



SHOW HOME of the week

By Janine Mackie

WHEN YOU WISH UPON A Shooting STAR

South Surrey is a hotbed for stylish on-trend show homes, and **KALLISTO**, a townhome community on 156th St. doesn't disappoint. The runway success of its three showhomes has resulted in a near sell-out of several floor plans, and at press-time, the developer **LAKEWOOD MANAGEMENT** was in discussion over when to release and sell its hugely popular, "Shooting Star," show home.

The question that inevitably comes up right after, "Wow, I love the long kitchen island, the graphite undermount sink and the walk-in pantry," is almost always, "when is the showhome for sale?" says Arlene Lambert, Kallisto's sales and marketing manager.

That answer is anticipated soon, much to the relief of many who are waiting patiently to be the lucky ones to pack their bags and move right in.

We caught up with interior designer Kim Anderson of Home Reworks Design Services Inc., who collaborated with Lilli Maris of Maris Consulting



BY FOCUSING ON COLOUR, SPACE, AND SHAPE, THIS CONTEMPORARY SHOW HOME IS SLEEK AND FRESH.

to create a contemporary show home that's welcoming to family and friends.

"We were envisioning a hip family with school-aged children living in this space," says interior designer Kim Anderson. "We created a computer workspace in the dining area next to the kitchen so the kids can do their homework, but the contemporary decor choices in the dining area itself make the space feel like a downtown condo where lots of entertaining goes on!"

When the 1463 sq.ft. "Shooting Star" show home is released for sale this fall, the buyer will inherit not just great built-ins, and designer paint colours, but he or she will also have the opportunity to purchase it with all the delicious toppings: contemporary furnishings, tableware, bed linens, lighting, window treatments, and yes even the big screen TV!

Over \$20,000 was spent outfitting this fashion-forward show home with furniture and accessories that would give it a contemporary edge, with hints of Hollywood glamour.

Much more than a functional necessity, furniture was chosen to bring together the key ingredients of color, texture and form. Consider the contemporary lines of the white leather dining chairs in contrast to the dark onyx table top with chrome legs.

Anderson's favourite design element is the wallpaper – "black metallic swirl" (Metro DSA14) from Crown Wallpaper used in the powder room, as well as in the kitchen to accentuate the custom chalk board and message centre – a design element that looks great and also serves a purpose.

While some may be afraid of commitment these days ... when it comes to choosing a colour you can rarely go wrong when you choose a shade from Benjamin Moore's Designer Classics Collection. A perennial favourite of both discerning consumers and professional designers alike is "Sesame" (CC-638), a fresh yet subtle shade of green that's both timeless and forward. Applied on the feature wall in the dining room and on the fireplace built-out portion of the wall, it adds a beautiful contrast to "Simply White" (BM 2143-70) when enhanced with toss cushions, candles, tableware and plants in the same tone.

"We played a lot with the contrast between light and dark colours to provide drama and intrigue," said Anderson.



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Bedrooms should be all about pleasing the senses, which is why the designers chose a fabulous dark chocolate paint colour, Willow (BM CC-542), and a stunning black bonded leather bed for the master suite.

The play of black and white in this room is very dramatic, especially the focal point -- a custom headboard wall, dressed in contemporary damask-style wallpaper and accentuated with mirrored side-table lamps.

A fresh touch of nature is brought into the ensuite, with a wall decal featuring two little black birds perched on a branch





of a tree. It creates a focal point, while also inspiring a sense of relaxation and calm. Wall art and bold shots of colour, including Benjamin Moore's "dill pickle" are used in the kids' bedrooms.

This contemporary home fits the bill for versatile contemporary living. You can easily envision it as a practical setting for all sorts of activities – quiet nooks for reading or writing in comfort, open spaces for entertaining, and restful rooms to unwind, relax and recharge.

"We look forward to seeing as many visitors as possible in the near future, before the 'Shooting Star' show home is sold to just the right buyer," says Lambert.

Kallisto is open daily (except Fridays) from noon to 5 p.m. at 3009 – 156th Street in South Surrey. For more information visit online at www.lakewood.ca, or call (604) 538.8400.

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ANYTHING YOUR HEART DESIRES

With the mindset that good design should be accessible to anyone and the application should be easy and without limits, follow the lead of Kallisto's interior designers for sensational show home style furniture and contemporary products and accessories to inspire the space around you:

DINING ROOM TABLE: EQ3 – modern furniture for everyday living at 2301 Granville St. in Vancouver. Contemporary and cool, this rift-cut red oak veneer top table has chromed metal legs and can be extended to seat up to 8 for dinner. Price: \$700.

WHITE LEATHER DINING CHAIRS: Moe's Home Collection at 1728 Glen Drive, Vancouver B.C., across from Home Depot on Terminal.

GLASS TOP COFFEE TABLE: Style at Home. This season we're seeing glass shimmering and glimmering throughout living areas.

DRUM CHANDELIERS: One of the hottest trends in home lighting is drum shade chandeliers. Adding a sheer drum shade to a simple crystal chandelier creates a beautiful layered look, while still allowing the beauty of the crystals and light to shine through the sheer material. Lighting doesn't have to be expensive either, the drum chandelier in the dining room was purchased at HomeSense, while the black drum chandelier in the master bedroom is from Home Depot.

WALL TATTOOS: Bring an organic theme indoors with fabulous wall decals and wall tattoos from www.surfacecollective.com. Love the choice of tattoo in the master ensuite: black birds perched on a tree branch. Animate a child's bedroom with whimsical wall decals, like the dinosaur theme from DeSerres at 1431 W Broadway in Vancouver.

BLACK LEATHER BED: Sunpan Furniture Imports. You don't have to be a rock star to enjoy the look of bonded black leather.