



A modern escape by the mountains

WHO | Malcolm Anthony, an investment adviser; Robin Anthony, an independent art adviser; and their cockapoo, Gus
WHERE | Blue Mountain



Malcolm and Robin Anthony and their three grown kids have spent weekends in Blue Mountain for the past 23 years. They've owned two chalets near the Blue

Mountain escarpment, where the family enjoys hitting the slopes.

They bought their first place in 1999 but outgrew it when their kids started bringing their friends along. They sold it in 2010 and bought a 4,500-square-foot chalet surrounded by old-growth conifers. But the home's tucked-away kitchen, separated from the living and dining areas, was a buzzkill for socializing. Plus, the decorative ceiling beams and dark floors felt dated.

The goal, says Robin, was to optimize the space for hosting. That meant busting down interior walls, redoing the bathrooms and one of the bedrooms, and replacing an old deck. So, in late 2019, the couple enlisted Michael Taylor of Taylor Smyth Architects (alongside construction firm WPML) to give the place a warm, contemporary feel. Thornbury-based landscape architects the Landmark Group turned the backyard into a picturesque chill zone. New sliding glass doors seamlessly connect the great room to the outdoors, where a multi-level deck with a shade awning provides extra lounge space. The team also installed a firepit, a hot tub and a putting green.

Now, the chalet is the family's gathering place. "It's dramatically different," says Robin. "We're so happy with it."



1 With a six-burner Wolf stove and a concealed Sub-Zero fridge, the kitchen is a dream for the family, who love to cook.

2 A globe by Douglas Coupland is displayed in a niche in the kitchen island. The Lapalma swivel stools are from Kiosk Design in Toronto.

3 The spa-like ensuite bathroom has linear wood-look tile on one wall. The floor is limestone.

4 Two rooms were also combined to create the principal bedroom.

5 The suspended sculpture beside the fireplace is by Lotus Laurie Kang.