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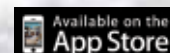
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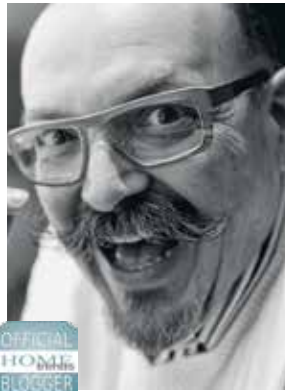
NICHOLAS ROSACI, an award-winning Designer, is the **DIY Editor for Canadian Home Trends Magazine**, and appears as a guest expert on *City TV's CityLine*. As Principal Designer for **Nicholas Rosaci Interiors**, Nicholas creates chic, glamorous spaces that cross the divide between Modern and Traditional. With a passion for fashion and all things stylish, his spaces leave a lasting impression that pack a punch and inspire you to live better, greener, and of course, more fabulously! **TIP** When it comes to saving space, think quality versus quantity. This means perhaps investing in only one set of dishes, glassware, tableware and the bare essential kitchen gadgets.

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JO ALCORN, Style Editor for **Canadian Home Trends Magazine**, Design Specialist and owner of **whitewash & co.**, has designed an eco-friendly furniture line **W&C**, found online and recently a lighting line that can be purchased in stores across Canada and the U.S. Jo is no stranger to the TV world, and is also an environmental advocate and teacher to future designers. **TIP** Eliminate obstructions: the further you can see into and through a space, the larger it will seem. That being said, use closed storage to minimize visual clutter.

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Canadian Home Trends Magazine's Food Editor, MASSIMO CAPRA has been on *The Food Network* many times with successful shows like *Restaurant Make-Over*. He has a regular spot on *City TV's Cityline*, is a national column writer and author of two best selling cookbooks. He is now the host of his own destination cooking show called *Gourmet Escapes*. He is co-owner/executive of **Mistura** and also brings his passion for great gourmet food at affordable prices to Canada's busiest airport, *Pearson International (Toronto)*, with the opening of **Boccone Trattoria Veloce** and **Boccone Pronto**. massimocapra.com



ERICA GELMAN, Principal of **Erica Gelman House Of Design**, specializes in both large and small scale residential design projects. Known for enhancing and creating new possibilities in every space of your home. **TIP** Furniture that works double duty is the best way to save space in a small area. I often use built-in units that not only function well but also add storage and value to your home. If you're short on horizontal space try to maximize on height and depth. Be creative and use every square inch available.

house-of-design.ca



LAURA STEIN Principal and CEO of **Laura Stein Interiors**, an award-winning firm specializing in custom interior decorating and design for residential clients. Dedicated to creating exceptional, distinctive, and uniquely personal interiors for her clients, Laura's focus is on fresh, lifestyle-based design infused with comfort and understated luxury. **TIP** Go for a sofa with straight narrow arms. Rolled arms might look great, but they are bulky and take up real estate that could be used for seating space. laurasteininteriors.com



EVELYN ESHUN Interior Designer **Evelyn Eshun**, a graduate from **Ryerson University**, has been involved with design over the past 14 years, collaborating with clients on their residential projects. Evelyn has been a regular design host for many years on several design shows like *Take This House & Sell It* on *W Network* and prior appeared on *The Decorating Challenge*. **TIP** If you keep yourself organized, you will save space. Space saving should be an ongoing process. Line things up, fold them, place items in drawers in single file and space will reveal itself.

evelyneshun.com



EILEEN MARSHALL is the owner of **Eileen Marshall Design**, a company that offers a full range of services specializing in renovations and custom homes. Eileen's philosophy is to create elegant and inviting interiors whilst promoting a healthy and comfortable home for each and every family member. **TIP** No matter how many compartments, dividers, boxes, or organizational arrangers you have, the best way to stay organized and save on space is to PURGE. Try a seasonal home cleanse and throw away things that have expired or you don't use. Think of donating to charities and to give to friends and family. eileenmarshalldesign.com



The Colour Palette

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Powdered Iron 6173-31
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Muted feminine colours with an underlying sense of metallic and pearl mixed harmoniously with white will give you that glamorous look. For an added graphic punch include a geometric pattern such as: a trellis, checkerboard or harlequin. We will see a resurgence in the kitchen and bathroom with additions of delicious colour to sinks, ranges and small appliances.



The use of inlays within exotic veneered wood furniture and tufted velvet or silk upholstery is inherent to the 'look' with the added sparkle of Swarovski Crystal chandeliers or accents.

“I love the simple shapes with the subtle masculine - yet decidedly feminine - lines that furniture from this age exhibits. **Round backs and slim, slightly flared legs on tables and chairs, make this furniture a worthy investment for its timeless properties.**”

The Design Elements

The modern interpretation of the Retro Glam look can have a more casual feel with the addition of Cow, Zebra and Leopard prints combined with casually finished woods and metals. Light fixtures with the industrial factory fixture look can be added to spaces which have a tufted tuxedo-style sofa in a classic grey velvet fabric.



the trend is

retro glam

Text Evelyn Eshun

The coined phrase 'Retro Glam' is catching a solid wave. The design sensibility of the early 1900's is providing Designers with a jumping-off point for incorporating this look in a sophisticated and carefully coordinated space.

Tufted tuxedo-style sofa in a classic grey velvet fabric.



