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Natural *elegance*

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A home renovation project inspired by nature and an organic, earthy palette

Designer Michelle Thompson had a clear vision for her recent whole-home project. "The design concept was to deliver an elevated transitional feel with organic materials and harness the property's stunning surroundings," she explains.

Go with the flow

Thompson created flow by carrying an earthy colour palette throughout the home and repeating some finishes and patterns (such as unlacquered brass, diamonds and archways) on each floor. She also incorporated rich wood,

bold veining, limestone tiles, and linen fabric onto surfaces to add texture and dimension to the overall natural vibe of the home.

Windows on the world

"The home basks in gorgeous natural light and beautiful surroundings," Thompson notes, revealing her strategy of maximizing the vista. Windows became her canvas, evidenced by the bold choice in the kitchen to ditch upper cabinets in favour of expansive windows along the range wall, as well as crafting windows in every bedroom, bathroom and soaring up all three flights of stairs.



An indoor/outdoor synergy

Functionality was the driving force behind every design choice within this family-oriented abode. Elements such as a dedicated primary suite on a distinct floor, a sprawling mudroom, abundant storage solutions, and the inclusion of expansive 12-ft. full bi-fold doors were mindfully chosen to enhance the home's practicality and indoor-outdoor synergy.

A perfect transition

And where there's design, there are also challenges and in this home makeover, it was the focal wall in the great room. "We wanted to create some distinction between the great room and the adjacent kitchen, while still keeping the look cohesive," explains Thompson. To achieve harmony between the two rooms, for the built-ins in the great room, she used cabinet fronts that resembled the ones in



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the kitchen. "From the arch details to the custom fireplace and cabinets on the built-in, this space turned out so beautifully, and it's a perfect transition from the kitchen."

With nature and functionality in mind, Thompson created a home that capitalizes on natural light and has an innovative floorplan that addresses the needs and wants of a growing family.



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