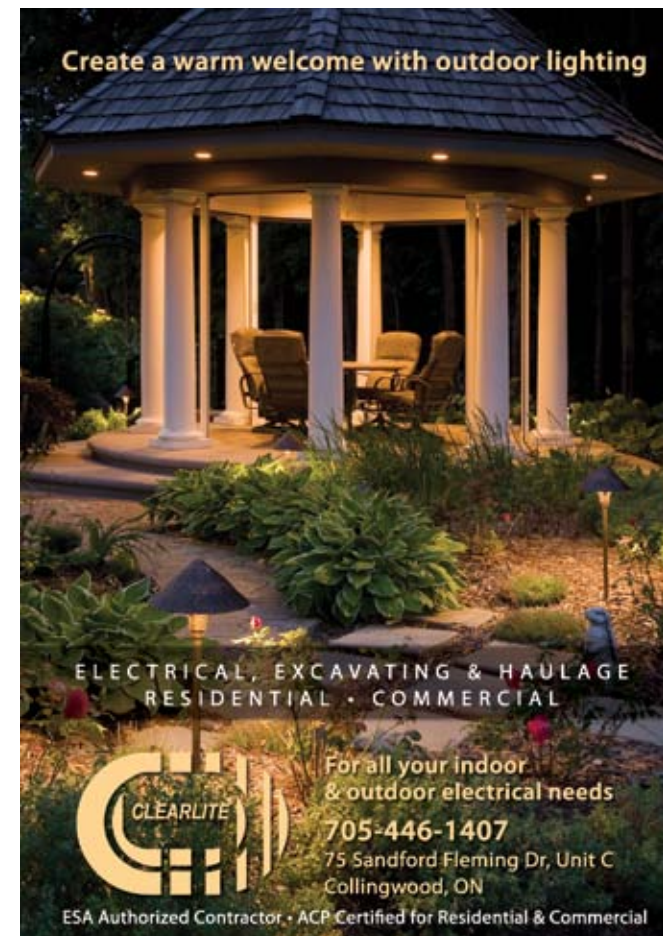


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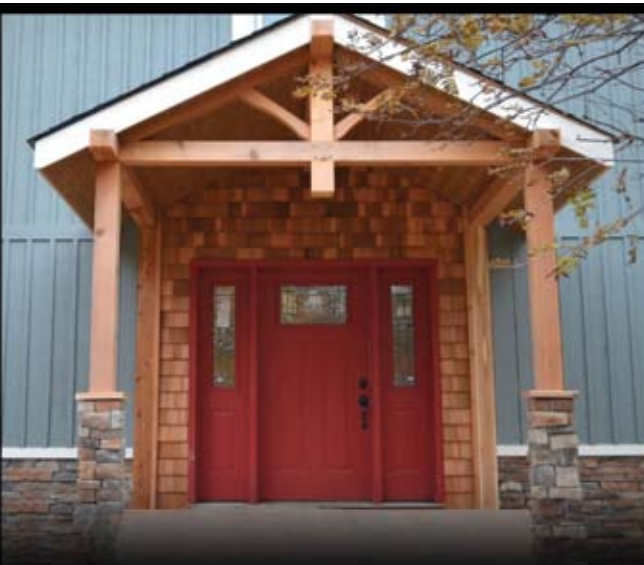
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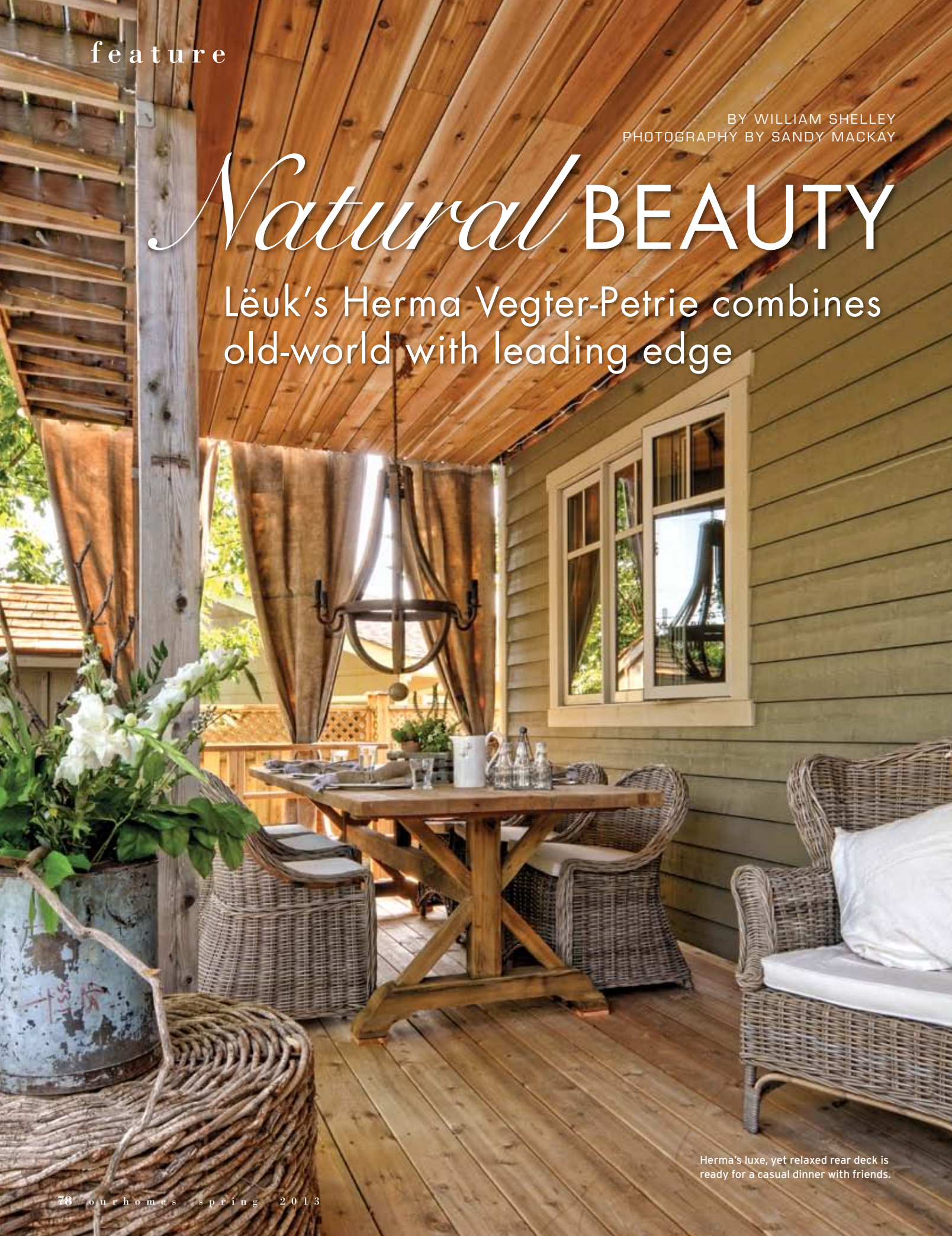
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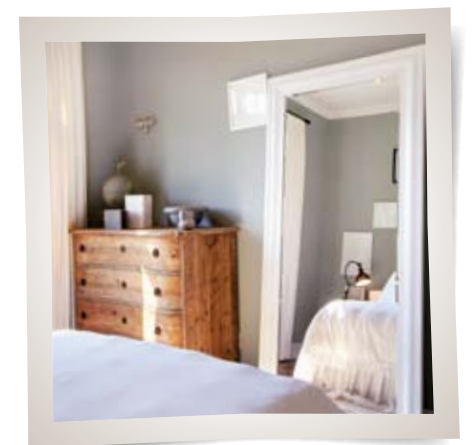
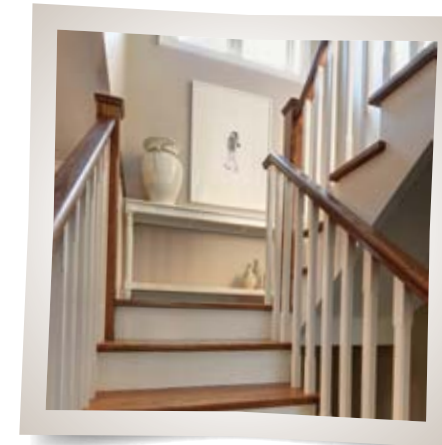
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Lëuk's Herma Vegter-Petrie combines old-world with leading edge



Herma's luxe, yet relaxed rear deck is ready for a casual dinner with friends.



