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# Summer Style

Summer is the season when we reconnect with nature and transform our outdoor spaces into our own little piece of paradise. So, in this issue, we invite you to discover the latest trends in outdoor design, from sustainable furniture to vertical gardens, and share plenty of ideas for creating your own summer escape right at home, whether you have a petite patio or a big backyard (turn to page 34 for eight dreamy terraces, and a boathouse, that are sure to inspire you!). We also take you inside three feature homes with bright and breezy summer looks that evoke variations of the elegant coastal style that's so popular right now. And, of course, we've carried this "simple summer living" vibe into your favourite column, *High or Low*. Can you guess which balcony setup is the most affordable? As always, it's so hard to tell which is which!

More than ever, we're prioritizing shopping local; supporting makers and artisans from our regions; and investing in local products that will elevate our everyday lives. To help you buy Canadian, we've rounded up some homegrown stores from across the country (page 50), so you can shop local wherever you are, from coast to coast.

In this issue, we also explore the rise of concrete in our interiors, and offer our top tips for giving your home's facade a fresh new look. For a behind-the-scenes fix, we take you to IKEA's Swedish headquarters to learn about their creative process. We also set the table with Mediterranean-inspired touches and dish up Jamie Oliver's delicious air-fryer recipes. And for those hot summer days, cool down with our easy strawberry ice cream – no machine required.

We hope you enjoy this issue and have a splendid summer outdoors!



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# What's New?



## FRESH FROM FRAICHE

Cookbook author, lifestyle influencer and housewares designer Tori Wesszer introduced her second limited-edition Fraiche Living home decor and kitchenware line for Walmart Canada this spring. The 41-piece collection is made for warm-weather living, with a range of pieces for the kitchen, home and garden in pretty pastels. The complete line includes oven mitts, cookware and serveware, gardening tools, watering cans and more. "Spring has always felt like a breath of fresh air to me, a time for new beginnings and possibilities," Tori told us recently. "Growing up, my mom, who is an artist, always found little ways to make everyday moments feel special: fresh-cut lilacs on the kitchen table, a gingham tablecloth at Sunday brunch, little details that made our home feel warm and inviting. I wanted to bottle up that feeling and bring it into this collection – pieces that make simple moments feel special, from garden to table."

Fraiche Living x Walmart **HOUSEWARES COLLECTION**, from \$6, Walmart

## Dynamic Duo

Montreal-based De Gaspé launches Konrad, the company's first artisanal powder-coated steel outdoor furniture collection. The expertly engineered chair features a simple, elegant design that's super comfortable – perfect for dining or lounging in the sun on the patio, balcony or deck, then easily stacked and stored. Large enough for balancing a cool drink or two, the matching side table has a striking Dekton top and is equipped with a stylish and convenient handle for moving. The Konrad table and chairs are available in five nature-inspired colours.

Konrad **SIDE TABLE**, \$475, and **DINING/LOUNGE CHAIR**, \$550, De Gaspé





## THE ART OF (CANADIAN) TEA

JUST IN TIME FOR CANADA DAY, TORONTO-BASED TEXTILE COMPANY PI'LO IS RELAUNCHING ITS POPULAR CANADIAN TEA TOWEL, MADE OF ORGANIC LINEN AND FEATURING SUCH ICONIC CANADIAN SYMBOLS AS A MOOSE, BEAVER, PINE TREE, MAP OF CANADA, AND BOTTLE OF MAPLE SYRUP. A STYLISH NOD TO OUR PATRIOTISM WITHOUT BEING TOO SERIOUS ABOUT IT.

Canadian **TEA TOWEL**, \$30, Pi'lo



## KitchenAid Gets Colourful

Visitors to Whirlpool/KitchenAid's large and lavish booth at the 2025 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show in Las Vegas earlier this year were treated to the world premiere of two gorgeous new finishes, a raft of must-have new features and, of course, the smartest and shiniest new appliances from KitchenAid and sister brands Whirlpool, Maytag and JennAir.

The booth was organized into successive “rooms” – highlighting the latest offerings from each brand – as well as interesting and informative displays. But the real stars of the show were KitchenAid’s two exclusive new colours: Black Ore, a sultry, rich black stainless steel; and Juniper, a shimmering deep green that shifts subtly in tone from teal to near black, depending on the viewing angle. The new shades join classic stainless steel in a collection of streamlined new ovens that boast smoothly operating knobs and sleek handles featuring lengthwise knurling – a texture the company calls “corduroy.” (The complete collection also includes matching refrigerators and dishwashers.)

A unique option to KitchenAid, you can customize the new ovens with brass, bronze or stainless-steel hardware, and each finish is designed to work beautifully with any of the shades in the collection. Install the hardware yourself using just an Allen key, or if desired, order handles in a new colour down the road for a quick and easy update.

Also seen (and loved) at the KitchenAid booth: Whirlpool’s front-load washer with an interior fan and anti-microbial-coated drum, so you no longer have to leave the door open to dry out the machine post-laundry; several artist-quality front-panel options for JennAir’s refrigerators; plus, the latest generation of induction cooktops with built-in downdraft ventilation, also from JennAir. But our personal crave was Maytag’s Pet Pro laundry pair, which whisks away every trace of pet hair while being gentle on your clothes – a boon for those who love their four-legged family members, but not the fur they leave behind.





## COOK SMART

Canadian kitchenware maker Kilne, loved by Canadian cooks for its beautifully made knife sets, has expanded to offer a direct-to-consumer cookware collection. Available in a range of attractive colours with optional wooden accessories, the cookware is sustainably made in Italy, and is nonstick, free from “forever chemicals,” induction compatible, and goes from cooktop to oven with ease. The bestselling Everything Pan is specially designed to hold heat so evenly and efficiently, you’ll only need medium-low heat for most cooking, saving energy and time.

Nonstick **COOKWARE**, from \$85 for individual pieces; set from \$790; Kilne

## PRETTY PAPERS

Since it was founded, Décor Imprimé has established itself as a leading name in printed wall design. Staying true to its commitment to excellence and creativity, the Canadian company collaborates with renowned artists to offer distinctive wallpaper collections. Among these collabs is an exclusive new line by Montreal artist Natasha Prévost. Inspired by the richness of vintage patterns, with this collection Natasha reimagines the motifs of classic tapestries with a modern twist, bringing a timeless elegance and softness to the floral designs, making them perfect for both sophisticated and rustic interiors. As part of the design process, Natasha’s original drawings are transformed into these exceptional wallpapers, which are available exclusively at Décor Imprimé’s online store.

Natasha Prévost's Tulips & Co self-adhesive **WALLPAPER**,  
\$8.50 per sq. ft., Décor Imprimé



## Slate, But Sleeker

Laminam has officially launched its new porcelain Slate collection in North America. Available in two thicknesses, it replicates the look of genuine slate with astonishing accuracy, giving it the drama of the ancient metamorphic stone’s rich, soft black colour and organic texture. Perfect for cladding walls, backsplashes and countertops, Slate includes a thinner profile that is almost as easy to apply as wallpaper, but with the durability and scratch-, heat- and stain-resistance of porcelain.

Slate **PORCELAIN SURFACING**, \$20 or \$40 per sq. ft. (depending on thickness), Laminam



## COZEY UP OUTDOORS

MISTRAL, COZEY'S FIRST-EVER OUTDOOR DINING COLLECTION (INSPIRED BY THE COMPANY'S BESTSELLING OUTDOOR MODULAR SOFA OF THE SAME NAME), MAKES THE PERFECT ADDITION TO YOUR PATIO OR DECK. THE SET FEATURES A LIGHTWEIGHT ALUMINUM TABLE, FOR STURDINESS WITHOUT EXTRA WEIGHT, AND COMFY COORDINATING CHAIRS, MADE FOR LINGERING OVER DINNER LONG AFTER THE SUN SETS. ASSEMBLY AND DISASSEMBLY ARE EASY, FOR QUICK SETUP AND STORAGE. AVAILABLE IN FOUR SOPHISTICATED COLOURS, WITH OPTIONAL MATCHING CUSHIONS.

Mistral **TABLE**, \$795, **CHAIRS**, \$380 per pair, and **CUSHIONS**, \$120 per pair, Cozey

## Mid-Mod & Modular

The latest clever furniture design from Structube is the Bena customizable bed frame. Bena is strong, attractive and assembles quickly and easily, without tools. Made of deep-stained rubberwood, it features sleek Midcentury Modern lines and can be customized in a variety of ways. Choose from two suspended headboards: chic and cozy Nina in cream, or soft and minimalist Nino in light grey. Storage space at a premium? An optional set of special underbed drawers is the perfect solution!

Bena **BED FRAME**, \$300; Nino or Nina **HEADBOARD**, from approx. \$100; **STORAGE DRAWERS**, \$140, set of 2; Structube



## LUXURIOUS LAMINATES

Formica Canada has rebranded its luxurious DecoMetal laminates as Homapal, to better reflect the origins of the collection (DecoMetal was manufactured in Germany by Homapal, a Formica sister company). The laminated sheets feature thin rolled foils made from genuine aluminum, copper, brass or stainless steel, either embossed to a special laminate backing, or as all-metal sheets, finished to produce unique looks and textures that are as durable as they are beautiful. Other options include hand-finished oil- or wax-rubbed brass. And, because they're laminate, all are surprisingly easy to install and will stand up to stains and scratches for years to come.

Homapal **METAL LAMINATES**, price on request, Formica Canada





## EARTH TONED

BeautiTone has unveiled its 2025 Exterior Colour of the Year: Briarwood (WST26-9), a rich, earthy brown semi-transparent stain that BeautiTone design and colour specialist Kristen Gear calls "the perfect balance of style and durability." Ideal for decks, outdoor wood furniture and siding, the shade has a subtle look that's neither too dark nor too pale. It's so versatile, it suits both rustic and contemporary settings, complementing the natural landscape as well as modern materials like metal and stone. Briarwood is the star of the new 36-shade palette of Wood-Shield semi-transparent colours available from Home Hardware.

BeautiTone's Wood-Shield **STAIN** in Briarwood, from \$20 (455 ml),  
Home Hardware

## Tips & Tricks

### 7 WAYS TO FLOOD-PROOF YOUR HOME

Basements, once just for storage, have become key spaces with entertainment systems, fitness equipment and valuable furniture. Yet, they remain highly vulnerable to flooding. The Insurance Bureau of Canada has also announced that 2024 was the costliest year for weather-related losses, with over \$1 billion in flood damages. Since floods are common in warmer months, we asked Marc Tannous, agency director at Allstate Insurance, for tips on protecting our basements.

- Place high-value entertainment systems on stands or mount them on the wall.
- Use plastic bins, instead of cardboard boxes, for storage.
- Opt for waterproof cabinets and shelves.
- Review your home insurance policy to understand your coverage in case of water damage.
- Consult a professional to explore landscaping options that can help direct water away from your home's foundation.
- Install water or leak detectors compatible with your home alarm system to be alerted quickly in case of flooding.
- If you're planning to finish or renovate your basement, ask your contractor how to best protect it from flood risks.



### COZY, (ECO-)CONSCIOUS & CANADIAN

Toronto company Hatfield Design + Co.'s attractive, and attractively priced, rugs offer you a chance to not only support a new Canadian company but also invest in sustainable and renewable products for your home. The rugs are available in flatweave styles made from 100% recycled bottles, as well as natural jute. The complete line is available in a range of sizes, weaves and colours, plus custom sizes and stair runners, through Hatfield's trade program.

Jute and eco-friendly **RUGS**, from \$130, Hatfield Design + Co.

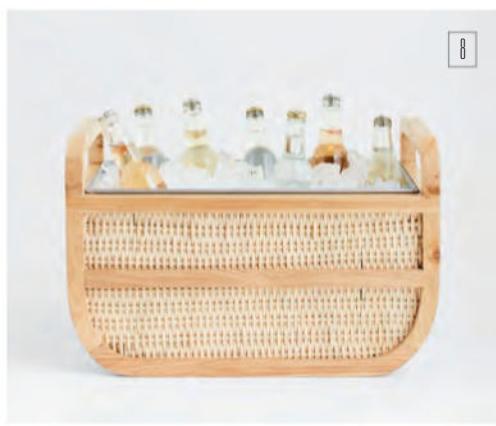
# Summer IN STYLE

Our fresh finds for the season will help you embrace sunny days with style!



## Green Scene

Want to create a welcoming and trendy outdoor space? Our roundup of fab furniture and accessories will help you style your patio, balcony or garden for easy elegance and comfort.



1 CorLiving 10' UV and Wind Resistant Tilting **PATIO UMBRELLA** in Forest Green, \$193, Rona. 2 Grey Resin Contemporary Rain Fall **FOUNTAIN** with LED lighting, \$295, Rona. 3 Hampton Bay's Castle Hill 48" Brown **GAS FIREPLACE**, \$548, Home Depot. 4 Lauryn Moroccan **RUG**, 6' x 9', \$265, Wayfair. 5 Gozney's Tread **PIZZA OVEN** in Olive, \$699, Crate & Barrel. 6 Tarren **OUTDOOR CHAIR**, \$398, Walmart. 7 **OUTDOOR SEAT CUSHIONS**, \$45, set of 2, H&M Home. 8 Leland rattan **BEVERAGE TUB**, \$299, Crate & Barrel. 9 Fitzhugh steel **WALL LIGHT**, \$172, Wayfair.

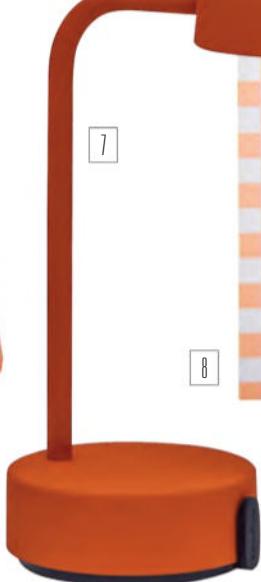


## Tangerine Dream

Vibrant, zesty and bursting with energy – tangerine is gearing up to be one of our favourite colours of the season. This citrusy shade dominated SS25 fashion weeks and now it's making waves in interiors, bringing that same sun-drenched, feel-good glow into our homes.



A TEEN FAVOURITE!  
IT'S SO COOL,  
YOU'LL WANT  
ONE TOO.



**1** Poppin Stow 2-drawer **FILE CABINET**, \$249, Staples. **2** Orange Cactus **POSTER**, 12" x 16", \$30, Desenio. **3** BonBaron Mingle **LOUNGE CHAIR** in Chuck Berry, \$999, Fatboy. **4** Nostalgia Orange **PLANTER**, \$13, Linen Chest. **5** Tuvkornell **CANDLEHOLDERS**, \$12, set of 3, IKEA. **6** Canvas's Pomelo **SOLAR LANTERN** with warm white LEDs, \$30, Canadian Tire. **7** Fokus Orange LED **TABLE LAMP**, \$179, Kooduu. **8** Oranges printed **PLACEMAT**, \$3, Boutique Kozy. **9** Källarhals **VASE**, \$13, IKEA.



## Masculine Chic

Whether your inspo is laid-back bachelor pads or traditional libraries, creating a handsome home that's perfectly tailored to your personality is easy to achieve. In 2025, the masculine aesthetic is focused on refined details and clean lines, while raw finishes like dark wood, metal and leather rule, for a look that's as sharp as a three-piece suit.

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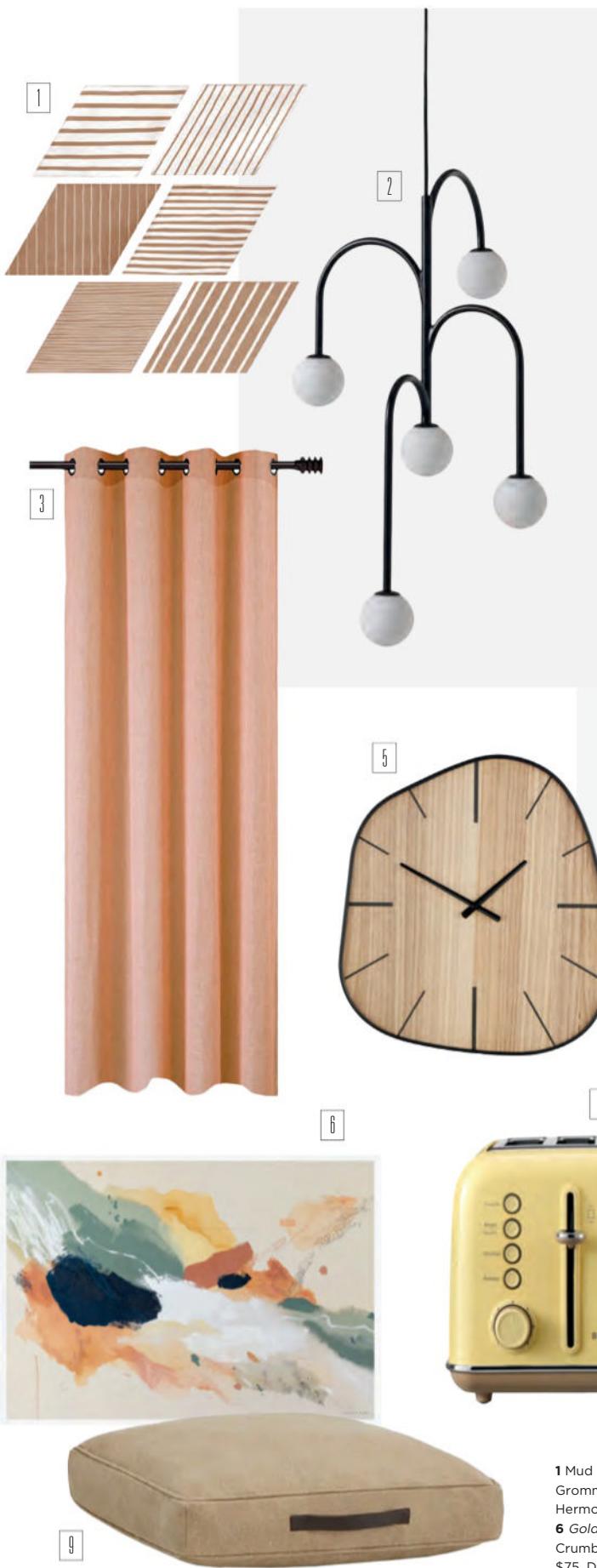


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**1** Impresa Charcoal & Taupe RUG, \$771, Ruggable. **2** Glass Mushroom TABLE LAMP, \$80, Bouclair. **3** Wooden BED in Smoked, from \$1,435, Endy. **4** The Shorty metal LOCKER, \$248, Simons. **5** Emko COUNTER STOOL, \$349, Mobilia. **6** Bubble Gum Man SCULPTURE, 12", \$108, Wayfair. **7** Artificial potted CACTUS PLANT, 4'9", \$381, CB2. **8** Mira ACCENT CHAIR, \$280, Cozey. **9** Dachshund STATUE, \$30, Must.



