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PRODUCT SHOWCASE: HOME INSPIRATION

Contemporary reno with a touch of **SCANDI INFLUENCE**



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Unfold Creative Studio, co-founded by interior designers Sinziana Lordache and Gennifer Buscemi, collaborated with builder Joe Castellano of Castellano Construction to execute a personalized home renovation in their newest project, Unionville Residence. The team worked closely with the clients to seamlessly fuse style and practicality, while updating the outdated flow into a contemporary multi-functional space. “The design is contemporary with a touch of Scandinavian influence,” says Lordache. “The project was essentially a transformation from the past to the present.”

HEART OF THE HOME

The outdated baby-blue kitchen with limited storage was transformed into a contemporary dream. The kitchen and breakfast area are located at the back of the main floor. The combination of black and light-grey cabinetry with natural oak wood details creates a cosy and inviting atmosphere. The porcelain countertop and backsplash create an eye-catching focal point that adds a touch of drama to the space. A cantilevered table was designed off the island, which offers a clever and stylish solution for casual dining, while eliminating the need for a separate breakfast table. On the way to the dining room is a hidden walk-

in pantry that offers ample storage space and allows for a streamlined and clutter-free kitchen. “The biggest challenge in this kitchen ended up being the best feature,” says Buscemi.

TRANSFORMED SPACE

During demolition, a beam between the kitchen and dining room was uncovered, resulting in the need to increase the budget to create the planned flat ceiling. The team brainstormed to make this beam intentional and not appear as an interruption to the cabinetry. “We took that as an opportunity to intentionally create a transom space between the kitchen and dining by cladding



the beam and integrating it into the cabinetry," explains Buscemi.

The newly transformed dining room creates the perfect flow for effortless entertaining, seamlessly emerging from the kitchen as a separate, yet unified space. The natural oak reeded wall and custom black bench beautifully lead into the dining room, creating an extension to the kitchen with a cohesive and elegant look. A playful combination of natural textures

and colours brings this space to life, adding warmth and character. "A renovation always throws you curveballs, it's just a matter of problem solving. Joe and his team were always up for the task to coming up with construction solutions that do not compromise the design and quality. A great team is what makes a successful project," says lordache.

THE HIDDEN GEM

The mudroom/laundry area may not have been anything special, but it was a highly used space that deserved a thoughtful redesign. The designers wanted to breathe new life into the room and inject a sense of fun and personality. The large-scale terrazzo porcelain flooring sets the stage and establishes the colour palette, while the reeded wood panelling ties in

elements from the rest of the house. A quartz countertop and backsplash were introduced to bring a natural stone texture to the laundry area. To add a touch of whimsy and pull together the colours in the space, the designers incorporated Muuto wall hooks. The resulting space is a stylish and functional area that's perfect for keeping the family organized and on-the-go.

OFFICE OASIS

Despite limited space, storage was a crucial element in the home office that was addressed with a custom-built bookshelf and bench with a little pop of colour in the seat cushion that matches the fun pink leopard print wallpaper on the adjacent wall. The result is a contemporary and functional space that makes working from home a pleasure.

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