Calm and natural: these words recur several times when talking to Herma Vegter-Petrie, owner of Collingwood's **Lëuk Bij Hermas Interiors**. A boutique furniture, linen, bridal registry, gift and floral design store, its name – which translates roughly as “cute” in Dutch – references Herma's European background. Her unique style is inspired by this heritage.

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Natural elements take centre stage in Herma's backyard. The pool is new and the décor reflects a simple desire to enjoy the sunshine in natural comfort with family and friends.



"It's where old-world meets leading edge," she elaborates. "Natural and warm tones and products. It's more of a feeling than a style." Whatever it is, people feel calmed and comforted by her confluence of tones, textures and art objects, both in Lëuk and in the home she shares with her husband Bob, and visiting children. When people walk inside they say, "I want to live here!" Herma reports. "This is because it's calm, and not distracting." She chooses clean lines and natural materials over splashy colours or gimmickry.

Herma redecorated the home, and together with Bob, remodeled the basement, which matches the rest of the house with its emphasis on cream

tones and linen. "My palette is usually cream," she says. "Tone on tone." The curtains are all linen from Lëuk, as are the bedspreads, furniture coverings and slipcovers throughout the house. A sliding barnboard door – designed by Herma and built by **Carl Pardy of Norex Construction Inc.** – adds a rustic accent to the basement's smooth palette. Barnboard and reclaimed wood are clear favourites, showing up both in the Lëuk store sign and interior, and throughout her home. "This is an element I wanted to bring into both my home and the store," she says. She prefers natural wood without gloss or tinted finishes. Several ingenious driftwood sculptures and wall hangings by a Canadian artist adorn various rooms.

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There are no covers on the windows in many of Herma's rooms as she and her husband prefer to see the spectacular views of Blue Mountain and Georgian Bay. Inside, natural fabrics on overstuffed chairs and sofas provide a desirable place to sit and enjoy the fire, wood and metal that set the tone in this comfortable great room. **OPPOSITE:** Herma loves raw, reclaimed, beautifully crafted and designed furniture and accessories. Her dishes are on display in the reclaimed wooden sideboard in the great room. Her modern kitchen is quite busy, with fresh ingredients at the ready. Meals are served in Herma's version of a formal dining room, where linen-covered chairs surround a carved wooden table. The chandelier is made of an old wine barrel.







**LEFT:** Expect the unexpected in Herma's home. This large mirror sparkles in the hallway as you enter the master bedroom.  
**BELOW:** Slate walls and a river-rock floor cover the shower in the en suite.



The house is laid out in a reverse plan, with the media room and bedrooms in the basement, den and more bedrooms on the ground floor, and the great room, open concept kitchen/dining room and master bedroom on the second floor, which boasts 12-foot ceilings and nine-foot doorways.

Wood is again the dominant motif here, from the distressed oak floors to the handmade Kenyan mask mounted above the fireplace mantel. The great room cabinet and coffee table are made of reclaimed wood, as is the dining room table and several other pieces. The impressive dining room chandelier is made from a reclaimed wine barrel.

Not only is most of the wood reclaimed, much of the décor is too – in particular the several large whitewashed olive jugs from Turkey, which, in their past lives actually held olives. Numerous copper and resin bowls by British Columbia's Martha Sturdy – an internationally acclaimed artist and designer known for her focus on elemental materials – provide another notable design motif. Additionally, Italian pewter plates on the wall lend an impeccable accent to offset the earth tones. *Continued on page 88*





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The den is a delight. Herma's casual, natural style comes together in this room, where reindeer pelts and driftwood sculptures find a home. Sliding doors lead to the deck and the pool area for warm-weather fun.



Herma designed one of the great room's linen-covered sofas, and all the chair slipcovers, which keep their shape with the aid of wood inserts. She has draped several Canadian reindeer pelts over the chairs and sofas. The Aboriginal Peoples in the Canadian north who hunt these animals, Herma points out, use every part of the animal. The reindeer motif is echoed in the striking wooden art object that can't fail to catch your attention on the wall as you enter the great room from the stairs: a reindeer head with long antlers, carved in meticulous detail from unfinished softwood by a California sculptor.