## Editor's Favourites

Our editorial team has carefully curated a selection of decor ideas that capture the spirit of the season.

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THEY LOOK SO

REAL AND WILL

STAY BEAUTIFUL

ALL YEAR

ROUND!

**1** Mud Diamant **TILES**, \$11 per sq. ft., La Tuilerie. **2** Arcade **PENDANT**, \$500, EQ3. **3** Semi-Opaque Grommet 54" x 84" **CURTAIN** in Blush Linen, \$23, set of 2, Canac. **4** Brigitte Romanek's Hermosa **ACCENT CHAIR**, \$2,499, Crate & Barrel. **5** Wood Wavy Framed **CLOCK**, \$69, Tanguay. **6** Golden Hour **CANVAS**, 24" x 36", \$725, Victoria Rose Park. **7** Buydeem 4-Slice Long Slot Crumb Retro **TOASTER**, \$119, Wayfair. **8** Artificial orange **TULIP BOUQUET** in white pot, \$75, Décor Véronneau. **9** Gonda heavy cotton **FLOOR CUSHION**, 24" x 24", \$39, Structube.



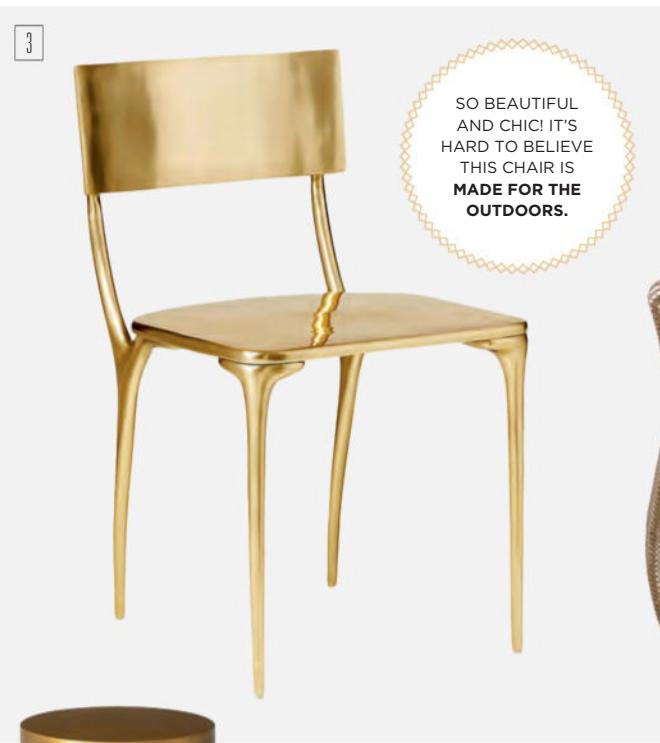
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## Gold Rush

The metallic trend, especially gold, brass and copper, is not fading any time soon, since it blends so well with classic, contemporary, rustic, eclectic and even Scandi interiors.



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SO BEAUTIFUL AND CHIC! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THIS CHAIR IS MADE FOR THE OUTDOORS.



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**1** Sunburst **SIDEBOARD** in Antique Brass, \$2,790, Maison Corbeil. **2** Maxi Classical **MIRROR**, \$65, Linen Chest. **3** Oro Gold **DINING CHAIR**, \$549, Crate & Barrel. **4** Every Quinn Metal Tree **FLOOR LAMP**, \$699, Wayfair. **5** Allen + Roth **HURRICANE LANTERN**, \$39, Rona. **6** Orbe Outdoor Metal/Glass Hardwired Integrated LED **WALL SCONCE**, 6 1/4", \$47, Home Depot. **7** Martha Stewart **PERPETUAL CALENDAR** with pencil cup, \$18, Staples. **8** Sajana concrete **ACCENT STOOL**, \$205, Wayfair. **9** Spira aluminum **COFFEE TABLE**, \$329, Structube.



## Escape to the Cottage

This trend invites you to embrace the art of slow living, immersing yourself in the simple joys of the countryside. It weaves together homespun textures, vintage treasures and soft, nature-inspired hues. Think: weathered wood, delicate floral prints, cozy knits and heirloom-style ceramics – each element coming together to craft a space that feels effortlessly warm, timeless and deeply comforting.



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WITH ITS SOLID WOOD SPINDLE LEGS AND POSTS, THIS CANOPY BED IS INSPIRED BY MIDCENTURY MODERN DESIGN.

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**1** Great Blue Heron **POSTER**, 12" x 16", \$32, Poster Store. **2** Patterned **CUSHION COVER**, \$10, H&M Home. **3** Fraiche Spring Small Cream Metal **WATERING CAN**, \$20, Walmart. **4** Lenia queen **CANOPY BED** in Walnut, \$1,649, Article. **5** Ruched Dark Beige Velvet **POUF**, \$249, CB2. **6** Ceramic **TABLE VASE**, \$50, Bouclair. **7** Village **BASKET**, \$40, Must. **8** Natural **TABLE LAMP**, \$108, Zone. **9** Justine peel-and-stick **MURAL**, from \$46, Station D.

FOR SOURCES, SEE OUR WORKBOOK

# POLISHED CONCRETE

Concrete is finally breaking free from its usual roles, moving beyond floors and walls to make its mark in interior design. Now a true element of furniture, it takes shape as bold partitions, tabletops, bedside lamps and even vanities. With its refined, modern presence, polished concrete enhances contemporary and traditional spaces alike. Here are some of our favourite ways to showcase its full potential.

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## DINING TABLE

A concrete dining table makes a stylish statement with its sculptural presence. Its unmatched durability ensures longevity, while its clean lines complement both contemporary and industrial decor. Play with contrast and texture by pairing it with metal or wooden chairs.



*Pair a concrete table with metal or wooden chairs for a harmonious contrast.*



## FIREPLACE MANTEL

As a central feature in the living room, a concrete fireplace makes a bold focal point thanks to its rugged authenticity. It can also create a warm and inviting atmosphere, mixing mod and trad details.

## KITCHEN ISLAND

Concrete has established itself as a key material in kitchen design, offering both sophistication and resilience (it's resistant to damage from fire, water and even earthquakes). A concrete island will instantly become the kitchen's centrepiece, providing a spacious work surface and a sleek, modern look.



Lazarus outdoor  
**BENCH**, \$999,  
Modern Furniture

## BENCH

Combining a minimalist aesthetic with unparalleled durability, a concrete bench seamlessly fits into both modern and industrial interiors. Pulled up to a wooden table and topped with plush pillows, it creates a welcoming, timeless dining space.

## BATHROOM BASIN

In the bathroom, where water resistance and low maintenance are a must, a polished concrete basin elegantly embodies everyday durability with refined design.

## COFFEE TABLE

In a minimalist living room, a concrete coffee table introduces a sophisticated touch with timeless appeal. Whether adorned with decorative objects or left bare for a raw aesthetic, it becomes an eye-catching feature.



Balda concrete **COFFEE TABLE**,  
\$1,299, Maison Corbeil

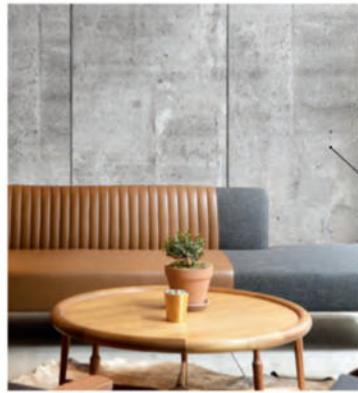
## STAIRCASE

A concrete staircase guarantees a striking sculptural statement. Pairing it with a glass or metal railing will transform it into an architectural masterpiece that will elevate the entire interior.



Luce Lumen  
**TABLE LAMP**, \$199,  
Linen Chest

Moreno **STATUE**,  
\$44, Must



## RECESSED ALCOVE

A concrete alcove adds an interesting architectural element to any room. Whether framing a window, a reading nook or a passage between rooms, it's a dynamic feature that plays with light and enhances the sense of space.

**FOR AN EASY AND LESS PERMANENT OPTION, CONSIDER CONCRETE-EFFECT WALLPAPER.**

Raw concrete **WALLPAPER** strip, \$99, Simons



high  
OR  
low?



**PRODUCER** JULIE LAPONTE  
**STYLING ASSISTANT** CAMILLE PILON  
**PHOTOGRAPHY** TANGO

We brought bright, beachy style to two city balconies. One was designed for a penthouse budget; the other just looks like it. Can you tell which is which?

## HIGH OR LOW

**\$83**

1 Aubreann outdoor 10-bulb plug-in **STRING LIGHT**, 120", Wayfair

**\$369**

2 Saika **ARTIFICIAL PLANT**, Mobilia

**\$980**

3 Acapulco **OUTDOOR CHAIRS** (2) (\$490 each), Simons

**\$76**

4 Sunbrella Navy **OUTDOOR PILLOW**, 20" x 20", Crate & Barrel

**\$199**

5 Rubber **ARTIFICIAL PLANT**, Mobilia

**\$449**

6 Candace **END TABLE**, Wayfair



**\$200**

7 Cotton Deep Indigo Blue Stripe **THROW BLANKET**, 70" x 55", Crate & Barrel

**\$1,256**

8 Tradition **SOLAR LANTERNS** (2) (\$628 each), Jardin de Ville

**\$215**

9 Polyester **RUG**, 5' x 7', Bed Bath & Beyond

**\$140**

10 Sunbrella Flashy Stripe Deep Indigo **OUTDOOR THROW PILLOW**, 24" x 16", Crate & Barrel

**\$17**

1 Outdoor globe **STRING LIGHT**, Amazon

**\$130**

2 Bird of paradise **POTTED PLANT**, 60", Gagnon Frères

**\$30**

3 CUSHION, 17" x 17", Gagnon Frères

**\$40**

4 Alocasia **POTTED PLANT**, 24", Gagnon Frères

**\$499**

5 Outdoor kitchen furniture set, **CHAIRS** (2) & **TABLE** (1), Gagnon Frères



**\$70**

6 **THROW**, 50" x 60", Gagnon Frères

**\$50**

7 Borrby **LANTERNS** (for block candle) (2) (\$25 each), IKEA

**\$190**

8 **RUG**, 5' x 7', Gagnon Frères

**\$40**

9 CUSHION, 14" x 22", Gagnon Frères

# The Acapulco Story



Acapulco CHAIR,  
\$250, Nüspace

Inspired by the original 1950s design icon of the same name, the modern-day Acapulco chair continues to combine comfort and elegance thanks to its woven seat and steel frame. Though the style is seen everywhere nowadays, the true story behind its creation is unknown. According to one legend, a French tourist, complaining about the sweltering Acapulco heat, came up with the idea for the airy design. Another story is that the designer was inspired by Mayan hammock weaving techniques and Mexican art. However the chair came to be, jet-setting A-listers of the era (think: Liz and Sinatra) were flocking to sunny Acapulco, and it's thought that their presence in the Mexican resort town boosted the chair's popularity worldwide. From that moment, manufacturers were inspired to make their own versions, maintaining the oval shape of the seat, but replacing the natural fibre cords with vinyl cords to better withstand the elements. Today, its simple lines and array of colour options mean the Acapulco chair can easily suit most decor styles, both indoors and out.

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

Whether it's perfectly sized for one or large enough for the whole family to lounge on, the daybed, or chaise longue, gets our vote as the ultimate must-have for unwinding outdoors this summer. If you have the space, a four-poster-bed style with canopy is a luxe choice, but more streamlined options abound. Sunbathing by the pool, reading on the balcony, snoozing in the shade or chatting with friends on the patio... a sink-into sun lounger is the perfect partner for it all!

1 Lazy Cabana DAYBED, \$3,499, Must

2 Outdoor LOUNGE CHAIR, \$2,399, Gagnon Frères

3 Passion LOUNGE CHAIR in black, \$499, Club Piscine



## IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

Artificial plants add a vibrant touch of greenery with zero maintenance. These ones are so realistic, they could easily be mistaken for the real deal!

### ▼ HIGH

**\$270**

Tila potted artificial agave tree,  
Artiplanto



**\$79**

Artificial dracaena in  
woven pot, Bouclair



**\$64**

Artificial 35" fiddle  
leaf in black pot,  
Home Depot



**\$40**

24" potted  
calathea plant,  
Gagnon Frères

### ▲ LOW

# The Waring Blender

It's all in the mix! Arren Williams shares the story of this countertop classic.



**Classic**  
Waring Commercial Bar  
**BLENDER**, \$493, Amazon

**I**t's not often that a kitchen appliance has such colourful beginnings. Yep, the classic Waring bar blender got its start back in 1937 in Chicago, launched by the bandleader of Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians just as the post-Prohibition cocktail craze hit. Originally dubbed the Miracle Mixer, it was designed as a bartender's best friend, making short work of icy blended beverages and spurring the craze for exotic tropical cocktails served in glamorous cocktail bars – think fruity rum-based tiki bar concoctions topped with an umbrella.

With Waring continuing his showbiz musical career, touting the blender on his tours, a kitchen classic was born as it moved from a must-have in restaurants and bars into homes, where smart cooks discovered that it could also purée food, as well as make a mean drink. And the design? Not much has changed over the last nine decades. While Waring now offers all manner of blenders to restaurants, home kitchens and even laboratories, the original stays close to its Art Deco roots thanks to a chic waterfall-shaped base and iconic ridged glass pitcher. Eschewing complex knobs and buttons, it only has two speeds, but its powerful motor and the iconic "cloverleaf" shape of the pitcher will make short work of your next green smoothie. Available in white and chrome, its classically handsome design (think of it as the Cary Grant of kitchen appliances) and undoubted durability means its spot on your countertop is well earned.

Just about every small appliance company worth their salt offers a blender, but there are always a few stylish standouts. Fave Australian brand Breville is constantly innovating, and their latest offering, the beefy Super Q, is no exception. Available in eight finishes, it won a "best blender" nod and (thank heavens) keeps the din to a minimum with special noise-suppression tech. With an impressive 300 km/h blade tip speed and two-litre capacity, it's not shy in serving up a perfectly smooth soup or smoothie. For something a little more playful, design award winner Beast Mighty is an Insta fave for a reason. We love it in lilac, a trend-forward tint that's a welcome change from trad colours. Too bright? Luckily, more conservative shades are offered, including an exclusive navy at Crate & Barrel. The compact blender comes with all the bits and bobs to tackle dressings, drinks and soups, including a snap-on lid to take your smoothie to go in the nearly unbreakable Tritan container. Pair it with Beast's just-launched rechargeable cordless blender base and blend wherever you fancy. Cocktail or kale smoothie? We'll leave that up to you.



*While Waring's glass pitcher is an old-school classic, you can also choose from stainless steel and tough BPA free plastic pitchers.*

## MORE MIX MASTERS



**Cool**  
Beast's Mighty  
**BLENDER**, \$210,  
Crate & Barrel



**Tough**  
The Super Q **BLENDER**,  
\$500, Breville

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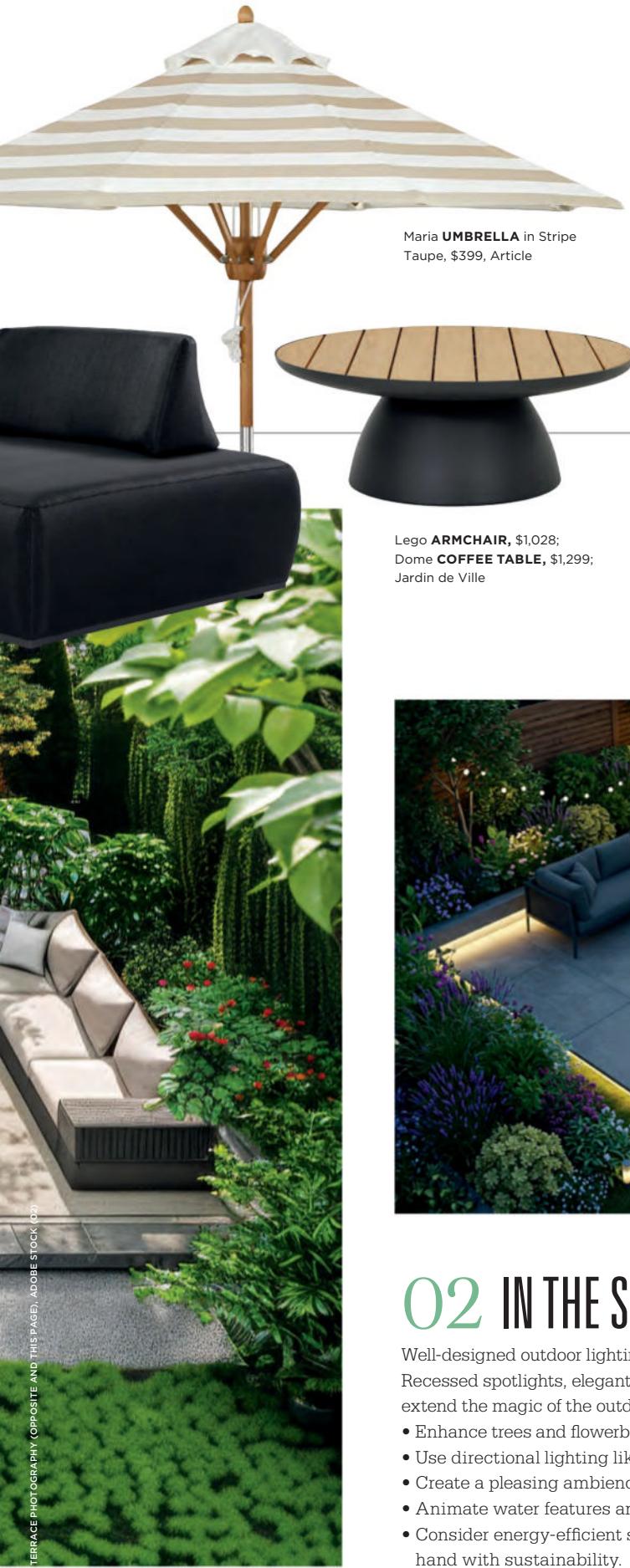
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# 2025 OUTDOOR TRENDS





Explore the top 15 trends that will elevate our terraces, gardens and balconies for an outdoor living space you can enjoy day and night, all summer long.

