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NICHOLAS ROSACI, an award-winning designer, is the *DIY Editor for Canadian Home Trends Magazine*, and appears as a guest expert on City TV's *CityLine*. As Principal Designer for *Nicholas Rosaci Interiors*, Nicholas creates chic, glamorous spaces that cross the divide between Modern and Traditional. *My favourite 2014 trends* are the bright colours that excite and energize us for the year ahead, especially when shades take on a "Techno Colour" nuance. From Pantone's "Dazzling Blue" to 2014's colour of the year "Radiant Orchid". www.rosaci.com



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JO ALCORN, *Style Editor for Canadian Home Trends Magazine*, Design Specialist and owner of *Whitewash & Co.*, has designed an Eco-friendly furniture line W&C, found online and recently a lighting line that can be purchased in stores across Canada and the U.S. Jo is no stranger to the TV world, and is also an environmental advocate and teacher to future designers. *My favourite sofa feature* is studded detailing. It is an elegant touch and becomes jewelry for the sofa. And who doesn't need more jewelry? Jazz up your sofa with some studs for a unique and custom look. www.whitewashco.ca



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Canadian Home Trends Magazine's Food Editor, MASSIMO CAPRA, has been on the Food Network many times with successful shows like *Restaurant Makeover*. He has a regular spot on CityTV's *Cityline*, is a national column writer and author of two best-selling cookbooks. He now hosts his own destination cooking show *Gourmet Escapes*. He is co-owner/executive of *Mistura* and also brings his passion for great gourmet food at affordable prices to Canada's busiest airport, Pearson International (Toronto), with the opening of *Boccone Trattoria Veloce* and *Boccone Pronto*. www.massimocapra.com



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LAURA STEIN is Principal and CEO of *Laura Stein Interiors*, an award-winning firm specializing in custom interior decorating and design for residential clients. Dedicated to creating exceptional, distinctive, and uniquely personal interiors for her clients, Laura's focus is on fresh, lifestyle-based design infused with comfort and understated luxury. *My favourite sofa feature* is seat cushions with a foam core and feather/down wrap. The foam gives the cushions structure while the feather wrap adds softness. Unlike down cushions that require constant fluffing, or stiff foam, this combination gives support and comfort. www.laurasteinininteriors.com



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PAUL SEMKULEY, principal of *resource lifestyles*, a Toronto-based Interior Stylist, combines his love of art, fashion and design to offer a unique decorating point of view. With an extensive client base in Toronto and the GTA, his firm incorporates a client's existing collection of furniture and family treasures in unique and unpredictable ways. *My favourite sofa feature* is to use an exposed show-wood frame for the under-body and legs of the sofa. It accentuates and elongates the weight of the sofa, without taking away from the beauty of the fabric. It's a simple and sophisticated detail. www.resourcelifestyles.com



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EVELYN ESHUN, an interior designer, a graduate from Ryerson University, has been involved with design over the past fourteen years, collaborating with clients on their residential projects. Evelyn has been a regular design host for many years on several design shows such as *Take This House & Sell It on W Network* and *The Decorating Challenge*. *My favourite 2014 trend* is mixing metals. No more thinking you can't mix silver, gold, bronze and copper together! I love the look of grey and gold paired with polished nickel wall lights and an old French antique mirror frame. www.evelyneshun.com



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EILEEN MARSHALL is the owner of *Eileen Marshall Design*, a company that offers a full range of services specializing in renovations and custom homes. Eileen's philosophy is to create elegant and inviting interiors whilst promoting a healthy and comfortable home for every member of your family. *My most favourite type of sofa* is one you sink into! Preferably upholstered in a soft and natural fabric that feels lovely against your skin (and hard-wearing of course) with seat cushions and big pillows stuffed full of down feathers. www.eileenmarshalldesign.com



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GWEN PRINCE, Colour Stylist and consultant for *General Paint*, has more than twenty years experience in the paint industry. She is also a member of the Colour Marketing Group, which forecasts colour trends up to two years in advance. Gwen is a self-proclaimed paint geek and loves how the right paint colour can completely transform a room or piece of furniture. *My favourite sofa feature* is detailing on its back. Interesting upholstery and nail-heads can add visual interest to the back of a sofa. www.generalpaint.com



LUC CRAWFORD is the principal and founder of *Luc Crawford Design Inc.* which has been selected as the best interior Design firm in Ottawa for the past three years. He has been involved in a variety of projects, from the development of corporate designs to high end residential and hospitality. Crawford also brings his combined training and experience in architecture and furniture design to a new generation of designers as a College professor at Algonquin College and a Judge for the Greater Ottawa Home Builder's Association. www.luccrawford.com



THE LOOK: FRENCH INSPIRED BEDROOM

THE DESIGNER: Evelyn Eshun

I LOVE THIS LOOK for its casual yet sophisticated style, and its modern approach to integrating elements found in French décor.

GET THIS LOOK with natural fabrics such as linen and silk, tufted furniture and mixed metals such as silver and brushed gold. For a glamorous touch, add reflective elements, like a silver or mirror bedside tray.



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Evelyn Eshun

tables that rule!

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1 glass tables

Glass and/or mirror tables blend into a room's background giving the illusion of more space. A round antique mirror and burnished-metal deco-style table was the perfect fit in this glamorous space.



2 rule of thirds

A coffee table's length should be two-thirds of the size of a sofa. This small family home required a perfectly sized coffee table with storage. It has a shelf for books and magazines as well as drawers for knick-knacks.



3 how high?

Your table and seating height should be within four inches from each other. In this living room the mirror and polished-nickel coffee table is the perfect height for the sofa.



5 two is better than one

Consider two smaller tables instead of one big table in a large space. This living room was big enough for two sofas and coffee tables. Each table features an upholstered top, a shelf below as well as a spot for a decorative item in the centre of the table.



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