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Evelyn's DOUBLE TAKE

Design and Event Editor Evelyn Eshun shows us how we can transform a neutral palette in a living space to one full of life and colour.

Text Evelyn Eshun | Photography Larry Arnal



Mirror
image of
room in
neutral
palette!

“Pillows are hands down the best way to add colour and personality to your room. Consider trading pillows with your friends and colleagues in order to make a new statement each season!”

EVELYN ESHUN, DESIGNER



NEUTRAL *CANVAS*

HIGH-QUALITY SOFA AND CHAIRS in a neutral fabric allow you to easily update your look from season to season.

BOOKS ARE A WONDERFUL ACCESSORY as well as a decorative touch.

Mixed metals and textures are used to create a visually interesting, neutral space.

USING BASKETS as a place to put blankets or pillows is a great way to eliminate clutter.



PERFECT *palette*

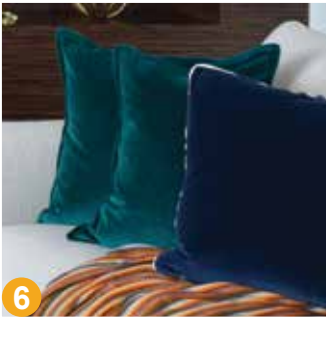
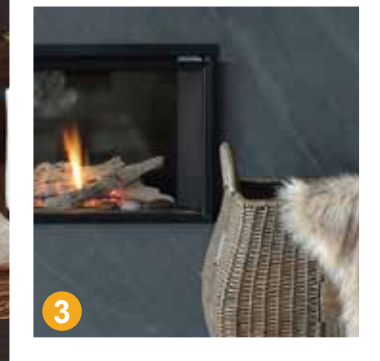
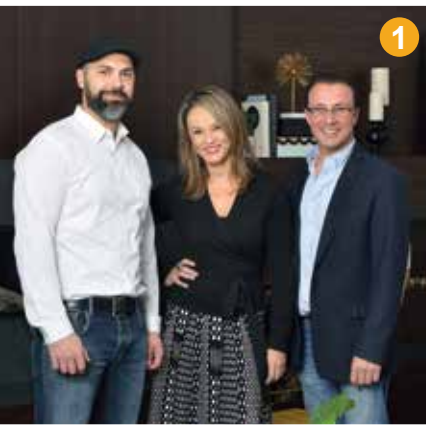
A SHOT OF GREEN from an interesting plant is an easy way to add colour.

CONSIDER THE SPINE OF BOOKS and the shot of colour which they can bring to a room.

Adding pops of colour in accessories and accent pieces gives the space a new look and feel.

Colourful candles and vases add personality to a fireplace mantle.





1 Evelyn Eshun with Moe (Apex Custom Fabrications) and Dominic (Keystone Mechanical Group). The focal point of this space is a Valor 52" linear fireplace with complete installation by Keystone Mechanical Group. The fireplace was set into a seamless front leather black slate that was perfectly fabricated by Apex Custom Fabrications. When choosing and installing a fireplace, working with both the installer and stone fabricator as a one-stop shop makes it a smooth process.

2 An open concept gathering area is a common design choice in today's modern homes. A custom feature wall creates a strong statement within this space. Investment pieces like a sofa or area rug in neutral colours can help to stretch a dollar, while colourful pillows, throws and accessories that can be

changed seasonally help add personality to the space.

3 This room's expansive space is warmed by a 52 inch linear L2 fireplace by Valor which creates a focal point as well as much needed warmth during cold winter days in the northern edges of Toronto, Ontario.

4 When using a more neutral colour scheme, it is suggested to add texture to your design elements to create interest. When in doubt, add live plants, textured metals and other finishes.

5 For functional coffee table décor, use a decorative tray to group all of those small items that tend to make a table look messy. Layer a few of your favourite books to create a "pedestal" and finish off the look with an accessory laid on top of the stack.

6 Pillows are hands-down the best way to add colour and personality to your room. Consider seasonal swaps of pillows and coffee table books with your friends and colleagues in order to make a new statement each season!

7 A colourful box can be used to store remotes and other unsightly items.

Space Designed by Evelyn Eshun, www.evelyneshun.com; **Photography** Larry Arnal, www.arnalpix.com; **Fireplace**, Valor L2 Linear Fireplace through Keystone Mechanical, www.keystonemech.ca; **Stonework**, Apex Custom Fabrications, www.apexcustomfabrication.ca; **Accessories**, Crate & Barrel, www.crateandbarrel.ca; **Books**, Indigo, www.indigo.ca; **Tray, Candles, Fur Throw and Boxes**, HomeSense, www.homesense.ca; **Area Rug**, Weaver & Loom, www.weaverandloom.com; **Sofas, Ottomans and Chairs**, Gresham House, www.greshamhousefurniture.com; **Cocktail Table**, Elite, www.elite.com

5 Places to Check Out!

Here are a few of our favourite events in our calendar for the coming months.

1 Edmonton Renovation Show

Days to attend:
Friday, January 29
Saturday, January 30
Sunday, January 31

Address for GPS:
Northlands, Edmonton EXPO Centre
7515-118 Ave NW,
Edmonton, AB
T5B 4X5

Get tickets here:
edmontonhomeandgarden.com

2 BC Home & Garden Show

Days to attend:
Wednesday, February 17
Thursday, February 18
Friday, February 19
Saturday, February 20
Sunday, February 21

Address for GPS:
BC Place Stadium
777 Pacific Boulevard
Vancouver, BC
V6B 4Y8

Get tickets here:
bchomeandgardenshow.com

3 Calgary Home & Garden Show

Day to attend:
Thursday, February 25
Friday, February 26
Saturday, February 27
Sunday, February 28

Address for GPS:
BMO Centre, Stampede Park
20 Roundup Way SE,
Calgary, AB
T2G 2W1

Get tickets here:
calgaryhgs.com

4 Edmonton Home & Garden Show

Days to attend:
Thursday, March 17
Friday, March 18
Saturday, March 19
Sunday, March 20

Address for GPS:
Northlands, Edmonton EXPO Centre
7515-118 Ave NW,
Edmonton, AB
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Get tickets here:
edmontonhomeandgarden.com

5 Sarnia Home Show

Days to attend:
Friday, April 1
Saturday, April 2
Sunday, April 3

Address for GPS:
Clearwater Arena Complex
1400 Wellington St,
Sarnia, ON
N7S 6G5

Tickets:
sarniahomeshow.com

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behind the scenes with evelyn

Photos by Larry Arnal

The Chair Affair



Furniture Bank is a non-profit organization. With the help of many volunteers and the community, they provide furniture for thousands of people who are in need of the essentials which make their house a "home". The fourth annual Chair Affair event raised over sixty thousand dollars for the charity by auctioning off chairs and furniture refurbished by forty designers.

High Point Fall 2015

This annual event attended by professionals in the design and decorating industries was inspiring and educational. With millions of square feet of showroom space, plenty of seminars and many opportunities to network both with or without a glass of wine, this year was a wonderful five-day experience which left me with great memories and new friends.



Showrooms at 225 King Street E

The dynamic duo of Glen Peloso and Jamie Alexander, whom I proudly call my very good friends, have refurbished a gem of a location in the King Street Design District and finished it impeccably with inspiring spaces adorned with furniture from manufacturers such as Century and their own line of products. The grand opening party brought a talented group of entertainers from New York City which provided a memorable and fun event for over 200 guests who stayed late into the night singing, laughing and networking.