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## 01 NEW WFH FREEDOM

With the rise of remote work and flex hours, the outdoor workspace has become an undeniable trend. Why stay cooped up inside when you can be inspired by nature? Setting up a outdoor office takes little effort – all you need is a comfy chair, a table and an umbrella for shade – but transforms daily life. Imagine working from home in a bubble of calm outdoors, in the fresh air and sunshine. And the best part? At the end of the workday, your commute is just a few steps! Working outdoors has never been so inspiring.



Modern Curved Waterproof LED **GARDEN WALL LAMPS**, \$203 each, BulbSquare



## 02 IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Well-designed outdoor lighting transforms a terrace or garden into a practical yet enchanting escape. Recessed spotlights, elegant lanterns and discreet LED strips create a warm, welcoming atmosphere and extend the magic of the outdoors beyond sunset. Here are some bright ideas for illuminating your yard.

- Enhance trees and flowerbeds with uplights for a dramatic touch.
- Use directional lighting like downlights along pathways and stairs for safety.
- Create a pleasing ambience with lanterns on terraces and around lounge areas.
- Animate water features and fountains with submersible lighting.
- Consider energy-efficient solutions like LED and solar lighting, because style goes hand in hand with sustainability.



## 03 OUTDOOR KITCHEN 2.0

Catering to our evolving lifestyle, where cooking outdoors is a pleasure year-round, an outdoor kitchen and bar is now a must. In 2025, no longer are we content with a simple grill setup. The homeowner of today is looking for a fully functional backyard kitchen that rivals their indoor kitchen, complete with luxury appliances like a pizza oven, smoker and sleek stainless-steel grill. And with its work counter, sink, storage and specialized outdoor appliances (who else is dreaming of an outdoor fridge with built-in ice maker?), the modern outdoor kitchen and bar allows you to prepare entire meals and drinks outside, without the need to constantly go inside. Cooking alfresco has never been easier!

Patterned floor tiles can make a patio feel like a natural extension of the home.

## 04 FLOOR SHOW

Nowadays, it's becoming increasingly common to find patio stones and pavers that mimic indoor flooring options. Bold patterns and herringbone designs add a decorative, dynamic touch to outdoor spaces. A chic choice for those who want to bring indoor comfort and style outdoors.

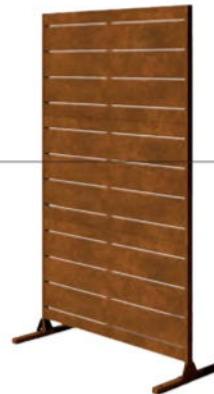


## 05 STEELY GOOD LOOKS

Unknown in Canada a decade ago, corten steel (aka weathering steel) has now become a must-have in landscaping design. And while its rusty appearance is intriguing, it's this finish's resistance to corrosion that is truly impressive: the patina that eventually forms on the metal's surface actually acts as a natural shield, ensuring exceptional longevity outdoors with no maintenance



required. Initially reserved for art pieces and high-end architectural projects, corten steel is now captivating a wider audience, drawn to its contemporary style and easy upkeep. Its durability makes the material ideal for use in structural outdoor elements, such as screens and fences, as well as fireplaces, fountains, step borders and lighting. In a garden, where weathering steel can take form as raised beds, planters and flowerbed edging, its raw look and warm hues – ranging from ochre to brown to orange – perfectly complement vibrant green foliage. Rustic glamour has reached a new level!

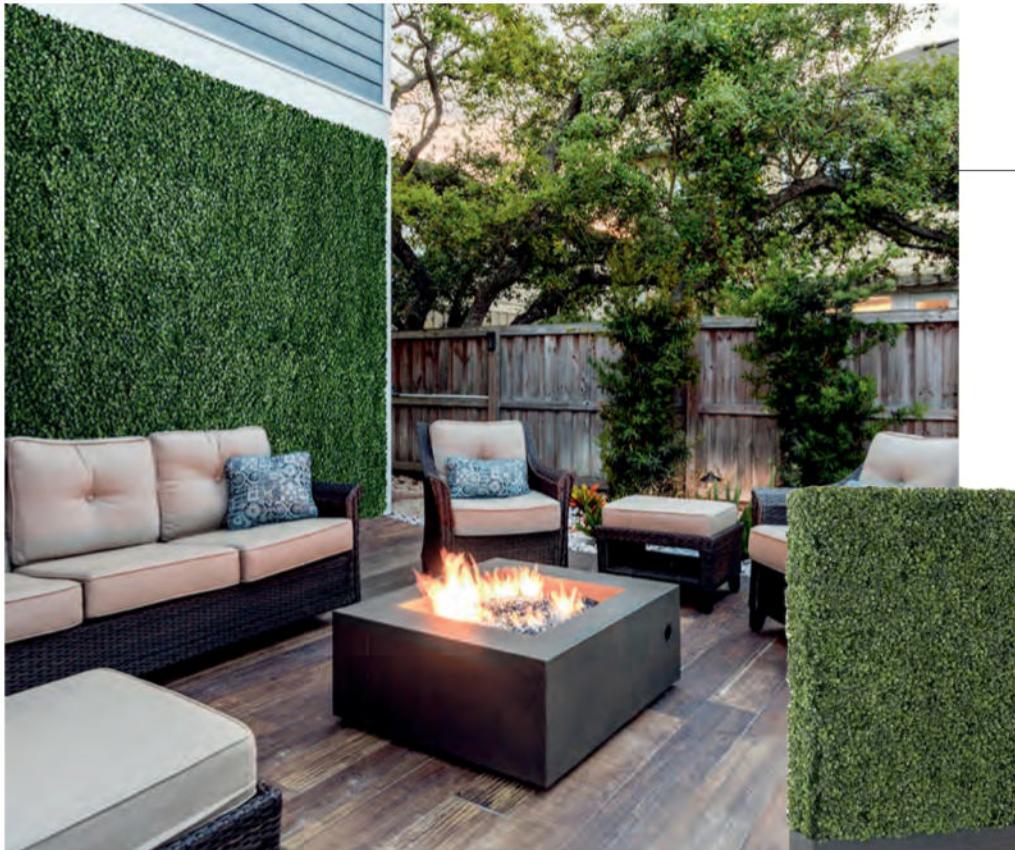


## 06 SAY YES TO THE PERGOLA

Pergolas continue to gain popularity – and this year, it's the bioclimatic version that's stealing the show! An excellent example of design ingenuity, this new generation of pergolas features adjustable louvres that allow you to control the shade to your liking. Need full protection? When closed, the louvres also form a waterproof roof, which, along with an integrated gutter system, enables you to enjoy the outdoors even in heavy rain. A true extension of the home, the bioclimatic pergola offers unmatched comfort in all seasons.

Vikos aluminum  
**PERGOLA** with  
adjustable louvres,  
\$2,280, Gazebo Penguin





## 08 PERMEABLE PAVERS

On top of providing an aesthetically pleasing and durable paving option, permeable pavers contribute to environmental protection, mimicking the natural water filtration process to allow stormwater to seep into the ground, rather than flow directly into a catch basin. Not only does this innovative system create a sustainable ecosystem, but it also protects our waterways by filtering out pollutants like car contaminants, chemicals and de-icing salts. Eye catching and ecologically responsible? Permeable pavers rock!

Antika PAVER, price on request, Techo-Bloc

## 07 GREEN FENCES

Goodbye, unsightly fences! Hello, greenery! Manicured hedges and climbing plants are transforming backyard fences into green sanctuaries. The perfect combo of privacy and good looks, green walls are an essential element of outdoor living, creating interesting focal points while helping to purify the air. This trend is accompanied by the return of the vertical garden, an ideal option for optimizing space and adding a touch of greenery, even on the smallest balcony. Herbs, lettuces and cherry tomatoes are pretty, practical choices for an edible vertical garden. For easy maintenance, consider installing an automatic irrigation system or using self-watering planters. Or opt for no-effort faux green walls!

DecMode Green Plastic Contemporary **ARTIFICIAL BOXWOOD**, 22" x 9" x 59", \$339, Walmart

## 09 ZEN GARDENS

Well-being is a central theme of landscaping this summer. Think: relaxation retreats, with green spaces dedicated to meditation and yoga. Features such as fountains, hammocks and comfortable seating can turn your backyard into a tranquil haven, a serene space to relax and recharge after a busy day.





**Big Joe Lux  
Sealander Pool &  
Patio LOUNGE  
CHAIR WITH  
FOOTREST,  
\$449, Big Joe**

This dense fabric cover keeps you dry at all times while the elevated backrest lets you lounge in comfort — in and out of the pool.

## 10 FLOATING FURNITURE

Multifunctional outdoor furniture and accessories are the perfect partners for poolside lounging. But what if you could use your pool float both in and out of the pool? Modern floating beanbag chairs are revolutionizing the art of relaxation, seamlessly transitioning from sleek lounger to playful pool float. Durable, stylish and ultra-trendy, they turn every moment into an invitation to unwind.

**Mallorca Wood OUTDOOR  
DINING ARMCHAIR with Ivory  
Cushions, \$759, Crate & Barrel**

## 11 TERRIFIC TEAK

Scandinavian teak is taking over outdoor decor thanks to its thoughtful simplicity and modern design. Always a sure bet, teak settles in with its natural warmth and can be left to weather into a lovely silvery grey patina, while wood-effect aluminium offers the look without the upkeep. Here's to outdoor spaces that are as beautiful as they are durable!



**Ipanema Teak Wood and  
Resin OUTDOOR DINING  
TABLE, 86", \$3,499,  
Crate & Barrel**



## 12 WILD AT HEART

An eco-friendly alternative to traditional lawns, the wildflower meadow stands out as a beautiful, responsible choice for today's garden, addressing environmental concerns while infusing outdoor spaces with a natural, authentic beauty. A true tribute to biodiversity, it combines wildflowers, grasses and native plants to create a living ecosystem where bees, butterflies and hummingbirds thrive. In addition to its bucolic charm, it offers numerous benefits.

A refuge for biodiversity, attracting pollinators and local wildlife.

Less effort and lower cost, for a garden that requires minimal mowing and watering.

Continuous colour from spring to fall, if you plant a mix of species with successive bloom times.



## 14 CASUAL LUXE

Drawing inspiration from luxurious beach villas, where elegance meets comfort, “casual luxe” is making its mark on outdoor design. This style embraces rounded furniture, plush seating, and tropical plants like bird of paradise, yucca and palm trees. Rich tones like charcoal grey, deep green and dark brown evoke the calming beauty of nature and high-end spaces. To enhance this sophisticated look, black river stones bring a modern flair to landscaping, while rattan adds texture to planters, lighting and decorative accents. The result is a relaxed yet refined atmosphere – the perfect balance between luxury and comfort.

Polished black **PEBBLES**, 10 kg, \$30, Décor Veronneau

## 13 OUTDOOR ART

This summer, outdoor artwork has emerged as a top landscaping trend. While furniture and decor layer in character, it's artwork that takes garden design a step further by transforming the entire ambience of your outdoor space, expanding the ability of your yard to truly reflect your personality. Think beyond sculptures and creative planters. Large wall art such as murals and paintings gives a patio an intentional and expressive presence, turning it into your own personal gallery space. Make sure you choose artwork designed for outdoor use, so they're resistant to UV rays, extreme temperatures, humidity and rain.

Koala Ozzie **CANVAS**, from \$354, SRIIZ

**SRIIZ offers a range of outdoor canvases that are designed to withstand the elements.**

## 15 RAISED-BED DESIGN

Raised garden beds have become an enduring trend, as they offer a practical way to bring greenery to urban terraces and spaces without traditional gardens. A raised-bed garden is perfect for organizing outdoor areas: not only does this gardening approach maximize space, but it can also create natural divisions for different zones. Elevated raised beds make it even easier to enjoy the beauty of flowers and plants – no bending is required to tend your garden! Popular materials include wood and powder-coated metal, available in modern and rustic styles to complement any design. Oversize fibre clay planters are another option. Ideal for those who want a green escape without the upkeep of a traditional garden.



# — OUR — CURRENT OBSESSIONS

To keep you on top of the trends,  
here are our current faves.



**1** Velma RUG in Terracotta, 5' x 8', \$599, Article. **2** Iris SECTIONAL, \$999, Club Piscine. **3** Kane SIDE TABLE, \$399, Article. **4** Aspen Rimmed Green Palm Outdoor Melamine SALAD PLATE, \$10, Crate & Barrel. **5** Bamboo LANTERN, \$33, Bouclair. **6** Genoa Large Tuscan Yellow Italian Ceramic PLANTERS, from \$199, Crate & Barrel. **7** Veradek Demi Series Raised Long PLANTER, 30", \$162, set of 2, Amazon.

## THE 5 MUST-HAVES



Arly Green All-Weather  
Rattan DINING  
CHAIR, \$349,  
Crate & Barrel

- Pastel colours, such as sky blue and powder pink, favoured for their calming effect
- Eco-friendly materials, like reclaimed wood, local cedar and recycled composites, chosen for their resilience to Canadian winters
- Synthetic rattan and powder-coated aluminum furniture, which offer durability and timeless style
- Stone or brick fireplaces – they're more "in" than ever!
- Horizontal fences

FOR SOURCES, SEE OUR WORKBOOK

# The Great Escape

Dreaming of spending your days soaking up the sun, dining alfresco and lounging by the lake all summer long? Draw inspiration from these nine stunning outdoor spaces, and you, too, will feel like you escaped to a cottage or cabin – without leaving your own backyard or balcony.





Arranging seating to overlook the water offers the perfect perch for savouring the ever-changing panoramic views of the lake.



## On the Waterfront

Crafted for clients who love to entertain, this boathouse was designed as the ultimate indoor-outdoor retreat, allowing for all-day enjoyment on the water while offering shelter from the elements (there's an indoor bar/lounge). Every detail was chosen with durability and craftsmanship in mind, with an eye toward an effortless flow between the interior and exterior. Fade- and water-resistant fabrics, which mimic the soft texture of natural linen, create a cohesive look indoors and out while standing up to the demands of lakeside living. The bar (not shown) features sintered stone, a material that withstands the Canadian climate, ensuring longevity without compromising style. Inside, warm natural wood tones balance crisp white panelling, while outside, the dark exterior and finishes allow the structure to blend seamlessly into its surroundings.

**The Designer** | Bespoke Home  
[bespokelivingcompany.com](http://bespokelivingcompany.com)

**Styling** Me & Mo Creative | **Builder** Conklin's Construction | **Architect** Corbin Patten Designs

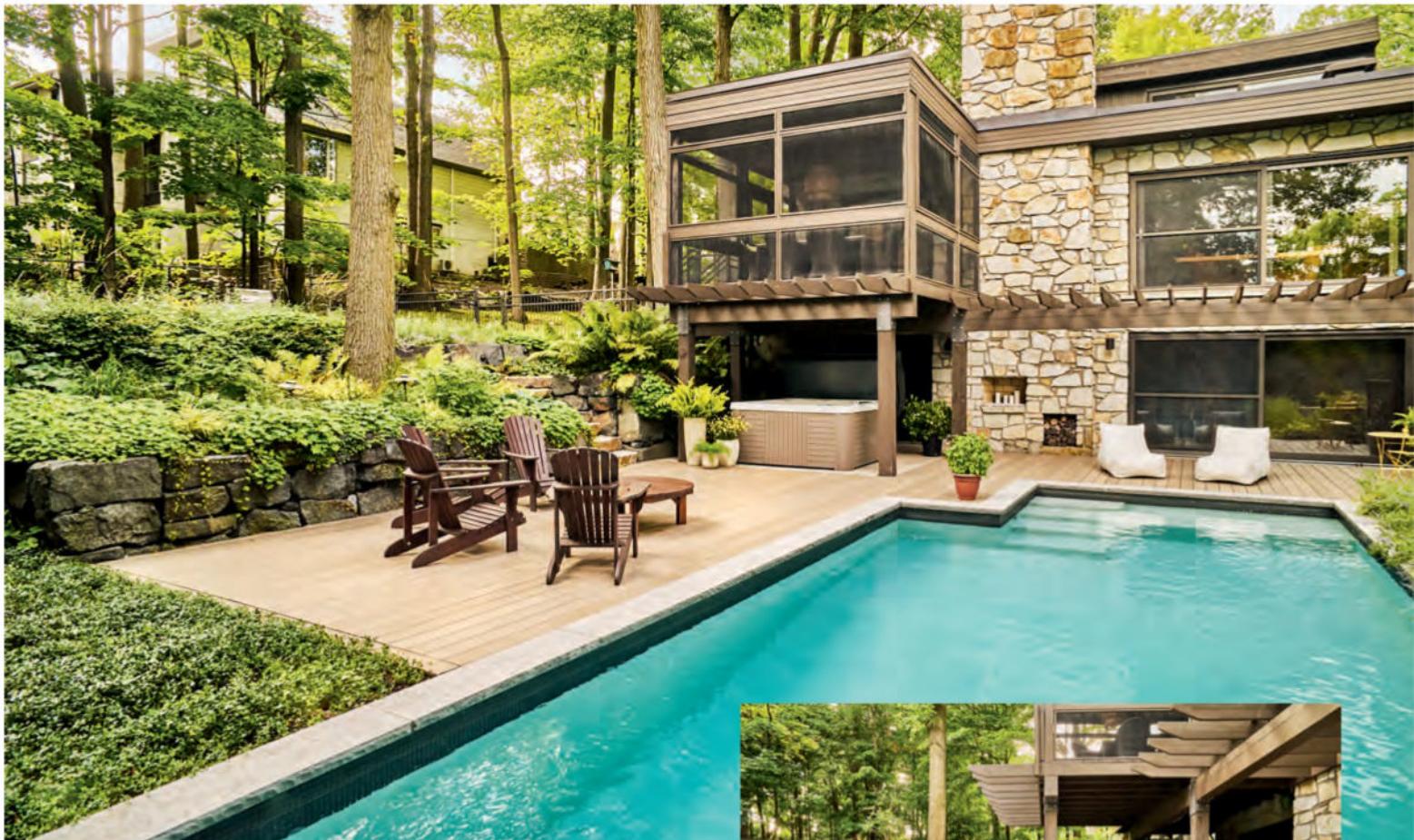
Even in the heart of the city, you can create your dream backyard. Smart design and thoughtfully chosen greenery can transform a tiny terrace into an outdoor oasis.

