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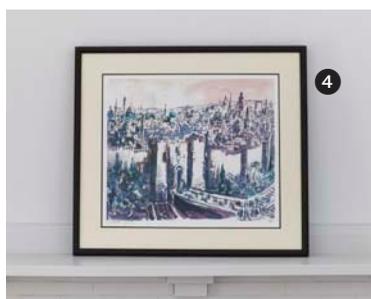
A North Toronto fixer-upper custom outfitted for fun

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Alister Campbell and Colleen Mahoney like to host dinner parties. Lots of them. It's not unheard-of for them to have friends or extended family over one night, colleagues the next. Campbell, who runs a private insurance firm, and Mahoney, who sits on the board of the non-profit Action Against Hunger Canada, also have two teenage boys, Dugald and Declan, and two boisterous labradoodles, Poppy and Prudence. In short, it's a madhouse—but a happy madhouse custom-designed to suit their needs. When they bought the rundown Tudor-style place in North Toronto two years ago, they knew they were in for a big overhaul. They hired the design firm Nivek Remas to create a home that would accommodate their special brand of contained chaos. The end result includes a living room that's formal enough for cocktails with colleagues but has cushy couches for nights watching CFL games. The Hans Wegner table in the dining room expands to seat 18—perfect when family members from Ottawa or Saskatchewan are in town. And when Mahoney wants to get away from the hubbub, she retreats with her laptop to the airy new master ensuite, which has an extra-long vanity overlooking the trees in the backyard.



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1 The deep turquoise rug was designed by Kevin Chan and Samer Shaath of Nivek Remas, the firm that oversaw the reno.

2 *Jelen* is by Canadian photographer Zoë Jaremus.

3 Campbell inherited the 1921 Heintzman baby grand from his mother. Dugald and Declan attend St. Michael's Choir School and use it all the time for their music homework.

4 Campbell bought the painting of the Damascus Gate during a trip to Israel before he and Mahoney were married. He gave it to her for Christmas.

5 The chair also belonged to Campbell's mother. The accent table is from Studio B.

6 Mahoney had seen the Jonathan Adler rug in a magazine and loved its bold geometric design. She was delighted that it was among those that Chan and Shaath suggested.



7 The couple loved the original leaded glass windows, but they were drafty. The solution: double-glazed panels that fit overtop.

8 The master ensuite was once a tired sunroom. Even with the blinds raised, there's plenty of privacy—it's 300 feet across the treed yards to the nearest house.