

in a good light

In this young family's North Vancouver, B.C., home, stylish salvaged decor and a breezy pale interior perfectly complement the outdoors.

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When open, the folding glass doors frame a grove of towering trees, functioning like a large piece of landscape artwork. Homeowner Perienne Sadler and her husband, Matt, entertain on the terrace all summer long. "You can hear the trees rustling in the breeze," she says, adding that the view is spectacular: "You can see downtown Vancouver and the ocean."

DESIGN, The Cross Decor & Design, thecrossdesign.com; **CLOUD WHITE CC-40 WALL PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; **ARMCHAIR, TOSS CUSHIONS, THROW,** The Cross Decor & Design; **SIDE TABLE**, salvaged-anchor-chain **FLOOR LAMP**, Steelwood Design.



LEFT Perienne, then pregnant with baby Emmerson, gets ready to enjoy a garden-fresh lunch with daughter Simone.

BELOW In the open-concept living area, the large custom sectional easily accommodates this growing family and is a nice spot to spend the afternoon with a book or simply take in the stunning view. The table lamp and floor lamp (shown on previous page), both made from salvaged anchor chain, as well as the pink wood-stump side table, are a nod to nature and help “toughen up” the look of the space.

Custom **SECTIONAL, POUFFE**, custom **TOSS CUSHIONS, THROW**, The Cross Decor & Design; **RUG**, HomeSense; **TABLE LAMP**, Steelwood Design.

S hopping for something specific – say, a to-die-for dress or killer heels – rarely yields results. But as soon as you’re not looking, doesn’t it always happen that that hard-to-find item basically falls right into your lap? Perienne Sadler had a similar experience with her house in Deep Cove, a waterfront community located in North Vancouver, B.C.

“I wasn’t really looking,” says the stay-at-home mom, who lives with her husband, Matt, owner of a mortgage company, and their daughters, Simone, 3, and Emmerson, 16 months. “I wandered over to a new development one afternoon and we made an offer on the place that night.”

The selling feature, says Perienne, was the home’s indoor-outdoor appeal. As nature enthusiasts who love to entertain alfresco, the couple was thrilled to discover all three levels of the 3,500-square-foot house had massive glass doors that highlighted the lush greenbelt beyond. “The open and airy feel is what sold us on the space. I love natural light,” she says.

However, though the new build had great bones, it lacked character. Perienne wanted a youthful place with both quirky and classic elements that also felt family-friendly. To help balance the fun with the functional, she called upon two local talents: her friend Alexis Dodd, the creative force behind the salvage shop Steelwood Design, and Joanna Vagelatos, designer for The Cross Decor & Design. →



TOP 5 TIPS FOR BRINGING THE OUTDOORS IN

1 / CHOOSE NATURAL MATERIALS
Natural fibres, such as linen, cotton and jute, add texture and feel instantly outdoorsy.

2 / OPT FOR AN ORGANIC OVERLOAD
Use natural elements in unexpected ways, such as tree stumps for side tables or reclaimed wood as tabletops, and pick accessories with organic shapes.

3 / MAKE LIGHTING STRIKE
Leave windows undressed or keep window treatments light and airy. Select sheer or lightweight textiles to achieve an ethereal feel. Allow a long hemline on drapes to emphasize the casual vibe.

4 / WORK YOUR INNER GREEN THUMB
Having some greenery in your space not only adds colour but also provides air purification. Something as simple as plants in a terrarium, potted herbs or a fiddle-leaf fig tree will do.

5 / KEEP IT SIMPLE AND COHESIVE
If you have an outdoor space off your living room, use similar colours and patterns in your decor indoors and out. Think of it as one large area.

The inviting dining area is elegantly rustic due to the tone-on-tone polka-dot wallpaper and live-edge table that contrast the ornate mirror and sparkly chandelier. "I went back and forth on something more traditional," says Perienne of the crystal light fixture, "but designer Joanna Vogelatos really

pushed me to go more young and fun. Its glow at night makes the wallpaper look more dramatic because the circles pop."

WALLPAPER, DINING CHAIRS, MIRROR, CHANDELIER, CAKE STAND, SERVING PLATTER, DINNERWARE, NAPKINS, NAPKIN RINGS, BUD VASES, glass VOTIVE HOLDERS, The Cross Decor & Design; TABLE RUNNER, Anthropologie.



FAR LEFT As she gets older, Emmerson can grow into her lovely space. “We didn’t want it to look overly girly, so we brought in the greys,” explains Joanna of the room that features ikat drapery, a vintage Moroccan wedding blanket used as a rug, a pink pouffe (a kid-friendly accessory repeated throughout the house) and playful, easy-to-remove grey polka-dot wall decals.

ARMCHAIR, IKEA; **CRIB**, Lussobaby; **CRIB SKIRT**, Pottery Barn Kids; **DRAPERY**, West Elm; custom polka-dot **WALL DECALS**, **POUFFE**, **CHANDELIER**, custom **TOSS CUSHIONS**, **THROW**, The Cross Decor & Design; **STOOL**, Quince Fine Florals; vintage Moroccan **WEDDING BLANKET** (used as rug), Red Thread Souk.



RIGHT The simple, slumber-inducing master bedroom balances the masculine and the feminine: The chandelier and silver pouffe fall on the sweeter side, and are tempered by the dynamic prints on the John Robshaw bedding and the salvaged-anchor-chain table lamp.

Rona Collection metallic **WALL PAINT** in White Pearl, Rona; custom **HEADBOARD**, custom **ARMCHAIR**, **NIGHTSTAND**, **BEDDING**, **POUFFE**, **CHANDELIER**, The Cross Decor & Design; **TABLE LAMP**, Steelwood Design.

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Says Joanna: “We wanted the look to be glamorous but also organic so it wouldn’t feel shiny and girly.” It had to be right for a family with toddlers, too. Salvaged and reclaimed pieces, which are beautiful precisely because they’re weathered, were the ideal choice – they withstand the wear and tear of kids and reference the outdoors.

Meanwhile, the palette – soft tones of taupe, vanilla and pale pink – recalls an old-fashioned three-scoop sundae, imparting sweetness to the space. “Yes, I know I have a tendency to lean toward the feminine,” says Perienne with a laugh when asked about the polka-dot motif in the living room. “But Alexis’s pieces [like the über-cool salvaged-anchor-chain lamps] really toughened up the look for my husband.”

All in all, Perienne says, the home is the perfect balance of masculine and feminine, a casually chic, lighthearted space where the outdoors is always part of the picture.

In fact, one of Perienne’s most cherished memories happened in the yard last summer: “My husband built raised flowerbeds where I grow all of our herbs and veggies,” she recalls. “Simone spent the summer going in and out, eating tomatoes and cucumbers right off the vines.” Now that’s a pastoral scene you can’t buy, no matter how hard you search.