## Urban Oasis

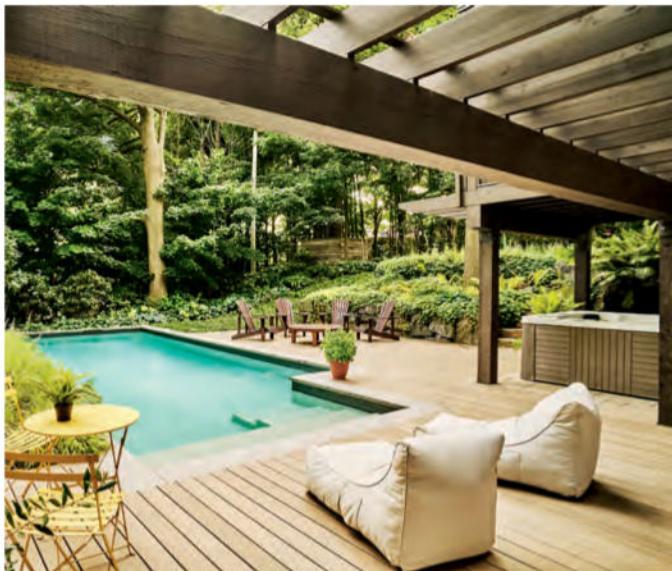
Nestled within a shared urban property, this small courtyard has been reimagined as a contemporary haven for lounging, dining and entertaining. The clever design seamlessly blends a stone slab floor and an ipe wood fence, which matches the home's brick exterior, to create a visual continuity that makes the space feel more expansive. Inspired by rooftop terraces, the project incorporates waterproofing and drainage solutions tailored to the site. Privacy is ensured thanks to a mature tree and carefully chosen tall plantings, which form a natural screen. A barbecue island and renovated outdoor shower complete the setting. This project proves that with ingenuity, even the smallest urban space can become an outdoor oasis.

**The Designer** | Dominique Filion  
[dominiquefilion.ca](http://dominiquefilion.ca)





The perennials covering the grounds of this woodland garden are perfectly suited for shaded areas and require very little maintenance.



## Woodland Retreat

The team behind this backyard makeover turned site constraints into opportunities, combining functionality with aesthetics. The straight lines of the terrace and concrete pool integrate harmoniously with the contemporary architecture of the house. To maintain privacy, the owners opted for an elegant wooden pergola that stretches the width of the house, ensuring a sense of seclusion and natural appeal. On one side, the steep 10-foot drop from street level was transformed through a series of retaining walls and plentiful plantings of low-maintenance, shade-tolerant ground cover that complement the existing mature vegetation and tree canopy. The result? The monolithic stone walls and steps add a rugged character that respects the lush woodland garden.

**The Designer** | Paysages Rodier  
[paysagesrodier.com](http://paysagesrodier.com)

# Cool & Contemporary

The design of this exceptional project goes far beyond mere utility. Inspired by the lavish resorts of Bali, this backyard redefines outdoor living, blending lush greenery, noble materials and a serene ambience. As the focal point of the space, a striking poolside pavilion combines the airy elegance of white metal with the natural warmth of western red cedar. This signature structure boldly reinvents the traditional pool cabana, merging form and function: it's designed with two distinct areas to cleverly conceal the pool's technical equipment while offering, at the client's request, a

sophisticated outdoor lounge. Providing a shaded retreat on hot summer days, this relaxation area is enhanced with discreetly integrated patio heaters, allowing the homeowners to enjoy the pool well into the crisp autumn evenings.

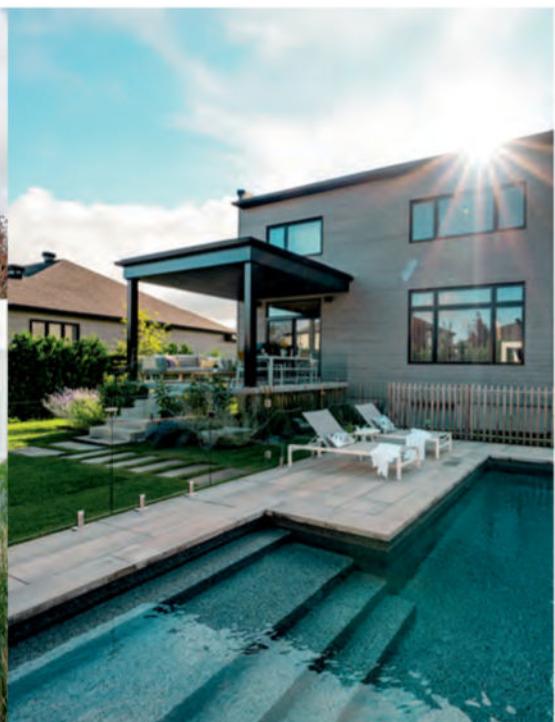
Similarly, the pool fence was custom-designed with both safety and style in mind. Strategically positioned, it maintains privacy on three sides and, most importantly, an unobstructed view of the water from the house, all while reinforcing the refined atmosphere that defines this stunning outdoor sanctuary.

**The Designers** | Eco-Verdure & Martine Boudreault of L'Espace Paysage  
[eco-verdure.com](http://eco-verdure.com) and [lespacepaysage.ca](http://lespacepaysage.ca)





A masterpiece of craftsmanship, the pool's fence elegantly combines glass panels, aluminum and western red cedar.





## Rustic Charm

Hidden among mature trees, this rustic-chic pavilion is the centrepiece of this backyard. Custom-built, it houses a kitchen, dining area, bar and lounge and is positioned near the residence to offer sweeping views of the grounds. The kitchen features a barbecue, ample storage and convenient counter space, all of which enhance the functionality of the work area. Patio heaters extend the enjoyment of this space well into early spring and late fall. Shade-loving plants punctuate the garden, creating a natural woodland feel, with large ferns taking centre stage. Mature cedars serve as privacy screens, offering seclusion without closing off the space.

### The Designers

Nathalie Blanchette & Maryse Lalime, Innovations Paysagées Ladouceur  
[ladouceurpaysagiste.com](http://ladouceurpaysagiste.com)

The pavilion's cathedral ceiling, crafted from cedar, adds a dramatic yet open and airy touch to the structure. Cedar is also thoughtfully repeated in the furnishings.





## Bright & Breezy

Surprisingly, this outdoor space only needed one simple update for a striking refresh – just a coat of white paint was all it took to reveal its full potential! By repainting the aging stones and columns, the designer brought in a fresh lightness that instantly modernized the entire area. To complete the transformation, new patio stones were laid down, creating a sleek, contemporary foundation. The space is now enhanced with a cozy lounge and a stylish dining area (not shown), perfect for entertaining family and friends.

The Designer | Sarah Marie Interior Designs  
[sarahmarieinteriors.com](http://sarahmarieinteriors.com)



Thanks to the warmth of the double-sided fireplace,  
the clients can enjoy this outdoor haven year-round.



Mature trees from a neighbouring garden provide privacy, making this space ideal for relaxation and socializing.



Subtle hints of light blue, pale yellow and warm sandy tones evoke a coastal atmosphere inspired by the Hamptons and Cape Cod.



PHOTOGRAPHY: STEPHANI BUCHMAN

## Family Friendly

What was once an underused area – filled with trees and lacking interest – has now been transformed into a serene retreat for the entire extended family. The owners, a mature couple who love to entertain, envisioned an outdoor space that felt like home. The focal point is undoubtedly the large pool, designed with a long, shallow entry – a safe spot for children wanting to splash around. Generous chaise longues nearby allow adults to relax while keeping an eye on the kids. The calming ambience of this oasis is achieved with a neutral palette, where materials like rattan, linen and concrete add texture and warmth. The goal was to create a natural extension of the home, with finishes that integrate the interior style with the exterior space. The cabana, housing an outdoor kitchen, dining area and cozy lounge with sumptuous fireplace, feels as if it has always been part of the property.

**The Designer** | Diana Bastone Designs  
[dianabastonedesigns.com](http://dianabastonedesigns.com)

Situated on the covered terrace, this kitchen is ideally located for year-round outdoor cooking.



## Coastal Chic

The classic style of the home inspired the design concept for this coastal kitchen, which features carefully chosen light neutral tones to complement its surroundings. Beige cabinetry beautifully enhances the space while allowing the teak wood of the dining table to be a stylish focal point. Further brightening up the space are the white dining chairs and countertop; made from a heat-resistant material, the counter was extended behind the barbecue to act as a backsplash, protecting the home's exterior while ensuring easy cleanup. The small outdoor-approved refrigerator is the perfect size for storing all the essentials for a memorable evening with family and friends.

**The Designer** | Maryse Lalime, Innovations Paysagées Ladouceur  
[ladouceurpaysagiste.com](http://ladouceurpaysagiste.com)





## Modern Hideaway

Located in a historic neighbourhood, this backyard makeover was part of a full-scale reno that included a three-story rear addition, a new garage and meticulous landscaping. For the home's exterior, the clients envisioned a significant transformation that would modernize the structure while preserving features that were in keeping with the neighbourhood. The backyard was similarly revamped to reflect their contemporary tastes. The garage now anchors the rear garden, serving as the backdrop for a spacious dining area beneath an aluminum pergola with motorized louvres. Adjacent to this space, a full-size pool once dominated the yard, but the design team opted for a new, compact swim spa, freeing up room for an entertaining zone with a firepit.

### The Designers

BVTA Design &  
Saraga Taylor  
Landscape Architects  
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# TOP TIPS | FIRST IMPRESSIONS



They say you shouldn't judge a book by its cover, but it's hard not to judge the exterior of a house, since it's the outside of your home that makes a first impression. Here are our top tips for increasing your home's curb appeal.

## GARDEN VARIETY

Landscaping plays a pivotal role in shaping the overall appearance of a house, since a well-maintained yard and strategically placed plants can create a welcoming ambience. But before you dive into a costly landscaping project, consider consulting with a horticulturist, who can guide you toward the perfect plants for your sunlight, soil and gardening skills. No green thumb? No problem! A pair of planters filled with low-maintenance potted plants or arrangements will instantly elevate your front door. Swap out the arrangements seasonally for year-round appeal.

## COPPER PEAK

A properly maintained roof often goes unnoticed. However, since the roof represents a third of a house's exterior, if your home has a deteriorating roof or one in an unsuitable colour, it will be the first thing people notice. In recent months, a new roofing trend has emerged in Canada: copper-toned roofs. "Copper, brown and orange hues are becoming increasingly popular in interior design. So, it's no surprise they're making their way to the exterior as well," says Nathalie Lambert, marketing director at BP Canada, which specializes in residential roofing shingles. "Homeowners love the warm, welcoming finish these tones give to a roof, creating an attractive visual effect. Copper's signature brown hue also aligns with the earthy trend, as its natural look blends beautifully with rustic or wooded environments."



## GIVE IT A TRY

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## EXTERIOR STYLE



OUR SELECTION

### WHISTLER SNOW

6205-11  
Sico

### INDIAN RIVER

985  
Benjamin Moore

### BOREAL FOREST

6167-83  
Sico

### Scandinavian Minimalism

Scandi design's clean lines and subtle palette of white, grey and beige make it a timeless style. These exteriors feature sleek, minimalist facades. Large windows are key, allowing abundant natural light inside.



OUR SELECTION

### BROWN TOBACCO

6189-52  
Sico

### SMOKY BLUE

SW 7604  
Sherwin-Williams

### ANCESTRAL

PPU24-05  
Behr

### Modern Rustic

This style mixes modern elements with warm natural touches, such as pairing a clapboard exterior with a wooden door and brick accents. Earthy tones create a harmonious blend of contemporary and rustic design.



OUR SELECTION

### CEMENT GRAY

2112-60  
Benjamin Moore

### ROUILLE

3084-53  
Sico

### PORTECO

263  
Peinture MF

### Industrial

Inspired by old factories, industrial style uses materials like steel, brick and wood. The colour palette is dark (think: black, grey, khaki, rust and brown), but it's balanced by touches of white.



OUR SELECTION

### WEVET

273  
Farrow & Ball

### BITTER SAGE

N390-4  
Behr

### CHARCOAL

SW 3063  
Sherwin-Williams

### Coastal

The star of 2025, coastal style is moving from seaside homes to urban spaces. Soft hues like pale blue, sand and slate grey evoke beaches, while a gabled roof and exposed beams bring a relaxed charm.

## UNDER COVER

For a fresh new look, consider new cladding. The cost to replace cladding is estimated to range from \$25,000 for a bungalow to \$90,000 for a multi-story home.

### Vinyl

Typically ranging from \$6.50 to \$9 per square foot, vinyl is considered one of the most budget-friendly options.

### Wood Fibre

Ranging from \$6 to \$13 per square foot, this material, popularized in Quebec by the CanExel brand, perfectly mimics the appearance of wood without the high cost.

### Brick

Ranging from \$30 to \$45 per square foot, brick adds an unmatched elegant touch. There's no need to cover the entire facade; this approach is often chosen to replace surfaces damaged by weather or wear.

### Aluminum

Increasingly popular in Quebec, aluminum is one of the most affordable options (ranging from \$7.50 to \$12 per square foot). It comes in various colours and can even be painted.

### Recycled Wood

For those seeking an eco-friendly and durable option suited to our climate, recycled wood – whether oak or pine – proves to be an excellent choice. Once it's treated to resist moisture and insects, this material offers immense potential. When paired with stone elements, it adds a rustic charm, but it can take on a more contemporary feel when combined with a steel door or concrete wall.

### Steel

Resistant to corrosion, weather and humidity, steel will maintain its attractive appearance for decades. It's also recyclable and requires minimal maintenance. Matte black brushed-steel cladding has seen a surge in popularity with the rise of Scandinavian and farmhouse styles. To add extra warmth, it's often paired with light wood accents.



## GOT YOUR NUMBER

While traditional plaques with address numbers still have their place, stealing the spotlight right now are individual digits arranged vertically to create a floating effect. Favoured for their sleek, clean-lined look, these numbers will add a minimalist modern touch to any entrance. However, they should be installed on a contrasting surface to maximize their visibility. With the rising trend of houses with dark exterior finishes, we're betting that white and stainless-steel digits will be especially popular!



### A SMART INVESTMENT

INVESTING IN ENHANCING A HOME'S FACADE CAN INCREASE A PROPERTY'S VALUE BY \$20,000 TO \$25,000.



*Whether you choose a cheery colour or a light neutral, a fresh coat of paint will brighten up your home.*



## TOUCH OF COLOUR

If the surface of your home's exterior is in good condition, the most cost-effective way to give it a refresh is to repaint it, rather than replace it. Repainting will extend the lifespan of the surface while providing a beautiful finish. When it comes to choosing colours, this year there's a noticeable desire to reconnect with nature. Greens, whether light or dark, are particularly trendy, along with shades of burgundy. Here are some other hot hues.

### **Yellow**

This creamy colour is definitely hard to ignore, yet it brings a cheerful charm to any facade. Yellow pairs beautifully with neutral tones and natural materials like wood and stone, and it will highlight any surrounding greenery. For a more subtle approach that still has a big impact, consider applying this sunny shade solely to the front door.

### **Off-White**

Off-white remains one of the most popular neutral shades in 2025. While this warmer shade of white complements a variety of architectural styles and adds a soft, timeless touch, it naturally suits the farmhouse aesthetic, which typically favours muted hues.

### **Sage Green**

Sage is the perfect choice for homeowners looking to add a splash of colour while staying true to nature-inspired hues. Light and subtle, it blends harmoniously with both rural and urban settings. A house painted in sage green remains elegant year-round: in summer, it complements the surrounding flowers and greenery; in winter, it warms up the snowy landscape.



## GOOD TO KNOW!

MOST CITIES HAVE URBAN PLANNING REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN COLOUR CHOICES AND CLADDING MATERIALS. MAKE SURE YOU COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR YOUR WORK IF REQUIRED BY YOUR CITY.

## ENTRY POINT

Whether for privacy reasons or to add a modern vibe, solid doors are a must these days, as they bring undeniable character to a home's entrance. While it may seem like a simple update, a new front door can completely transform the facade. Modern, classic, wooden or metal – the style possibilities are endless. Opt for a long vertical handle to further emphasize the contemporary look of the door.



# HOME CART ADVANTAGE

Gearing up for a makeover this summer? Score patriotic points by snapping up Canadian goods at one of these homegrown shops.

TEXT IRIS BENAROIA



## O1 ALYKHAN VELJI X SILVA CUSTOM FURNITURE

— TORONTO —

From flirty skirted swivel chairs to beds and button-tufted chesterfields (divine in tangy paprika) to zippy striped pillows, this whimsical collaboration between Calgary-based designer Alykhan Velji and Toronto's Silva Custom Furniture manages to feel both heritage and very today. The collection has 10 customizable, crafted-in-Canada dazzlers.

→ [silva4home.com](http://silva4home.com) and [alyveljidesigns.com](http://alyveljidesigns.com)



## O2 JAMES CROSSING

— VANCOUVER —

Founded by designer Heather LaRoy, James Crossing specializes in premium textiles in engaging prints and hues. The extensive collection features customizable wallpapers and fabrics designed by indie European artists. We're laser-focused on the trend of coordinating sconces with walls, and fully enveloped British-style bedrooms.

→ [jamescrossing.ca](http://jamescrossing.ca)

**W**hether you're sourcing a new sectional or scoping out side tables to add a little razzle-dazzle to the bedroom, Canada has you covered. We do too!

We've rounded up some of our top shops to hit up on our quest for Canadian everything. Some are online only, but most also have a bricks-and-mortar store. So, if you're road-tripping across the country this summer or simply planning a staycation, you can shop local, from coast to coast. Enjoy!

## O3 CYRC

— MONTREAL —

Zero-waste designers Daniel and Guy use recycled materials to fabricate spectacular 3D-printed bowls and vases. The vibrant colours and striking silhouettes make the pieces shelfie smokeshots. The pleated folds of the Absalon Vase are a delight, and the U Fruit Bowl's swooped shape is super cool. Available through the designers' website, Toronto's 313 Design Market and Elite Mkt, and other retailers.