The master bedroom faces Blue Mountain, and you can see the waters of Georgian Bay through the great room porch doors. A covered two-storey porch (by Carl Parby) overlooks the large saltwater pool in the backyard, a recent addition by **Clear Choice Pools & Spas** and **David Grexton, Grexton Concrete Solutions Inc.** Perched in between the region's top natural features, this home is a complement to its surroundings. On the subject of her attraction to natural and reclaimed materials, Herma adds: "It appeals to everyone, from young to old. People love 'natural' and always have." **OH**



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Nothing quite compares to the adrenaline rush you get while shopping for antiques – imagining where a piece came from, who it belonged to, and what it was used for is exciting.

The best part is that feeling you get when you have to have it, and you better grab it right away or someone else will. Remember: you snooze you lose!

Going through museum-like shops is an adventure and if you're a serious shopper looking for authentic antiques, then it's very important that you go well equipped. Here are some tips and guidelines to encourage a smart purchase and to avoid disappointment.

## 1. Do Your Homework

Taking a few hours and getting online or digging into a couple of books is well worth it so that you're well educated when it comes to buying the right item for you. You will want to learn about how to tell if an item is authentic or a reproduction, and what traits and characteristics to look for in determining the value. Just because something has a high price tag doesn't mean that it's real. The main goal is to make a confident buy and feel good about what you are taking home at the end of the day.

There is a vast array of books on this subject – my top picks include:

- Miller's Antiques Handbook and Price Guide 2012-2013
- Unitt's Book of Marks on Antiques & Collectibles
- Antiques 101: A Crash Course in Everything Antique

## 2. Restoration

Just because a piece looks "old" doesn't mean it's the perfect antique. It may actually be in very poor condition and in need of some TLC. Always fully inspect the item before deciding to buy it:

- Open its drawers or doors
- Examine the bottom of it
- Check that its legs or arms are steady
- Pick up the piece to see if anything falls off
- Smell the item – odd odours could mean rot or decay
- Look for any cracked glass
- Run your hand against the surface (if an antique is chipped, torn or damaged in any way, it may decrease its value drastically). If the piece is in need of some work, then it's a good idea to ask the seller if they know how and if it can be reconditioned. It's always wise to know what to expect ahead of time, so that way you know what you're in for once it's yours.



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If you're a good "do-it-yourselfer," then you may be able to tackle some of the restoration on your own. However, if you're not 100 per cent confident in your DIY abilities then you may want to have a professional take care of it. There are many small shops that specialize in the refurbishment business.

## 3. Look Outside The Antique Shop

Antiques and unique collectibles are around us everywhere. Check out flea markets or garage sales; sometimes even local malls hold antique bazaars. I actually found an amazing elaborate gilt side table for my place curb-side! Browse often and compare – the more you search the more you'll know, which will help in finding the perfect items for you and your home.

## 4. Shopping in the UK

The United Kingdom is very well known for its authentic antiques, so if you're really interested in this field, I would highly suggest taking the trip. The UK has a prominent history in trade and invention, and many of the pieces from these times still remain in the region.

You might want to consider planning your trip around an antique fair. England's biggest is held at Newark in Nottinghamshire, which has 4,000 stalls of vendors! Following close behind with 3,000 stalls is the Arthur Swallow fair at the Lincolnshire Showground, which takes place six times a year. London's Portobello Market is also a wonderful place to browse for the perfect treasure.

There are also many antique centres that take place all year round. Two renowned dealers you may want to check out would be Woburn Abbey Antiques Centre in Bedfordshire and Edenbridge Galleries in Kent House where there are many individual shops selling furniture, clocks and ceramics.

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**OPPOSITE:** Great curb appeal! A long driveway leads to the serene location of this charming century farmhouse just outside Meaford. It's a gem of a 50-acre property, tucked into a picturesque valley, where choruses of spring peepers announce the arrival of a new season.







