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INSPIRED BY TIMELESS TRADITION; BUILT FOR FAMILY LIVING

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SIMPLE TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE EMBRACES A GENTLE MODERN TOUCH, TO BRING FAMILY TOGETHER AND DREAMS TO LIFE.

Rockview Retreat is a new 6,580-square-foot build in the premier Mackenas Country Estates development on Calgary's outskirts. The homeowners—a young couple with a growing family—wanted a traditionally-styled home with every modern convenience that enveloped and personified the essence of family living.

"The possibilities were endless," says Allison Grafton, owner of Rockwood Custom Homes, along with her partner Grainger Nimmo. "They wanted the house of their dreams and wanted us to show them what would make it magnificent."

Rockwood is a sophisticated, thoughtful, and thorough company that takes full-service to an exemplary level, working with homeowners through the planning stages to the design of each art installment and furnishing.

"Building a custom dream home is the biggest investment a person makes and it has to be protected," says Grafton. "We do quadruple the work other builders do, and we're wildly successful because of it. Our company is built with integrity, and every detail and challenge is our responsibility to the end."

Rockview Retreat was inspired by the timelessness and tradition of Shaughnessy homes—beautiful, gracious two-level homes with grand swooping driveways designed by some of Vancouver, BC's most historically affluent architects in that city's first planned community.

Grounded by intricate full bedrock at its base and chimneys, Rockview Retreat spreads out over its three-quarter acre lot with a strong, nested roofline that is visually balanced over a warm façade of stucco and Tudor styling. Its richly coloured stucco brings softness and depth to the upper half of the façade, continuing to either side on the lower extrusions and painted fascias mirror the open sky. Cedar eaves and soffits solidify the heirloom style and quality, and the semi-transparent stain ties in with the stucco colouring.

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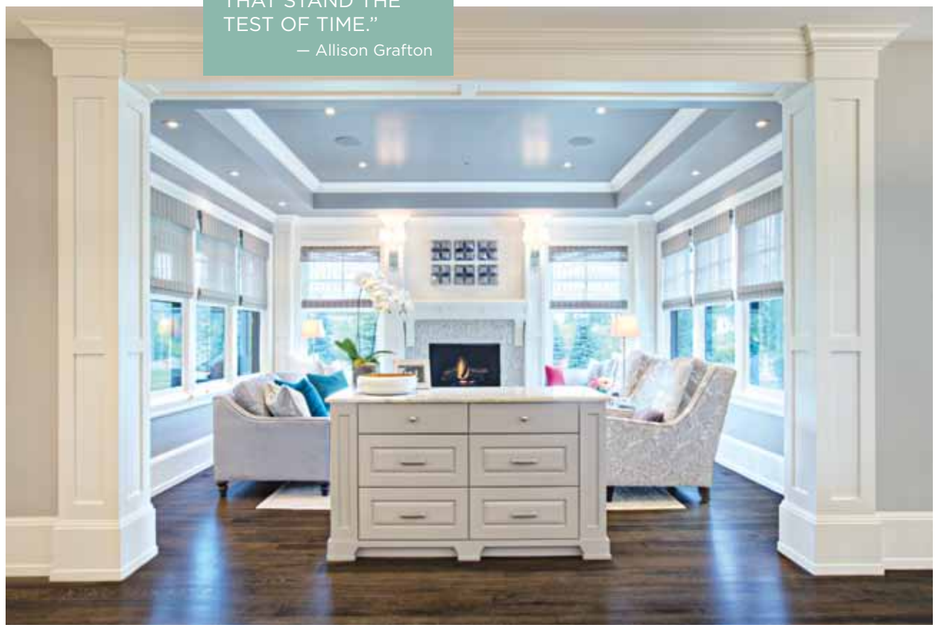


To say the property has curb appeal is an understatement. "It is the kind of place that makes people walking by want to go up and see what's happening in this beautiful home," says Grafton. "That is what the flow of the home is all about."

