

MINDFULLY MODERN

Minimal yet full of character, this Calgary residence by Alykhan Velji Designs is a lesson in simple living

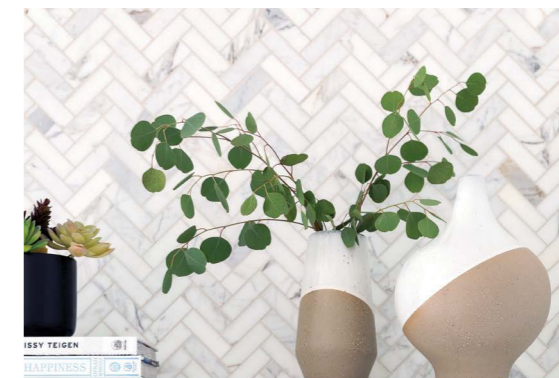
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"THE CLIENTS WANTED SOMETHING MODERN, WITH CHARACTER. THEY LOVED THE LOOK OF MARBLE SO THAT WAS A GOOD STARTING POINT FOR US."

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The open concept of the kitchen makes the space look and feel larger, with a rich blue island for punch. The two-tone design gets a good lift with floating shelves and a herringbone marble tile pattern as the wall backdrop.

“WE LIKE CREATING LAYERS OF LIGHT WHEN IT COMES TO OUR INTERIORS. WE LOVED THE NATURAL LIGHT IN THIS SPACE, AND ADDED A SENSE OF AIRINESS FOR WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN.”

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THE three-member family that inhabits the Mount Pleasant residence in Calgary, Canada, is a busy one. Their home, on the other hand, is modern, clean-lined, and largely minimal. Built and designed by Alloy Homes, this two-storey residence has been fitted with interior finishes, furniture and decor pieces by designer Alykhan Velji and his lead designer, Katie Nelson.

The home has a personality, peppered with colours, patterns and textures that individually add layers, but collectively add to its modern appeal. This layering starts with the entryway; with its window wall and glass-lined staircase that filters harsh sunlight, and continues all the way to the bathrooms; with their wall-to-wall vanities and marble-tiled floors. Touches of luxury reveal themselves when you experience the house - the marble-encased fireplace, black metal accents, clean white oak flooring, and custom art pieces.

The two most stark elements of the home, even when it was only built and not designed, were the sheer number of windows, and the centrally positioned staircase. “We knew we had to have some coverings for the windows; something softer than blinds. With the frame of the windows being black, sheers were a great solution. For the staircase, we added lightness with a glass railing and open riser stairs. It’s the first thing you spot when you walk in, and has a distinct floating look,” explains Nelson.

Besides the larger features, the rooms also have their anchoring elements - the living room palette derived from the rug and beach artwork, the dining room with its statement chandelier, the master bedroom with its dramatic wallpaper, and the master bathroom with its freestanding tub. The mix of furniture pieces brings in different styles that circle back to the design team’s initial idea to identify the house with modernism and its many touches. **H&DT**

Layering became vital to the lighting too. A prominent eye-catcher is the cloud of floating bulbs above the dining table. Dimmers, task lighting and table lamps add to the overall ambience.



FACT FILE: Area: 2,520 sqft | Location: Calgary, Canada | Builder, Contractor: Alloy Homes | Lead Designer: Katie Nelson | Kitchen: Kingswood, Lux | Hardware: Taymor, Top Knobs, Weiser | Plumbing, Bath Fittings, Lighting: Robinson Lighting & Bath Electrical: Effective Electric | Paints: Benjamin Moore | Flooring: Majestic Flooring | Furniture, Art: CF Interiors, Maxwell Fabric, Article, EQ3, Mobilia, City and She