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FROM THE

EDITOR

Just like that, 2024 is wrapping up—and what a year it's been! In September, I led a designer retreat in Canmore, where we set our goals and visions for 2025.

Our sustainable furniture line, Brix&Co, continues to make waves in the industry. We were thrilled to be featured in Edmonton Design Week's furniture showcase and honored to receive the Made in Alberta Award for Furnishings and Home Décor.

We also completed some exciting projects, which I'll share in the new year. Now, I'm looking forward to two weeks off with my family, making memories.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season!

Brenda

HOLIDAY



GIFT GUIDE



The holidays are all about showing the people you care about just how much they mean to you—and what better way to do that than with a gift that's as thoughtful and unique as they are?

Our 2024 Ultimate Gift Buying Guide is packed with locally crafted treasures, unforgettable experiences, and luxurious indulgences that will make this holiday season one to remember. We have something for everyone on your list, from the chocolate lover to the change-maker and from the artist to the adventurer. Gifting should be personal and meaningful—just like the relationships you nurture throughout the year.

Each gift in this guide shows how clearly you truly see and appreciate the people who make your life extraordinary—whether through handcrafted artisan pieces or experiences that spark joy and excitement. It's about showing how deeply you value them and thoughtfully choosing something that reflects what makes them truly special.

(By the way, have you had a chance to explore [our compilation of favourite artists](#)? Dive in here, pass along to a friend and get inspired for your own wishlist!)

THE GIFT OF GIVING BACK

When you're giving this year, don't forget about giving back. These organizations do incredible work in our community, and any contribution, whether it's time, funds, or resources, can make a significant difference in the lives of those they support. Click the links below to learn more.

- [Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton \(SACE\)](#)
- [Bissel Centre](#)
- [1000 Women](#)
- [Dress for Success](#)
- [Alberta Council of Women's Shelters \(ACWS\)](#)

A place for family to come together

We love a project that celebrates the unique ways you and your family live, move, and connect within your home. It's not just about creating a beautiful design—it's about crafting a space that reflects your lifestyle, traditions, and what truly matters to you.

For this project, everything came back to the family. In fact, their “must have’s” were specific: a kitchen large enough for everyone to gather and a mantle for everyone’s stocking.

These grandparents knew that their home was where the family gathered, and they wanted a welcoming, warm space.

We designed the kitchen, dining nook, and living areas to seamlessly connect, making the kitchen the heart of the home, just like it should be.

Come take a tour with us!

They initially considered moving but ultimately decided to stay and renovate their current home to better suit their needs. The renovation included a kitchen designed to bring everyone together, a larger living area, and a spacious addition at the back of the house.

The project also included an ensuite bathroom with a walk-in closet, enhancing the functionality of the space. The thoughtful details, like the furniture kick and pre-planned electrical placement, ensured everything was not only beautiful but practical. The end result is a traditional yet modern retreat that's warm, inviting, and truly family-focused, with every detail carefully planned to accommodate their lifestyle.





Their beautifully crafted cabinetry featured elegant columns, a classic ogee edge and the perfect plug locations, making it stylish and functional.



Key Features

This project focused on creating a warm, timeless space that could grow with their family.

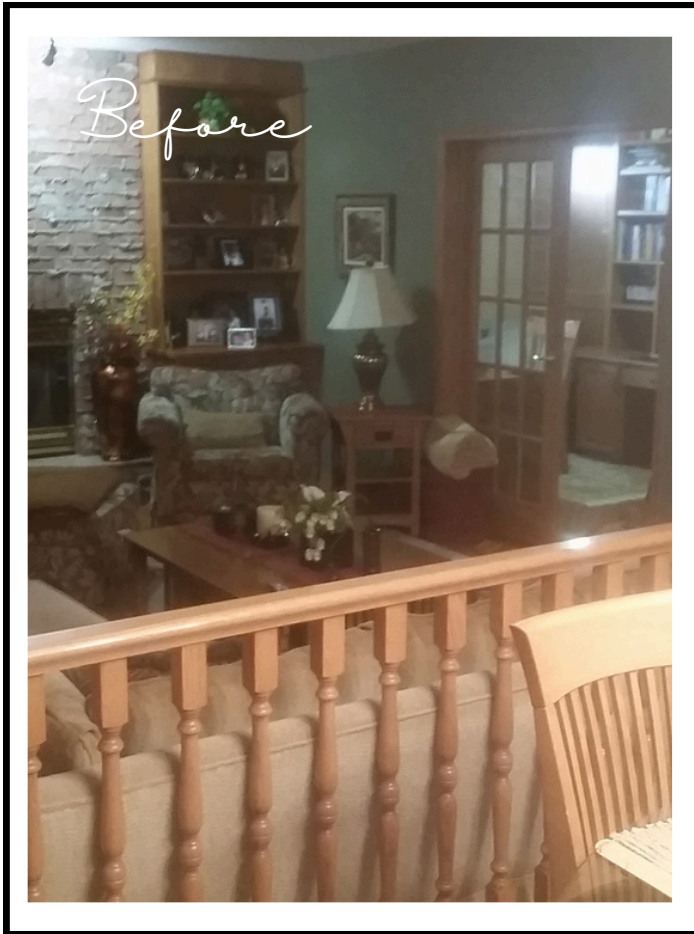
The 4-foot addition provided the room needed for a larger kitchen, dining, and living area—perfect for hosting Sunday dinners.

