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# NOTE

FROM THE

# EDITOR

In times like these, it's easy to feel uncertain about the future. But as Canadians, we've always shown resilience and will come out of this stronger than ever.

As for me, I'm looking ahead with excitement as I prepare to celebrate my 50th birthday with a backpacking trip with my daughter!

In the meantime, I've been enjoying all that Alberta has to offer, especially exploring on my cross-country skis.

But after a day of adventure, there's nothing I love more than being home—my safe haven—savoring a frosty winter day with my family.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Design Life and find inspiration for your home.

*Brenda*



## A Place to Call Home

This couple fell in love with their St. Albert bungalow's location, surrounded by green space and coffee shops, though the house needed major updates.

First, we transformed a portion of formal dining room into a cozy den with a hidden door tucked behind the kitchen. Now, it's the perfect retreat or guest bedroom.

The original layout had awkward arches and poorly placed doorways. We removed the arches to open up sightlines, creating a more cohesive space.

We transformed a spare bedroom into a bright laundry room/mudroom, giving the couple a more organized and welcoming private entry.

Relocating the primary bedroom entrance from the living room to a back hallway improved furniture placement, added wall space for art, and expanded the living area by three feet.

With the couple's art collection in mind, we created intentional spaces, like well-lit feature walls and open sightlines, to showcase their treasured pieces.

To make the process even smoother, we curated a custom furniture package for the couple, so every piece was thoughtfully selected and ready to go.

When they saw their completed home for the first time, the homeowner was so moved by how it all came together perfectly and her kitchen dream was a reality. In the end, his once-outdated bungalow became a true reflection of its owners: thoughtful, functional, and filled with character. Now, they have the dream home they envisioned in the location they always loved.







The narrow island gives extra workspace while maintaining an open flow. We love the fluted detailing because it adds a beautiful, tactile quality to the wood, creating an elegant, handcrafted feel. It's a small but impactful detail that adds warmth and texture to the space.





## Key Features

Like many homes, the kitchen is the heart of this space. By extending it into the former formal dining room, we created a kitchen that's not just larger, but smarter, warmer, and more connected to the rest of the home.

Natural wood tones bring warmth and depth, while clean lines and subtle textural details, like fluted wood on the island and upper cabinets, add visual interest without overwhelming the space.

Sunlight floods the space, bringing out the warmth of the design and creating an easy, welcoming vibe. With roomy countertops, plenty of storage, and thoughtful finishes, the kitchen now feels like the true heart of the home—both beautiful and built for everyday living.



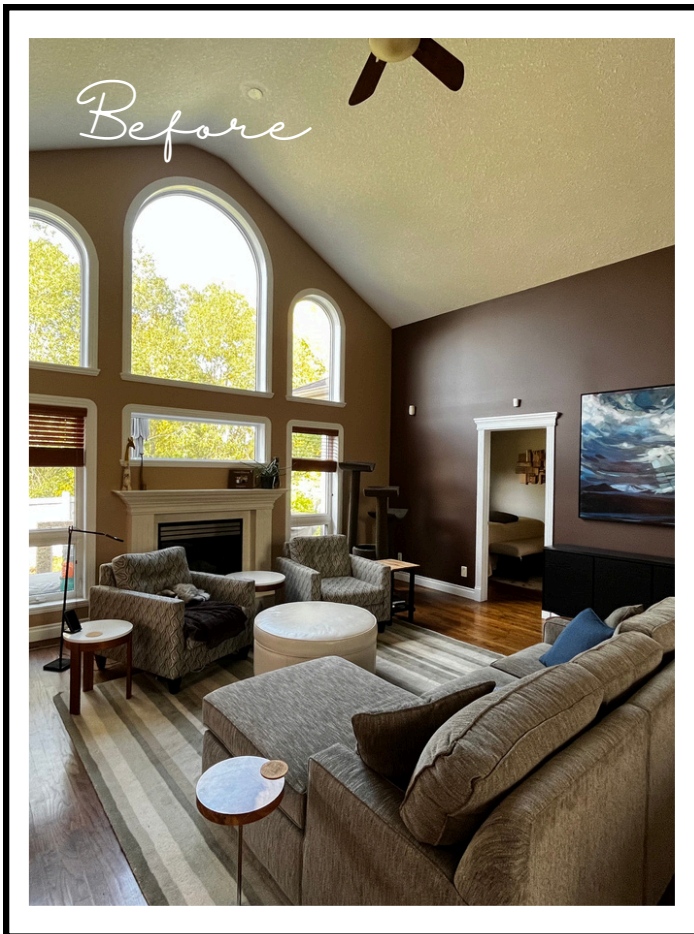


















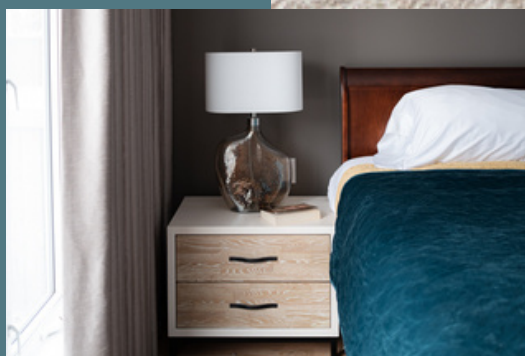






The primary bedroom and ensuite were redesigned for comfort and function, with a custom walk-through closet and a luxurious steam shower replacing the bulky corner tub.

Small details, like a hidden medicine cabinet, keep the space clean and clutter-free.







# EXPERT

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## **Cosentino: Sustainability Leaders**

Sustainability is a key priority for any renovation project, which is why we love collaborating with Cosentino.

Cosentino, a leading manufacturer of high-quality surfaces, has not only partnered with Brix and Co on our Serenity Table line to create beautiful, sustainable furniture pieces. We also work with them to source high-quality, sustainable materials to use throughout our designs.

This commitment to sustainability helps us deliver spaces that are not only beautiful, but also built to last.

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## Wellspring: Continuing Care for Cancer Survivors

When it comes to cancer, the journey doesn't end when treatment is over. The physical and emotional impact leaves a lasting presence long after the sessions are done.

Our founder, Brenda has lived through it all, from lingering side effects to the ongoing mental toll of adjusting to life after treatment.

Now, as a patient advisor for CRINA, Brenda is giving back and advocating for a more holistic, patient-centered approach to care, ensuring that others receive support while navigating their cancer journey .

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### Brenda Brix - Creative Director

Brenda Brix is one of Alberta's leading home renovation experts and is an award-winning interior designer with more than 20 years' experience.

Brenda is involved in every aspect of remodelling: from plans to material selections to working with contractors and overseeing the implementation of the design, furnishings, and finishing touches. She is known for her attention to detail and outstanding customer service.

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