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Endless Summer

Although the summer in Surrey, BC, often stretches beyond Labour Day, designer Lisa Moody's dreamy outdoor room is equipped to extend it even further. Sheltered on two sides but open to the pool and backyard, the decked-out kitchen, lounge and dining area remains cozy throughout the fall thanks to the handsome ledge stone fireplace. And for those nippy nights when the flames aren't enough to keep the chill at bay, she'll simply fire up the electric patio heater that's mounted overhead. Swipe to the next story for more of Moody's impossibly chic design solutions. **BY BRETT WALTHER**



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Home Remedies

Hung up on a decorating dilemma? Chances are, the fix can be found in the inspired designs of Lisa Moody. Her Surrey, BC, home isn't just stylishly appointed—it's also a troubleshooting guide to family-friendly living.

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"There's not a scratch on this floor, which is pretty much a miracle considering my family!" — LISA MOODY, DESIGNER

PROBLEM: Four-legged friends that are hard on floors.

SOLUTION: Choose a petproof finish. Finnigan, the family's goldendoodle, has been tearing through the kitchen for the past two years, but you wouldn't know it from the condition of the flooring. That's largely because Moody opted for hardy engineered oak planks in a distressed—and infinitely forgiving—wire-scraped finish. *Flooring, basileia.ca.*

PROBLEM: Too many countertop options to choose from.
SOLUTION: Put practicality first. "Although I love marble, I couldn't keep my kids from setting a wet glass on the counter and leaving a permanent mark," says Moody. Her low-maintenance alternative was ultra-durable white quartz, which transitions to a butcher block for a food-prep station beyond the island sink. *Blizzard 2141 quartz countertops, caesarstone.ca. Cabinets, oldworldkitchens.com. Bevelled subway tile backsplash, olympiatile.com. Dishwasher, range, range hood, refrigerator, jennair.ca. Stools, grapevine designs.ca. Pendant lights, norburnlightingandbath.com.*



Open shelving is a great opportunity to add character to your kitchen.

PROBLEM: A soulless dining set.

SOLUTION: Create your own custom combination.

The dining area off the kitchen effortlessly weaves three different design elements into a cohesive whole. Building from the banquette, Moody added a chic mid-century modern table—a worthy splurge that will last a lifetime. Far from “matchy-matchy,” the budget-friendly bentwood chairs that round out the vignette share the table’s contemporary vibe. *Table, nood.co.nz. Toss cushions, homesense.ca. Chandelier, designlighting.ca.*



PROBLEM: A room that's a forest of different wood finishes.

PROBLEM: Finding the perfect neutral to use throughout the home.

SOLUTION: Benjamin Moore's Cloud White.

There's a reason this paint colour is the go-to hue for designers across the country—Moody included. "I needed a white that wouldn't be stark in large doses," she says. "And although it's warm, it's not so yellow that it looks creamy. I use it on everything!" *Cloud White CC-40 paint (walls), benjaminmoore.ca. Sofa, grapevinedesigns.ca. Coffee table, ikea.ca.*



The upholstery is high-end, but the rug is from Costco!



PROBLEM: Picking a palette.

SOLUTION: Find a patterned "hero fabric."

From punchy persimmon to sunny yellow, every hue in Moody's decorating scheme was drawn from the exotic print on the great room's armchair cushions. *Fabric (trade only), kravetcanada.com. Armchairs, grapevinedesigns.ca. Table lamp, plant stand, homesense.ca.*



PROBLEM: Integrating a TV into your living room decor.

PROBLEM: A home office that feels like a call centre.

SOLUTION: Think beyond conventional office furniture.

Glass-topped desks and chrome-and-leather swivel chairs can create an institutional vibe that Moody was keen to avoid. What's more, she didn't have the budget to buy new office furniture—a factor that prompted an inspired alternative. "I actually painted my old dining room suite white and repurposed it as a conference table," she says. The result is a one-of-a-kind workspace that's both pretty and practical. *Chandeliers, homedepot.ca. Wing chair, vangoghdesigns.com. Roman shade, grapevinedesigns.ca.*

PROBLEM: Finding storage in a room with pitched ceilings.

