

Pale grey leather bar stools provide comfortable seating at the kitchen island. "I love these bar stools because their soft contours suit almost any interior, and you can upholster them in leather all the way down the leg," says designer Kelly Deck. The glass chevron-patterned backsplash adds subtle interest.

DESIGN, Kelly Deck Design, kellydeck.com; Knitting Needles SW 7672 **ISLAND PAINT**, Sherwin-Williams; **COUNTERTOP**, Caesarstone Canada; **ISLAND COUNTERTOP**, Cambria; **STOOLS**, Spencer Interiors; **PENDANT LIGHTS**, Circa Lighting.



This Vancouver home is ready for its close-up, thanks to a design dream team who transformed its traditional interior into a cool, cozy and contemporary family abode.

COME INTO FASHION

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ABOVE With a textured wool rug and a sectional big enough for the young family of five to snuggle on, the great room is intimate and inviting. The metallic side table adds a little bling, while the artwork over the fireplace

was chosen for its scale and warmth. “I love the sense of light in the piece – it feels like a porthole beside the windows,” says Kelly. “There’s also something really tranquil about it, an almost dreamlike quality.”

SECTIONAL, Van Gogh Designs; **WOMB CHAIR & OTTOMAN**, Grasshopper **FLOOR LAMP**, Design Within Reach; **COFFEE TABLE**, The Cross Decor & Design; **brass SIDE TABLE**, West Elm; **RUG**, Salari Fine Carpet Collections; **Of One’s Own 11 ART-
WORK** by Virginia Mak, Bau-Xi Gallery.



LEFT The brass chandelier in the kitchen's eat-in area complements the oversized glam pendant lights above the island. A built-in banquette, a Corian-topped dining table and durable dining chairs are family-friendly options.

Custom **DINING TABLE**, Bari-designs; Eames **DINING CHAIRS**, Design Within Reach; Dual Event **ARTWORK** by Bradley Harms, Winsor Gallery; **CHANDELIER**, Jonathan Adler.

SOMETIMES WHAT STARTS OUT AS A SIMPLE ONE-ROOM RENOVATION INSPIRES A WHOLE-HOUSE MAKEOVER.

That was the case for the owners of this 4,300-square-foot four-bedroom home in the leafy Dunbar neighbourhood of Vancouver. The couple's initial plan to overhaul the leaky master bathroom kick-started a total facelift of the five-year-old abode's traditional interior. "It was looking brown and boring," says designer Kelly Deck. "One of the owners is a fashionista, and she wanted the space to reflect that, so we went with a modern-meets-glamorous aesthetic showcased in classic grey."

The original floor plan functioned well for the family of five, so the team from Kelly Deck Design, which included interior designers Lindsay Guenter and Lisa Matsuzaki, oversaw a cosmetic reno that took six months to complete. "We retained what worked and added some elements to create visual tension," says Kelly. "I find that always invigorates a space."

The first order of business: refreshing the major surfaces throughout the house. "If you want to have big impact, you have to address the floors, walls and ceilings," says Kelly. To



Layers of rich blue and shimmering grey in the furniture, drapery and accessories create a luxurious master bedroom. The chandelier was selected for its wide, shallow form to take up volume in the vaulted ceiling. The artwork above the bed is unexpected and causes visual tension.

BED FRAME, Van Gogh Designs; custom **BENCH**, Baridesigns; **NIGHTSTAND**, Once a Tree Furniture; *Abbyss of the Disheartened: IV* **ARTWORK**, Heather Landis; **CHANDELIER**, Robert Abbey.

OPPOSITE The design team kept the original configuration in the master bathroom but replaced the deck-

mounted bathtub with a free-standing one for a clean, contemporary look. A marble floor in a herringbone pattern is a timeless choice.

BATHTUB, Artistic Baths; **FLOOR TILES**, Olympia Tile + Stone; **BATHTUB FILLER**, Emco Corporation; **TOWEL BAR**, Bradford Decorative Hardware.





create a more contemporary feel, the oak floors – initially stained dark walnut – were sanded and refinished in light grey. The walls were painted a soft, cool grey and the home office ceiling was papered in a geometric pattern for wow factor.

The kitchen received the most dramatic update: Its white cabinets were refreshed, a new glass chevron-patterned backsplash was added and the traditional-style dark wood island was replaced with a modern grey-painted version. “The original kitchen island and Carrara marble mosaic backsplash made the space too predictable,” says Kelly. “It was everything you expected to see the moment you walked in the room, and that’s what the client didn’t like about it.”

But in decor, as in fashion, it’s the accessories that complete the look. “Starting with a fairly consistent base colour palette throughout for cohesion, we injected character with window treatments, metal accents, patterned fabrics and unique light fixtures,” says Kelly. “The owners wanted each space to have its own distinct identity, and a few carefully selected pieces go a long way.”

It’s safe to say that the design team accomplished what they set out to achieve for this young family: a stylish home that’s dressed to impress yet totally livable.

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1

Meurice Rectangle **CHANDELIER** in Brass, \$1,395 US, Jonathan Adler, jonathanadler.com.



2

Florence Knoll three-seater **BENCH** with Acqua Leather fabric in Spanish Main, \$4,627 US, Design Within Reach, dwr.com.

Ivan Natural **RUG**, from \$699, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.ca.

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Medium Decorative Gold Filled **BOWL**, \$18, Indigo, indigo.ca.



5

Womb **CHAIR** with Boucle Classic fabric in Neutral, \$3,871 US, and **OTTOMAN**, \$1,128 US, Design Within Reach, dwr.com.



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Martini **SIDE TABLE** in Antique Brass, \$179, West Elm, westelm.com.