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If you're looking for a way to enhance the look of your kitchen, bathroom or laundry room, try putting in a ceramic tile backsplash. Here are five steps to follow.

### **1. Prepare the surface**

If you're installing the tiles in your bathroom or laundry room, make sure the wall you use is covered in water-resistant gypsum. This will provide the best protection against moisture and mould. Furthermore, the surface must be smooth, clean and dry. If the wall is painted, sand it gently.

### 2. Draw guide lines

Draw a vertical line across the middle of the surface you want to cover. Then, place a tile spacer at the edge of your backsplash (at counter level, for example). This will indicate where you should place your first row of tiles. Using a level and a pencil, draw a horizontal line to mark the placement.

### 3. Place the tiles

Starting at the middle of the bottom row, use a trowel

to spread ceramic tile adhesive on a small part of the wall. Place the tiles by lightly pressing on each one, referring back to the horizontal line you drew to make sure they're level. Place a tile spacer between each tile and repeat until the surface is entirely covered. Let dry for 24 hours.

### 4. Apply grout

Remove the tile spacers and wipe your ceramic tiles with a damp sponge. Apply the grout so that it fills the grout lines between the tiles. Smooth it out, let it dry, and then clean the tiles. Don't apply grout to the edges of your backsplash (between the first row of tiles and your counter, for example). You're better off using caulking for these spaces.

### 5. Seal the grout lines

Seal your grout lines by following the manufacturer's instructions. Several coats might be necessary. Finally, clean your backsplash with a damp cloth, and admire the results!



Wood is a highly versatile material that can be used in building or for beautifying all types of homes. Nature has given us an almost infinite variety of tree species to work with. Indeed, more than 65,000 species have been identified around the world. Here are some of the kinds of wood most commonly used in construction and renovation projects.

### Oak

A symbol of longevity, the majestic oak can easily live for over 500 years in the wild. Under ideal conditions, it can survive for almost 1,000 years. Oak trees produce a wood that is easy to cut and that rarely cracks. In addition, it is heavy and shock resistant. Thanks to these qualities, oak is often used for flooring, structural frames and stairs.

### Maple

Did you know that according to legend, the famous Trojan horse was built of maple? Maple is a species found around the world. Its wood is divided into two categories: hardwood and soft wood. Hard maple wood is heavy and valued for its sturdiness. Soft maple wood, on the other hand, is used for purposes that require less strength.

### A trio of pines

1) White pine is a fast grower that reaches up to

90 metres high and can have a diameter of 2.5 metres. White pine is a superior quality wood that's appreciated in cabinetmaking and carpentry.

2) Red pine is named for the colour of its bark, which ranges from red to pink. Stronger than white pine, it is often used to make wide-plank flooring and utility poles.

3) Jack pine is a common conifer whose knots give a nice appearance to planks. It is often used for panelling and siding.

### Popular types of wood

In the field of interior decoration, rare or precious woods are in big demand at the moment. For a unique look, designers love the sublime beauty of ebony, mahogany, sandalwood, pink ivory, zebrawood, amaranth and olive. These exotic woods are more expensive than the common kinds, but their rich colours and fine grain are well worth the price. Bamboo is an affordable, elegant alternative and it is also an eco-friendly choice.

Reclaimed barn wood and driftwood are also experiencing their hour of glory. Sometimes grey, sometimes bleached, these relics are like treasure to those who know how to breathe new life into them.





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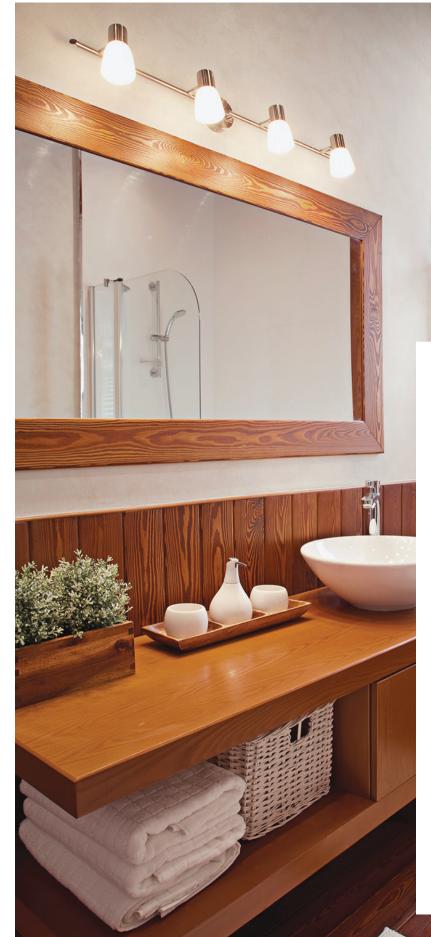
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## Bright choices for bathroom lighting

For bathroom lighting that's both functional and appealing, there are a few rules you'll need to follow when it comes time to choose your fixtures.

