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“My favourite rooms to design are living rooms, family rooms and bedrooms because they are the spaces that involve the most fabrics and wallpaper. Coordinating patterns and colours is the best part of my job!”



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“I got my big break when I was selected as one of the top ten finalists encouraged to apply for HGTV’s Designer Superstar Challenge. I ended up winning that season!”



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“My least favourite household chore is mopping! You put so much energy and sweat into washing your floors, yet you don’t see a huge impact!”



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“I never really had a career mentor! I’ve learned from being observant, both from a business and design perspective. I watched both of my parents work very hard throughout their lives. Nothing comes easy in life and you don’t get anywhere without going out there and giving it your all.”



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Designer Dvira Ovadia helps homeowners redesign their 20-year-old, 3,000 sq. ft. home.

Text J. Lynn Fraser | **Photography** Stephani Buchman



A 20-year-old, 3,000 sq. ft. home on Lake Ontario needed a little love. "The home felt dated. We wanted to refresh it to make it our own," the homeowner notes.

The living room's silvery blues, smoky taupes, and sandy browns offer cool comfort. "We wanted the space to be comfortable and stylish, without feeling too conservative. I love natural textures and wanted the room to include coastal qualities."

Gentle architecture in wicker, draped throws, and a wire lamp add pattern with texture. Creamed tones in marble, wood, and glass add quiet luxe and ease. The artwork reiterates the soft graphics found in the accent pillows and ottoman. The drapery's soft folds complement the furniture's curves creating harmony. Designer Dvira Ovadia advises "Playing with patterns can be fun. Limit yourself to a few colours that work well together and draw patterns from these tones."

"This sitting room is situated off the front entrance where the family entertains. It is a space that felt formal, with a colour that enhances but does not take away from the space," Dvira comments. Bold lines in the coffee table, lamps, and side tables accentuate graceful notes of yellows in the artwork, floor rug, and pillows. Ovals in the lamps, coffee table and in a side table balance the lines of the couch and upholstered chairs. The side table, with its metal trim, complements an accent pillow and throw. "I love the way the room functions, the pops of yellow and the luxurious pillows," the homeowner says.

In the dining room, blue brocade hugs dining room chairs dimpled with silver studs. The greyed wood table is sleekly rustic. The pendant chandeliers are modern interpretations of traditional styles. "We fell in love with the table and wanted chairs that were luxurious and comfortable," the homeowner remarks.





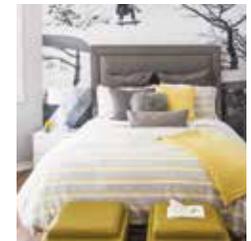
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YELLOW ROOM: Bedding, Lacoste, www.lacoste.ca; **Headboard and Window Coverings**, Dvira Interiors, www.dvira.com; **Yellow Dresser, Rug and Night Table**, CB2, www.cb2.com; **Owl Lamp**, West Elm, www.westelm.ca; **Skateboard Mural**, Dvira Interiors, www.dvira.com; **Recliner Chair**, Monte, www.montedesign.net; **Built-In Cabinet**, Dvira Interiors, www.dvira.com; **BLUE ROOM: Sailboat Wallpaper**, Ralph Lauren, www.ralphlaurenhome.com; **Bedding, Metal Dresser and Table Lamp**, Restoration Hardware, www.restorationhardware.com; **Bed, Light Fixture and Oars**, Pottery Barn, www.potterybarn.ca; **Window Coverings**, Dvira Interiors, www.dvira.com



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The blue boy's bedroom has a retro touch. Light sailboat 'sketches' float on the wallpaper. A tripod lamp echoes a boat's shape while ticking-style linens restate their lines. "With boys you want to ensure that you choose the right pieces of furniture that will stand the test of time," Dvira notes. As to the yellow and grey boy's bedroom she comments "We wanted to create a bedroom that would grow with the child. The wallpaper is the showpiece. It caters to a child who loves skateboarding!" Fabric and artwork give the girl's room a funky vibe. "Our daughter wanted a space that was reflective of her personality, a space to do homework and relax," the homeowner says.

This home's design reflects elegant, well chosen, fine quality materials and finishes that tell the family's story.

The master bedroom reflects the couple's well-traveled lives. "We've stayed in beautiful hotels. We wanted this room to have a luxurious hotel feel. We love our bedroom, and our reading alcove by the fire. It's the best hotel suite we've ever stayed at," the homeowner states.