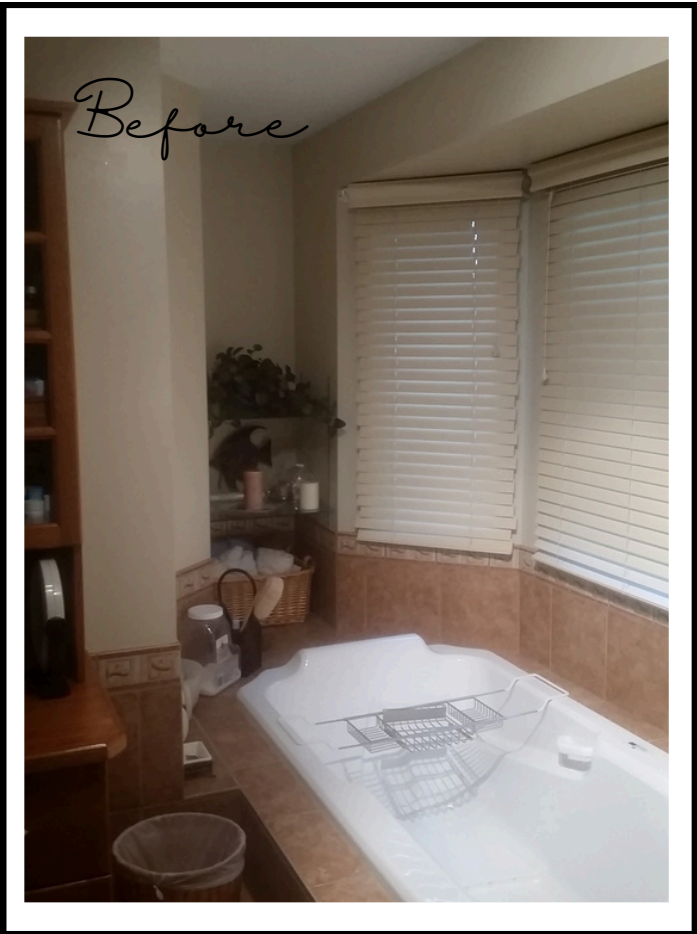
This home is holiday-ready, with a mantle ready for stockings and a power outlet just in the right spot for the family's Christmas tree.