→ [cyrcdesign.com](http://cyrcdesign.com)



### AU NATUREL

This range of body and home products is simply stunning.



## O4 WEST COAST WALLS

— VANCOUVER —

West Coast Walls offers over 300 versatile Canadian-made peel-and-stick and traditional wallpaper designs and decals in every colour. Catering to minimalists and maximalists, sassy subjects include frolicking woodland animals for the nursery; blooms that beautify the bathroom and bedroom; and abstract patterns, from seagrass to soft gingham, for just about anywhere that needs a pick-me-up.

→ [westcoastwalls.ca](http://westcoastwalls.ca)

## O5 FARMER'S DAUGHTER HOMESTEAD

— SWIFT CURRENT, SASK. —

Heirloom-quality home goods comprise this cozy shop that curates larger pieces of furniture, such as tables and dressers, as well as lamps and rugs. For accessories and furniture, think unpretentious patinas like soapstone, wicker, travertine and distressed wood. Best bets include Cypress + Petit Grain hand soap from Quebec's Atelier La Vie; heady Birdsong bubble bath from Saskatchewan's Bath Poetry; and Indaba's intriguing earthy vases and vessels.

→ [farmersdaughterhomestead.com](http://farmersdaughterhomestead.com)

## O6 BLACK SHEEP MATTRESS CO.

— CALGARY & TORONTO —

Enjoy a blissfully healthy slumber on Black Sheep's natural, handmade, sustainable mattresses. The Calgary-owned outfit – which now has a Toronto location – uses nontoxic materials, including cotton and wool. Customers can customize materials and densities.

→ [blacksheepmattress.com](http://blacksheepmattress.com)



## O7 BOUTIQUE INTEMPORELLE

— MONCTON, N.B. —

Find best-quality Canadian home goods at this stylish shop from owners Patrick Gagnon and Sophie Cassidy. Snag snazzy mugs, sconces, sofas, barware, cutting boards, and candles hand-poured in nearby Shediac, N.B.

→ [boutiqueintemporelle.ca](http://boutiqueintemporelle.ca)



**HALF MOON**  
Callow round DINING  
TABLE, \$2,775,  
Boutique  
Intemporelle



## O8 KLEUR DESIGN

— BLOOMFIELD, ONT. —

Livable pieces that just feel good fill this Prince Edward County shop, which is chockablock with smaller organic-vibe accessories (tea towels, pillows, dish soap, wood bowls) and large, timeless furniture (dining tables, credenzas, benches, chairs).

→ [kleurdesign.com](http://kleurdesign.com)



## O9 STYLEGARAGE

— TORONTO —

Stylegarage, a 25-year-old Canadian stalwart, has a spacious showroom showcasing full-room vignettes of modern furniture, making it a cinch to play designer. Current crushes: made-to-order storage banquets in brown-sugar-toned leather or pink that are fashioned by local craftspeople; colourful carpets; and Gus Modern's cloudlike Sola sofa and fluted Ledger cabinet or credenza.

→ [stylegarage.com](http://stylegarage.com)



## 10 HUT K

— WINNIPEG —

Minimalist and architecturally minded contemporary furniture, lighting and accessories make up Hut K, which carries stellar Canadian brands like Bensen and Bocci, plus international faves like Flos, Blu Dot and Audo. A Winnipeg fixture since 2011.

→ [hutk.ca](http://hutk.ca)



## 11 BONNE CHOICE

— TORONTO —

Give your digs a glow-up with the funkiest finds in town at Bonne Choice. The ever-evolving showroom is stocked with contemporary design-forward pieces and rare retro collectibles. Hot finds include Gaetano Pesce's candy-bright vases, and whimsical stained-glass mirrors by Toronto artist Katie Kohls.

→ [bonne-choice.com](http://bonne-choice.com)



## 10 SURPRISING STATS

### SHOP CANADIAN

A new national study conducted by Lightspeed Commerce Inc. reveals that not only are Canadian consumers buying local products in response to U.S. tariffs, but they're also redefining their long-term shopping habits to support local businesses.

#### CANADIANS ARE DOING THEIR HOMEWORK

- 65% | read labels to ensure they are buying Canadian
- 46% | actively research Canadian brands and retailers
- 44% | are more conscious of the products they want to avoid
- 76% | are willing to pay 5% to 10% more for products made in Canada

#### WHAT DOES "BUYING CANADIAN" MEAN?

When asked, the most common answer was buying products made in Canada from a Canadian retailer. However, this definition is evolving.

- 47% | associate it with products representing Canadian identity (Tim Hortons, Roots)
- 43% | believe that buying Canadian can also happen through international platforms like Amazon, as long as the product is made in Canada
- 59% | would not stop shopping at Canadian retailers that also sell American and international products
- 74% | are in favour of Canadian retailers removing American products from their shelves

#### CANADIAN-WASHING

Not all marketing strategies focused on Canadian labelling are seen as authentic.

- 29% | believe that some companies falsely label their products as Canadian
- 49% | suspect that deceptive practices exist but feel that most companies are honest

— BEHIND THE SCENES

# IKEA'S CREATIVE PROCESS FROM SKETCH TO HOME

TEXT JULIE LAPONTE

Ever wonder about the origin story of your favourite IKEA furnishings? *Style at Home* contributor Julie Lapointe went straight to the source in Sweden, getting an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the design process of the furniture giant!



The new Stockholm line pays tribute to Scandinavian design with elegant, timeless furniture.




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**IKEA** conducts over one million product tests each year. Their laboratories in Älmhult, Sweden, and Shanghai are at the forefront of innovation and feature a test area of about 215,000 square feet, where more than 250 people work full time to ensure that the products are durable, resilient and safe.

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Curious to discover the secrets behind the creation of each item, Julie delved into the process that precedes the production of IKEA's famous furniture and accessories. As she shares here, the story of each piece begins several years before it reaches our homes. And home is, in fact, at the heart of the creative process that shapes the products into the design icons we love.

## HOME SWEET HOME

As Julie learned, every year IKEA staff travel the globe, visiting hundreds of homes to understand the daily lives of people – their dreams, needs and frustrations. From these observations and interviews, as well as the company's annual *Life at Home Report*, come new products, thanks to a talented team of designers and specialists, who are all inspired and united by a single goal: to transform everyday life and reach as many people as possible.

To achieve this goal, IKEA follows clear and rigorous principles. Every product must combine beauty, functionality, multifunctionality, quality and durability, all while remaining affordable. To that end, a price for a new product is set at the very beginning of the creative process, which helps guide the designers in their choice of materials, details and design. Throughout the development phase, these products undergo demanding tests, far beyond the standards set by various countries, to ensure their quality and longevity. This is how every product, from the largest to the smallest, is developed at IKEA. Read on for the scoop on how two of our fave IKEA items epitomize this unmatched attention to detail for how we truly live at home.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

This compact and ultra-practical sofa bed is also available in anthracite grey.



Lindåkra LOVESEAT/SOFA BED, \$599, IKEA



## SOFA SO GOOD

Juan Cardenal Baste, a product design developer at IKEA, is the perfect embodiment of this design process. Eyes shining with excitement, he introduced Julie to his latest piece: the Lindåkra sofa bed. The result of over three years of design and development, this modular masterpiece was created to meet the ever-changing needs of urban life and small spaces.

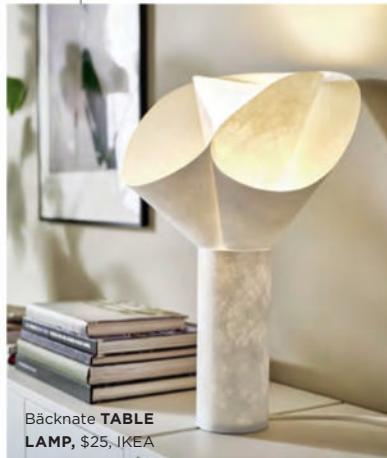
It's impossible not to be charmed by this clever, innovative sofa. Not only does it offer hidden storage in both the seat section and the footrest, but it also transforms into a bed, a table, a separate seat and bench, and much more. Every detail has been carefully thought out to combine ergonomics and multifunctionality. Take, for example, the two small clips that attach the footrest to the sofa: no screws or tools are required for installation or separation, so you can easily and instantly transform the sofa's configuration or use the footstool as an extra seat or table in, literally, a snap. Tested, handled, approved - this simple innovation makes the adaptable Lindåkra an ideal solution for active living in a small space, where furniture needs to do double, even triple, duty.

## THE LAST DROP

Another tweak to an everyday item - simpler yet just as telling - perfectly illustrates IKEA's attention to detail. Consider your coffee mug. You've probably noticed that little accumulation of water on top of the mug when you remove it from the dishwasher. IKEA mugs are cleverly designed to prevent this: a small slit at the base of the mug allows water to fully drain during the wash cycle. It's a subtle, tiny detail, but one that makes all the difference in daily life.

## WHAT'S NEW?

This year, IKEA is unveiling a multitude of new products - more than 96! - including the highly anticipated, carefully curated Stockholm 2025 collection. From an ultra-comfortable sofa to an elegant side table, here are some of our favourite new pieces that will refresh your home, all while respecting your budget.



Bäcknate TABLE LAMP, \$25, IKEA



Linnebäck RECLINER, \$90, IKEA



Stockholm 3-SEAT SOFA, \$1,990, IKEA



Stockholm ROLLING SIDE TABLE, \$179, IKEA

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# The Art of Excess

Samantha Pynn shows how to embrace the “more is more” movement in ways large, medium and small.

If you love the idea of adding more pattern, colour and beloved *objets* to your home, follow along for tips on embracing maximalism your way.



BeautiTone  
**Birdsong**  
TR25-1-4,  
Home Hardware



BeautiTone  
**Drift**  
TR25-7-1,  
Home Hardware



BeautiTone  
**Shiplap**  
WB049-1,  
Home Hardware



BeautiTone  
**Little Black**  
**Number DR60-3**,  
Home Hardware

## Livable Maximalism

Some people are natural maximalists. The more layers they add, the more relaxed and inviting their spaces feel. They also have a knack for artfully displaying collections and books. If you love the look of colour- and pattern-drenching but are nervous that your space will feel too theatrical or cluttered, consider approaching maximalism in stages. Start with a bold paint colour, like a dazzling blue or striking green. To go big, paint your walls, trim and ceiling, or bookshelves and cabinetry. Or make a small but mighty statement by painting a large piece of furniture like a bed frame or sideboard. For a modern vibe, add clean-lined elements in grounding black, or luxe gold touches like the faucet and hardware featured in the laundry room (opposite page). When it comes to personalizing your home with collected treasures, display items in groupings with a common thread to keep your space tidy.



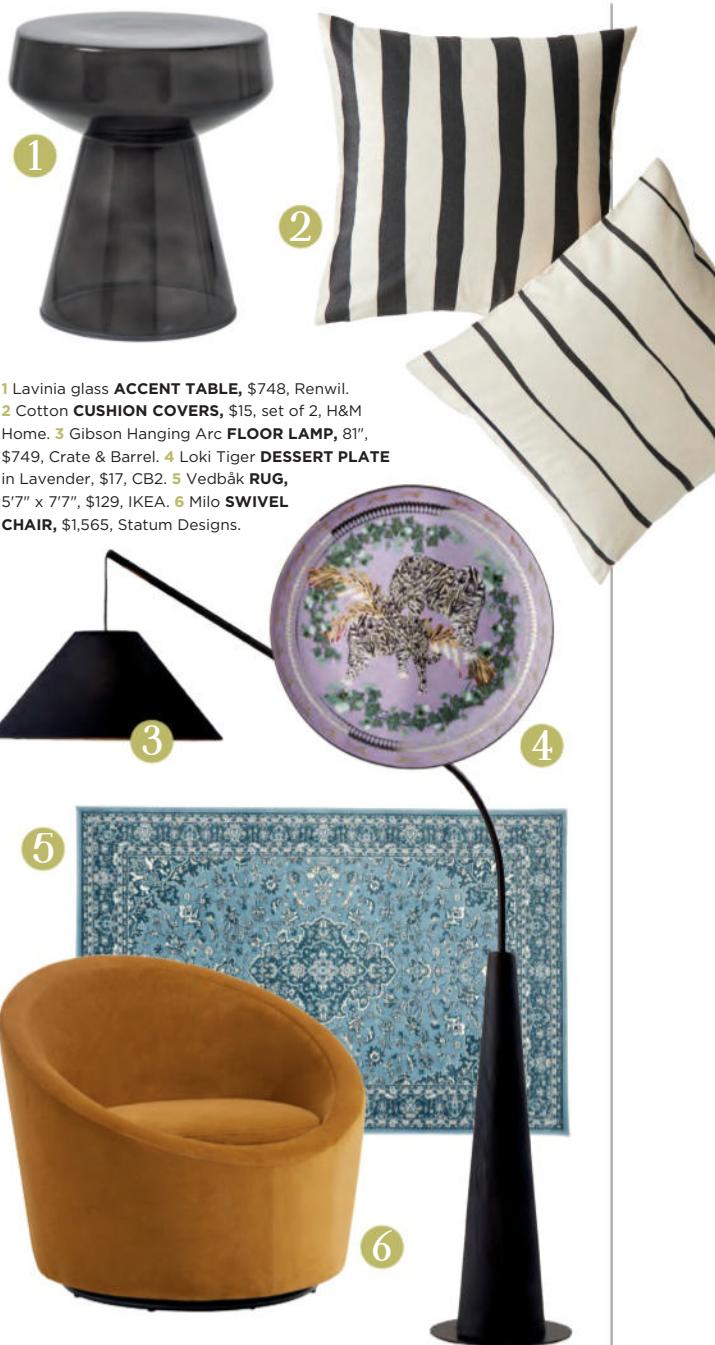
Large Minimal Plant **ART PRINT**, Dan Hobday.  
Green velvet **BENCH**, **BIRD ART**, HomeSense.  
Lumbar **PILLOW**, 12" x 24", Tonic Living. Lohals  
sisal **RUG**, Bondskäret **COAT STAND**, IKEA.

# Get Playful

Once you've chosen a favourite paint palette, let it be the springboard for playful and personal design elements. I love how delightfully unexpected the floral wallpaper from James Crossing feels in the laundry room. Maximalism is not haphazard: notice how the repetition of blue in the cabinets and wallpaper blooms makes the space feel cohesive. Wallpapering small spaces – powder rooms, pantries or entryways – is a fun way to embrace vibrant design and make often overlooked spaces feel special. In my own entryway (opposite page), I played with scale, mixing a giant piece of modern art by Dan Hobday with small-scale bird prints. Be sure to include a statement piece in your scheme. To add a glamorous silhouette, I chose a curvy green velvet bench. And to make an unexpected and bigger personal statement, I could paint the coat rack in a pale pink or add a giant Capiz pendant fixture.

# Mix It Up

Mixing patterns, textures and materials is key to maximalist decor. So, layer floral, animalia and geometric fabrics that you love. A sofa or set of armchairs will make a major colour statement. Drapery will also add a big dose of wow factor and draw the eye up. Floral and geometric patterns add movement, while velvet drapes add richness and depth of colour. As far as rugs go, textured sisal will allow bold colour and furnishings to shine, while a patterned rug will amplify a room's palette. In the bedroom, a fun-shaped upholstered headboard will create an eye-catching focal point, but a bold duvet cover can make an equally big statement. Don't overlook the power of pillows to tell your pattern and colour story. In my own entryway, I often play with multiple coloured linen and striped pillows. No matter where you use pattern, be sure to vary the scale, make connection with a repetition of colour, and incorporate solids for a visual reprieve.



## Small Ways to Be a Maximalist

- Paint accessories like vases and trays in an unexpected colour.
- Add bright botanical dessert plates or teacups to your table setting.
- Choose towels and bedding with ruffle and crochet embellishments.
- Add quirky table lamps to your living space.
- Hang art in mismatched frames.
- Make a statement with an oversized plant or floral arrangement.

FOR SOURCES, SEE OUR WORKBOOK

# Elevate YOUR SPACE

**DESIGN & STYLING** TAMARA ROBBINS GRIFFITH AND JESS DYBENKO, KERR + FIELD INTERIORS  
**PHOTOGRAPHY** VALERIE WILCOX

Designers Tamara Robbins Griffith and Jess Dybenko bring luxury and the feel of a bright, breezy summer day to a space-challenged bathroom.

**L**ight and bright meets luxe and sophisticated, with a distinctly French accent, in this primary ensuite designed by Kerr + Field Interiors. “Our clients requested a spacious shower, a vanity with lots of storage, and a freestanding soaker tub with a view of the ravine behind their house, all while delivering luxe Parisian style,” says Tamara Robbins Griffith. The challenge? “An extremely long and narrow – only five feet wide! – footprint,” says Jess Dybenko. Every trick in the design duo’s toolbox was employed to imbue the room with an expansive feel while ensuring optimum everyday functionality and the luxuriousness of a boutique Parisian hotel suite. Here’s how the designers orchestrated the feat and gave the room the easy sophistication that the French are famous for.



**DESIGN**, Kerr + Field Interiors. **TILES**, Marvel Calacatta porcelain (walls), Lume in White Lux (floors); Neolith **COUNTERTOP, LEDGE AND TRIM SURFACE** in Mont Blanc Silk; Ciot.

*"The Art Deco-inspired lighting adds elegance and Parisian flair to the bathroom."*  
— Tamara Robbins Griffith



## INSIDER ADVICE

→ **RETHINK THE SPACE.** Radically reconsidering the layout enabled the designers to take the room from utilitarian to spacious and spa-like. "We decided to build a big, bright wet area that accommodates both the shower and the tub and kept the toilet out of sight in a water closet," says Tamara. A single pane of glass seamlessly separates the wet area while simultaneously forging flow and an open feel all the way to the room's focal point: the oversize window and its leafy ravine view.

→ **MERGE FUNCTION AND FORM.** Tiles are a dominant element in bathroom design: they're essential for functionality and largely determine aesthetic direction. The designers combined large- and small-format tiles to delineate surfaces. "A smaller-format tile is key in a wet room or on a shower floor," says Jess. "Not only does it prevent slipping, but a mix of different sizes and formats of tile adds dimension to the room." Mostly white surfaces open up the space, but when employed in different applications and patterns they keep the design dynamic.

