

20% MORE CONTENT
in iPad version

WIN A
chandelier

KITCHEN
contest reveal

TREND
forecast

DIY HOLIDAY
tablescapes

HOLIDAY TREE
do-it-yourself

CANADIAN HOME trends

CanadianHomeTrends.com

60+ DESIGN SECRETS revealed

how to:

* STYLE YOUR DINING ROOM * DESIGN A SMALL BATHROOM
* CREATE BETTER KITCHEN STORAGE * SELL YOUR HOUSE FAST

and more!

DISPLAY UNTIL Jan 15, 2016

FALL 2015

\$5.50



53

0 74470 72103 1

PM 41438018

36+ HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Marc Stuydill



Joe Mancuso

Royal LePage Estate Realty
www.mancusohomes.ca

"My least favourite household chore is weeding my garden. I'm tempted to set a hungry goat loose to eat those pesky weeds!"



Laura Stein

Laura Stein Interiors
www.laurasteininteriors.com

"I can't live without my leather-bound notebook from Paris. There's something wonderful about the tactile experience. I also enjoy chocolate, Earl Grey tea, my black high-heel boots, and my heavy-duty measuring tape."



Melissa Davis

Meghan Carter Design Inc.
www.meghancarterdesign.com

"My favourite room is my dining area. I didn't want to give up having big dinner parties so I created a multi-purpose table. It's 8' x 3' and I combined it with storage benches. It truly is the hub of our home, the place I work, where my son does crafts and where friends gather for great meals and cocktails."



Isabelle Boba

LUX Interior Design
www.luxdesign.ca

"I can relate to Carrie from the movie *Sex in the City* because she found a way to balance her work life, have fun and still have a successful career."



Jacklynn Little

Jacklynn Little Interiors
www.jacklynnlittleinteriors.com

"I'd love to sit and have a drink with my father's biological mother. My father was adopted by my wonderful grandparents so I would love to know more about our heritage."



Jackie Glass

Jackie Glass
www.jackieglass.ca

"My design pet peeve is working with a contractor selected by the homeowner. I understand clients may have someone they want to work with but I want their contractor to know that we are not trying to take over the project and want to work WITH them to achieve the best possible living space."

Mike Ward

Chef Mike Ward
www.chefmikeward.com

"The first thing I learned to cook was toast. When I was five my mother taught me how to put bread in the toaster, push down the lever and NOT remove it with a steel utensil. A career was born!"



Christine Rae

CSP International
www.stagingtraining.com

"I would love to learn how to play the piano. I have always thought it would be relaxing to play beautiful music."



I Santa... want it!

continued...



KIM BARTLEY
DESIGNER



*Dear Kris Kringle,
Since moving to the west coast
and living on the water, I would
love to get a really sleek and
sexy speed boat! Possibly
something with a small cabin for
overnighters!*



JACKIE GLASS
DESIGNER

*My dearest Santa,
My holiday wish is that the
foundation for my new garage/
living quarters are approved,
framed and built (this will be
my temporary home) so that
the renovation of my house can
begin. Thank you Santa!*



JANE LOCKHART
DESIGNER

*Hi Santa,
The Roomba 980 is what I
want! It has bristleless debris
extractors, which eliminate hair
and fur tangles. I love my little
Baxter, but not how much he
sheds!*



iRobot, www.irobot.com



MELISSA DAVIS
DESIGNER

*Hi Big Fella,
The top of my wish list
this year is a beautiful
silk rug that I've been
coveting. Every time I go
and source a rug for my
clients, I think I ought to
treat myself!*



WSTUDIO Decorative Carpets,
www.wstudio.ca



Cutlery Couture, www.cutlerycouture.com

*Hey Santa!
I would love to get these
chic, cutlery holders to use
during a dinner party! I love
the rustic look of the burlap
paired with the barn board
display unit.*

MARC ATIYOLIL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



trend forecast

sneak peek

From 3D tile to
bright bold colours,
top Canadian
designers give us
a sneak peek into
what's hot in 2016.





KIM BARTLEY
DESIGNER

MAKE AN entrance

“This is the year of the statement door. Your front door gives visitors their first impression of your home, so it’s important to maintain a style consistent with the inside of your house. The most recent trend in front doors combines strong traditional craftsmanship with bold-coloured contemporary design flair. With an emphasis on size, the most popular doors right now are tall and wide with an expanded glass selection that includes modern leaded and textured glass inserts with mouldings.”



All Weather Windows, www.allweatherwindows.ca

2016 trends

As the year comes to an end, we anxiously await to see what’s in store in design for 2016. We’ve asked Canadian designers to help us predict what will be trendy in the new year.



Radiant Audio Design, www.radiantaudio.com



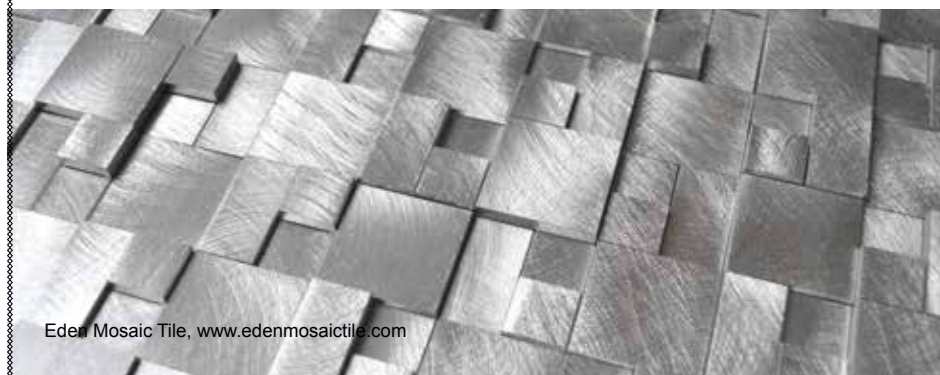
MELISSA DAVIS
DESIGNER

“I believe technology will play a big part in 2016 design trends. The integration of TVs placed in your bathroom mirror or speakers in the shower will be hot sellers.”

