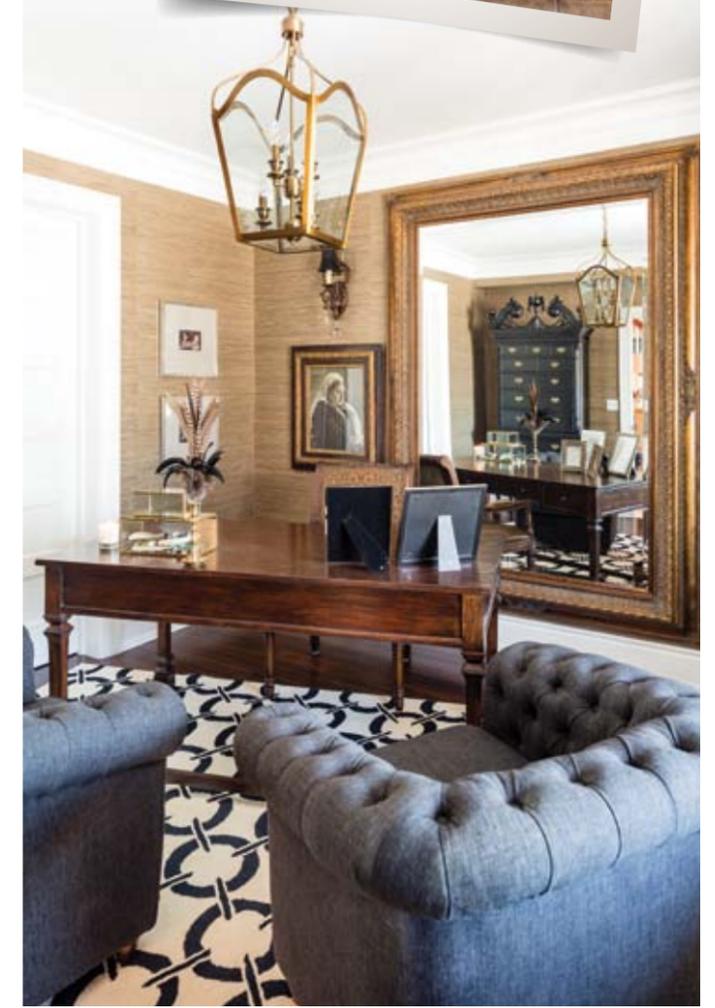




LEFT: The kitchen - an extension on the home's original footprint - features custom cabinets where the homeowners can display their favourite dishes and collections. **BELOW LEFT:** The Balls gutted the inside of their home but gave it a facelift on the outside, too. **BELOW RIGHT:** Jodi Ball in her glamorous-yet-functional living room. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Whitney and Charlotte Ball are just tall enough to sneak a few tastes of icing off the spread on the kitchen table. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Grass cloth gives texture to the walls in the main floor office.



LABOUR OF Love

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Months of work, periods of living without a kitchen or working shower and constant construction isn't enough to deter Jodi Ball from future home renovation projects. Nothing is. *Continued on page 26*



FAR LEFT: Rich colours, dark flooring and plenty of texture and art make this living space just off the kitchen seem regal, but it's also inviting and comfortable. **LEFT:** A wide pass-through from the front of the house towards the kitchen has enough space for a table and chairs and also leads to the powder room. **BELOW:** Collections are most effective when grouped together in one space. Jodi keeps her milk glass collection in her white washroom. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The home's original claw-foot tub is the focal point in the upstairs washroom. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A pair of pedestal sinks and simple white mirrors complete the clean, white theme.



"We will do it again," laughs Jodi, a mortgage broker who is transitioning to a career in design. She loves her current home but enjoys the challenge and excitement of the redesign and redecorating process too much not to do it again.