SOLUTION: Invest in camouflage—and cubbies.

The next best thing to a closet, the chevron-patterned folding screen hides a multitude of sins. "It's where I stash my shopping bags full of accessories and pillow forms," says Moody. And the steep slope of the roof put paid to upright cabinetry. The wallet-friendly fix? Low storage cubbies in the form of Ikea shelving units turned onto their sides and tucked tidily into the eaves. *Folding screen, urbanoutfitters.com.*

PROBLEM: A room that's shaped like a bowling alley.



PROBLEM: A landing strip that looks more like a crash-landing.
SOLUTION: Customized small storage.

When everyone in the family has designated real estate to corral coats, bags and shoes, there's accountability to keep it tidy. In the entryway, Moody's daughter, Svea, and sons, Eston and Eli, each have their own hooks and cubbies fitted with woven and wire baskets. Pendant lanterns, grapevinedesigns.ca. Mirror, clock, ikea.ca. Exit sign, urbanbarn.com. Rug, westelm.com.

Chalkboard paint over a coat of magnetic paint transformed this front hall wall into the ultimate family organization station.

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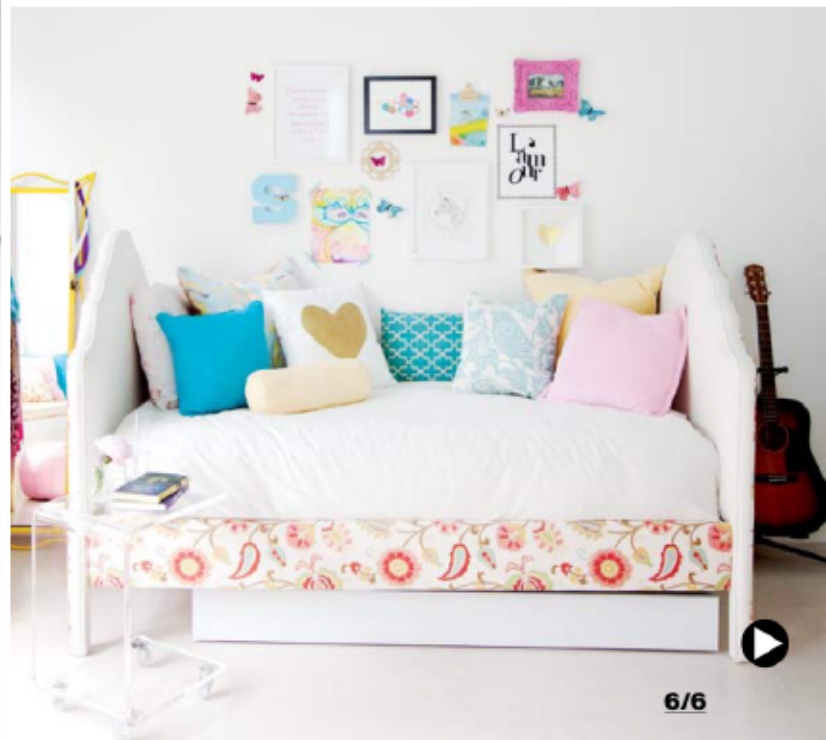




PROBLEM: A soaring ceiling.

SOLUTION: Go darker overhead than on the walls.

Ironically, a sky blue hue brought the 16-foot ceilings in Svea's bedroom back down to Earth. Although distinct, the contrast against the room's white walls is subtle enough to never feel oppressive. *Bird's Egg 2051-60 paint (ceiling), Cloud White CC-40 (walls), benjaminmoore.ca. Bed, grapevinedesigns.ca. Bedding, costco.ca. Heart cushion, stay-and-co.com.*



PROBLEM: There's nowhere to go but up.