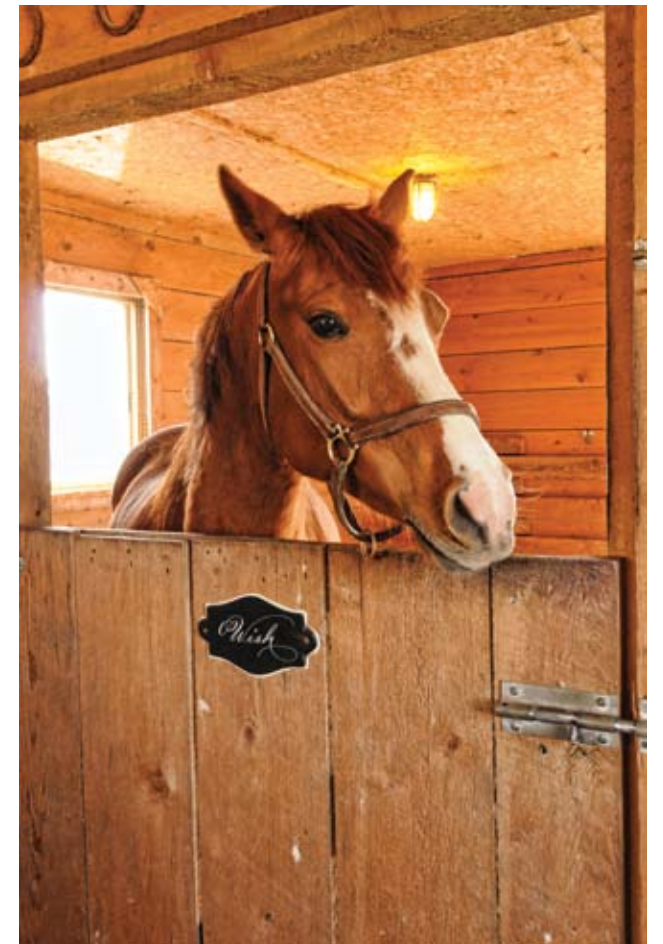
Thoroughbred Welsh cross mare, Margay peeks her head out the Dutch barn door to enjoy a nibble of fresh carrots. The owners converted an existing garage into a small barn for their horses. **OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT:** First impressions are everything. The design of the farmhouse front door, circa 1890, showcases a classic carved transom. **TOP RIGHT:** Amish builder Jo Yoder specifically selected hemlock for the stalls and doors in the horse barn because horses will chew on practically any wood...other than hemlock. **BOTTOM:** A side/rear view of the board and batten saltbox farmhouse in Frog's Hollow. Intent on preserving the appeal of the original structure, the current owners added a front porch, rear deck, and second-floor dormer with a stunning gothic window.



Behind a white post and rail fence, Danny the Shetland pony tosses his mane. Rosa, also a Shetland, though an even smaller mini, gives a friendly nuzzle to Margay the tall, thoroughbred Welsh

cross mare who saunters into their navy blue barn in search of hay. The three paddock mates get on well but they are most animated when visitors come to see them, children in particular, and those bearing apples.

Their owners have lived in the adjacent navy blue, 1890-built saltbox farmhouse for the last nine years. Like the ponies, the home is compact and charming. It features original pine woodwork and flooring throughout the interior, while the exterior and grounds are tidy and enchanting. Set on 50 acres south of Meaford, the views from the many windows of the home are of the same rolling pastures and fields that have been farmed for over a century. *Continued on page 101*







**BELOW:** The homeowners transformed their summer kitchen into a cosy dining room with a breathtaking view. Terra cotta tile, reclaimed barn board ceilings and walls, and a textured area rug add warmth to the room. **OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT:** It's teatime! Many thanks to the Thornbury Bakery for the irresistible scones and to Paperwhite Flowers in Thornbury for supplying a lovely seasonal flower arrangement. **TOP RIGHT:** This modern farmhouse kitchen is compact, functional and flooded with natural light. Family members frequently gather at the convenient breakfast bar to enjoy informal meals. Horse head platter compliments of Dapple Gray - Horse, Hound and Home. **BOTTOM LEFT:** What a lovely spot to relax, read a good book, or bird watch. This versatile sitting area off the kitchen, leading to the rear deck, is a room with exceptional views of Frog's Hollow Farm. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A clean white hutch houses a beautiful set of china, separating the kitchen area from the sitting room at the back of the home.



