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The Castle for One

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Behind every great project is a great inspiration and this project was no exception. The project was a complete custom-design. From the construction and architecture of the home to the finer details, the client entrusted the designer to transform her dream into a design reality.

"I love designing custom homes because it allows for so much creativity and the ability to design and build unique spaces you wouldn't

generally see in a traditional project," states designer Lori Morris. "When beginning a new project, I always ask the client what feeling they want the space to emulate. At Lori Morris, we aren't defined by a specific style - we can do anything from modern to neo-classical, French-inspired spaces. Rather, we are known for our ability to create very personal and intimate spaces that evoke a particular feeling for the client. Once I understand the desired emotion a client wants to capture, I'm able to create original, luxury designs that withstand time."

With Castle for One, the client's vision was a home that inspires and empowers her. To Lori, a castle is significant, grand, awe-inspiring and regal and this space truly tells a story of modern elegance and sophistication. She loves working with clients that allow the designer to take their vision and give them the freedom to be a creative











artist and this was the case with Castle for One.

Part of bringing that feeling to life is in the design details of the home. Here is an opportunity for Lori to travel all over the world to source furnishings for the designs. For Lori, London and Paris are in play for everything she designs. The library doors of Castle for One are refurbished from an authentic century-old chateau in France. They emulate the significance and grandeur found in any castle and create a sense of place immediately when you step through the doors. The designer also sources materials from Italy.

When you picture a traditional castle, you will often first think of the lush environment surrounding it, like green forests and sprawling valleys. Castle for One is set on a gorgeous ravine, so the overall vision for the interior was comprised of inspiration from this natural palette – from its verdant hues to deep, rich browns – while elevating it with sophisticated and luxurious details.

At the center of it all is a floor-to-ceiling fireplace in The Great Room comprised of the essence of ancient epic redwood. Additional elements that take inspiration from the natural environment include the palette in the foyer and hall with black archways, a grained wood floor, chartreuse accent walls, warm gold tones in the chandeliers and millwork and more.

One of Lori's favourite rooms in Castle for One is the kitchen. Here she used black with gold detailing to create intrigue and to take the design out of its comfort zone. The smooth white marble backsplash creates a powerful contrast to the vibrant red Lacanche statement stove.

The bedroom at Castle for One exudes romantic majesty. Here Lori created a sensual experience by layering different materials and textures. The domed ceiling provides a fabulous canopy over the luxurious bed, anchored by an upholstered headboard. The strength of this piece is offset by the softness of the pale blue palette; providing elements of interest that exist throughout the home.

And in the case of the bathroom, Lori Morris wanted to create a sumptuous and luxe setting that incorporated the beauty of the natural



surroundings. This room evokes glamour and personality with a Missoni-inspired tile floor in blue and cream, custom antique brass detailing and a blue Murano chandelier.

This is truly a house of majestic beauty and grand design created by Lori Morris.

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