



# A KITCHEN DESIGN *inspired* BY A FLOWER

... the **sunflower** is this kitchen's spirit and soul

SUNFLOWERS. THEY'RE BRIGHT, beautiful, and love the warmth of the sun, which they in turn give to us through their glorious shades of yellow.

This kitchen renovation begins with a sunflower, and ends in warmth and love.

When you walk through the front door of this newly renovated side-split, tucked away off the street in a gorgeous neighbourhood that feels like you're in the country, but actually only 5 mins from downtown Orangeville, your mouth just drops!

The main floor is an open concept layout, one that really evolves from the kitchen. With the help of Lorie Martin-Pessot, owner of kitchENvision, these homeowners have created a space that I found very hard to leave! Much like the owners themselves, this kitchen beams with charm and

elegance. While the finishings are top of line, the kitchen and its owners are down to earth, warm and welcoming. The homeowners worked closely with Lorie to come up with a main floor layout where the kitchen was to be the heart of the space, with the seating and entertaining areas then designed around it.



So where to begin about all my favourite things in this space. When asked, the lovely lady of the house quickly said "Let's start with the island!" It's a gorgeous spot where the entire family can sit and eat, a couple can enjoy a glass of wine (from their built-in wine fridge of course), have the girls over for a ton of laughs, or just the man of the house, cooking on his gourmet stovetop, and loving every moment. This island boasts gorgeous granite counters that have been cleverly chosen to match the cupboards, as well as the beautiful floors that run throughout. From a

functionality perspective, the owners chose to install a convenient island sink that has actually become one of the most used elements in the kitchen. Lorie has designed this kitchen so that everything is placed in areas that make sense to what this family needs.

A very cool and inventive feature Lorie designed into the cupboard space, was to include a “cubby” that sits flush to the cabinetry, and hides all of those “kitchen things” like the toaster, blender, etc, stuff that takes up counter space and perhaps doesn’t always look so pretty. It also provides more open workspace to the countertops, and these countertops are stunning! They are an exotic “White River” polished granite for the wall runs, plus a “leather texture” version for the island. It creates quite a cool feeling as you run your hands along both textures, and you can actually then see the leathering on the island, compared to the elegant sheen of the main countertops. The “White River” design really gives the kitchen a stylish finish, and allows for “flow” throughout the space.

The homeowners, Carolyn and Chris, chose the colour for the flooring throughout the main space. Superior hardwood in 7” x ¾” planks, is stained the colour of Maple Caraway, which matches perfectly with the custom cabinetry. The backplash is comprised of beautiful 2 x 6 glass subway tile, accented by steel grey elements.

Over the “main sink” is a gorgeous large window, that can appear at first as a landscape painting until you realize, “wow, that’s actually the backyard”! It could not be a more perfect place to wash the dishes and take in the spectacular view.

As you walk around the main floor, keeping your line of sight on the kitchen, your view is transformed as you take in this kitchen’s beauty from a different angle. You now see the awesome top-of-the-line chefs stove, the double ovens, and one of my favourite things, the “steamer”, a cool built-in that allows you not only to steam-cook full meat and vegetable meals, but even leftovers come out as fresh, simply by heating them up!


“The homeowners were wonderful to work with”, explains Lorie, “it was a long journey, but so worth it, as you can see by the finished product.” Chris took on all of the “project management” aspects of the renovation, and to say he should be proud would be an understatement!



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This kitchen is a perfect balance of functionality and beauty, and is perfectly reflective of this very close-knit family. A space that makes you want to sit down, break out the backgammon board and stay for awhile.

As you take in the entire space, there's one thing your eye keeps coming back to. It's stunning, and in my opinion the "crowning jewel" of this kitchen renovation and the entire home; the sunflower. Custom made special for this family, it sits beautifully over the stove, a glass tiled insert, crafted by hand by local artist Bill Alder at Glasscraft. It's breathtaking to look at, and beyond it's beauty, it represents a magnificent tribute to a loss this family has endured, the loss of a lovely girl who left them much too soon. She loved, and grew sunflowers.

So I would say yes indeed, this kitchen is the "heart" of this family's home. And the sunflower, it's spirit and soul. 

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