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# HOME RENO & DÉCOR

INSPIRATION FROM ACROSS SIMCOE COUNTY



EVEN PERUSING A SINGLE ROOM OF INTERIOR DESIGNER CYNDIE JEROME'S HOME QUICKLY DISCLOSES TWO FACTS. **FACT ONE:** SHE IS A TRAVELLER. **FACT TWO:** SHE LOVES TO DECORATE WITH OBJECTS FOUND ON THOSE TRAVELS.

Most recently, that wayfarer urge brought her to Istanbul's venerable Grand Bazaar with two friends, a camera and a desire to accumulate new design ideas from the huge covered market's dazzling quantities of lamps, carpets, furniture and exotic décor items.

"I love markets," says Cyndie, who had yearned to see the thousands of shops in the stone structure that has been the go to place to shop till you drop since 1461. "When I travel, just point me toward the markets. The Grand Bazaar is set up in sections of things like leather, carpets, pillow covers and unbelievable

light fixtures. I did lug one lamp home. I'm not sure where it is going, but it will go somewhere. The Bazaar was so inspirational. I love all that stuff."

The owner of Cyndie Jerome Design since 2005, in the village of Gilford on Lake Simcoe, the interior decorator believes creating a beautiful home inspires residents to experience a beautiful life. The best proof of that belief is found in her own renovated, redecorated three-level, lake view home.

Each room is decorated with a happy mix of loved objects – treasures from trips, repurposed »





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ago, we added a garage, extended the foyer and added a room above the garage. Four years ago, I turned most of the garage into my studio.”

The former front of the house with its picture window is now the location of a grand redwood stairway flanked by handsome bespoke velvet drapes with decorative borders and oversized pullbacks. The steps ascend to a Casbah-esque Great Room. An immense open-patterned, hand-hammered silver lamp from Egypt hangs above a plush sectional couch and a Moroccan wool rug, gently gilding the room with lacy points of light. A large half-moon window screened with



white wooden grillwork arches over double doors leading to a tree sheltered balcony, the home's best place to watch thunderstorms over Lake Simcoe. Venetian rippled glass sconces flanking the doors contribute their reflections while across the room two sedate dark metal sconces flank the family-sized TV housed within a custom-made wall of bookshelves.

The stairs presented a design challenge.

“At one point, we had a railing across the room and stairs up the side, but it wasn't right,” recalls Cyndie. “It actually came to me one night, lying in bed. I thought, ‘I know how



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**DETAILS**





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# Beautiful Home, Beautiful Life

DESIGNER CYNDIE JEROME'S HOME IS PART TRAVELOGUE, PART DESIGN EXPERIMENT AND A TESTAMENT TO THE BENEFITS OF LIVING WITH THINGS THAT YOU LOVE.