PRODUCED BY SAMANTHA PYNN AND KATHLEEN DORE



→ **GET BEAUTY ON A BUDGET.** The wall tile in the wet room provides optimal functionality and has big impact on the room's style. "If slabs of stone are beyond your budget, consider large-format tile. With minimal grout lines, it can offer the look of stone-clad walls at a fraction of the price," says Tamara. The pattern also connects inside and out, thereby expanding the space even beyond its walls. Tamara adds, "We really love how the veining mimics and flows with the tree branches outside, and the jamb [trim] around the window frames the view perfectly."

→ **ADD A FINE FINISH.** "Unlacquered brass fixtures and hardware add a lot of depth to the space, and their finish will develop a patina over time," says Tamara. They also communicate luxury in one grand gesture.

→ **REFLECT ON THIS.** "In a small space, use a large mirror to reflect light," says Jess. "This one was custom-made to fill the wall and boasts a slim-profile brass frame." →

*“The wall-mounted plumbing is chic, eye catching, and it’s also practical, keeping the countertop clean and uncluttered.”*  
— Jess Dybenko



Fleurco's Aria Voce 55  
**BATHTUB**, Taps. **PLUMBING FIXTURES**, Brassna. Acacia **STOOL**, Opjet Paris.

→ **BUILD A STYLE STORY.** The homeowner, who works in fashion and travels to Paris often, wanted the ensuite to reference her love of French design. “I think Parisians take a less-is-more approach to interior design, as they do in fashion,” says Tamara. “They are the mix masters of old and new, ornate and minimal.” She and Jess channelled that vibe in subtle ways, like combining a clean-lined modern vanity with Art Deco-style pendants and luxe unlacquered brass fixtures.

→ **MAKE A POINT AND COUNTERPOINT.** While expanses of white visually widen the extremely narrow room, all-white could be overly clinical. The fix? A wood vanity, wood accents and matte brass metallic finishes all bring warmth and balance.

→ **STORE MORE.** A wall in the wet room was built out to accommodate plumbing and now also does double duty as a ledge for accents and necessities like bath products, soap and a candle. “A ledge is a great alternative to a niche in the wall,” says Jess. Plenty of drawers in the floating double vanity keep everyday items stashed yet handy.

→ **ACCESSORIZE ARTFULLY.** Accessories aren’t major rero decisions, but a few select accents should be chosen to support a room’s design. Says Tamara, “The right towels, soap dish and other accessories tie the look together and complement the bigger investments.”

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BEYOND** \*

# Ask Us

You've got design questions. We've got the answers. Designer and *Style at Home* contributor Karl Lohnes solves your decorating challenges.



Eurofase's Vellura freestanding **HEATER/FLOOR LAMP**, from \$650, Living Lighting



**Q1** We are building a deck onto the back of our home. We'd like it to be useful for three seasons of outdoor entertaining. Any ideas or tips? *Joanne P., via email*

**S@H** Here are a few ideas that will help you plan for the multi-season deck of your dreams.

→ Add a retractable awning or other overhead protection for shade and shelter from rain. Also consider pergola walls or tall greenery for privacy and to obstruct wind on those cooler nights.

→ Plan for outdoor heating and light when evenings become too cool to sit outside. Brand new to Canada is Eurofase's Vellura freestanding radiant heater/floor lamp (also available as a table lamp and pendant light). It provides both light and warmth when needed.

→ Choose outdoor furnishings made of all-season materials (fade resistant and non-warping), which will withstand the weather year-round.



We'd love to help solve your decorating questions! Email us at [askus@styleathome.com](mailto:askus@styleathome.com).



**Q2** We love colour and are embarking on a principal bathroom renovation this fall. How can we incorporate colour without instantly dating the room? *Julie T., via email*

**S@H** The simplest way to add longevity when using strong colour in your home's decorating scheme is to choose colours from nature. Green, terracotta, turquoise, and the various tones found in limestone beige (a natural stone) – these are colours that will have longevity in a bathroom and they also tend to blend well with other shades. Add on-trend complementary colours through accessories like towels, which will be easier (and more affordable) to replace every few years.

**Q3** I'd like to update my toddler's wood furniture with colour. I am not a fan of white. What colour is bright, neutral and goes well with a child's room?

*Wendy T., Ottawa*

**S@H** One of my favourite colours to incorporate into a young child's room is green. Whether you want sunny and bright or slightly deeper, green is a neutral that tends to go with so many other colours when decorating. A fave colour this summer is In the Green, a Rust-Oleum Low Odour Spray Paint. With 40% less odour than traditional spray paint, this quick-drying latex paint gives a durable, smooth finish.



French  
Contemporary  
Double-Door  
Open  
**SIDEBOARD  
AND HUTCH**,  
from \$3,085, RH

**Q4** We want to add built-in cabinetry on either side of our stone fireplace, which connects to a wall on one side and a half wall on the other side. What would look best there and above the mantel?

*Courtney R., via email*

**S@H** I wouldn't suggest built-ins on each side of your fireplace – it would create a visual imbalance to the overall fireplace wall because of the full wall on one side and the half wall on the other side. Also, there's no way to butt built-ins up against the irregular stone sides of your mantel. Instead, use freestanding shelves that have storage below and open display above. Keep the finishes light and airy to blend in with the room's soft tones. RH's French Contemporary Double-Door Open Sideboard and Hutch is a perfect example of multiuse shelving with clean lines. Bonus? They can be relocated if your storage needs change or you move. A simple black-framed round mirror would be an ideal focal point over the fireplace. It will reflect light, add a soft shape among all the square details, and lend a contemporary vibe.

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# SUMMER 2025



## SWEET SUMMER MEMORIES

Easy summer living is all about enjoying the simple life. It's about embracing those lazy days outdoors, where we while away the hours under the warm summer sun or in the cool gentle breeze by the lake, if we're lucky. Indoors, our homes also reflect this casual coastal style, with light and airy linens, effortless florals, nautical stripes, crisp whites and organic textures. After all, living simply this summer is about enjoying sweet little moments together every day, no matter where in our beautiful country you call home.

# Happy

# HOUSE



An oceanfront setting, blue-sky views and barefoot elegance inspired designer Lindsay Quinn Levin's overhaul of this Port Moody, B.C., home.

**TEXT** CHRISTY WRIGHT  
**PHOTOGRAPHY** JANIS NICOLAY

When tackling any residential project, designer Lindsay Quinn Levin has a non-negotiable on her list. "My intention is to always design homes that are filled with happiness and light," she says. "I want to create spaces that bring joy." She set out to do just that when renovating this 3,000-square-foot residence, home to a couple and their dog, Riley. While the home's dreamy location in the oceanfront village of Belcarra was striking, its interior was less so. "The materials and finishes lacked charm, the floor plans lacked flow, and nothing made reference to the expansive waterfront views," says Lindsay. She planned a back-to-the-studs reno to rejig the flow and let in more light, and even redesigned the front door before layering in some of her signature joy. "I used colours, textures and materials that were in sync with the natural setting," she says. "The result is a luxurious yet casual beachfront home that's a joy to live in."

**DESIGN,** Lindsay Quinn Levin, Sincerely Lindsay Design Co.  
**FRONT DOOR, MILLWORK,** NWI Contracting. **SCONCE,** Visual Comfort. **SOFA,** Lee Industries.



"A SURFBOARD MAKES THE HOME FEEL CHARMING,  
*whimsical and not overly serious.*"

## BEACH VIBES

Designer Lindsay Quinn Levin (shown here) added shiplap to the family room's walls and ceiling to layer in character and texture without overwhelming the space. Colourful, patterned cushions feel lively among the neutral tones, and round poufs add in more curves.



"I WANTED THE HOME TO FEEL CONNECTED TO NATURE. I LOVE HOW THE FAMILY ROOM SEEMS *to float above the water.*"



- TREND -  
TEXTURED  
WALLS AND  
CEILINGS



## A ROOM WITH A VIEW

"I used a folding glass NanaWall to completely open up the family room and give an unobstructed view of the ocean," says Lindsay. To keep the view a focal point, she placed the custom sofa against the wall. "This is a long room, so I opted for a larger-size TV and fireplace, opposite the sofa, to make it feel less narrow. It feels cozy yet is still open to the view."

RUG, Surya. FIREPLACE, Urban Fireplaces.



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"THE BLUE ZELLIGE TILES GENTLY SHIMMER WHEN THE SUN HITS THEM, SO *the kitchen literally shines.*"



## MOODY BLUES

"The kitchen is where I really wanted to capture that casual, elegant beach house style," says Lindsay. The white oak cabinetry lends warmth, while the arched range alcove and pantry door reference the curves of the front door. Quartz countertops have a velvety matte finish that's easy to clean and they're nicely contrasted with the woven stools' organic presence. The blue-green handmade zellige tiles above the range add a bit of nautical razzle-dazzle while still feeling earthy.

**PENDANTS,** Visual Comfort. **TILES,** Fifth + Fir. **COUNTERTOPS,** Caesarstone. **COUNTER STOOLS,** Serena & Lily. **APPLIANCES,** Midland Appliance. **PLUMBING FIXTURES,** Brizo. **SINK,** Kohler.



## HIGH-IMPACT CONTRAST

The dining room's angled ceiling posed a challenge that turned into a fabulous feature. "We weren't sure where the ceiling plank details should stop and start," says Lindsay. "We decided to keep it just in the dining area and it adds a huge amount of character." The rattan pendant light nicely ties in with the woven island stools and pops against the grasscloth walls. "The stunning blue makes a beautiful visual connection to the zellige tiles in the kitchen." Simple furniture keeps the walls and pendant front and centre.

**PENDANT,** Palecek. **WALLPAPER,** DINING TABLE, Serena & Lily.

"THIS GORGEOUS DEEP BLUE  
GRASSCLOTH INJECTS THE WALLS WITH  
*dramatic colour and  
organic texture.*"



- TREND -  
COLOURFUL  
ROOMS





"THE PRIMARY BEDROOM IS MY FAVOURITE SPACE IN THE HOUSE. IT'S BRIGHT, AIRY AND *just feels so happy.*"

## SIMPLY SERENE

A focal wall of soft, sky blue grasscloth plays up the sunshiny vibe in the primary bedroom. The custom headboard is covered in washable linen and its natural texture is complemented by the block-print bedding and the lamps' palm-leaf shades. A TV in the bedroom was a must for the owners, so Lindsay designed discreet millwork at the base of the bed that conceals a TV on a mechanized arm. New curved French doors feel fresh, and linen drapes further the airy aesthetic.

**WALLPAPER**, Serena & Lily. **BED**, Omega Custom Furniture. **BEDSIDE LAMPS**, Four Hands. **BEDSIDE TABLES**, Essentials For Living. **ARMCHAIR**, Lee Industries. **SIDE TABLE** (beside armchair), Regina Andrew.



## EASY, BREEZY

"For the bedroom's exterior deck, I chose pendant lights that are playful and echo the woven rattan finishes seen throughout the home," says Lindsay. The pristine white sofa is also super practical with upholstery that can be washed and bleached. "Choosing durable, weatherproof materials means the owners can use the space year-round." The sculptural gas fireplace functions as a snazzy coffee table when not in use.

**PENDANTS,** IKEA. **SOFA,** TRAY, Serena & Lily. **SIDE TABLE,** Anthropologie.



## NATURAL ELEMENTS

"In the ensuite, I used white tile and quartz to create a clean, contemporary finish that's countered by the wood ceiling and mirrors, which add the perfect touch of organic warmth and character," says Lindsay. The slip-resistant hexagonal floor tiles impart interest, and the brass hardware galvanizes the room with easy elegance.

**MIRRORS**, Pottery Barn.  
**SINKS**, Kohler. **FAUCETS**,  
**SHOWER FIXTURES**, Brizo.  
**TILES**, Fifth + Fir.



"HAND-RUBBED BRASS, WHITE MILK-GLASS FINISHES AND WOVEN TEXTURES MAKE THE BATHROOM COME ALIVE WITH *a beachy vibe.*"



- TREND -  
MIXED MATERIALS



## FUN & FUNCTIONAL

The laundry room is small, but Lindsay thoughtfully designed it to include a full-size stacked washer/dryer, a drying rack, custom pullouts for laundry soaps and cleaners, hidden storage and a full-size chest freezer. Matte black hardware, a departure from the brass, feels practical, and the floor tiles layer in more happy details. "I wanted the laundry room to be a fun space, where doing a chore, like laundry, felt a little less like a task."

**TILES**, Fifth + Fir. **WASHER AND DRYER**, Midland Appliance.

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TEXT CHRISTY WRIGHT  
PHOTOGRAPHY EYMERIC WIDLING

# NATURAL BEAUTY

Inspired by golden sunsets and warm, open spaces, this Calgary home has a fresh presence that's family friendly, functional and fun.





## NEW CLASSIC

"This is a traditional home, so I chose a clean Shaker profile for the kitchen cabinetry," says designer Louis Duncan-He. "It feels streamlined and bright, but still timeless." He contrasted painted maple uppers with warm oak millwork and played up its organic feel in the island's bespoke fluting details. "I wanted to pepper rounded, organic shapes throughout to add interest and break up all the straight lines." A dramatic pendant light continues the look, and its golden hue, along with the watery blue fabric on the stools, speaks to the coastal vibe.

**DESIGN,** Louis Duncan-He and Alycia Stiebritz, Louis Duncan-He Designs.

**COUNTERTOPS, BACKSPLASH,** Cosentino. **DRAPERY,** Sonata Design. Kelly Wearstler **ISLAND PENDANT,** CF Interiors. **MILLWORK,** Casa Flores. **STOOLS,** Modern Sense Furniture.

**D**esigner Louis Duncan-He believes good design needs an element of soul that only the client can add. When he first saw this traditional 4,200-square-foot abode, that soul was clearly missing. "The couple that lives here is full of life," says Louis. "They have two small children, a lively art collection, and they love colour, but you wouldn't have known it from their home's dated layout and beige walls." During an extensive design briefing, the couple revealed their love of beaches and that ignited the designer's inspiration. "I started with the idea of a sunset and envisioned a natural aesthetic that blended transitional coastal vibes with vibrant, fun colour," says Louis. He, along with designer Alycia Stiebritz, tackled the dated floor plan with renovations that included expanding the size of the kitchen, adding hardwood floors throughout, and creating a designated play area for the kids. Throughout the new space, Louis's decorative interventions unfold like a kaleidoscope of personality, from whimsical lighting and spirited wallpaper to colourful paintings from the couple's collection. He says, "I'm so thrilled we were able to create the serene, beachy feeling the owners love, while still injecting so much of their personality."





## ALL IN THE MIX

The open plan of the kitchen and dining room informed Louis's design choices. "I layered in slightly different wood tones in the dining area," he says. "It's a great way to create interest while still ensuring there's cohesion between the two spaces." Architectural details on the dining table's pedestals are an injection of character that's bolstered by the playful midcentury-inspired light fixture.

**DINING TABLE**, Essentials For Living. **DINING CHAIRS**, Trica Furniture.

"Sheer drapery is a fun way to tame the more 'serious' nature of white walls."



## GATHERING PLACE

In the living room, Louis installed wall panelling that multitasks. "It beautifully adds dimension to the room, without filling up the walls, and it nicely frames the artwork," he says. The fireplace is flanked by floating shelves that echo the kitchen's oak cabinetry and showcase some of the owners' favourite things. The walls behind them feature pale blue ombré wallpaper that lends depth and is a subtle nod to the beach. A mix of furniture shapes feels dynamic yet still cohesive.

**CHANDELIER, SCONCES,** Light House Co.  
**ARMCHAIRS, COFFEE TABLE,** Four Hands. **SOFA,** Bernhardt. **POUFS,** Article. **WALLPAPER,** Phillip Jeffries. **RUG,** West Elm.





## VIEWING GALLERY

"The upstairs hallway was inspired by an art gallery, with the owners' paintings on each of the walls," says Louis. "There was very little light here, so I added the alabaster pendant light and the wall sconces. I love how their organic shapes continue the coastal references." He painted the staircase's original dark wood posts and railings and kept the wrought-iron spindles. "I always love keeping in some original details."

**CHANDELIER,** Eurofase.  
**SCONCES,** Light House Co.

## SECRET GARDEN

When Louis heard that the daughter wanted her bedroom to be an enchanted garden, he ran with it. "I chose this pretty floral mural that's very fun but also elegant," he says. The rounded headboard, curvy stool and artwork are playful without being childish. "I think it's important to add details like these into children's rooms so the design can grow with the child."

**MURAL**, Munks and Me. **BED**, West Elm. **BEDSIDE TABLE**, Crate & Barrel. **BEDSIDE LAMP**, Pottery Barn Kids. **POUF**, Wayfair. **RUG**, Jaipur Living.



"This **whimsical** bedroom encourages the imagination and invites creative expression."