“I believe the trend for kitchen tiles will take inspiration from the past and a variety of cultural motifs. There will also be a more ‘craftsman’ or ‘handmade’ quality to our tile options. 3D effects will create shadows and textures in geometric shapes, while new technology and manufacturing techniques will bring back detailed and intricate patterns normally reserved for those who could afford an artisan from Italy to create these artistic creations. Materials such as antique glass, concrete, metal and leather will be appearing in 2016.”



EVELYN ESHUN
DESIGNER



Eden Mosaic Tile, www.edenmosaictile.com

ARTFUL *living*

Designer Melissa Davis creates
a beautiful home for her
family.

Text
J. Lynn Fraser

Photography
Stephani Buchman









Melissa Davis wanted a warm home environment for her son, while having space for entertaining friends in her three-year-old, 650 sq. ft. condo. "I loved the convenience a condo offers, but was worried I'd have to compromise on the size of furnishings," Melissa comments.

Long, lean, low profiled furniture allows for unobstructed views. Judicious, vintage, furniture choices such as a teak credenza and a coffee table 'glazed' with Carrara marble enabled Melissa to balance the masculine feel of her original, contemporary furniture. The warm, textured vintage furniture facilitates an open dialogue with softer pieces including a Montauk sofa in addition to a custom walnut and metal dining table.

Melissa focused her attention on the dining and living areas of the condo. "I opted to do an oversized dining table. I purchased storage benches that do double duty. They add seating and storage." Wall-mounted cabinets free up floor space. The ongoing conversation of materials and colours is continued with the use of complementary colours.



"I wanted to balance the dark counter top and black accents on the kitchen appliances. I opted for a clean and contemporary light in matte black," Melissa notes. Grey painted chairs blend with the dark wood floors—sustaining visual continuity throughout.

"Doing several small pieces of furniture in a small space actually makes a space feel more cluttered and small," Melissa advises.

"I wanted it both elegant and comfortable," Melissa says of her living room. Reflective surfaces add diverse light sources. This adds to the perception of a bright, loft-like room. "The open slim frame of the living room table keeps the space open. Its white marble pulls together the white cream and grey palette," Melissa observes. Strategically curated artwork enhances the sense of height for the condo's 8 ft. high ceiling. Reed, thin framed art, as well as, the slender legs of chairs and tables also add lightness. Well-tended throws add 'architectural' detail to the silhouettes of chairs.

“Opt for fewer, larger pieces to keep small rooms less cluttered. Maintain the same wall colour and floor coverings throughout and let art and accessories provide colour.”

MELISSA DAVIS, DESIGNER



TIP!

"I didn't want another piece of furniture so I stacked books to add colour and texture." - Melissa Davis, Designer



"It's SO small," says Melissa of her bedroom. "I opted to place the bed on the wall in full view from the living room, so it creates a nice focal point." The master bedroom's 'landscape' is characterized by a series of eye-pleasing contours. As an airy arch, the graceful headboard is functional while allowing for the wall's expanse to be highlighted—thus adding width to the room. A contoured tower of books increases the perception of the room's height while engaging with the throw pillows' colours. "By using open chairs as side tables it feels more open and casual and they are great for extra seating in a pinch!" Melissa states.

Melissa used textiles strategically in her son's bedroom. "By putting the focus on the bed with lots of pattern and textures it adds interest but keeps the space still feeling tidy and open." The storage units' colour matches the floor. She observes that this "lets them blend and appear more tidy."

"I wanted the condo to be a comfortable home for my son and I, with space to entertain friends and have large dinner parties."

Space Designed by Melissa Davis, www.melissadavis.com; **Photographer,** **Stephani Buchman**, www.stephanibuchmanphotography.com; **Table,** Space Furniture, www.spacefurniture.ca; **Dining Chairs,** IKEA, www.ikea.ca; **Dining Pendant,** CB2, www.cb2.ca; **Dining Benches and Storage,** IKEA, www.ikea.ca; **Table Cloth,** IKEA, www.ikea.ca; **Vase at Entrance,** HomeSense, www.homesense.ca; **Lamp at Entrance,** IKEA, www.ikea.ca; **Accessories on Dining Table,** HomeSense, www.homesense.ca; **Pot on Stove,** HomeSense, www.homesense.ca; **Red Jug on Counter,** HomeSense, www.homesense.ca; **Cutting Board on Counter,** IKEA, www.ikea.ca; **Black Chair in Living Room,** West Elm, www.westelm.ca; **Sofa,** Montauk, www.montauksofa.com; **Coffee Table,** What The Vintage, www.whatthevintage.com; **Bar Cart,** West Elm, www.westelm.ca; **Painting over Sofa,** Canvas Gallery, www.canvasgallery.ca; **White and Gold Accessories on Coffee Table,** Nate Berkus for Target, www.target.com; **Vase on Coffee Table,** HomeSense, www.homesense.ca; **Rug at Entrance,** Nate Berkus for Target, www.target.com; **Rug in Living Room,** West Elm, www.westelm.ca