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Chris Da Silva

MANAGING *The Stairs*

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THE SPACE: The way Chris Da Silva sees it, the staircase is a focal point in the home and as such it deserves special attention. Over the past 35 years, special attention is exactly what **London Stair & Railing** has been about; making sure the staircases they design, build and install measure up to the highest standards of quality and design. “We have skilled experienced people here,” Chris says. “We work with homeowners, interior designers, contractors and home builders and have built a solid reputation in Southwestern Ontario.”

STYLE AND DESIGN: The stairway needs to complement the overall aesthetic of a home. The London Stair team spends considerable time helping clients customize a stairway, in much the same way they’d choose kitchen finishes or flooring. For inspiration, the showroom has many staircases that display a variety of woods, metals and glass. Styles are wide ranging these days, from traditional turned spindles and wood posts to contemporary metal spindles, open stairs with no risers and exposed stringers, not to mention curved, L-shaped and winder staircases.

ADVICE FROM CHRIS: Get our sales people and designers involved in the planning stages of your renovation or building project. “Stairs are an architectural component of the house and should be part of the plans from the beginning.”



Dan DeBoer is a London Stair & Railing craftsman.



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TRENDING: White, shaker-style newel posts and wood balusters. Wrought-iron spindles with ribbon collars. Gunmetal and burnt penny shades in metal spindles. Chris adds, “Millennials building homes these days want exposed stringers, no risers and thick treads incorporating glass or metal spindles.”

FUN FACT: London Stair craftsmen can also design custom millwork such as mantels, custom and curved trim, often using advanced computer-assisted technology.

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