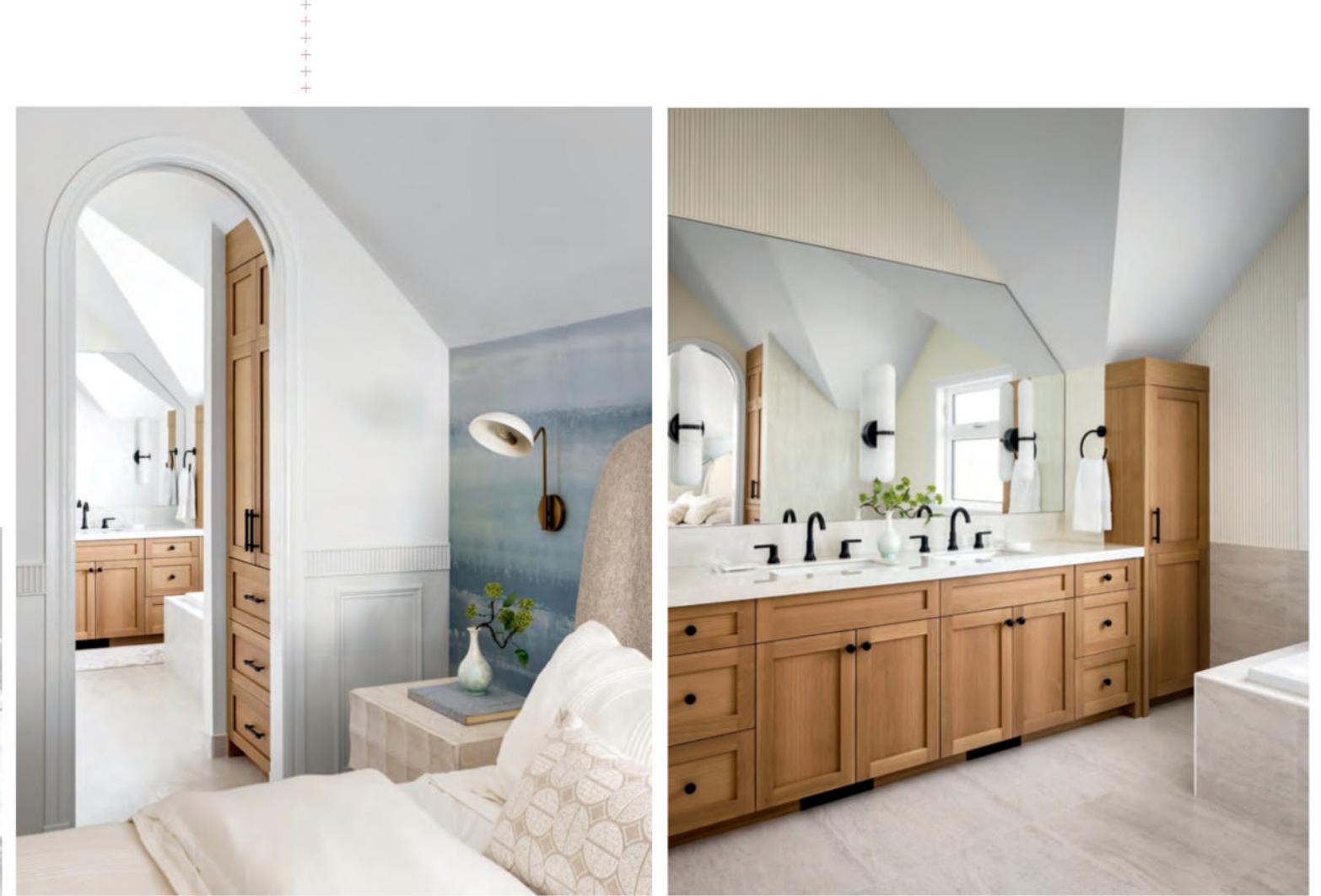
"The owners wanted their bedroom to be a real sanctuary – an everyday getaway with a **boutique-hotel feeling.**"

## SWEET SLUMBER

The primary bedroom dives into the coastal aesthetic with watery blue wallpaper and a soft sandy palette. Louis added panelling here to create a sophisticated effect that's tempered by the bold bed. "It offers a more handsome presence, especially with the airy sconces, and I like that balance between masculine and feminine energy." Coverings for the arched window proved tricky, so Louis kept it simple. "A clean white channel rod all the way across was a beautiful way to frame it," he says. The addition of an armchair was practical and Louis calls it "a great cozy moment."

**WALLPAPER**, Phillip Jeffries.  
**SCONCES**, Light House Co. **BED**,  
Sunpan. **BEDSIDE TABLES**,  
West Elm. **ARMCHAIR**, Nuevo  
Living. **PEDESTAL TABLE**, Four  
Hands. **RUG**, Jaipur Living.





## BEAUTIFULLY BESPOKE

Louis created an arched doorway for the couple's ensuite bathroom. "The owners loved the idea of it and it's a nice way to reference the bedroom window," he says. "It's little design details like this that create cohesion." He repeated the kitchen's white oak cabinetry in the bathroom and custom-designed one mirror to tuck in under the angles without drawing attention to them. The shower is finished with Dekton, a nonporous material that looks like marble. Black hardware imparts a fresh, casual vibe.

**SCONCES**, Light House Co.  
**COUNTERTOP, SHOWER WALL TILE**,  
Cosentino. **SHOWER FLOOR TILE**,  
Julian Tile.



"This playful powder room is a powerhouse of **coastal-chic looks.**"



## BLUE NOTES

"The powder room just feels happy," says Louis. "The fun floor tiles are whimsical and soften some of the more sophisticated design details." The nautical colour palette and striking wallpaper have a playful vibrance, while the bold floor tiles are carried down the hall. Louis designed another arched doorway for this space and continued its curves in the built-in storage unit. "This millwork leads into the living room, so I wanted a smooth visual transition," he says.

**WALLPAPER**, Emma Hayes. **PENDANT**, Hudson Valley Lighting Group. **FLOOR TILE**, Garden State Tiles.

## FRESH & FABULOUS

A storage room in the basement was given a brilliant reboot and now serves as a stylish laundry room. Louis says: "The owners wanted to feel happy when doing laundry, so I had some real fun with the pale blue millwork and patterned floor tiles. And the scalloped backsplash is in keeping with the sense of the coast."

**BACKSPLASH,** Daltile. **FLOOR TILE,** Wayfair.







## CHILD'S PLAY

The basement playroom brims with creative style. "I wanted to create a space that was a bit of an enchanted wonderland for the kids," says Louis, who used colourful rugs to define the room's zones. "There's a mini living room and then an art station. The kids love to create and paint, so I wanted this space to be super inviting for them to do just that." Colour-blocked chairs beckon and a feature wall lets the kids display their artwork. The sunset-inspired wallpaper and cloudlike pendants further the beachy brief.

**WALLPAPER**, Hovia. **BOOKCASES**, IKEA. **LOUNGERS**, Pottery Barn Teen. **PENDANTS, FLOWER RUG**, West Elm. **RAINBOW RUG, ART TABLE**, Pottery Barn Kids. **CHAIRS**, Crate & Barrel.

"The kids are at that stage where they're **really creative and want to express themselves**, so the playroom had to reflect that."

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# FRENCH TWIST

A modern update to a Georgian Bay, Ont., beach house combines Hamptons style and French accents for a classic and stylish summer retreat.

TEXT MARTHA UNIACKE BREEN

PHOTOGRAPHY NAT CARON

STYLING STACEY SMITHERS CREATIVE

## COTTAGE CHARM

"We wanted the entry to set the tone for the whole house," says designer Anne McNamara. Fresh white walls, mosaic marble floor tiles and a pretty plaster chandelier embellished with a stylized leaf pattern evoke French charm, while the white wicker bench adds a beachy feeling. Anne (shown opposite) continued the unpretentious mood into the kitchen, where elegant millwork, brass hardware and a deep apron sink suggest the classic look of an early 20th-century Hamptons cottage.

**DESIGN,** Anne McNamara, White House Designs Inc. **CONTRACTOR,**

**CARPENTRY,** Handy Custom Building. Custom **MILLWORK,**

Tasse Design Inc. **PAINT**

(throughout), All White 2005,

Farrow & Ball. **MOSAIC TILE,**

Saltillo Imports. **CHANDELIER,**

Visual Comfort. **WICKER**

**BENCH,** Serena & Lily. **PILLOW,**

Tonic Living.



The owners of this sun-filled beach house on Georgian Bay had just finished an extensive renovation and addition when they approached designer Anne McNamara of White House Designs Inc. The reno had added much-needed space and updates to their cottage, but something was missing: a sense of the couple themselves, with their love of French food, lifestyle and culture – and, especially, the certain *je ne sais quoi* of destinations like their beloved Île de Ré.

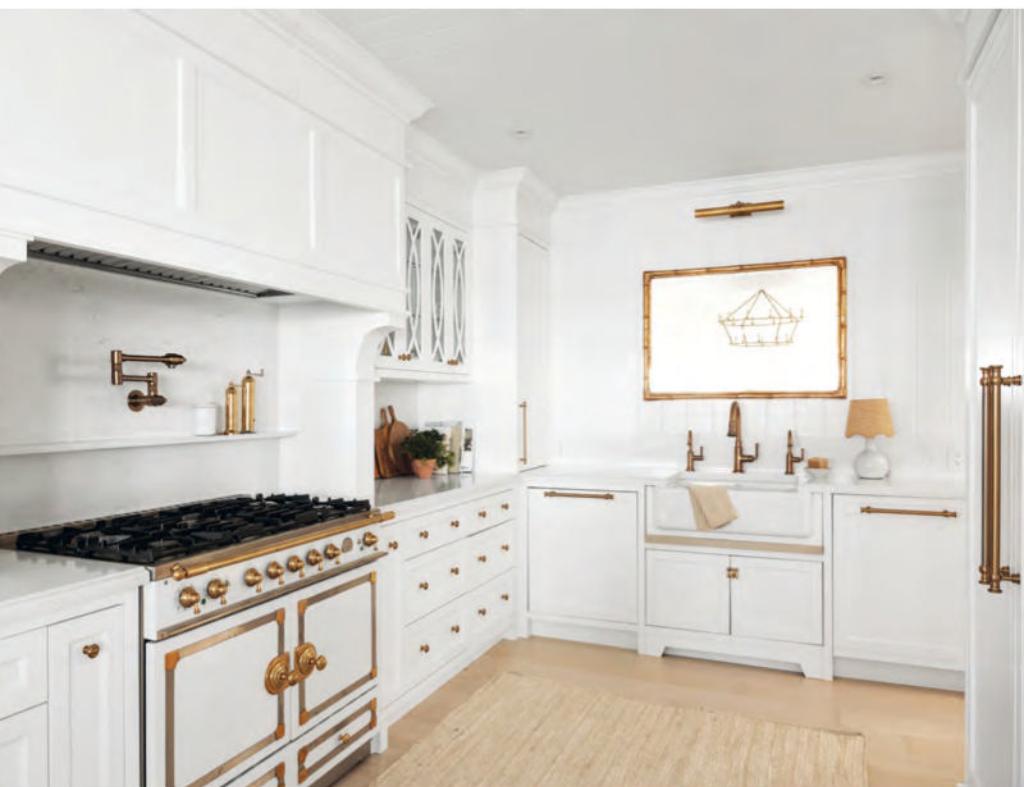
While they wanted the cottage to reflect themselves and their own well-travelled tastes, they also wanted it to evoke the spirit of classic early 20th-century Hamptons beach houses, with their traditional millwork and the elegant, unfussy feeling so typical of the fine old summer homes there. Anne responded with a bright and breezy interior that's grounded in intricate old-world details and timeless finishing touches, yet one that's also relaxed and approachable – perfect for welcoming friends up for the weekend from the city, or for stretching out and enjoying cool breezes off the bay. *Oh là là!*

**MIRROR**, Pottery Barn. **LIGHTING**, Visual Comfort. **STOOL**, Hauer Market. **SINK**, Kohler. **RUG**, Crate & Barrel. **TABLE LAMP**, Surya. **LINENS**, Lemon Tree + Co.



“AT NIGHT, THE CHANDELIER IN THE KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM MAKE IT FEEL LIKE YOU'RE **DINING BY CANDLELIGHT.**”





### DRESS WHITES

The homeowners are both passionate cooks as well as francophiles, so an exquisite French-made La Cornue range makes a perfect addition to their new kitchen. Anne's delightfully warmed-up take on a classic white kitchen includes adding custom millwork detailing – a feature common to old New England-area summer homes, which in many cases were built by moonlighting shipbuilders. Here, brass hardware, curved mullions in the glass cupboard doors, and a range hood with corbels give the kitchen its shipshape beauty.

**FAUCETS**, Brizo. **CABINETRY HARDWARE**, Top Knobs. **ISLAND STOOLS**, Serena & Lily. **BENCH** (along side wall), Hauer Market. **CHANDELIER**, Visual Comfort. **La Cornue RANGE**, Tasco.





"THE GREAT ROOM IS PURE CANADIANA, WITH **THE MAPLE LEAF FLAG FLYING OUTSIDE ON THE ROCKS.** IT CAPTURES THE FEELING OF THE HOUSE SO WELL."



#### SWEETLY CHIC

V-grooved boards in the dining room's vaulted ceiling are a classic cottage touch, as are the easy-care linen slipcovers and ticking pillows. The scalloped edge on the custom dining table was actually designed by the homeowner. It has a sweet, almost lacy look that somehow also feels very French.

**ARMCHAIR, RH. RUG,** Elite.

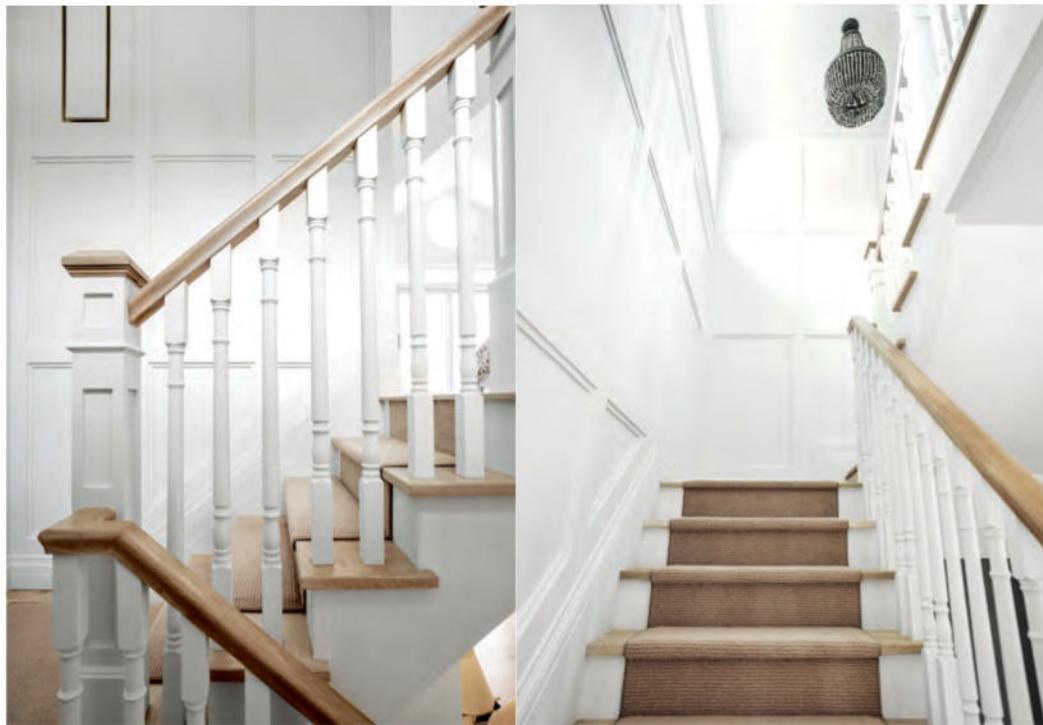
#### EASY ELEGANCE

White slipcovered sofas are tailor-made for stretching out on for a snooze after lunch, while sink-into comfy armchairs swivel, providing equal access to the fireplace for warming toes, or to enjoy the wide open view. The fireplace's local-granite cladding, says Anne, "just feels quintessentially Georgian Bay to me."

**SOFA, ARMCHAIRS,** For Living. **DRINKS TABLE, RUG,** Pottery Barn. **PILLOWS,** Tonic Living; Indaba. **BLANKETS,** Merben International.



**"THEY LOVE ALL THINGS FRENCH AND THE FRENCH CULTURE, AND WE WANTED TO RECREATE THAT FEELING HERE."**



#### GRACEFUL TRANSITION

The staircase, Anne says, has a particularly authentic Hamptons cottage feel to it, thanks to the application of elaborate millwork and trim. "The carpenters actually designed the millwork and panels in the classic Shaker style and painstakingly installed them for us." Windows high up in the stairwell cast sunlight right down through the house.

Custom **MILLWORK**, Tasse Design Inc.

#### FRENCH KISS

Navy and white bed linens in the primary bedroom provide another classic French touch, for coziness and comfort on cool late-summer nights. Almost all the furniture was painted white to add to the lighter-than-air feeling of this room. The small fireplace was already there, but Anne decided it needed beefing up; the solution was to install a marble surround and a traditional millwork mantel. Above the mantel, a mirror framed in brass with a picture light above provides another perspective on the bayside view, while simple overhead pendant lighting and bedside lamps are perfect for reading before bed.

**BED LINENS**, Au Lit Fine Linens. **BENCH** (at foot of bed), Hauer Market. **BEDSIDE TABLE, LIGHTING**, Pottery Barn. Custom **MANTEL**, Tasse Design Inc. **MIRROR** (over mantel), Four Hands.

**PRETTY & PETITE**

The powder room, says Anne, is one of the prettiest rooms in the house. The overhead lamp features a two-tiered, scalloped linen shade and looks as if it came straight from a Parisian boudoir. The rattan-inset vanity doors are custom, while the mosaic tile floor and marble countertop add an elegant counterpoint to the cottagey beadboard wainscoting and chair rail. Sourced on Etsy, the whimsical wallpaper was a lucky find, with its delicate vine pattern and tiny perching birds. The mirror frame and faucets are unlacquered brass and will develop a beautiful patina over time.

**MIRROR**, Visual Comfort. **FAUCET**, Newport Brass. **Wallpaperie's WALLPAPER**, Etsy. **LIGHTING**, Serena & Lily. **TILE**, Saltillo Imports. Rattan **VANITY**, World's Away. Linen **HAND TOWELS**, Indaba. **VASE**, Wills & Prior.



"IN EVERY ROOM, THERE'S SOMETHING INTERESTING TO LOOK AT. **THE HOUSE HAS A REALLY SPECIAL RELAXED FEELING.** IT'S PERFECTLY REFLECTIVE OF THE CLIENTS."



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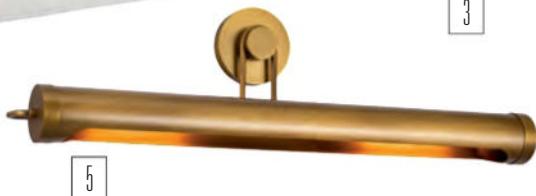
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## GET THE LOOK

### DECOR INSPIRATION



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- 1 Stewart ivory slipcovered **SWIVEL CHAIR**, \$596, Home Depot. 2 Yellow **ARTIFICIAL SUNFLOWER**, 24", \$10, Décors Véronneau. 3 Marilou **THROW**, \$40, Bouclair. 4 Swiss Madison's Chaux **BATHROOM VANITY**, 24", \$554, Rona. 5 Wynwood **PICTURE LIGHT** in Vintage Brass, \$907, Luminaire Janco. 6 Toile **DUVET SET**, from \$99, Urban Outfitters. 7 Kabbann acacia wood **BENCH**, \$249, Structube. 8 Finn stripe **PILLOW** in Denim, 22" x 22", from \$72, Tonic Living. 9 Eli handmade wool **RUG**, 6' x 9', \$999, Structube. 10 Mazin **NIGHTSTAND**, \$340, Tanguy. 11 Orion brass-finish taper **CANDLEHOLDERS**, \$22 (small), \$30 (large), Crate & Barrel.

