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**EVELYN ESHUN** Interior Designer **Evelyn Eshun**, a graduate from Ryerson University, has been involved with design over the past 14 years, collaborating with Clients on their residential projects. Evelyn has been a regular design host for many years on several design shows like "Take This House & Sell It" on W Channel and prior appeared on "The Decorating Challenge" among other various on air appearances. Evelyn dissects all aspects of the design process in order to create interiors which ultimately provide her clients with the best quality of life and personal expression. **TIP** Do not do anything 'just because', have a reason for the placement of every item. [evelyneshun.com](http://evelyneshun.com)



**ERICA GELMAN**, Principal of **Erica Gelman House Of Design** specializes in both large and small scale residential design projects. Known for enhancing and creating new possibilities in every space of your home. **TIP** Purchase the best of what you can afford and if an item speaks to you, make it work. [house-of-design.ca](http://house-of-design.ca)



**LAURA STEIN** Principal and CEO of **Laura Stein Interiors**, an award-winning firm specializing in custom interior decorating and design for residential clients. Dedicated to creating exceptional, distinctive, and uniquely personal interiors for her clients, Laura's focus is on fresh, lifestyle-based design infused with comfort and understated luxury. **TIP** Always think about scale. The biggest mistake people make is buying furniture that is too big. Scale isn't just the physical dimensions, but also how something feels visually. How do you get the right scale? Start with a plan! [laurasteininteriors.com](http://laurasteininteriors.com)



**HEATHER SEGRETI** An accomplished Interior Designer for over 20 years, her background in both commercial and residential design complement each other bringing innovative ideas to each project. Heather's formal design background and accredited training have shaped her refined Design aesthetic. **Segreti Design** is a full service Interior Design Firm with a current focus on large scale residential projects from concept to completion. **TIP** Never look at the price. First look to see if you like the item. Price is something that is negotiable. You can always find something comparable if the price is over budget. If you are indecisive, it is not the right time to buy. Step back and wait a few days. All the pieces fall in place when you execute a project with patience and perspective. [segretidesign.com](http://segretidesign.com)



**EILEEN MARSHALL**, owner of **Eileen Marshall Design** a company that offers a full range of services; specializing in renovations and custom homes. Eileen's philosophy is to create elegant and inviting interiors whilst promoting a healthy and comfortable home for each and every family member. **TIP** Use your intuition and rely on your gut instincts. However, if you have wavering doubts, always take small steps before you commit to large investments. For example, if you are colour scheming your home, always colour test. If you are purchasing furniture, take time to plan your purchases to the scale of the room. A little groundwork will avoid major mistakes. When in doubt, hire a professional. [eileenmarshalldesign.com](http://eileenmarshalldesign.com)



**KAREN SEALY** owner of **Sealy Design Inc.**, is an award winning designer who is equally at ease in a hard hat or heels. With formal training in interior design and a degree in business and psychology, she is well prepared to create fabulous spaces that meet emotional and functional needs, look and feel great, and stay on track and on budget. Karen is a regular décor expert on CityLine and Host/Designer of HGTV's Summer Home. **TIP** Don't ever go overboard with a single trend because if you do your entire home will look the same, which can be boring and costly to change when the trend dies out and you grow tired of the look. [sealydesigninc.com](http://sealydesigninc.com)



**JO ALCORN**, Design Specialist and owner of **whitewash & co.** has designed an eco friendly furniture line W&C found online and recently a lighting line that can be purchased in stores across Canada and the U.S. Jo is no stranger to the design TV world, she is also an environmental advocate and teacher to future designers. **TIP** There are no rules. Design is art and a true artist cannot live within guidelines and regulations when creating a masterpiece. [whitewashco.ca](http://whitewashco.ca)

# Family Living

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Often when we meet homeowners with young children, they always seem to describe their living spaces as “taken over by their kids”, they go on to proclaim how much they desire to live in a stylish home with “grown-up” décor but can’t accomplish the look with toys scattered around the house. We’ve heard the statement far too many times to ignore it. Which brings the question, why do young parents believe they can’t live in a tastefully decorated home? As a designer, I know it’s possible to overcome the challenges of toys, video games, bikes and Barbies, and I can show you how with a few great tips.

When we first met the homeowners, a young couple with an adorable two year old daughter, they too, like most parents felt their home was strictly catered to children rather than a grown up environment. They lived in an open concept home that allows you to see the kitchen, family room and dining room all in one area. Open concept living is an appealing design feature; however it can also be a decorating challenge for most. The main objective in open concept design is to plan for visual barriers that will break up the space and distinguish each area for its function.

Like most families with young children, books and toys typically find themselves sprinkled around the floor, so naturally, we decided to design a large wall-to-wall built-in unit with vertical and horizontal storage. Built-ins not only give families the opportunity to hide the essentials but it also allows children to have their own storage compartments. If you keep cabinetry low enough for the kids to get in and out of, they can easily reach for their belongings on their own. It also worked perfectly with the homeowners’ elongated walls. If you have an oversized room, we recommend filling the space with a few large furniture pieces, rather than multiple smaller ones, this will make the space feel spacious. In addition to proportion, we also suggest furniture to work double duty. We designed a large custom ottoman which could easily act as supplementary seating or the perfect foot stool. We also integrated a chaise in the space; it acts as a comfortable read with your kids but also sits multiple people for adult entertaining.

In the dining room, the homeowners went from a bistro table with four stools to a large custom banquette, easily accommodating up to eight adults but also an ideal spot for family meals. The banquette seats and chairs were





both upholstered in a durable, high performance vinyl for effortless clean up and worry-free mess. When dealing with fabrics used essentially for young children be mindful of the durability and maintenance - how easy it is to get stains out because let's face it, spills are inevitable.

We set out to find ways to maximize space, increase seating and turn this family house into a home. The homeowners were adamant about the idea of a lived-in space, nothing that looked untouchable or too formal. They really wanted to project family living in a place of serenity. We kept the tones light, bright and consistent and although we didn't repeat any patterns we incorporated the same character throughout the space. If you are thinking of redesigning your home, start with the way you want it to feel rather than how it's going to look. It's possible to merge both young family living with well-designed spaces, it just takes planning and careful consideration to detail.

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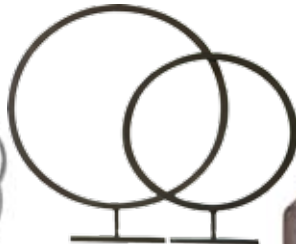


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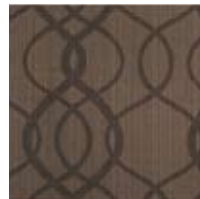
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