The interior aesthetic establishes a traditional presence, with crown moulding, trim to scale and coved ceilings that give each surface depth and continuous sight lines. Light pastels and crisp white trim bring the style a fresh, contemporary expression where upholstered furnishings and shimmering textiles are completely at home.

A grand, oversized solid white oak door opens to a stunning entry made intimate by a panelled and slightly barrelled ceiling. Custom-stained quarter-sawn white oak hardwood extends throughout the main floor, creating a brilliant contrast against the lighter wall colour and finishes.

To the right of the entry is a gorgeous family room where soft pink walls and accents sit beautifully against a marble-encased fireplace with chocolate brown surround and mantle. Warm, semi-gloss grey coves in the ceiling bring the room together and relate to a slight shine in the sofa pillows.

The heart of the home is the main living space, in which the great room, dining area and kitchen are separated by hutches that subtly define each space, while doubling as serveries.

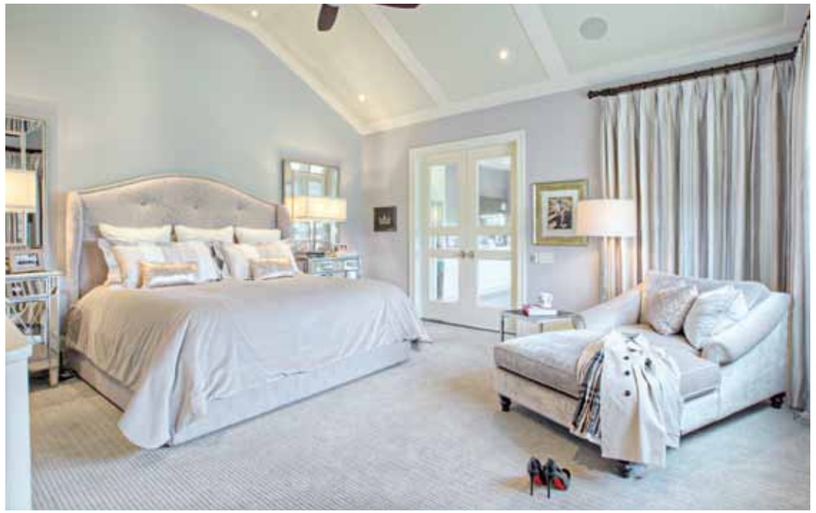
"The inspiration here was our understanding of how families live—if the spaces are too separate, you don't create the family unit," says Grafton. "These rooms are completely open and separated by space, not walls."

The kitchen is traditional yet transitional, says Grafton, in that it holds true to the aesthetic, but with every modern convenience. Crisp, cream-painted wood cabinets sit against stunning walls covered in custom-made glass tile to match the colour of cabinetry. Every luxury is within arm's reach, including a 60-inch range, sub zeros, and double under-mount sinks.

Dolcetto stone offers the buttery softness of marble and the longevity of quartz on the perimeter counters and on a beautiful island that features a seating extension for intimate family dinners. Light sparkles from circular overhead pendants for functionality and ambiance, catching the natural glow thorough Rockwood-designed counter windows. These elongated windows at backsplash level bring in the east light, preserving space on the range wall for upper cabinets.

Taupes and creams layer with turquoise accents in the great room—an open, inviting space separated from the dining room by a beautiful built-in hutch. A television is set into a lovely built-in media centre with bookshelves displaying the family's photos and treasures. A lavish sofa, loveseat and chair welcome cherished family gatherings while keeping everyone connected between this area and the dining room.

The family comes together in comfort and serenity in the hearth room—an additional space created at Rockwood's suggestion. "The homeowners weren't sure they'd use the extra space, but we knew it would be a beautiful, brilliant place that the children would love to be in," says Grafton. "It's a place to relax in and have coffee, enjoy the light. They are in there all the time now."



Left. Custom artistic tile and Calcutta marble bring a sense of decadent luxury to the master ensuite.