A rear addition in the early 1900s increased the square footage of the saltbox home. A summer kitchen, at some point, was added to the side and later insulated so it could be used year-round. Careful not to compromise the charm of the original structure, the current owners added their own touches by incorporating a front porch and rear deck (built by contractor **Doug Gordon**). They also added a Chinese Chippendale-style railing with diagonal balustrades on the deck. On the second storey, the owners punched out a single dormer at the front of the house, allowing views to the lane and road through a gothic-peaked window. To select just the right shade of navy for the board and batten exterior, they worked with **Birch**

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Wanting to add a drive shed to the property, the owners brought in Amish builder **Jo Yoder** to erect a three-bay garage. The owners found several old windows at **Mary Sarah Antiques** to install on the building to help it look as though it had always been there. It now stores bales of hay as well as tools and vehicles. Yoder also helped them convert the existing garage that was behind the house into a small barn for the horses. He used hemlock wood to build the stalls and doors – horses won't chew on hemlock. A sliding door at the back of the barn provides access to the paddock. The owners work with local green thumb **Christina Evans** for landscaping on the property.

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A large bank barn at the rear of the property was taken down by the previous owners because it was derelict and became dangerous. At the time, they reclaimed and re-planed the pine barn-board and brought them inside the house to panel the walls and ceiling of the summer kitchen. The room has a warm and rich feeling, a bank of windows and tiled floor. The owners added a custom pine harvest table, surrounded by chairs from **Mary Sarah Antiques**, which turned the summer kitchen into their dining room.

A beautifully reconditioned ceramic wood stove provides most of the heat for the home, with a forced air furnace (**Earls Heating & Air Conditioning**) kicking in periodically through the winter. The previous owners reinsulated the entire house, leaving it warm in winter and cool in the summer; enough of a breeze runs through in the hot months that the owners haven't needed to install an air conditioner. *Continued on page 104*

**ABOVE:** What a glorious and vibrant living room! The homeowners certainly weren't shy to make a bold colour statement. A beautiful Japanese footstool and matching throw cushions complement the orange-red walls. **LEFT:** An electric fireplace adds additional heat and features a gorgeous, antique wood mantel that the homeowners imported from England.

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The modern kitchen features a white marble countertop with a breakfast bar (**City Stone**). The owners installed a dishwasher and new appliances to complement the existing baby blue-stained engineered wood flooring. Cabinets were built by **Grant Holmes** of **Holmes Woodworking**. Not afraid of colour, the living room is a vibrant orange-red. The home is furnished with country antiques and artwork collected over a lifetime. The sofa was found at **Cherché House Of Design**, and cheery covers for other seating was done by **Bouj Custom Design Studio**. Much of the art is equine-inspired, such as the coat rack shelf painted with a British hunting scene by a friend, or the striking large horse portrait purchased at Cherché. The owners imported a hand-carved mantel from England for the electric fireplace in the corner. A well-used writing desk sits beside the front door. *Continued on page 106*



**ABOVE:** People come and people go. A compact second-floor guest room is where the grandkids stay and play when they're in town. **RIGHT:** The homeowners tastefully decorated the farmhouse with equine accessories and artwork, as well as beautiful antiques.

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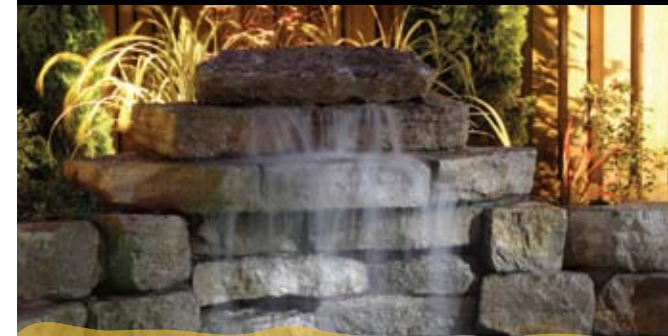
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In the home office, the ceiling features original board and batten woodwork. The same orange-red colour from the living room adorns the railing up to the second storey where three bedrooms and a large bathroom complete the house.

