

HOME AND decor

STYLE | DÉCOR | RENOVATION

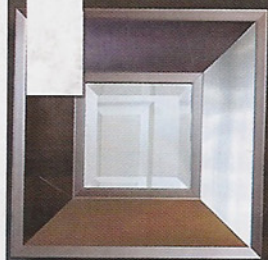
a HomeGuides publication | www.homeguides.ca

FREE

APRIL 2010

VOLUME 6, ISSUE 4

www.homeanddecor.ca



Yanic Simard
refreshes your home

ECO-FABULOUS
options for any room

Glen Peloso
DESIGNS A

sweet RETREAT!

**RENO
SECTION!**
MASTERS OF
IMPROVEMENT

{ *new feature* } DESTINATION STYLE pg. 68

SPRING

FORWARD

Designer Yanic Simard of the Toronto Interior Design Group gives you helpful advice for breathing new life into your home this season.

With unseasonably warm temperatures gracing our weather forecasts, perhaps you are thinking of all the refreshing activities the long-awaited springtime affords you as a Canadian – shedding a few layers of clothing and benefitting from the warm rays of the sun, or perhaps sneaking a cappuccino on the patio of your favourite café. Whichever way you choose to embrace the rising mercury, spring cleaning allows you to shed a few layers at home too – which is where the real fun begins! It's time to breathe new life into your winterized home with these irresistible novelties I've come across for your kitchen and living spaces.

BE SMITTEN WITH YOUR KITCHEN



WALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

wallyouneedislove.com

Wall You Need Is Love offers an original and cost-effective way to give your kitchen a dramatic facelift. With its digital wallpaper technology, Wall You Need Is Love custom murals placed on a wall, across cabinets or any large and flat surface, allows you to cook or entertain in a space totally unique to you. If in a couple months the look is getting tired, just replace it with your favourite design and the feel of your kitchen is totally refreshed. These super-sized stickers can come in any size, from any image, are washable as well as tear- and UV-resistant.



ACCENTS OF DISTINCTION

accentsofdistinction.com

Accents of Distinction's Backsplash Re-Sert line has specially designed four-by-four-in. tiles that let you instantly swap designs and customize any kitchen backsplash. The magnetized template on the back of the tile allows you to pick and switch various home design themes for different occasions – such as coffee with your morning brew, fruits for a particularly sunny day, or martini glasses for your dinner party. Have a particular design in mind? Accents of Distinction also creates customized images onto blank reserts through computerized water-jet technology. You can give a new look to your kitchen backsplash on a whim, for less than you may think!





SMART TILES

thesmarttiles.com

You think you've seen it all? What about a quality peel-and-stick kitchen backsplash tile that boasts three dimensions? It can be installed in minutes without any mess or specialized tools over any clean surface, including over top of your existing tile! The Gel-O technology used by Smart Tiles gives an outstanding resemblance to glass or stainless steel tiles, with its own grout and glue. It is scratch- and heat-resistant and waterproof.



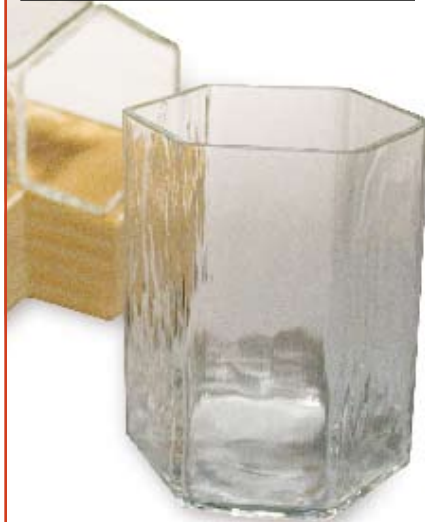
RICHLITE COUNTERTOP

richlite.com

One thing that excites me this spring is the new hemp-based Richlite countertop that is now available to the Canadian market. Produced out of premium FSC paper-composite and various environmentally sustainable materials, this countertop stands out for its unique paper content, its natural look and warm appeal. Would you believe me if I said it is stronger than stone? Well, it is! It can endure longer spans and cantilevers without additional support. It can also resist heat up to 350 degrees. Richlite countertops come in a variety of rich colours and thicknesses, and has a softer appearance with its natural variation and tone. A simple wipe with a damp sponge on a regular basis will maintain its beauty.



MY SPRING 2010 DESIGN PICK



HIVE TUMBLERS

balanceglassworks.com

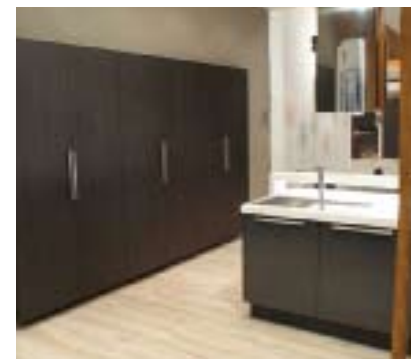
As a Canadian designer myself, I get particularly excited when other Canadian designers come up with groundbreaking concepts. Clayton Haigh is an emerging glass artist in his own right, and has been training in his field for the past four years. At the Toronto IDS 2010 show I noticed his latest beautiful, yet functional creation called the Hive Tumblers. This honeycomb-style water glass arrangement saves space, but more impressively serves as a centerpiece on any kitchen countertop or dining room buffet. His unique horizontal stacking solution puts traditional glassware storage on its side. Make a statement and combine multiple sets to create a masterpiece! The one-of-a-kind glasses are individually blown into a handmade mould in order to ensure they flawlessly sit in the cradle.

CONQUER CLUTTER AND GET ORGANIZED



DORON LACHISCH'S CUBITEC dwr.com

Doron Lachisch's Cubitec shelving system from Design Within Reach (DWR) is one of my favourite storage solutions for its low cost, practicality and simplicity. It combines the exceptional strength and stability of injection-moulded polypropylene in a simple, modular design. After using the Cubitec shelving system for a small condo design project in Miami, I was completely sold on its ability to shelve a ton of books on a tiny wall. Get your books out of storage and bring them back to life.



SVEA KITCHEN sveakitchens.com

If you are like me, and find de-cluttering or simply organizing your kitchen a daunting task, fear no more! Svea Kitchens has come to the rescue. It provides a multitude of creative solutions with its organizational systems. The key is to compartmentalize, which allows you to use every square inch available. Svea Kitchen's corner cabinetry and drawer designs are meticulously engineered to do exactly that. No more sacrificing function for style. Svea Kitchens has a design to suit your needs.



GUS DESIGN stylegarage.com

Gus Design's extruded aluminum shelf has been in my arsenal for many design projects. You can't go wrong with the sleek look, practicality and ability to fit into any décor – including small spaces! Show off your eclectic book collection, artwork or even vintage vinyl album covers. Design tip: these shelves create a sophisticated visual appeal when used together.



Yanic Simard is the principal designer of the Toronto Interior Design Group. Specializing in residential and commercial projects, Simard often applies his signature high/low and old/new combination design techniques in developing unique designs. Simard has created designs for clients in Toronto, Montreal and Miami, and has appeared as a regular guest expert on Citytv's CityLine. For more information visit tidg.ca