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# winning COMBINATION

The right blend of versatile pieces, touches of luxury and a bit of fun makes this space work for both family time and entertaining

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Interior designer Tara Fingold has a knack for combining formal flair with casual comfort. She put her talents to work on a Toronto house with “no charm but lots of potential,” which she and her husband, Michael, bought eight years ago. By eliminating some walls and adopting a mostly open-concept floor plan, they blurred the boundaries between the kitchen, eating and living areas. The result? A family-friendly home that’s perfect for the couple and their two young children, not to mention a stream of guests. Find out how Tara did it.

**BREAKFAST ROOM** Choose versatile pieces for an open-concept space. For this casual eating area, Tara upholstered the chairs in a faux leather that’s the same colour as the dining room chairs, so they can be moved during parties. The wicker chest and outdoor chandelier maintain the relaxed feel.

**PAINT** (wall) Wheeling Neutral HC-92 benjaminmoore.ca. **CHAIRS, TABLE, DRAPERY, CHANDELIER** tarafingold.com. **CHAIR FABRIC** Genslar, through designers, kravetcanada.com. **CHEST** Decorum Decorative Finds 416-966-6829. **ARTWORK** David Gillanders artinteriors.ca. **VASES** J.W. Humphries Antiques 705-324-2985. →



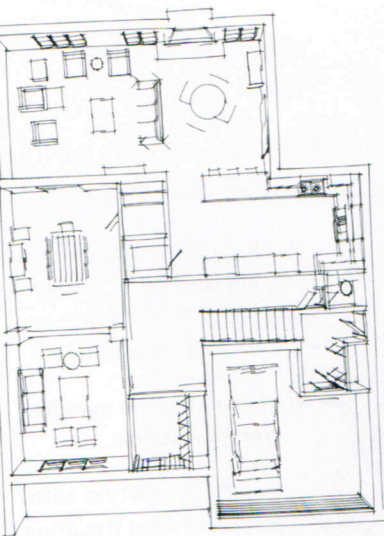
**LIVING ROOM** Don't be afraid to have fun in a formal space. Here, the playful Philippe Starck Louis Ghost chair works because the shape is similar to that of the upholstered chairs. For a hit of sparkle and to pick up on the nailhead detail, Tara used metallic accents, like a silver tray and floor lamp.

**PAINT** (walls) Stony Ground 211 farrow-ball.com. **GHOST CHAIR** kartell.com. **SOFA, ARMCHAIRS, DRAPERY, COFFEE TABLE** tarafingold.com. **SOFA FABRIC** through designers, bilbroughs.com. **CHAIR FABRIC** Kravet 29505-66, through designers, kravetcanada.com. **RUG** Thomas O'Brien Corsaro Ocean dominionrug.com.

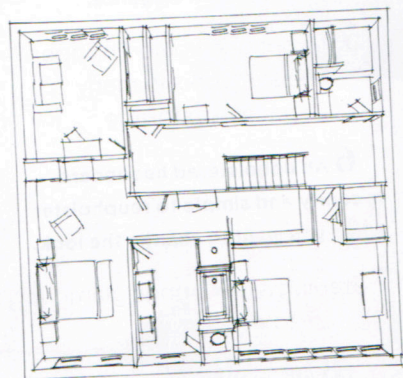




“My priority was to have great flow – a house that revolved around the kitchen without being too obvious about it” TARA FINGOLD, OWNER



1,650 SQ. FT.  
MAIN FLOOR



1,500 SQ. FT.  
SECOND FLOOR



**KITCHEN** Dark wood flooring, white painted cabinetry, limestone counters and stainless steel appliances add up to a classic look. A fan of open plans but not visible messes, Tara (right) has a simple fix: “The sink is deep enough to keep pots and pans out of view, and an extra dishwasher holds the overflow, so counters stay clear.”

**CABINETS** kgakitchens.com. **RANGE** wolfappliance.com.  
**STOOLS** tarafingold.com. →



**DRESSING ROOM** Indulge in a little luxury with a striking wallpaper, like Osborne & Little's Sakura, which Tara describes as "more atmospheric than paint." And don't overlook the details: here, a bevelled-edge marble top and polished-metal knobs dress up a maple console.

**WALLPAPER** through designers, primavera.ca. **VANITY** tarafingold.com. **COUNTERTOP** foresthillmarble.com. **KNOBS** restorationhardware.com. **SCONCES** greatlighting.com. **MIRROR** postersinternational.com. **CARPET** dominionrug.com.



## INVEST IN THE BEST


Owner Tara Fingold's top 10 classic choices.

- 1** White kitchen cabinetry with Shaker-style doors can easily be dressed up with hardware and colourful accessories.
- 2** Wool sisal rugs are durable and transitional.
- 3** A William Birch-style sofa has a classic arm (like the chairs on page 96) and is perfect for lounging or sitting.
- 4** A coach lantern provides pared-down elegance.
- 5** An antique Louis-Philippe dresser works in many spaces as storage.
- 6** An upholstered headboard is comfy and simple to reupholster when you want to change the look.
- 7** Sterling silver brings glamour to every room.
- 8** Silk drapery has a luxe ball gown feel.
- 9** Limestone countertops lend texture and dimension.
- 10** French doors allow for a gracious flow when entertaining.

**MASTER BEDROOM** Tara added pattern to this neutral zone through carpeting, bedding and furniture. To emphasize the room's airy feel and draw the eye upward, she had the ceiling raised and covered with tongue-and-groove panelling applied upside down.

**PAINT** (walls) Skyline Steel 1015 sherwinwilliams.com. **HEADBOARD FABRIC** Inlay, through designers, kravetcanada.com. **BENCH, DRAPERY** tarafingold.com. **BED LINENS** aulitfinelinens.com. @





**“I wanted to create a luxurious, calming room  
where I could relax at the end of the day”**

TARA FINGOLD, OWNER