A small bedroom with two twin beds welcomes the owners' visiting grandchildren. A guest bedroom with a second home-office area tucked into the new dormer window is at the front of the house. The main bathroom features a large tub, custom storage (by Doug Gordon) and laundry area (plumbing by **Doug's Plumbing and Heating**). But with its gorgeous south-facing views, the master bedroom has the prime spot in the home. In it, the owners wake up to the sun rising over their fields, watch their ponies and horse graze through the day, and listen to the songs of the frogs rising from the hollow. **OH**

**ABOVE:** A small office on the main floor featuring original board and batten ceilings is tastefully decorated with antiques. **TOP LEFT:** One of many interesting antiques throughout the Home. This unique spool of twine with scissors must have come in handy over the years. **LEFT:** Frog's Hollow guests enjoy spectacular views of the rolling countryside and surrounding farmland from this dramatic gothic window in the guest room.

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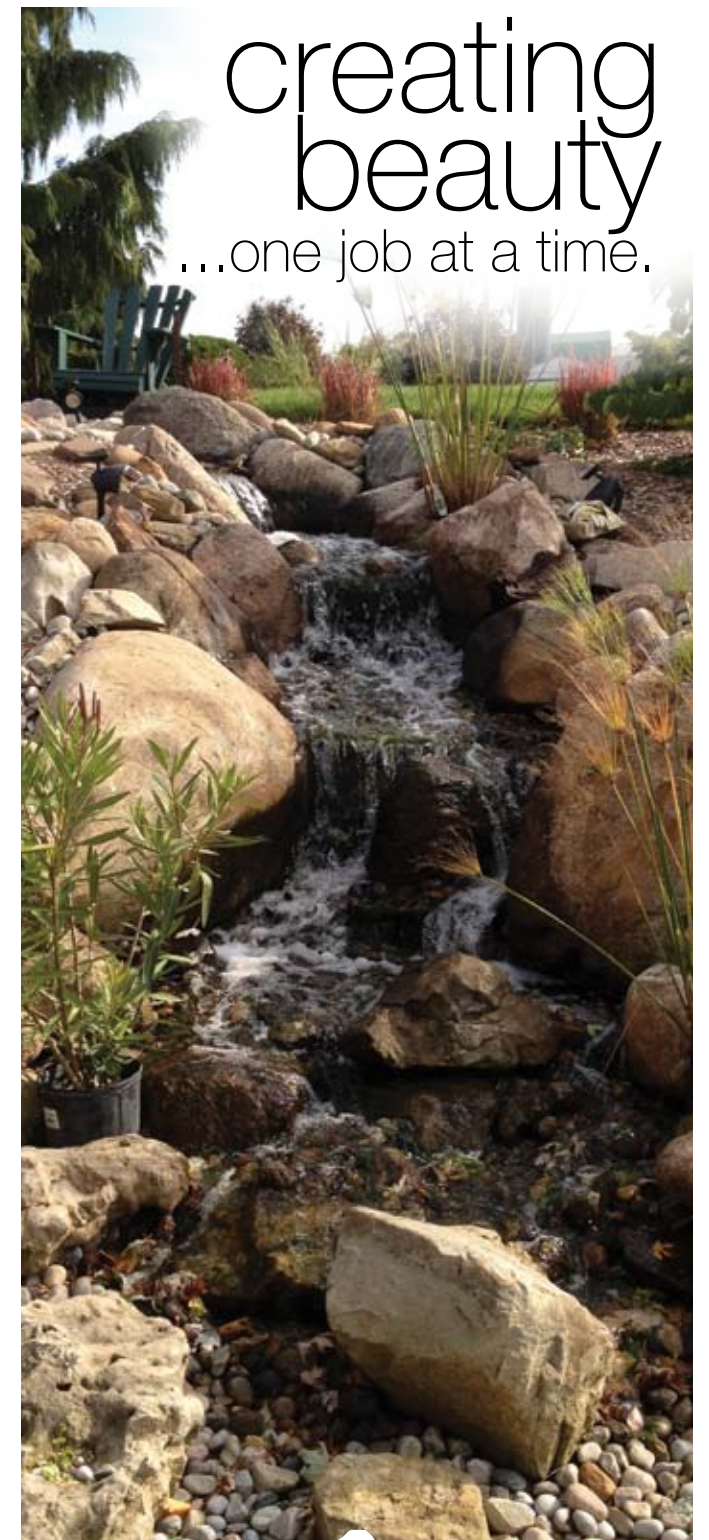
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I consider eggs en cocotte to be the “little black dress” of egg dishes. You can dress them up for any occasion. They are so lovely in their individual ramekins and have a perfect balance of delicacy and richness. Like little pots of heaven!

