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SUCCESS

Paying homage to old-world craftsmanship and timeless elegance, real estate agents Jennifer Stanley and Gordon Nye teamed up with builder Lloyd LeBoeuf, interior designer Carey Mudford and architect Lorne Rose to realize their dream home in Toronto's prestigious Lawrence Park neighbourhood. Together, they designed an English Tudor-style house with classic architectural features and materials rarely used anymore, like burlled walnut wainscoting, leaded glass windows and a fortress-like 300-pound solid wood front door. There's no denying superior craftsmanship costs a pretty penny, but as Lloyd says, "It's an investment, a work of art."

old-world luxury

The library's coffered ceiling and burlled walnut panelling harken back to the grand estates of the 19th century.

Homeowner Jennifer Stanley has seen many traditional heavy-looking panelled libraries in affluent homes over the years, but she wanted a softer approach here, so the burlled walnut wainscoting is set off by silk wallpaper. Unusual antique finds, like the charming chandelier and scrolled fireplace screen, add interesting detail. The library has the same Brazilian Ipe walnut flooring found throughout the house but in a rich herringbone pattern with a mahogany border for added sophistication. ▶



we love this because...

It's rare to see two islands in one kitchen, but here they complement the space, and each other, beautifully.



"A framed kitchen never goes out of style," Carey says of the classic cabinetry with solid birch interior and exposed hardware. Jennifer loves the detailed architectural millwork around the semicircular breakfast area overlooking the backyard terrace.



The home's floor plan didn't include a butler's pantry, so interior designer Carey Mudford of Carey Mudford Interior Design introduced a second eight-foot-long centre island. Painted a neutral cream colour, it divides the kitchen from the great room and serves as an elegant bar/sideboard, with ample storage, a wine fridge and second dishwasher.

"It's so elegant in here – we love the light," says Jennifer of the south-facing great room, with its French doors and Barbara Barry chenille seating. The striking coffered ceiling visually divides the open-concept space from the kitchen. The gas fireplace and LCD TV feature prominently in the custom wall-to-wall cabinetry, which also displays treasured collectibles and hides other electronic equipment. All floral arrangements are by Grace Lewicki of GeniusLoci Fine Flowers. ▷



Jennifer and Gordon's busy lifestyle doesn't leave a lot of time to relax – all the more reason to create a romantic getaway upstairs. Carey's signature coffered ceiling says total luxury, as do the well-appointed bedding, custom chaise longue, leaded glass windows and double French doors leading out to a balcony. ▷



get the look for less

Want the look of Jennifer and Gordon's superserene master bedroom? Interior designer **Carey Mudford** suggests some lower-priced alternatives that still deliver high style.



• MIRRORED GLAMOUR **CHEST**, \$399, BOMBAY. • DEBBIE TRAVIS FAUX SILK 42- BY 84-INCH **DRAPERY PANELS** IN CHAMPAGNE, FROM \$40 EACH, CANADIAN TIRE. • QUEEN-SIZE COTTON FLORAL GARDEN MATELASSÉ **COVERLET** IN WHITE, \$59, LINENS N THINGS. • DEBBIE TRAVIS FIVE- BY EIGHT-FOOT TRADITIONAL **RUG**, \$179, CANADIAN TIRE. • KARLSTAD FREESTANDING **CHAISE** IN BLEKINGE WHITE, \$499, IKEA. • EVEREST COLLECTION'S AMERICAN WALNUT UNICLIC **HARDWOOD FLOORING**, \$6.49 PER SQUARE FOOT, TORLYS.

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wish list...

Who doesn't dream about a closet like this? With ample room for every wardrobe essential, plus an island for viewing your day's outfit, this well-planned room is more than ideal!



The master dressing room, which Gordon also refers to as "our fifth bedroom," may be finished in handsome floor-to-ceiling mahogany, but there's definitely no shortage of light thanks to halogen lighting and a large frosted-glass skylight.



the pros' selling points

Homeowners Jennifer Stanley and Gordon Nye (with Thunder and Lightning) have been selling luxury homes for many years and used a wealth of ideas they've gathered to create their own dream home.

Looking to make your home more attractive to you and potential buyers? Follow Jennifer and Gordon's lead.

- **Include a wine cellar.** "Wine cellars are becoming de rigueur," says builder Lloyd LeBoeuf, and not just because baby boomers are entertaining more. They're a reflection of today's affluence. "Like a luxury kitchen or bathroom, it's a great selling point," says interior designer Carey Mudford.
- Be sure to **add heated stone or tile flooring** in foyers and bathrooms.
- **Think of your basement** as the lower level and use materials for it similar in quality to those that are found upstairs.
- **Make your home look even richer.** For the biggest bang for your buck, architect Lorne Rose recommends adding wainscoting, thick window casings, high baseboards, and panelled doors and archways.

Jennifer, who collects wine as a hobby and favours Bordeaux, has about 750 bottles in the cellar (it holds 1,000); all nicely tagged and stored on redwood racks. A **rule of thumb** for ensuring that expensive wines aren't overhandled: the more valuable the vintage, the higher up it should be stored.

Located at the foot of the basement stairs, the French-inspired wine cellar woos guests with an intimate tasting table and cavelike stucco walls; a cooling system ensures proper storage conditions. The arched Indiana limestone entrance was custom-designed to fit around French antique iron doors – a testament to the quality craftsmanship found throughout this home. **WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 110**