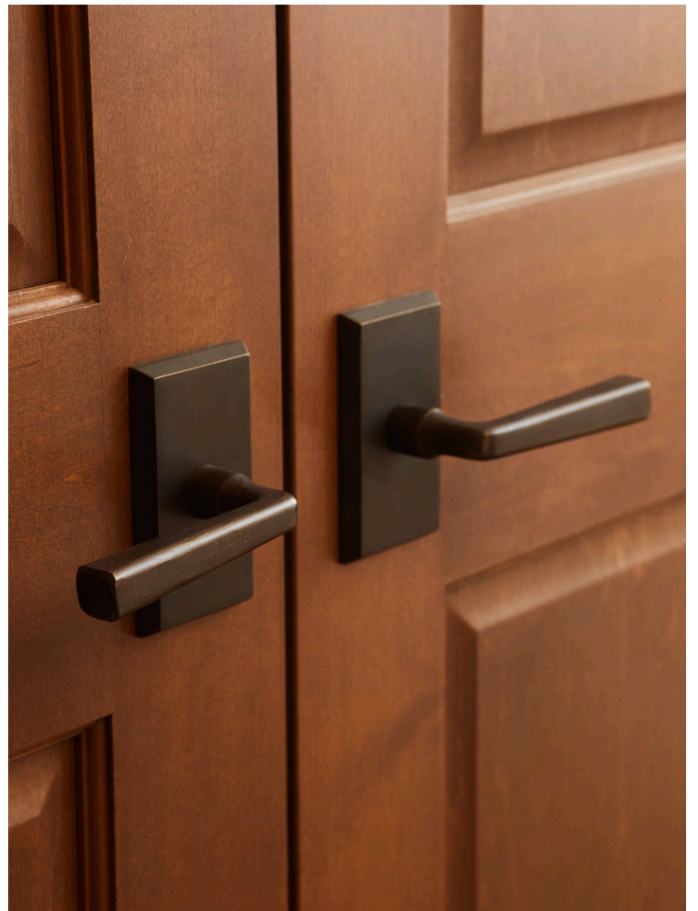
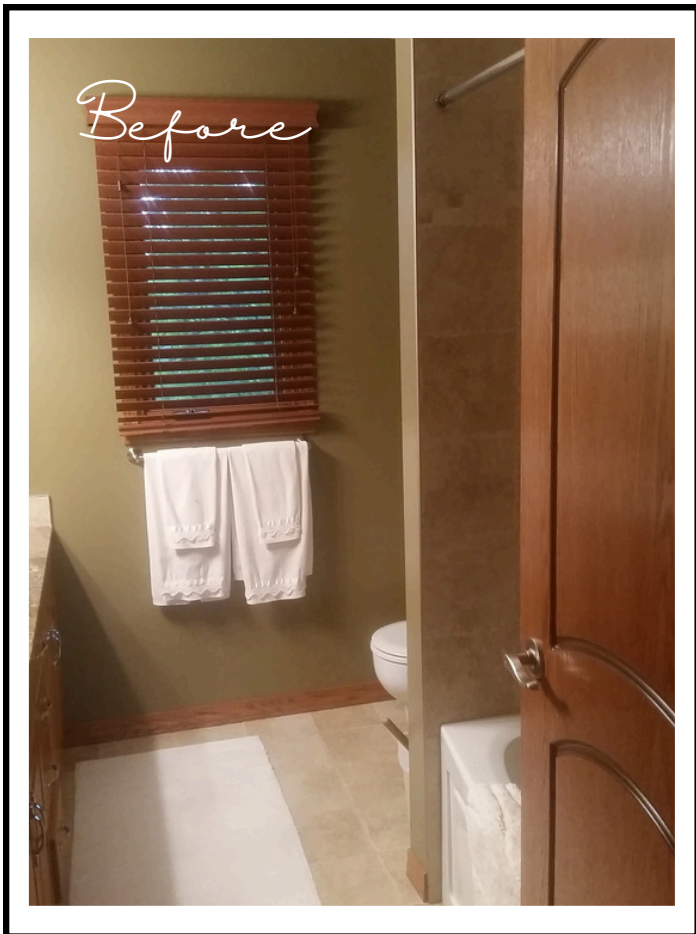
It also features both formal and casual dining areas that easily transition from everyday meals to festive gatherings. The living room offers ample seating for everyone.

With a mix of rich walnut cabinetry and creamy tones, we created a space that captures the warmth of grandma's house—filled with love and memories—without ever feeling dated.