And they're dead easy. Just take care to not overcook them or the egg will become rubbery and certainly lose its appeal. Remember that the ramekin retains heat and the egg will continue cooking once out of the oven.

For this recipe, the eggs are enhanced with asparagus and mushrooms to celebrate spring. But you can play with other ingredients in the dish. Consider sautéed spinach and crumbled feta cheese, or chopped tomatoes and shredded cheddar cheese, or crispy bacon bits and parsley. The options are endless! And if you're cooking for a crowd the recipe easily doubles, or even triples.

### EGGS EN COCOTTE

Serves 2

2 tsp olive oil

4 mushrooms, thinly sliced

4 spears asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces

2 tbsp whipping cream

2 eggs

1 tbsp finely grated Parmesan cheese

Pinch each salt and cracked pepper

1 tbsp chopped fresh chives

- In small skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat, fry mushrooms until golden brown, about 6 minutes. Transfer to plate. In same skillet, fry asparagus until bright green and tender, about 3 minutes. Transfer to plate with mushrooms.
- Divide mushrooms and asparagus between two buttered 1-cup ovenproof ramekins. Into each add half of the cream, one of the eggs and sprinkle with half of the Parmesan.
- Place ramekins in baking dish. Pour boiling water into the dish until it reaches halfway up the sides of the ramekins.
- Bake in 375°F oven until egg whites are set on the edge, but the centre is still slightly jiggy and the yolks remain soft, about 8 minutes. Sprinkle each with salt and pepper and half of the chives. Let stand for 2 to 3 minutes before serving with toast points. **OH**

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## HOW TO MAKE MASON JAR lanterns

BY ADRIENNE BROWN

Dig those old Mason jars out from the back of your basement and put them to good use this season. You can quickly and easily transform unused jars into a charming string of lanterns.

### YOU WILL NEED:

5 or more mason jars, any size

A roll of pliable stainless steel wire (we used 20 gauge)

Wire cutters

Needle-nose pliers

Tea light or votives candles

Optional: Metal screw-on tops



### STEPS:

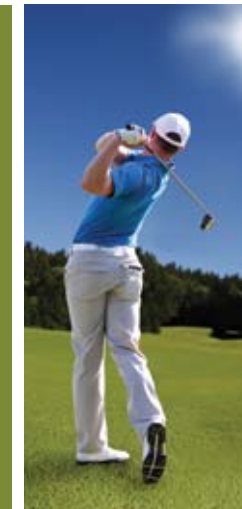
1. For a regular-mouth mason jar, cut a 35-cm long piece of wire.
2. Bend the piece of wire around the bare rim of the jar, under the glass lip, until you have a U-shape.
3. On each side of the "U" on opposite sides of the jar, pinch the wire and twist into a small loop. This is where your hooks will go. Try to make these parallel so your jars hang straight.
4. Once you have loops on either side, pull the remaining wire tight around the jar, twist the rest of the remaining wire together at the ends and tuck the sharp edges towards the jar so they don't stick out.
5. Cut a second piece of wire, about 30-cm long.
6. Create a small hook on either end (using about 2-3 cm of wire on each side), then bend into a U-shape.
7. Hook each end into the loops on either side of your jar, then pinch closed.
8. Hang your lanterns from hooks, a chain or even a string of twinkle lights, or set them on a table for al fresco flair.

### VARIATIONS:

- **Decorative base:** Fill the bottom of each jar with stones or sand to raise your candles. This is also helpful for keeping candles level if your jars have bevelled bottoms.
- **Floating candles:** Fill your jars partway with water and float candles on top.
- **Oil lamp:** These should sit flat on a table. Drill a small hole in the lid of a Mason jar and string a cotton wick through it. Fill the jar halfway with lamp oil, secure the lid with the wick in the oil and let sit before lighting.
- **String lights:** Hang empty lanterns as normal, but tuck sections of a string of twinkle lights in each one instead of candles. **OH**

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