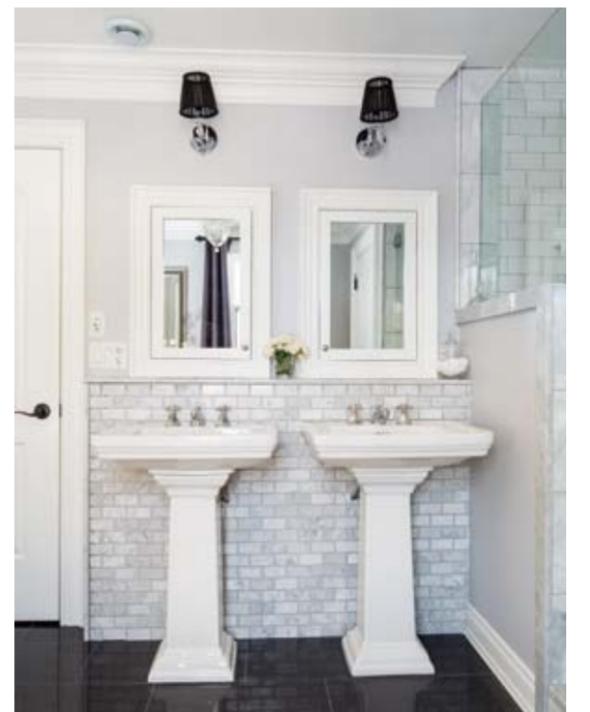
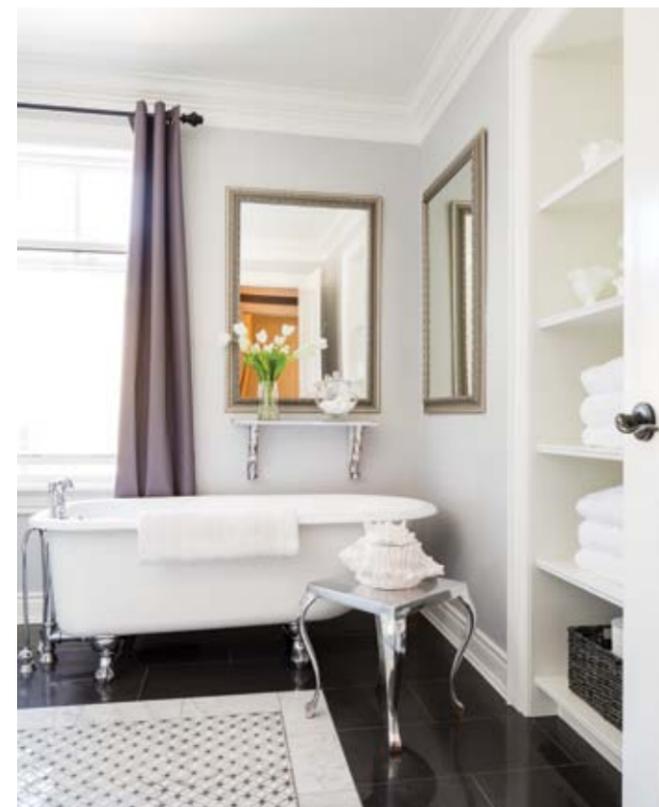
Her current Cambridge home, designed for her family of five, is a work of art. She need not look beyond her own home for samples of her abilities. She designed and decorated everything in her home, from top to bottom.

The home was originally built in 1910. The Balls bought it a few years ago and started renovating immediately, but it was a long process. "We took the house down to the studs," says Jodi. They hired an architect to help them redesign the layout of the old home and tailor it to their needs. They moved bathrooms, repurposed other spaces, added an extension to the back of the home, dug out the basement and added a garage.

The Balls had **VentraLux Window and Door Systems** install new windows in the old home. They replaced all of the plumbing and electrical,

then began work on the bedrooms. Jodi says they worked from the top down. **Build Craft** installed the frame and panel woodwork and Jodi hired **Ed lacuzzi Renovations** to install tiles.

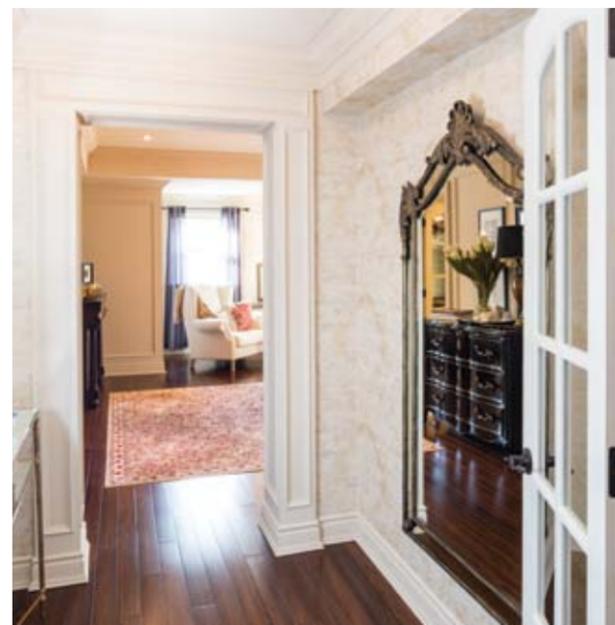
It wasn't until about a year after they started renovating that they moved in. Even then, not everything was quite complete, which posed some difficulties for Jodi and her husband, Jody, who had two very young children. "We didn't have a kitchen at first and we had a one-year-old and a two-year-old at the time," says Jodi. The Balls relied heavily on their barbecue until their kitchen was complete – and say it was entirely worth it. Their custom kitchen is any cook's dream. The open-backed cabinet was custom-made for the space to show off the brickwork that was once the home's exterior. It also has built-in lighting and glass doors. The kitchen has a large island, high ceilings and lots of storage. The kitchen table is an antique Jody owned before they moved in. *Continued on page 28*



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ABOVE: The master bedroom, above the kitchen, is also an extension. Rather than cover up the exposed brick, Jodi decided to play it up. **RIGHT:** The master en suite has the same simple elegance as the bedroom. Wood furniture gives it character. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** French doors open wide into the master suite. Jodi has enough space for a side table and large mirror, so it feels like an extension of the room rather than a hallway.



