

Many sweet dreams of travels in France have taken place in this magical master bedroom painted in Wickham Gray by Benjamin Moore. The architectural window frame is perfect as a headboard and was found at Kettlewells. The area carpet and side table were sourced at Heirloom 142.



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TOP: The layers that Joan creates in her design are highlighted in the living room. The gas fireplace by Chantico Fireplace Gallery is the focal point of this comfortable area. Window shutters from Kettlewells frame the water view. The artwork is by Grace Alfonso. The walls are painted Collingwood and the trim throughout is Silver Satin, both by Benjamin Moore. **LEFT:** Joan with her daughter, Jen Riley and granddaughter Lucy, both visiting from Vancouver. **BELOW LEFT:** At the front entrance, French country arm chairs flank an iron, marble-topped console table. Willowhill Design worked with Joan to choose the wall colours throughout the home. **BELOW RIGHT:** In a courtyard off the master bedroom, the stone walls are a perfect backdrop for the wrought-iron seating and containers that are full of lavender, ivy, boxwood and ferns, all designed by Elaine Kettlewell of Kettlewells.

Joie de Vivre

JOAN RILEY loves everything about French country design and decorating. While visiting friends at a townhome in Admiral's Gate Joan fell in love with the development and wanted in. It happened fast. She and husband Ian Fleming purchased a unit. They renovated and decorated from top to bottom. Joan tells OUR HOMES about the magnificent transformation. *Continued on page 74*



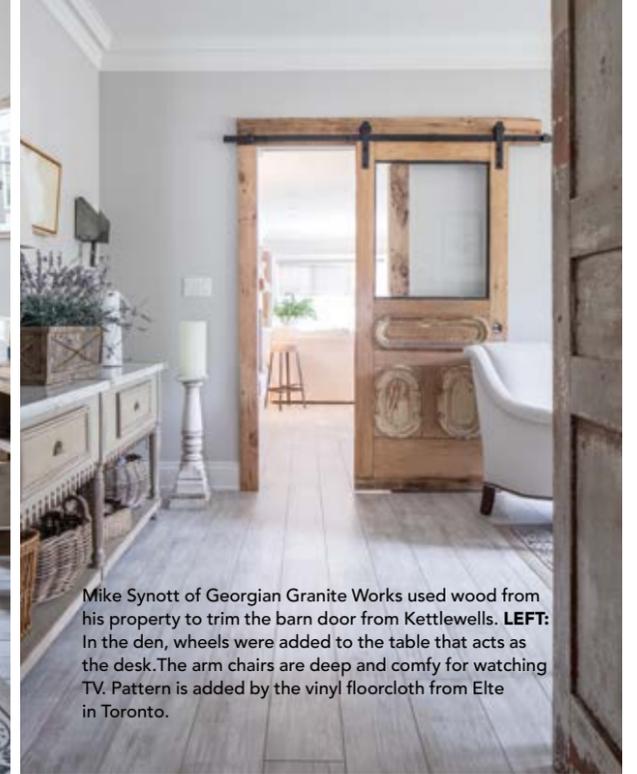


OUR HOMES: What was it about this property that made you decide to buy it?

JOAN RILEY: We were thinking about where to have a home when Ian retires. Ian's family had been long-time members at Georgian Peaks Club and my son Conrad is the head pro at OslerBrook Golf and Country Club. In May of 2017 our friends at Admiral's Gate told us there was a unit for sale, but it wasn't listed yet. We looked at it at 11am on a Saturday morning, returned to Toronto and signed the deal by 6pm that night. We just love the view looking out at the water and being the end unit it gave us so much light. I could see right away how it would look when it was renovated.



TOP: A new design and a new colour for the cabinets opened up the kitchen. The laminate flooring from Dean's Carpet One Floor & Home was laid over the dark original hardwood. The island stools are from At Home Interiors. Corbels from Kettlewells support the overhang of the Caesarstone counters in Raw Concrete. **RIGHT:** Surrounded by light and a view to the water, the dining area can seat the whole family when they visit. The dining table was found at Kettlewells and refinished by Elaine Kettlewell. Joan found the slipcovered end chairs at Lëuk.



Mike Synott of Georgian Granite Works used wood from his property to trim the barn door from Kettlewells. **LEFT:** In the den, wheels were added to the table that acts as the desk. The arm chairs are deep and comfy for watching TV. Pattern is added by the vinyl floorcloth from Elite in Toronto.

OH: The style is French country. Why do you love that look?

JR: I have always loved the shabby chic, cottage look and that is the base of my design style. My husband and I love France and we have travelled there many times and it is always inspiring to be there. So that French influence, combined with the shabby chic, equals French country for me. It's always a challenge when we are in France because I always see items I love. I collect champagne glasses and silver buckets.

OH: Do you and your husband work as a team when it comes to design in your home?

JR: My husband trusts me 100 per cent. He is a help with moving furniture and hanging art. I move furniture a lot! I consult with Ian on large items. If he does come with me, especially to Kettlewells, he gets quite excited about finding things he knows will work.

OH: What local businesses have you supported?

JR: Mike Synott of Georgian Granite Works handled the renovation and was on the same wave-length as me and went that extra mile. Dean's Carpet One Floor & Home team handled all the flooring and blinds, going above and beyond to get it right. Elaine Kettlewell of Kettlewells and her wonderful architectural find helped create our look, while Laurie Severn and Pierre Armengol of Heirloom 142 would always happily deliver furnishings and rugs to put in place. Roger Tomlinson at Chantico Fireplace Gallery helped us create a beautiful fireplace.



ABOVE LEFT: The wall shelf from Heirloom 142 has handy hooks and lots of room to display special photos and mementoes over the free-standing tub in the master bathroom. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The chaise lounge in the master bedroom is a family heirloom and a perfect spot to enjoy the fresh air from the courtyard. A floor lamp from At Home Interiors lights this corner when the sun goes down.

OH: Do you feel that the townhome is finished?

JR: No, I feel that it is always an evolving space and that doesn't bother us. I am seeing wonderful items all the time and can always fit them somewhere. In fact the other day I bought a large wicker basket, with wheels at Haven Home & Gift in Collingwood. My daughter-in-law saw my basket and went out and bought the smaller one. This is a place for our families to come, enjoy the pool, the trails, the golf course and family time in one location. **OH**