

CREATING BEAUTIFUL SPACES

For Over 50 Years

By Erica Nelson

With spring here and summer just around the corner, now may be the perfect time to rejuvenate your home. Whether you are looking to update a few things in a space or do a complete renovation, the experts at Oakville Kitchen and Bath Centre can take your vision to reality. This is a company that has stood the test of time and has only grown stronger over the years.

"Our longevity is what really separates us from other companies. We are probably one of the oldest companies that does what we do in the Oakville area," explains Robin Garvey, owner and lead designer at Oakville Kitchen and Bath Centre.

Oakville Kitchen and Bath Centre started in 1962. It was a successful interior renovation and design company for several years before Garvey came on as a designer in 1989. She had studied interior design at Ryerson University in



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Toronto, Ontario and had previously worked for interior design firms specializing in hospitality design.

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more control. By the end of that same year, she purchased the business.

While the majority of their clients are based in Oakville, the design company now works with homeowners in the Greater Toronto Area, Halton and Muskoka areas.



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As a design expert, Garvey prides herself on keeping Oakville Kitchen and Bath Centre on the cusp of every new trend in interior design. For 2015, she has already observed and compiled a long list of what to expect in kitchen and bathroom designs.

For kitchens, the industry will see a shift towards more modern, lean and understated designs. These will feature warmer metals like copper, brass and gold. Garvey also predicts that "black will be one of the more popular colours in kitchens this year due to the fact that it is neutral and looks smart." Having said that, she does see white kitchen appliances making a come back and people moving away from the popular chrome pieces we've been seeing for so long. Patterned backsplashes will be used more and more to give homeowners added texture to the space, as well as the use of quartz and natural stones that add elegance to a modern design.

For bath spaces, consumers are moving towards spa-like designs. This will include larger walk-in showers

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with frameless glass enclosures and steam shower heads. Freestanding bathtubs are popular as a strong design accent because they provide clients the opportunity to add some personality to the space. Radiant heated floors are becoming more desirable and more affordable in recent years.

Garvey believes that the industry is going to see more suspended vanities, as well as rectangular-shaped sinks and says "chrome fixtures are still popular this year because they add sparkle to the space."

While remaining cutting edge in their designs is important, Garvey knows that the work her company produces will always speak the loudest.

"The bulk of our business comes through referrals from previous clients and I think that stems from our integrity, the way we do business and the products and services we provide. The key to any relationship is constant communication

and transparency. We want to ensure that our clients are never wondering 'what is going to happen next' during a project. Our team is on site daily to answer any questions they could have. It gives them a sense of security about what takes place in their own home," Garvey explains.

Kitchens and bathrooms are two spaces that are used most frequently inside a home, and the team at Oakville Kitchen and Bath Centre understands the importance of making these spaces relaxing and functional. **Whether you are looking for a complete renovation from top to bottom or a few small changes to update an already great space, Garvey and her team can help you achieve your vision.**

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