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The family loves gathering around the large island for meals and conversation. The pot filler over the gas range and the kitchen faucet were supplied by Acton's Plumbing and Heating.



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Ian met local builder **Tim Clancy** through a local recreational hockey league. Tim is a second-generation builder at **Clancy Builders Ltd.**, a company building custom homes in Grey and Bruce Counties since 1988. "We don't build the same house twice, we always start with a plan and continually customize it to the wants and needs of the customer," Tim explains. "Even during construction, both the homeowners and I are always trying to think of new ideas to keep making the house better and better. The more work and thought that goes into something, the better the new home ends up."

This was certainly the case with Jess and Ian. It took about five years to find the perfect building lot. After viewing several other properties with Tim, none fit the bill. That was until Tim's business acquired three lots along a shore road just north of Owen Sound.

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**ABOVE:** The view of Georgian Bay from the front of the home is what caught the couple's attention when they viewed the building lot. **RIGHT:** The covered front porch is a favourite spot for the family to relax. Windows were supplied by Dashwood Industries Inc. Just Roof It installed the timberline shingles and the standing seam steel accents, which were supplied by Miller's Home Hardware Building Centre. The stone skirting is from Shouldice Stone and installed by Vinny's Masonry.



Homeowner Jess Rowbotham and Tim Clancy of Clancy Builders Ltd. stand in the light-filled front foyer.





This property had the best of both worlds, with a view of Georgian Bay in the front and mature forest in the back. It was worth the wait, as the lot perfectly suits the home.

By the time they began construction in 2021, the couple knew exactly what they wanted. "Ian and Jess have their fingerprints all over this house," says Tim. Ian describes the style as "a modern take on traditional." The front- and-centre dormer and the quad foyer door, allowing for lake views, are what caught the couple's attention.

The colours of the lake have been brought indoors. Though the design is neutral, there is a pop of blue in the kitchen to reflect the water. It's Jess's favourite room in the home. "I love to cook so it's a

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**OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT:** The black quad door unit in the front foyer pops against the white interior walls and was supplied by Dashwood Industries Inc. The door maximizes the view of the lake and the landscape at the front of the property by Hutten & Co. Land and Shore. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The contrast of finishes on the exterior of the home add to the curb appeal. Exterior lighting was sourced through Design Electrical and installed by LDS Electrical. **TOP RIGHT:** The

gold pendant lighting over the large island in the kitchen accents the gold cabinet hardware on the Shaker-style cabinets painted Chantilly Lace with the island painted Blue Note, both from Benjamin Moore. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The bar nook, which is tucked around the corner from the kitchen, features the same style of cabinets. The subway tile for the backsplash was supplied by Complete Flooring and installed with grey grout.

**"I LOVE TO COOK SO IT'S A DREAM FOR ME TO HAVE THE COUNTER SPACE, A LARGE ISLAND WHERE THE KIDS EAT BREAKFAST AND THE GAS RANGE."**

*~Jess*

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Open-cage lighting over the dining table does not obstruct the view enjoyed from the kitchen. Window coverings for the home were supplied and installed by Decor Design. Appliances for the home are JennAir and were sourced through Square Deal Neil's TV and Appliances. The counters are Caesarstone Empira White quartz from Amsco Solid Surface Canada.



dream for me to have the counter space, a large island where the kids eat breakfast and the gas range," she says.

Tim can't pick just one favourite room in the house now that it's complete. The open-concept great room (gas fireplace supplied by **The Fyre Place and Patio Shop**) is his initial choice, quickly followed by the beautiful and functional mudroom. "It's perfectly set up for a family to stay organized," he says. "And the house really stands out from the road. It has great curb appeal. It's as nice on the inside as it is on the outside." *Continued on page 77*

**ABOVE:** Flooring throughout the home is Grandeur Enterprise Collection in Stratus oak, supplied by Floorcrafters. Ship lap on the ceiling adds another design element to the dining area. Electrical for the project was installed by LDS Electrical. **RIGHT:** Urban Zebra Metal Art tile in black is laid in a herringbone pattern in the combination mudroom/laundry. Bench seating, lots of hooks for raincoats and upper cubbies keep this area organized for the family. Trim for the project was installed by Wood and Wallworks. The counter over the washer and dryer is Silestone Snowy Ibiza from Amsco Solid Surface Canada.



**ABOVE:** The white oak vanity in the main-floor powder room is topped with Caesarstone Empira White quartz. Plumbing fixtures for the home were supplied by Acton's Plumbing and Heating Inc.