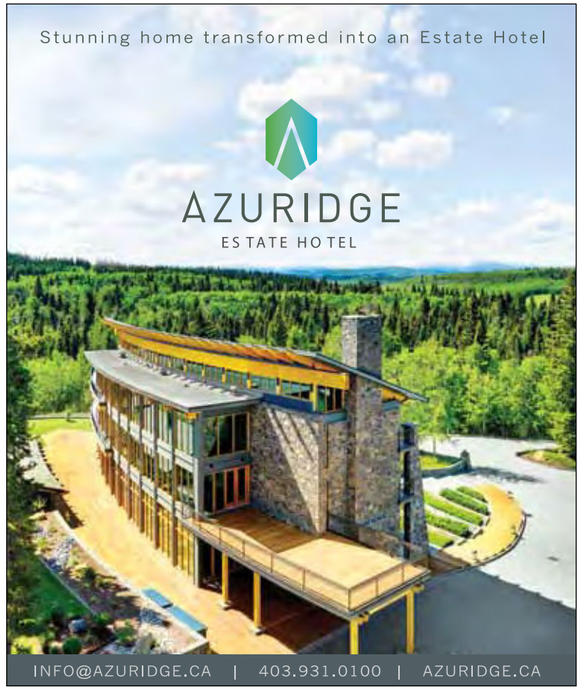
The calm, ambient room beckons with a glass tiled fireplace set into painted wood and abundant glazing with a clear view to the grounds. A crisp modern art installation over the mantle adds sparkle to the space.

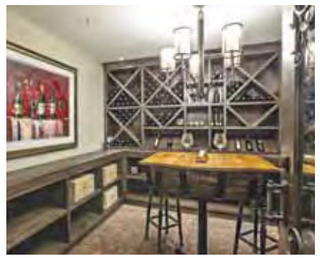
On the upper floor, romance exudes from the master bedroom, where vaulted ceilings cove the space over a magnificent Rockwood-created bed with an upholstered headboard and exposed tacking. Mirror-backed bedside tables reflect light from simple, elegant side lamps and sparkle against a soft grey and purple palette on the walls, accents and custom linen. A matching chaise lounge is the perfect place to unwind in this warm, retreat-styled hideaway.

Glass doors open up to the homeowner's painting studio—a peaceful, serene room oriented to maximize the north and west light, which is ideal in creative spaces. A beautiful walnut built-in with custom shelving is perfect for canvases and other materials was thoughtfully placed on the south-facing wall to leave the ideal natural lighting unobstructed.

The master ensuite is wrapped in custom artistic tile with mother of pearl inlay and black and grey Calcutta marble, bringing the decadent luxury of a classic European spa. A glass enclosed shower and soaker tub offer Zen-like ambiance, and twin facing vanities with generous mirrors provide ample space for movement in the room.

In the basement, a full media room opens up to a sit-in entertaining bar finished in walnut with a glass tile backsplash. A temperature-controlled wine room offers extensive wine racking and a tasting area has a unique bar table fashioned from a wine barrel.





The grounds are enveloped in natural beauty with the Rockies to the south, extending the living space outdoors to three distinct patio areas.

A spacious front veranda is home to a beautiful patio sitting area that captures the evening light and is the perfect place to watch the children play. To the side of the home, a BBQ deck opens off of the kitchen where stone masonry encases a built-in BBQ. To the back, a living and eating deck is blocked from the wind by crystal clear glass walls and stone columns.

"We built this home with the highest integrity for the best value," says Grafton. "Our mission is to build amazing, soul-filled family homes that stand the test of time."

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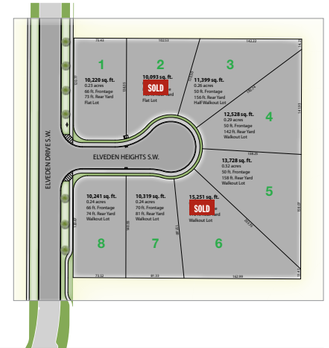

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