

HOME OF THE WEEK » TORONTO SEMI-DETACHED



Cooking and entertaining is a big part of the current owner's lifestyle, as evidenced by the care and attention lavished on the dining room, far left, and back deck, below. HARVEY KALLES REAL ESTATE LTD.



A lost elegance reborn

166 COTTINGHAM ST.

WHAT: A semi-detached, 2½-storey house with three bedrooms and three bathrooms on a 26- by 81-foot lot in midtown Toronto.

ASKING PRICE: \$1,479,000

TAXES: \$6,123 (2008)

AGENT: Harvey Kalles Real Estate Ltd. (Marni Lokash)

BY CAROLYN LEITCH

The owner of this semi-detached house in the centre of the city wanted a clean and open plan for his home, says designer Tara Fingold of Tara Fingold Interiors Inc.

"It needed to be brought to a level of sophistication more geared towards his lifestyle," she says.

That lifestyle includes cooking and entertaining. But he also wanted to restore some of the home's original elegance, which had been lost in previous renovations.

"It was so choppy," she recalls. "There was layer upon layer of weird stuff."

So Ms. Fingold set out to make the space more congenial.

She reconfigured and updated the kitchen cabinets, and had a large island installed between the kitchen and dining room. Chairs next to the island provide extra seating and give guests a place to congregate.

The CaesarStone on the island was used again in the fireplace surround to provide continuity between the areas in the open space.

A green glass backsplash liven up the kitchen. "The backsplash is light and a little bit sexy and sparkly," Ms. Fingold says.

From the family room, doors

The amenities

The house has been recently renovated to open up the main floor for entertaining with easy flow between the kitchen and dining, living and family rooms.

The main level has floor-to-ceiling windows. The kitchen has a large CaesarStone island and built-in appliances.

The family room has sliding doors leading to a large, enclosed deck.

The second floor offers two bedrooms and a den, while the third floor is given over to a master suite with bedroom, bathroom and dressing room.

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lead to a “great little entertaining patio.” Tall trees hide an adjacent apartment building from view.

Upstairs, the second floor has a laundry room, bedrooms and a den. There's also a bathroom with tub and walk-in shower.

The third floor provides a master retreat. The bedroom is open to a bathroom with a walk-in shower and limestone surround on the soaker tub. The suite also has a sitting room.

Ms. Fingold says the layout would suit a couple, a bachelor or a hip, young downtown family.

"This is like your own oasis."



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