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To save on a marble slab for the backsplash, the team at Shift Interiors opted for elegant 12 x 24 inch marble tile with a rectified edge and 1/16th of an inch grout line to give it the appearance of a slab.

(Right) The wooden storage bench and accessible hook for the family's young daughter, allowing her a tidy space to tuck away her backpack and hang her coat.

(Far right) The home is filled with sweet touches that speak to the family's daughter.

(Bottom right) The tiled fireplace brings warmth and sophistication to the home.



This New West family of three wanted to take their dark bungalow and open it up to let the light shine in. And that's precisely what Shift Interiors, along with the team at Klondike Contracting Corporation, did with this Queen's Park stunner, which was taken down to the studs, and even reconfigured, to allow for an updated floor plan.

"We made it more white and a lot more fresh," explains Shift director and designer Jamie Deck. "We changed their main living space into an open-concept living space. And then we updated all of the bedrooms and made a big home office with built-ins."

One of the toughest decisions was whether to lose an existing powder room on the main floor to allow for more space for a larger entrance. In the end, the couple went with the option to forgo the powder room, which meant their daughter could have a lovely wooden storage bench at the entrance where she could neatly tuck away her stuff.

While the living space was reconfigured, the bedrooms stayed where they were on the main floor, but

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Room to Grow

The bedroom gets a makeover with a built-in sitting bench and shelving, new windows and hits of colour.

the interiors changed significantly.

The daughter's room included a built-in sitting area and convenient shelving. The pink room is charming without being too young. It's a room the daughter can grow with for many years, which was Deck's strategy.

"We definitely do timeless design for all of our clients," she says, noting that one of the advantages of hiring a designer is that they are thinking in the now and the future.

(Right) The bungalow's kitchen, dining and living room were completely reconfigured, the bedrooms remained intact, but were transformed with custom built-ins, wallpaper, and sophisticated decor.





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