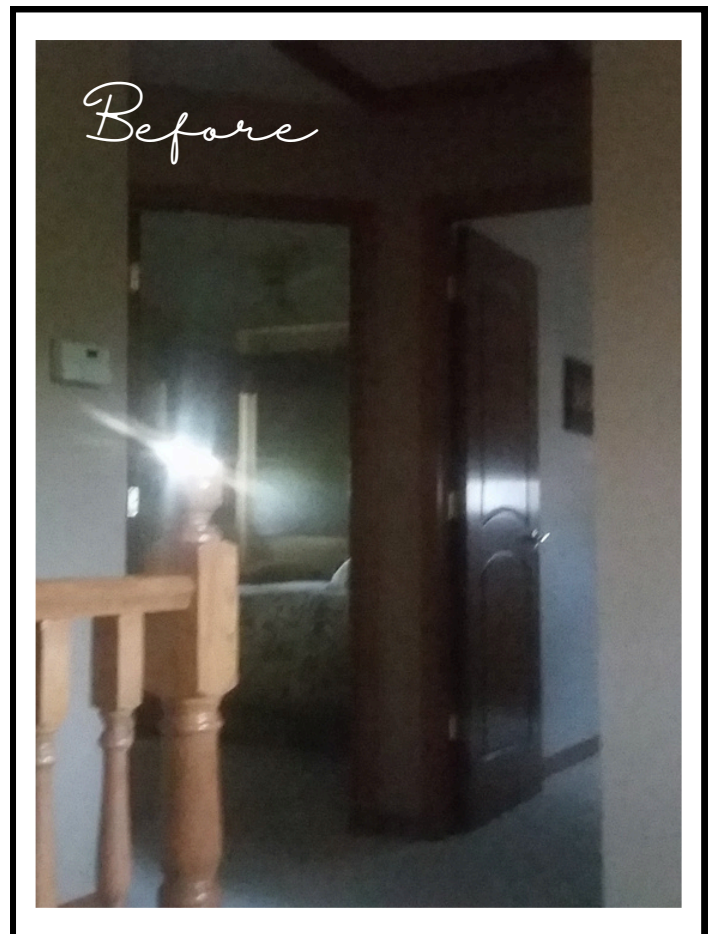
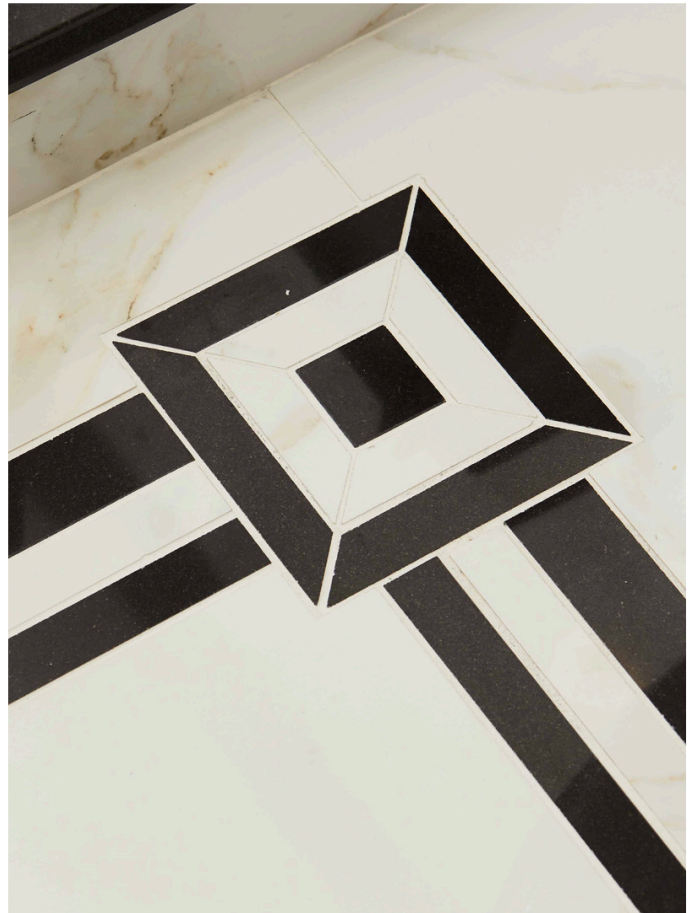














With all of the family activity, this couple needed a calm place to unwind at the end of the day. Their private retreat suite offers a tranquil escape, complete with a spa-inspired bathroom, thoughtful finishes, and a serene atmosphere.





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IDEAL FLOORING

The right flooring can transform your home, setting the tone for every room—but how do you choose? That's where we come in. We make the process easier, guiding you through countless options and balancing style and function fit your needs.

Discover how we collaborate with trusted flooring experts to find materials that complement your home's design and stand up to everyday life. Whether it's a cozy bedroom or a high-traffic kitchen, we'll help you make the best choice for every space.

[LEARN MORE](#)



THOUGHTFUL GIFTING MADE EASY

As mentioned, our 2024 gift guide is full of inspiring and unique gift ideas.

If you're looking for even more ideas, our previous guides are packed with local artisans and handpicked experiences that reflect the creativity and craftsmanship found right here in Alberta.

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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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