Chair, Sofa and Side Table, Decorium, decorium.com; Pendant Light, Living Lighting, livinglighting.com



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Uptown Condo

Text Evelyn Eshun | Photography Larry Arnal



It is truly exciting for a Designer when a homeowner is interested in completely changing the style of their home environment. It is a growing trend for people to downsize from a large family home into the easy and carefree lifestyle which a condo can provide. When I was approached to assist these homeowners in the transformation of their lifestyle from a Traditional home to a snazzy contemporary condo, I was delighted to embark on this journey with them! Naturally, they anticipated missing the home they were familiar with and comfortable in, however; I was sure that providing them with a custom design suited to their needs would leave them wondering why they did not take the leap sooner.

Their main concern during the transition was storage of items which would be coming to the condo from a larger house. Items such as; dishes, glasses and platters for entertaining (which the couple does very often), books, home office, and clothing needed to be hidden away, yet easily accessible. When it comes to wanting to put things away, I am a fiend for that, thus I had no problem understanding their needs.

The homeowners requested, "I want my home to make me feel as though I am stepping into a hotel suite when I get home". This phrase set the tone and inspiration for the type of furniture, colour scheme and design style which we adopted for this project.

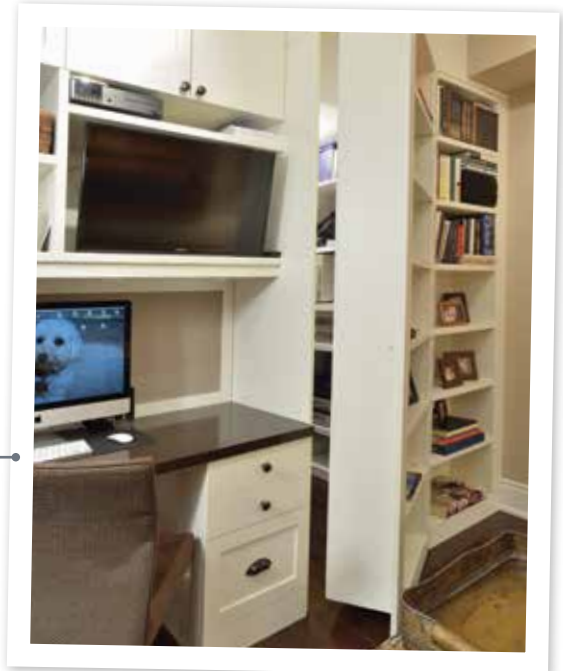
Built-ins are not the most budget friendly solution when renovating, but no doubt the best way to solve your personal design needs. In this case, we designed the main wall in the living room to house a new contemporary fireplace, floating shelves and cabinetry with touch-latch door mechanisms for a clean look. The cladding of the wall where the piano sits was to create continuity and balance in the space.

Entertaining regularly, the homeowners needed a sideboard which had lined drawers for their prized silver cutlery as well as to serve as an area for hotplates and drinks. A quartz countertop was installed in this area so there would be no concern of wear and tear on the beautiful deco-inspired furniture piece. Mirrors were placed to reflect the natural window light on the opposite wall to expand the area visually.



The den is the most innovative area in this home. A pocket door was installed leading into a tiny room off the entry hall to save space. To create space for the home office and all the books the homeowner had, a built-in unit was designed to house a desk, TV area, filing storage and speakers. My favourite feature in this home is a secret door which was built to open into the closet space, replacing the door which was much too large for this little room.

In the kitchen, it was important to create an area which could seat at least eight people. This could only be achieved with a banquette built against the wall with a sixty-inch table in front of it. A very deep drawer below the banquette allows ample storage for miscellaneous kitchen items. Chairs were custom made to be simple and sleek for an unobtrusive look, yet wide at the seat with built-in springs for ultimate comfort. This condominium is a perfect example of downsizing without compromise. Furniture, finishes and decorations were all carefully designed and selected to provide these homeowners with a space they can be comfortable in as well as proud of owning.



“MY FAVOURITE FEATURE IN THIS HOME IS — A SECRET DOOR WHICH WAS BUILT TO OPEN INTO THE CLOSET SPACE...” EVELYN ESHUN, DESIGNER

LIVING ROOM: Sofa and Chairs, Decor-Rest Furniture, decor-rest.com; **Cocktail Table,** The Art Shoppe, theartshoppe.com; **DINING ROOM:** Dining Table, Woodcraft, woodcraft.ca; **Chairs,** Custom made; **Window Treatments,** Cadillac Window fashions, cadillacshutters.com; **Fabric for Window Treatments,** Robert Allen Fabrics, robertallendesign.com; **Cabinetry and Built-In,** Emanuele Furniture Design; **Designed by,** Evelyn Eshun, evelyneshun.com

DesignConsult

Are you looking for a subtle or bold colour scheme? Whether you prefer a colour scheme that pulls towards greys or browns, designers Glen Peloso and Evelyn Eshun have selected furnishings to help you design your living room.



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ULTIMATE VERSATILITY

Glen Peloso – Glen Peloso Interiors

Creating a room with a lovely neutral palette of greys and blues can leave you with a serene space to enjoy for years to come. These colours allow you to use a combination of traditional and modern elements to create an elegant space with a relaxed feel. I've selected furnishings in neutral colours so you can keep them as the trends evolve. Remember to infuse bolder colours in interchangeable accessories.



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CLASSIC ELEGANCE

Evelyn Eshun - Evelyn Eshun Interior Design

Living rooms are meant for 'living', so why not use colours which hug and kiss you with their warmth? This velvet sofa is classic and elegant. Canvas prints with wild horses give a natural feeling to the space, yet the luxurious faux mink rug reminds us that we are in the twenty-first century. The bold colour scheme is warm and luxurious and complements the neutral furnishings.



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