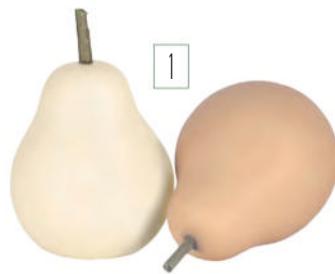


Soothing shades of terracotta, from warm brick red to soft orange, bring a bohemian vibe to summer gatherings. When paired with natural materials and earthy tones, this comforting colour evokes sun-drenched Mediterranean gardens, creating a cozy, convivial atmosphere – perfect for sharing good food and great company.

TEXT VÉRONIQUE QUIRION

# Coastal CHARM

Gather an array of fragrant herbs like thyme, rosemary and sage to create a **DELIGHTFUL, AROMATIC CENTREPIECE.**



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**1** Decorative PEARs, 4½", \$6 each, Boutique Kozy. **2** Hübsch's Aster DRINKING GLASS, \$16, The Modern Shop. **3** Natural acacia wood BOARD, 18", \$16, Walmart. **4** Esther Seeded FLOWER STEM, \$8, Urban Barn. **5** Classic Terracotta PLANTER, 9", \$40, Rose Bon Bon. **6** AmorArc ceramic DINNER/SALAD PLATES, \$56, set of 4, Amazon. **7** Recycled polyester brown candleholder LANTERN, \$35, Décor Véronneau. **8** Acrylic 3-gallon DRINK DISPENSER, \$60, Crate & Barrel. **9** Linen-effect textured NAPKIN, \$13, set of 4, Aubainerie. **10** Modern UTENSILS, \$35, 16-piece set, Simons. **11** Natural brown solid wood oval SERVING TRAYS, \$177, set of 2, Wayfair.

# We All ❤️ Air Fryers!



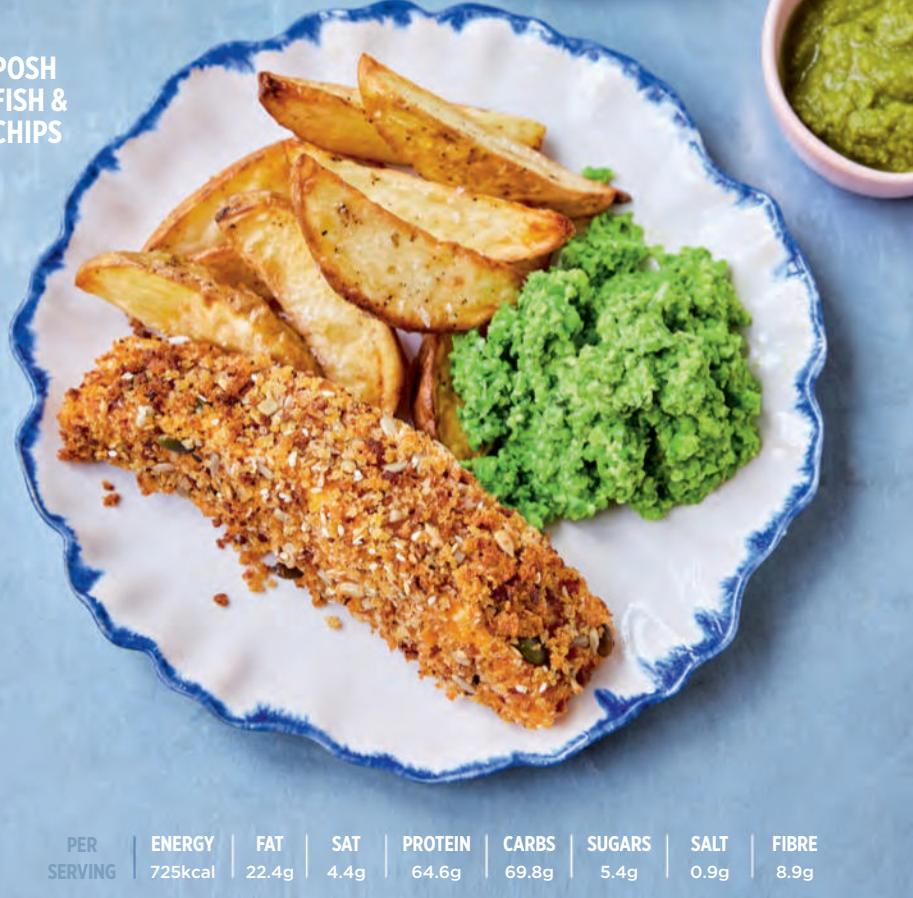
**STICKY  
EGGPLANT  
NOODLES**

Think air frying is just for crispy fish and chips? Think again! In his new book, *Easy Air Fryer*, celeb chef Jamie Oliver reveals this popular appliance's endless versatility to quickly cook everything from soups and salads to burgers and bread, and even pasta and dessert, all with the bold flavours, colours and textures Jamie is known for. These delish dishes are guaranteed to delight your taste buds!

RECIPES JAMIE OLIVER | PHOTOGRAPHY DAVID LOFTUS | FOOD STYLING JAMES VERITY

PER SERVING	ENERGY	FAT	SAT	PROTEIN	CARBS	SUGARS	SALT	FIBRE
	489kcal	13.7g	1.8g	16.4g	75g	24.2g	1.3g	12.2g

## POSH FISH & CHIPS



PER SERVING	ENERGY	FAT	SAT	PROTEIN	CARBS	SUGARS	SALT	FIBRE
	725kcal	22.4g	4.4g	64.6g	69.8g	5.4g	0.9g	8.9g

## STICKY EGGPLANT NOODLES

SERVES 1 / HANDS ON 7 MINUTES / COOK 20 MINUTES / 1 DRAWER

- 1 small eggplant (about 8 oz)
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 baby bok choy
- 1 tbsp unsalted roasted peanuts
- 1 tbsp sweet red chili sauce
- 6 oz fresh thick udon noodles (or cooked, drained udon noodles)
- 4 scallions
- ½ a fresh red chili
- ½ a Little Gem lettuce
- 2 sprigs of mint or cilantro
- 1 tbsp crunchy peanut & sesame chili oil or salsa macha
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar

Slice the eggplant lengthwise  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick, then into long  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-wide strips. Remove the air-fryer shelf, scatter the eggplant into the

drawer and cook for 15 minutes at 400°F, shaking halfway.

Peel and thinly slice the garlic. Quarter the bok choy lengthwise. When the time's up, pull out the drawer, scatter in the garlic and peanuts, spoon on the sweet chili sauce, then shake to coat. Add the bok choy alongside and cook for 5 minutes at 400°F, or until the eggplant is soft and sticky.

In a bowl, cover the noodles with boiling water to soften and set aside. Trim the scallions and thinly slice with the chili. Separate out the lettuce leaves. Pick the herb leaves.

Drain the noodles and add to the drawer with most of the chili and scallions, the chili oil and balsamic. Toss together well, season to perfection with sea salt and black pepper, then transfer to a serving bowl. Add the lettuce leaves on the side, sprinkle with the remaining chili and scallions, along with the herb leaves, then serve.

*"If air fryers are getting more people to give cooking a go, then that can only be a good thing."*

## POSH FISH & CHIPS

SERVES 2 / HANDS ON 22 MINUTES / COOK 30 MINUTES / 2 DRAWERS

- 1 lb russet potatoes
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- ½ oz Parmesan cheese
- 1 thick slice of seeded whole wheat bread (about 1½ oz)
- 2 5-oz skinless salmon fillets, scaled, pin-boned
- 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 12-oz jar of cornichons
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 2 sprigs of mint

Scrub the potatoes, cut lengthwise into  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wedges, place in the large air-fryer drawer, toss with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and a pinch each of sea salt and black pepper and arrange in a single layer. Cook for 30 minutes at 400°F, or until golden and cooked through, shaking halfway.

Beat the egg with the paprika and a little seasoning in a shallow bowl. Finely grate the Parmesan into a food processor, tear in the bread, add 1 tablespoon of oil and blitz into fine crumbs, then spread onto a plate.

Dust the salmon with the flour, then dip into the egg mixture, letting any excess drip off. Coat in the breadcrumbs, spending a bit of time really patting them on. Evenly space in the small drawer and cook for 10 minutes at 400°F, or until golden and just cooked through.

Meanwhile, to make the pickle sauce, empty the jar of cornichons and half the juice into the food processor and blitz until smooth. Spoon out 2 portions, then pour the rest back into the jar and keep in the fridge for up to 2 weeks for future meals.

Cook the peas for 4 minutes in boiling salted water, then drain, reserving a little cooking water. Tip them into the food processor (there's no need to clean it), pick in the mint leaves and blitz, loosening with splashes of reserved cooking water, if needed, then season to perfection and cover to keep warm.

Serve up the fish and chips with the minty peas and pickle sauce.

**SESAME SHRIMP TOASTS**

MAKES 8 / HANDS ON 11 MINUTES / COOK 15 MINUTES / 1 DRAWER

- 2 slices of white bread
- 2 scallions
- 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch piece of ginger
- 6 oz raw peeled jumbo shrimp
- 1 tbsp reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 medium egg
- 2 tbsp toasted sesame seeds

Pop the bread into the air-fryer drawer and cook for 3 minutes at 400°F, or until one side is golden. You might need to do this in batches.

Trim and thinly slice the scallions, putting the green tops aside for garnish. Peel and finely chop the ginger. Add the shrimp to the party, drizzle with the soy, then chop it all together until fairly fine. Crack in the egg and mix to combine (or blitz everything in a food processor, if you prefer).

Spread the shrimp mixture on the untoasted sides of the bread right to the edges, then cut

each piece into 4 triangles and sprinkle with the sesame seeds. Evenly space in the drawer, in batches if needed, spritz with olive oil, and cook for 12 minutes at 350°F, or until golden and cooked through.

Transfer to a serving platter and sprinkle with the reserved scallions. Great with sweet red chili sauce, or your favourite condiment, for dunking.

**MINT CHOC CHIP WHOOPIE PIES**SERVES 8 / HANDS ON 10 MINUTES PLUS CHILLING  
COOK 37 MINUTES / 2 DRAWERS

- 5 oz mint Aero or other mint-chocolate bar
- 5 oz cream cheese
- 6 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1½ cups self-rising flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ cup milk or dark chocolate chips
- 2 medium eggs

To make the filling, snap 4 ounces of the mint Aero into a heatproof bowl and melt in the air fryer for 3 minutes at 325°F, then stir until smooth and mix in the cream cheese. Cover and chill in the fridge for at least 1 hour.

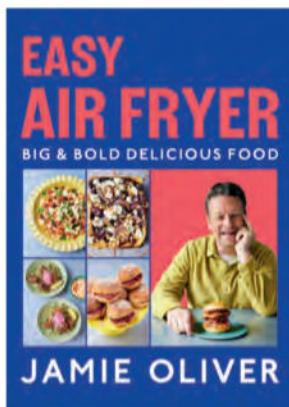
Melt the butter in a heatproof bowl for 4 minutes at 325°F. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, cocoa and baking soda, then stir in the chocolate chips, mix in the melted butter, then the eggs, until the mixture is well combined. With wet hands, roll into 16 balls and place on a lined baking sheet, pressing them down slightly to flatten.

Line the air-fryer shelf with parchment paper. Transfer 4 to 6 cookies into the drawer, making sure there's a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch space between them. Cook for 10 minutes at 325°F (12 minutes from chilled or 15 minutes from frozen), then, using the paper to help you, transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool, and repeat.

Once the cookies are completely cool, sandwich them with the filling, crumbling up the leftover mint Aero to sprinkle into each one before sandwiching.

**Make Ahead**

If not cooking right away, cover the raw cookies and keep in the fridge for up to 2 days, or the freezer for up to 3 months, ready to cook to order! Or, once cooked, keep them in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days, stashing the filling in the fridge, ready to assemble.



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**tip**

If you don't have self-rising flour, substitute 1½ cups of all-purpose flour plus 2¼ teaspoons of baking powder and ¼ teaspoon of sea salt.



**MINT  
CHOC CHIP  
WHOOPIE  
PIES**

PER SERVING	ENERGY	FAT	SAT	PROTEIN	CARBS	SUGARS	SALT	FIBRE
	451kcal	25g	15.1g	6.7g	52.2g	32.6g	0.6g	1.9g

# Strawberry Swirl

Is there anything as deliciously enticing in the summer as our Homemade Strawberry Ice Cream? Making this refreshing sweet treat is as easy as pie... à la mode. No ice cream maker required!

**RECIPE** MARIE-EVE LAFORTE | **PHOTOGRAPHY** TANGO  
**FOOD STYLING** NATALY SIMARD | **PROP STYLING** CAROLINE SIMON



## INGREDIENTS

MAKES 6 CUPS

- 4 cups hulled and quartered fresh strawberries
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 cups cold whipping (35%) cream
- 2 8 g sachets vanilla sugar
- 1½ cups sweetened condensed milk

## DIRECTIONS

In blender, pulse strawberries, sugar and lemon juice until only small chunks of strawberry remain, 5 to 10 seconds; transfer to saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat; reduce heat to medium-low and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is dark and reduced by half (skimming, if necessary), 15 to 20 minutes. Pour into bowl; let cool slightly. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

In large bowl, using electric mixer on high speed, whip cream until soft peaks form, about 2 minutes. Beat in vanilla sugar until stiff peaks form, about 1 minute. Using spatula, gently fold in condensed milk (do not overmix).

Pour one-third of the whipped cream mixture into freezer-safe container with at least 6-cup capacity. Spoon one-third of the strawberry mixture on top; swirl and twist with knife. Repeat layers with remaining whipped cream mixture and strawberry mixture. Cover and freeze for at least 12 hours. (Make-ahead: Can be frozen for up to 1 month.)

**PER CUP** About 665 cal, 10 g pro, 35 g total fat (23 g sat. fat), 77 g carb (2 g dietary fibre, 74 g sugar), 120 mg chol, 55 mg sodium, 0.7 mg iron.





### tip

Swap out the strawberries for frozen mangoes or mixed berries.

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# REVAMP THE BATHROOM

Ready to elevate your bathroom? These simple updates will turn your space into a serene retreat.

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## 1 SHINE ON

Planning your bathroom lighting might not be as exciting as picking out a new paint colour or shower fittings, but too many of us neglect this essential element. Whether you're soaking in the tub or performing daily tasks like applying makeup or shaving, proper lighting is key. It's a common mistake to think that a single light source will suffice. At the very least, most

bathrooms require both ceiling lighting and vanity lights. If your bathroom is also blessed with natural light, lucky you! Avoid choosing lightbulbs with a colour temperature between 3,000 and 3,500 kelvins. While the light is warm, it's not ideal for a bathroom. For functional lighting, especially around the mirror, we recommend neutral white lighting above 4,000 kelvins.



## 2 SMART STORAGE

Bathroom storage is often overlooked, but it's better to plan for more than you think you'll need. Let's face it: we store a lot of items in the bathroom, and it's far more pleasant when they don't spill out every time you open a cabinet. Plus, a cluttered bathroom can undermine the beautiful design you've worked so hard to create. Start by thinking about what needs to be stored (towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, makeup, razors, shaving cream and so on), then decide what storage solutions will keep everything organized. Open shelves look great, for instance, but most of the everyday items we need to store aren't exactly stylish, so closed storage is usually a better option. A couple of shelves in a recessed wall niche, however, can be a pretty way to display your favourite beauty products or plush towels while keeping them within easy reach.



## 4 MIRROR, MIRROR

Your bathroom mirror is much more than a mere accessory – it can be a standout feature that not only reflects the room's style but also enhances it. The curves of a round antiqued brass mirror, for example, can soften a vanity's hard edges, while the warm finish can layer in a luxe, luminous look in a mostly white space. Typically, the mirror should be the same width (or a few inches narrower) as your vanity counter for a balanced design, but sometimes a smaller mirror that matches the width of just the sink area can look better. If you go for a backlit or heated (fogless) mirror, make sure it's certified for electrical use. Check for third-party certification marks, like CSA (Canadian Standards Association), UL (Underwriters Laboratories) or ETL (Intertek Testing Services), which are usually found on the back of the mirror. Additionally, always check the quality of a mirror's surface, as a high-quality vanity mirror will maintain an optimal reflection for years to come.



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## 3 A NEW HUE

Decorating the bathroom has long been relegated to a secondary concern compared to decorating other areas of the home. But your bathroom – whether large or small – deserves a few colourful touches to inject it with personality. You can easily add character by sneaking colour into many main elements, such as the walls, vanity, flooring, even the tub. Nature-inspired hues like green and blue promote rest and relaxation and are particularly calming in a bathroom, whether you opt for soft pastels or deeper tones. Recently,

pink has made a comeback in bathroom design, with pale shades bringing a warmth and freshness. Try incorporating different shades of pink for a playful monochromatic look. Or consider warm, earthy neutrals like beige and its various tones, the bathroom colour trend for 2025; bright and timeless, these soothing shades create a sense of serenity and spaciousness, providing a welcoming, Zen-like atmosphere.



## Water Wise

Bathtub or shower: which should you choose? Both offer relaxation, but a shower is more energy efficient. Yes, energy efficient. Ideal for a smaller space, a shower uses less water – about 80 litres for a typical eight-minute shower, compared to 150 litres for a full bath – and, in turn, less energy to heat that water. For even more efficiency, install a water-saving showerhead to save up to six litres per minute, without sacrificing water pressure.

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## 5 SURFACE STYLE

The bathroom requires materials that are aesthetically pleasing yet durable for daily use and resistant to temperature fluctuations and moisture. You might be drawn to the look of a certain wallpaper, stone or tile, but choosing the wrong materials could mean replacing them sooner or dealing with mould. Make sure any wood, metal, stone, paint and wallpaper you select are safe for bathroom use. Bathrooms also require proper ventilation to remove moisture and odours, so install an exhaust fan if you don't already have one.



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