The main light source, generally located in the middle of the room, should give off diffuse, indirect light. Opt for a ceiling light or a chandelier, for example.

For additional lighting, choose wallmounted fixtures or spotlights that you can install above or alongside the mirror behind the sink. Make sure that they shine light evenly over your face when you're in front of the mirror to facilitate shaving and makeup application.

If you want to create a unique atmosphere, try placing light strips along the bottom of the walls or installing embedded lights in the shower. Make sure you choose fixtures that are moisture resistant. Finally, install a dimmer switch so that you can adjust the intensity of the light to your liking.

Avoid:

- Harsh lighting
- Spotlights directed towards the bathtub
- Fabric lampshades



Transforming your garage into a workspace, a den or a recreation room will allow you to not only expand your living space, but also give you the opportunity to let your imagination run free. When it comes to converting your garage, creativity isn't just allowed — it's encouraged!

Do you live for playoff season? Install a home theatre system, plenty of sofas and a popcorn machine in your garage. If you have enough space, build a bar and buy mini appliances (fridge, blender, etc.). Your guests will love spending game night in

the comfort of your unique space.

Are your children particularly active? Transform your garage into a playroom. A magnetic dart board, a ping-pong or foosball table, a sound system and a video game corner will keep your kids occupied for hours.

There are endless uses for your new room. What will you build: a dance studio, an artist's workshop, a reading nook, a home gym? The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.



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### **CENTRAL ALBERTA'S OPEN HOUSE LISTINGS**

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

4233 40A Avenue <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Gerald Dore	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>872-4505</b> \$2	274,900 Grandview
49 Carlyle Green	RE/MAX	<b>506-7552</b> \$4	499,900 Clearview Ridge
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### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

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#2 7124 Gray Drive	<b>872-4546</b> \$150,000 Mustang Acres
141 Andrews Close	<b>350-9227</b> \$339,900 Anders Park East
109 Boyce Street	<b>350-0375</b> \$299,900 Bower North
29 Ireland Crescent 1:00 – 3:00 pm Bob Gummow ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	<b>598-7913</b> \$314,900 Inglewood West

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

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### Three practical accessories for your laundry room



Here are three laundry room accessories that'll save space and make cleaning clothes a breeze.

### 1. A wall-mounted drying rack

If your laundry room is small, install a wall-mounted drying rack that you can simply lower when needed. You could also get a bottomless drawer equipped with rods — just open it up and spread out your laundry. If you prefer standing models, pick one that folds to save room.

### 2. A collapsible rod

Install a rod in your laundry room so that you can hang clothes that don't go in the dryer. If you don't have enough room, use a collapsible rod or a retractable clothesline that you can pull out as needed.

### 3.A deep sink

Get yourself a big sink or washing tub. You'll be able to soak your clothes to remove stains or wash them by hand if they're very delicate. A sink or tub can also be used to dye fabric in.



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Has your washing machine started to give off a foul odour? Here are four tips to solve the problem and prevent it from happening again.

1. Clean your washer on a regular basis.

When was the last time you cleaned your washing machine? Over time, residue from dirty clothes can build up and produce foul smells. A few times a year, run an empty cycle with a product that can dissolve grease and lime buildup. Consider performing a deep clean of your washing machine as well (including the soap compartment) every vear.

2. Leave the door open between loads.

Closing your washing machine's door right after you empty your clean clothes creates a moist environment that's highly conducive to foulsmelling mould. Leave the door open until the inside of the machine is completely dry.

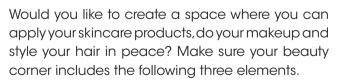
3. Get clean clothes out immediately. Are you the type who forgets clothes in the washing machine, or do you have the habit of starting a load before leaving the house? Leaving

your wet clothes in the machine for hours on end

also leads to foul odours.

