



2nd Floor Addition

SCOPE To add a second storey as well as interior redesign and renovation.

CHALLENGE Integrating the open-concept floor plan with traditional elements. The goal on the exterior façade was to utilize and salvage as much as possible, while refreshing the face and staying true to the elements of the traditional neighbourhood.

RESULT Both the interior and exterior benefited from the exterior stucco application around the sides and rear of the home. This further insulated the home, providing a fresh and durable exterior finish. Natural stone, red brick, stone sills and copper awning are offset with chestnut-bronze window frames and custom-coloured soffits. By layering basic design elements, such as colour and texture, a complementary and cohesive natural colour palette is achieved.

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Family Room

SCOPE To redesign a family room cosy enough for television watching and spacious enough for large family gatherings, while still utilizing the existing sofa and loveseat.

CHALLENGE The lack of focal point with the fireplace. The windows precluded adding built-ins to disguise the depth of the fireplace, which would have provided much needed storage for the child's toys.

RESULT The mantel was painted in white and the television was relocated. Custom cabinetry on the adjacent wall now houses the television, hides children's toys, and provides a space to display items. Additional seating now facilitates large gatherings.

BUDGET Approximately \$12,000 (not including design fees).

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Powder Room

SCOPE To satisfy the homeowners' desire for a Zen bathroom.

CHALLENGE The large glass block window let light into the room, but the homeowners hated the way it looked. Since they didn't want to replace it with a new window, a creative solution was needed.

RESULT Built-in panelling surrounds the window and houses custom shoji screens fitted with frosted plexiglass to allow in soft-filtered light and hide the glass block from view. The Zen spa look was achieved; the space is now contemporary and bright, yet warm and tranquil.

BUDGET \$12,000

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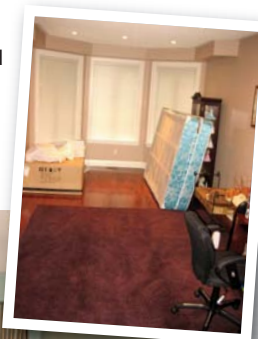
Living Room

SCOPE To provide a unique area for relaxing, television viewing and entertaining.

CHALLENGE The long and narrow shape of the room.

RESULT A sectional with curved back and chaise lounge balance out the space and provide ample seating. The space is grounded with a geometric area rug and soft blue/grey paint, while the window coverings let in light.

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Fresh Adaptations



Dining Room

SCOPE To create a kid-friendly dining space that had sufficient storage, seating for eight, and more natural light.

CHALLENGE The large window at one end was off-centre. The dining room was completely open to the living room and needed to be balanced opposite the large fireplace wall with custom built-ins.

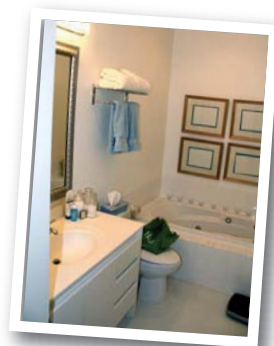
RESULT Extra windows were installed for more natural light and provide a better view of the side garden. Custom draperies now camouflage the window. Rich purple paint on the back wall creates drama while helping to balance the wall opposite the large fireplace wall of the living room.

BUDGET Approximately \$17,000 (not including design fees)

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BEFORE & AFTER



Spa Bathroom

SCOPE To create an upscale bathroom for the homeowner to unwind in.

CHALLENGE The unique layout didn't lend itself to any drastic alterations.

RESULT Marble, wainscoting, upscale fixtures, french doors, heated floor, a custom shower with a rain head, as well as lighting were added to create ambience.

BUDGET Approx. \$35,000

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Baker's Kitchen

SCOPE To create a fresh contemporary kitchen with traditional elements, additional storage, expanded counter space, and an area more conducive to cooking and baking.

RESULT An extended peninsula provides more counter space and seating, space-saving double ovens offer cooking ease, the pantry has additional storage, and removal of bulkheads allow for taller upper cabinets.

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