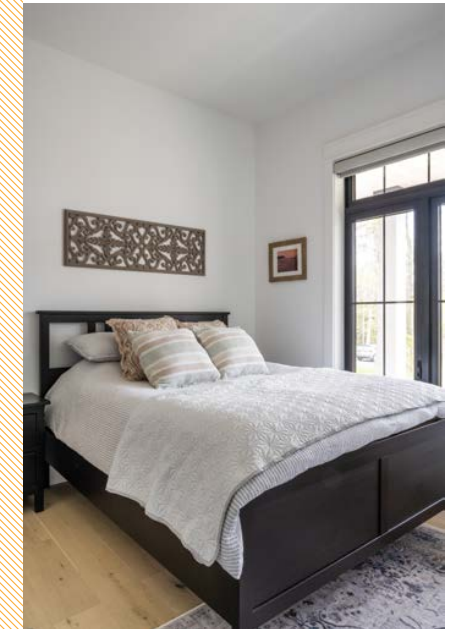
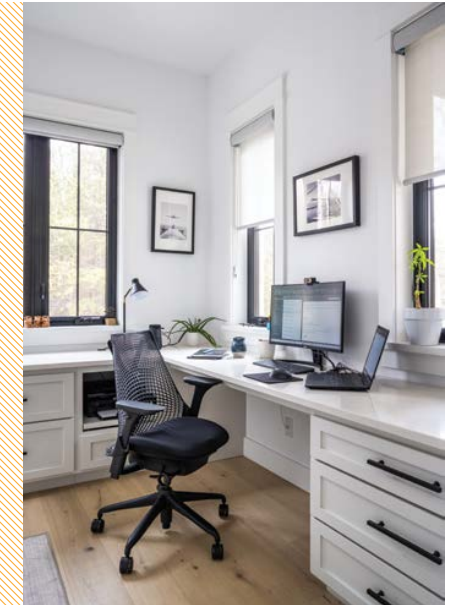
**“NOTHING WAS OVERLOOKED, EVEN LAST-MINUTE CHANGES. TIM ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO MAKE THINGS WORK.”**



**LEFT:** The impressive stone fireplace is flanked by closed cabinetry painted Benjamin Moore Blue Note. Floating shelves display textural décor. Audio for the home was installed by Balaklava Audio. The gas fireplace was supplied by The Fyre Place and Patio Shop.

Jess and Ian can't thank Tim enough for his patience and expertise. He was quick to offer helpful suggestions and took the couple to see other homes he built on several occasions. Ian explains, "we might have been hung up on a specific detail, such as windows in the en suite, but Tim would take us to see a real life example and help us make the final decision." Jess adds, "nothing was overlooked, even last-minute changes. Tim always found a way to make things work." **Balaklava Audio** installed the home's audio-visual system. *Continued on page 80*

**BELOW:** Patio doors lead to the pool installed by Ground Effects Landscapes. The leather accent chair is one of the comfortable seating options that surround the fireplace in the great room. **TOP RIGHT:** Ian's office has dual-aspect windows, plenty of desktop space and built-in storage that keeps the room clutter-free and organized. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The main-floor guest bedroom has a view out front. Heating and cooling for the home was installed by Acton's Plumbing and Heating Inc.





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**ABOVE:** The accent wall in the primary bedroom is Benjamin Moore Boothbay Gray. The distressed wood bedframe and the side tables add a natural element. **TOP RIGHT:** A velvet stool in the primary en suite sits at the makeup counter, while a round silver tray holds perfume bottles. Interior doors were sourced at Miller's Home Hardware Building Centre and installed by Wood and Wallworks. **RIGHT:** A chest of drawers in the primary bedroom offers extra storage and matches the bedside tables. A plush sheepskin rug is layered on top of the large area rug. **FAR RIGHT:** The white oak double vanity in the primary en suite has a quartz countertop. The vessel tub sits on heated tile flooring – Urban Zebra Metal Art in Black, sourced from Complete Flooring.

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**ABOVE LEFT:** In Evan's bedroom, the quilt on the bed highlights his passion for fishing and was made by his great aunt Marg. **ABOVE MIDDLE:** The white oak vanity in Ivy and Evan's bathroom on the second level offers plenty of storage. A carved stool makes it a little easier to reach the tap. Plumbing for the home was installed by Acton's Plumbing and Heating. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The unique hue of the subway tile in the shower/tub combination mimics the colours found in Georgian Bay, which is steps from the home. The inset shelf is trimmed in black, matching the hardware, faucet and lighting.

Ivy picked the colour of her room, Benjamin Moore Icy Moon Drops. The quilt on the bed was made especially for her by her great aunt Marg.



Jess, Ian and their kids, 10-year-old Ivy and 8-year-old Evan, moved in on December 23rd, 2021. They had been living in a small townhouse during construction. Jess laughs as she recalls asking Tim, "is Santa coming to the townhouse or our house? I felt that he was going to get us in here and he did. It all came together and it was a whirlwind, but it was wonderful for the kids to come down the steps on Christmas morning."

Now that they are settled in at home, the family doesn't take it for granted. Jess most enjoys sitting under the covered porches, listening to the boats pass, the waves and the birds. "I love watching the coyotes, deer, wild turkeys – you never know what you're going to see," Jess says. "It really feels like a little community out here. You rarely pass a person who doesn't look at you, smile and wave."

"I grew up on a farm and I feel more at home here than I have since I left my childhood home," Jess shares. Ian adds, "it feels so nice to be home. It's been a long time in the making." **OH**



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