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A photograph of a kitchen scene. In the foreground, a white marble cake stand with a wooden base holds several bright orange citrus fruits with green leaves. To the right, a stack of folded cloths with red and black patterns is visible. In the background, a white vase holds bare, light-colored branches. The scene is brightly lit, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

# House proud

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*Designer Ami McKay*



**N**ena Patel, a pharmacist, and her husband, a physician, wanted a home that expressed their love of traditional design, but with a modern vocabulary. Their new 3,800 square foot home combines artisanal details of a craftsman home with graceful interpretations of trends. Nestled in a Vancouver neighbourhood, the two-storey home replaces the couple's original, cramped home on the site. "We wanted the new home to be elegant and calm," Nena notes adding, "We just had a baby so the size is perfect for us now!"

"Designer Ami McKay," Nena says, "Did a fabulous job of translating that into reality."

Three, custom beveled, glass windows welcome sunlight into the foyer. Ami reintroduced design elements from the original home. "We were in love with the oak hardwood floors in the old home. We had to include them in our new design," Nena remarks.

The dining room's rich palette, on the foyer's right, underlines the understated glamour of the furniture. Nena notes the metal Moroccan chandelier's light "creates a gorgeous pattern on the ceiling." Ami advises "When choosing lighting for any space



*“The appliances were quite a splurge, but my husband insisted as he knows I love to cook.”*

NENA PATEL, HOMEOWNER





think of: scale, visual space, and contrast. Lighting gives a room personality."

Just off the dining room, is the kitchen and pantry with their craftsman-style touches. The island's veined granite inspired colour choices for "the entire house" Nena states. With its cabinets stained dark to complement the dark hardwood floors, the island enables Nena to cook while watching the adjacent family room's TV. Glass pendant orbs echo the delicate glass inserts in the kitchen's cabinets. "I saw them in a home magazine. I HAD to have them, so I ordered them online," Nena says.

Woven through the home's décor are silvery metallics and softly spoken,

graphic prints — both trends for 2015. The family room's accent pillows and Roman blind present sophisticated blues. Beveled glass in the coffee table evokes the stepped edges of the home's crown moulding and paneling. Framed family photos restate the home's motif of darks paired with neutrals.

With subtle metallic glitter, the living room is a comfortable airy alcove. "The palette for this room: layered shades of linen whites, with soft blue and a bit of chrome," Ami observes. The scalloped chandelier and light sconces reprise the feminine curves of the wingback chairs and the fireplace's scrolled pedestals. Ami notes the "central pendant has a lovely black ribbon edge detail that is a treat for the eye." Fine details provide







***“I had been collecting magazine, newspaper and website photos for years in a binder and it was overflowing with ideas!”*** - NENA PATEL, HOMEOWNER

continuity for a home’s overall design as they are interpreted in furniture, accessories, materials, and textures.

The ensuite’s lexicon of glass, tile, and stone is articulated with a postmodern inflection. The freestanding, claw-foot bathtub is a sculpted interpretation of a traditional form. Tradition is also enunciated in the stone trompe l’oeil bathroom ‘rug’. Mosaics and tiling reflect light while visually expanding the space.

Tradition and trends blend perfectly in the home. “When the final design was done, we were overwhelmed. Friends and family have been impressed beyond belief. We are incredibly proud of our home,” Nena enthusiastically states.