4. Use the right amount of detergent. Do you use more than the recommended quantity of detergent? Or do you only put in a tiny bit per load? For efficient washing and to prevent odours, always follow the detergent manufacturer's recommendations.

## Three essential elements for setting up your beauty corner



### **1.A Mirror**

Get yourself a mirror that's big enough for you to see your face and hair clearly. It will be easier for you to get ready if you can view your work in its entirety. To see even more clearly, try a magnifying mirror.

### 2. Lighting

Avoid unwanted shadows — which are definitely not ideal when you're putting makeup on! — by installing lights on either side of your mirror so that the beams cross. You can use built-in lights, hanging lights or wall fixtures to do this.

### 3. Storage

Keep your beauty corner well-organized with pretty jars for your brushes and transparent organizers to store your beauty products by category (lipstick, eye shadow, mascara, eyeliner, etc.).

### **Ask Charles**

I just listed my home, and my real estate agent told me we had to hire someone to professionally measure my home. The measurement was done, and now my agent sent me the bill. What should I do?

The first thing you need to do is check your Seller Representation Agreement (listing agreement). That agreement outlines your responsibilities and the responsibilities of your real estate professional, including who is responsible for costs that may be arise during the listing. If the agreement you signed states the seller is responsible for additional costs, or it states the seller is responsible for paying third-party services, such as measurement companies or photographers, you're going to have to pay that bill.

More and more residential real estate professionals are hiring professional measurement companies to measure their listings, but it's not a requirement. There is a requirement to measure residential properties before listing them, but real estate professionals are allowed to do the measuring themselves.

If, for whatever reason, your real estate professional doesn't want to do the measurement themselves, that's fine. There are services out there that will do property measuring according to the required standards, but those professional measurement services come with a cost. Some real estate professionals may pass the cost on to their seller clients and set that out in the listing agreement, while others will see it as a business expense, for which they will eventually be compensated through the commissions they earn on the sale.

If your agreement doesn't specifically indicate you, as the seller, will have to pay for or otherwise reimburse your real estate professional for third-party services, your real estate professional cannot require you to pay for such a service.

If your real estate professional continues to request payment or otherwise attempt to force you to pay, please discuss it with their broker.

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### Bathtub materials at a glance

Sinking into a tub of warm, lightly scented water is definitely one of the best ways to relax after a long day. Are you in the market for the pefect bathtub? In addition to choosing the type of tub and faucet, you'll need to think about the material you want your bathtub to be made of. Here's an overview of a few popular options.

### **Enamelled** steel

Covered with a laver of porcelain, this material is affordable and requires very little upkeep. It's resistant to scratching, rust and fading.

### Acrylic

Lightweight and easy to clean, acrylic is good at maintaining an ideal water temperature. A good choice for those who love long baths!

### **Fibreglass**

This material is similar to acrylic in many ways but is slightly less expensive. Its thickness varies from model to model.

### **Cast iron**

This high-end material that calls to mind classic clawfoot bathtubs has exceptional longevity. It retains heat well and doesn't chip.

### **Stone**

Stone bathtubs are built from carefully carved and polished river stones. They have

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### What to look for in your next toaster

Toast, bagels or crumpets — what do you eat in the morning? Here are a few criteria to consider in order to find the toaster that best meets your needs:

**1. Power.** Of course, a 1,000-watt toaster will heat faster than a 750-watt one, but appliances with the same amount of power will offer different results depending on the positioning of the elements. Don't just rely on the number of watts to judge the quality of the toaster.

**2. Slots.** If you love bagels or thick slices of toast, opt for a toaster with wide slots (more than 3 centimetres). If you're a fan of country-style bread, choose a long slot toaster (24 centimetres or more). Do you have a large family? Consider a four-slice toaster, but keep in mind that it will take up more counter space.

**3. Features.** Most toasters come with a bagel setting to toast one side more than the other. Some models also offer defrosting and reheating functions. These features are certainly practical, but they aren't essential — you could simply adjust the heat level instead.

**4. Crumb tray.** Make sure the crumb tray can be removed and replaced easily and that it's deep enough that you won't have to empty it after every single use.

**5. Material.** Slots with metal sides can get very hot to the touch. Be careful!



