

TREADING THROUGH TIME

Mid-century, modern and traditional elements ease in together to form a unique palette for this warmth-laden family home in Calgary by Alykhan Velji

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**WE WERE DELIGHTED WHEN THESE REPEAT CLIENTS WANTED OUR HELP IN DECORATING THEIR FOREVER HOME. THEY PUT FULL TRUST IN US TO MAKE IT A SPACE THAT THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN ENJOY.**

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Black wishbone chairs and a statement light fixture deepen the visual impact of this otherwise light and airy informal dining area. Wood-framed glass doors ensure a connection with the outdoors.





**THIS SIX-MONTH PROJECT INCLUDED SPECIFYING EVERYTHING FROM WINDOW COVERINGS TO CUSTOM ARTWORKS. AN INJECTION OF PATTERN AND TEXTURE WAS KEY IN MAKING THIS SPACE LOOK CURATED AND LAYERED.**

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Indian-origin, Tanzania-born and Canada-bred interior designer Alykhan Velji is the founder of his eponymous Calgary-based design studio. In his decade-long career, he's used his rich understanding of patterns, textures and styles to pull off some interesting palettes for varied projects. He is considered as one of Canada's most prolific designers, with a repertoire of residential and commercial projects, products and interestingly, a presence on television design shows in Canada.



**THE BONES OF THE HOME WERE GREAT AND WE JUST NEEDED TO UPDATE A FEW THINGS TO GET IT READY FOR US TO STYLE AND DECORATE. OUR ONLY PARAMETERS WERE TO MAKE IT MODERN, INVITING, AND KID-FRIENDLY.**

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The wallpapers in the bedrooms, themed around the tropics and modernism, are decor highlights. They set the tone for the rest of the room, adding a layer of complexity to the spatial design.



It's the timelessness and laid-back luxury of this family home that sets it apart from most urban homes, and makes it a standout project in designer Alykhan Velji's portfolio. Designed for repeat clients, who requested Aly to transform their new house into a forever home, this residence is curated, layered and inviting. The primary highlight is how effortlessly Aly manages to merge the cleanliness of modernist, the softness of mid-century and the elegance of traditional design. This juxtaposition is a direct reflection of the client's personality. Aly also juggles patterns and textures with quirky wallpapers, wood tones, brass and terracotta accents and modern artworks by Canadian artists. Fabrics and upholstery, and oodles of natural light bring in softness to counteract the otherwise straight-lined aesthetic. [GFI](#)