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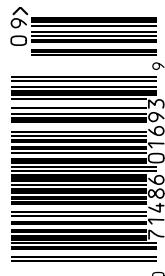
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## Notes From the Bureau



The master bedroom, for example, meets the client's lifestyle needs in style. Its sitting room accommodates family time with a comfortable sofa and swivel glider, but adds a dash of panache—and a nod to one of the homeowner's Canadian East Coast roots—with hints of blues, oranges, corals, yellows, and pinks.

The balance of style and comfort continues throughout the home. The homeowners enjoy cooking, so function came first in the kitchen, where classic door profiles and cabinets and traditional finish details are paired with modern conveniences such as the built-in coffee maker and large gas range. A level of formality was added with a dark stained maple island. "The finishes repeated the mixed dark and light finishes in the kitchen nook for a cohesive effect," Bunnell says.

For these homeowners, fit was finally achieved with Bunnell's help—and a consistent family focus. "The homeowners realize that a well-designed space enhances their daily life, and this home is a family home for creating memories." — Jill McDonnell

## A Family Home That Fits

*Comfort and style are the perfect pairing for a Canadian clan*

In the design world, as in life, success often boils down to a single factor: fit. The Calgary home of interior designer LeAnne Bunnell's clients wasn't a perfect match at first. "The floor plan was somewhat grand and the high ceilings and long sight lines contrasted with the simpler lifestyle my clients had for their family," she says. But by using the right combination of furnishings, finishes, and fabrics, the Elle Design principal made the home a better fit for the family.



Ontario-based Whittington Furniture manufactures custom upholstery in Mississauga, Canada. "One of the biggest perks is a 100 percent Canadian-made product, supporting Canadian artisans," Whittington Furniture showroom manager Andrea Wilkins says. "The most important thing

is the environment here, so everything is completely custom." Wilkins works exclusively with designers, such as LeAnne Bunnell of Elle Design, to create made-to-measure pieces from traditional to contemporary styles built from Canadian hardwood and upholstered by local artisans.

