

# LESS IS MORE

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For some people, blank walls can be daunting. Choosing a paint colour for a whole room is a big decision. Not so for design and realty specialist **Eve Claxton**, who painted 5,400 square feet of living space in just one colour – and proved that less really is more. *Continued on page 55*

Not only are all the walls in this home white, but kitchen appliances are hidden behind cabinetry to maintain the seamless appearance. The open-concept kitchen, dining space and great room open to a back patio.





**LEFT:** The dark accent behind the fireplace surround in the great room is the only spot upstairs painted anything but white.  
**BELOW:** The fireplace beckons everyone in autumn – big and small.



**ABOVE:** A separate pantry area for storage and prep means some small appliances – like a coffee maker – can stay on the counter without adding visible clutter in the kitchen.  
**OPPOSITE:** High ceilings and detailed archways define the whole main floor of this home.

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Not only that, but the sophisticated and elegant home she designed, in partnership with **Timberworx Custom Homes** President **Shawn Marsh** and their in-house designer **Meredith Haslam**, is a beautiful exhibition of the masterful craftsmanship the company offers. Pair that with the natural beauty of the **Heritage Lake Estates** community in Puslinch, and you have an idyllic place to call home.

Surrounded by a sprawling countryside and near a serene 60-acre lake ideal for swimming, canoeing and fishing, this modern abode radiates comfort and luxury. Marsh and Claxton are known for their award-winning custom homes. This natural stone bungalow, with high-end finishes and cutting-edge technology, is no exception.

With a timeless palette of fresh whites, natural tones and black accents, this home evokes both Parisian luxury and contemporary sensibility. High ceilings, custom mouldings and tall baseboards are just some of the noticeable upgrades that add to the home's grandeur. French, white-oak flooring, imported from Belgium, is not only stylish but durable with its wide, distressed planks. Tall doors from Riverside Door & Trim are adorned with crystal knobs, which sit atop long escutcheon plates. Contemporary Italian lighting is installed throughout. The walls, trim and ceilings are all painted the same

colour – Benjamin Moore's Decorators White.

"When you use one colour, the shades always change, depending on the room you're in," explains Claxton, who describes the style of the home as "Parisian postmodern."

Light pours into the open-concept kitchen, dining and living room through three wide doors that span the length of the room. At eight-feet wide each, the doors open to a large covered patio, perfect for entertaining. Pine soffits and an outdoor fireplace make this patio a warm haven for guests, while a built-in sound system adds entertainment and atmosphere.

The kitchen is truly made-to-order, with custom cabinets and a large island, boasting black granite and marble from **Stonex Granite & Quartz**. State-of-the-art Thermador appliances from TA Appliances include a 48-inch dual fuel range – a dream for culinary enthusiasts. A walk-in pantry off the back of the kitchen provides ample space for food storage and keeps the main kitchen clutter-free. Clean lines, modern pendants and hidden appliances are a clear indication of Claxton and Haslam's minimalist design style, brilliantly woven through the entire home.

The living room features a tufted leather sofa on casters and a quartzite gas fireplace surround, set against a dark accent wall. A mixture of textures in the space adds both interest and style. *Continued on page 56*



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Heading towards the bedrooms, it's hard not to notice the stunning, custom-designed archways. A nod to the Parisian style, this striking architectural detail is truly unique. Discrete pot lights illuminate the hallways, showcasing the subtle yet impactful artwork.

Floor-to-ceiling windows, by Golden Windows, fill both the master bedroom and bathroom with ample natural light. Large mirrors propped behind the end tables in the bedroom add a reflection for the glass lamps from **Accents for Living**. The wooden sleigh bed is perfectly draped in fresh, white linens, adding warmth to the room.

The master bath feels much like those at an elegant boutique-style hotel. Black-slate heated floors contrast the custom, white, floating cabinet. Claxton repeated the black slate on the wall behind the tub, from **The Ensuite Bath & Kitchen Showroom**, adding visual interest. A custom, decorative-glass window adds a more traditional element to the otherwise modern space. Three tall, black mirrors define the sink and vanity area. The large walk-in shower features sleek faucets, creating a spa-like oasis. *Continued on page 58*

**TOP RIGHT:** The master suite, filled with light, is clean and crisp in white and wood. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A chandelier in the master bath tops off the Parisian-inspired space. **BELOW:** A decorative-glass window adds visual interest above the soaker tub.



A main-floor office opens both to the foyer and towards the kitchen and great room. It overlooks the front yard.



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Claxton carefully curated each of the two main-floor guestrooms with unique artwork, beautiful linens and subtle furnishings. Nearby, the black-and-white main bathroom showcases leather Thassos marble floors and granite countertops.

White oak banisters, stained to match the floors, lead to the basement. With high ceilings and an abundance of natural light, this doesn't feel like your average rec room.

"Basements are no longer dingy storage areas and people are realizing their potential for creating living spaces more than ever before," says Claxton. "Large windows make the space welcoming, bright and merely an extension of the utility of the home."

All of the high-end finishes continue throughout the lower level, including the custom archways and large doorways. The basement truly feels like an extension of the living space, with all the same luxuries and design details as the main floor. *Continued on page 60*



**ABOVE & FAR LEFT:** The two secondary bedrooms on the main floor are situated at the front of the home. They are decorated in different shades of white and grey. **LEFT:** This bathroom, while in some ways similar to the master bath, features black cabinetry instead of white.

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**ABOVE:** Carpet on the basement floors, combined with wood and linen furniture, make this basement anything but cold. **BELOW LEFT:** Because of the large windows, this basement bedroom feels just as bright and fresh as those on the main floor. **BELOW RIGHT:** Casual sofa seating, rather than standard recliners, are extra relaxed and cosy in this theatre room.

Included in the basement is a home gym, bedroom and the ultimate sweet spot – a theatre room installed by **Station Earth**. Plush carpet from **Sarmazian Bros. Ltd.** Flooring, casual seating and a large 200-inch projection screen make this room the perfect place to unwind. The entire room is painted a deep charcoal (Wrought Iron by Benjamin Moore) and features a custom wall treatment.

Timberworx prides itself in providing the latest in home technology. The entire home is smart-wired to one central control hub behind the

theatre room. Having a central location for cables allows for wireless technology throughout the rest of the house. With temperature-controlled fireplaces, integrated surround sound and security, this home has all the bells and whistles.

From technology to design, Timberworx has once again achieved luxe living at its finest. This home might be minimalist in décor, but it certainly has maximum style and appeal.

This home is currently for sale. Contact Eve Claxton Realty Inc. Brokerage for more information. **OH**



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