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LAKE FRONT LUXURY BY DESIGN

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CHOOSING A COLOUR PALETTE CAN BE A CHALLENGING PART OF THE INTERIOR DECORATING PROCESS, WITH SO MUCH CHOICE AND NOT ALWAYS A CLEAR VISION OF WHERE TO START. IF YOU FIND YOURSELF AMONG THE LOST, JUST LOOK AROUND AND YOU'LL FIND THAT INSPIRATION IS ALL AROUND YOU. FOR THIS BRAND-NEW, CUSTOM-BUILD HOME, ALL I HAD TO DO WAS LOOK OUT THE WINDOW FOR MY COLOUR CUES.

I wasn't the only one drawn by the view. The lakefront community also attracted the homeowners and my clients, a family of three and their little pup. They were clearly enamoured by the water outside, so I decided to invite and let it influence the colour palette.

The 3,800-sq.-ft. home features five bedrooms, six bathrooms and a stunning main living area, with a modern clean aesthetic with an eye to the breathtaking view of the lake. The three-storey layout was designed to maximize the seasonal beloved views, with an open-to-above main living area and large windows that flood the upper and lower levels with natural light and scenery.

We also used the home's strong vertical configuration to put our chosen colour palette into deeper context (pun intended). Our hues were not just inspired



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by the ocean's colours, but by its layers as well. Thus, we visually organized our colour scheme in tiers to match. The bright "sunlit" level boasts lighter hues in areas like the kitchen, dining and living room. As you move into the more-intimate family lounge and bedrooms, you can feel a distinct change into what can be described as a darker, more cocoon-like look and feel.



The main feature wall became another focal point, secondary to the view. It spans the home's three levels, and was finished in a silver/gray wallpaper boasting an organic pattern that mimics large ocean waves. This feature wall is commonly visible across each of the home's levels, creating a sense of continuity throughout.

To balance the blue tones and complete our ocean-inspired aesthetic, we incorporated black, silver, green and sand-coloured accents. The staircase accent wall is painted in dark metallic hue, adding a nice dose of drama. Never overlook the accessories. Here nature-inspired accents, such as driftwood,

green plants, and a cluster of marble coffee tables that echo the look of seashells, served to bring my aquatic motif to life.

TIP: You can create a feature wall in any size of room, by following a few tips. When choosing your wall, consider where the eye is drawn to when you first enter the room. This is where to focus your attention—and if all goes well, everyone else's, too. Consider a bold colour contrast, in the form of paint or a really great wallpaper or apply custom mouldings. Be bold and push the boundaries. Remember, the goal is to make it stand out. If you get tired of it eventually or have second thoughts, it's a relatively small area to change in the future. Angle a furniture grouping to face it, acting as a conversation-starter. As a final step, ensure your feature wall is well-lit.



When designing this home's interior, I found myself continually looking outward for cues on colour, texture and esthetic. And with a stunning view like this, which served as an equally strong inspiration, I found that I had plenty to work with. The result is a modern family retreat with a style as cool and fresh as an ocean breeze. ♦