The Balls' kitchen leads into their mudroom and then through to the garage, which truly makes it the home's hub. Jodi calls it the family headquarters. On the opposite side, the kitchen leads into a living area with a large fireplace and plenty of seating for entertaining. Every detail is well-planned and luxurious. "I was going for richness," says Jodi. She painted the ceiling the same colour as the walls for impact and forfeited window coverings to let in as much natural light as possible. "We don't need privacy in this room," she laughs.

Upstairs, with its king bed and sitting area, the master suite is "the hangout" for the family. The entry to the master was once a bathroom but is now a beautiful pass-through featuring a mirrored side table and beautiful French doors. Walking through the new entryway feels like entering a high-end hotel room.

Their young daughters' bedrooms are beautifully decorated, too. They're feminine and delicate with lots of frills, bows and sparkles, yet still designed for kids. They're both painted in Elmira White, which Jodi calls "the perfect cream - not too yellow," and have lots of pale pink and lavender accents. Their older daughter's bedroom is an upstairs retreat in the attic. *Continued on page 30*

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"I try to keep everything soft," says Jodi of her décor style. She also makes space for her favourite items and collections, such as the milk glass collection she keeps in her bright white upstairs bathroom. "I love milk glass. I can't stop buying it!"

Jodi had **Terry Finlay** from **Finlay Fine Furniture** restore some key pieces of furniture to suit her décor, including the dresser in her bedroom and the cabinet in the home office. If it wasn't something she already owned or happened upon in her travels, chances are the other furniture in the Balls' home is from **Cornerstone Home Interiors** in Cambridge. Jodi's go-to for beautiful pieces. Her office chairs, the seating in the living area and the night tables and art in her master bedroom are all from Cornerstone.

The main-level home office is decorated with grass cloth on the walls, large and assertive furniture and a floor-to-ceiling mirror that's flanked by antique king and queen portraits.

The home is filled with wood furniture, fine rugs, gold accents and interesting trinkets, but the Balls tried to keep some original elements for character. The pocket doors leading into the office are original, as is the claw-foot tub in the bathroom, Jodi just had to have the feet re-chromed.

Jodi bought all of her paint and wallpaper from **Benjamin Moore Expressions on King** and had **Bill Taggart** from **Harmony Painting** use it to transform her home. She tended to lean towards neutral paint colours and then layered lots of textures, patterns and sparkle through fabrics and accessories.

The Balls love their home, but Jodi says it's not their forever space. Only time will tell what their next project might be – but Jodi says it will include a pool and they will be staying in Cambridge, where she and Jody both grew up. **OH**



Girls girls Charlotte and Whitney have bedrooms fit for little princesses. Creamy walls, blush pink and lavender accents, french-inspired accessories, dainty chandeliers and simple but elegant decor such as the frame gallery make them bedrooms they can love now and grow into later.



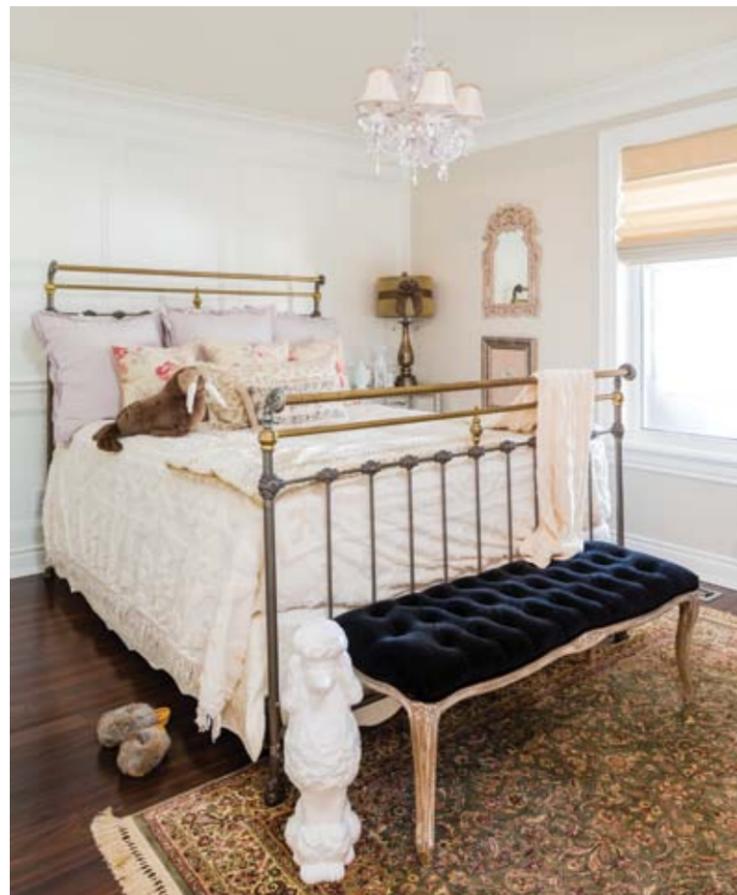
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