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MODEL HOME OF THE WEEK



A triangle of glass frames the outdoors in this Haliburton site. To achieve a modern look, the windows are free of coverings. The great room, above, has 18-foot ceilings. Below, light maple cabinetry contrasts with the dark countertops.

Panes reign in neutral suite

SILVER BEACH

Lovely lake views
and contemporary
architecture

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Playing off of contemporary architecture paired with a traditional setting, the interior decorators behind the model home at Silver Beach in Haliburton created a design that integrated both styles at the recreational site by Silver Beach Developments.

The 2,500-square-foot, three-bedroom-plus-den home features extensive windows to take advantage of the lake views. Decorators Lori Garvin and Chris Middlehurst, of Inside Decorating in Beeton, kept the focus on the vistas — and on the home's contemporary architecture — by creating a neutral look free of window coverings to keep the eyes directed out and the light flowing in.

"The overall feel is very inviting," says Ms. Garvin. "You walk in and you just feel like I'm at home." Home away from home on the weekends. Your summer retreat."

The house opens into a simple foyer, trailing into an open-concept great room and dining space. The two-storey great room is a highlight, with 18-ft. ceilings and a wall of windows overlooking the lake. A floor-to-ceiling fireplace is another focal feature, with a plasma-screen television mounted on the cultured stone. The wall surrounding the fireplace is a dark taupe, paired with cream walls throughout the rest of the room. The furniture itself is



neutral, with a taupe sofa and matching chair, paired with a coffee table and end tables of dark wood with upholstered leather tops. Simple green accessories finish the space.

"When people walked in, I wanted them to see the architecture, I wanted them to see the outdoors," Ms. Garvin says. "So we went with very neutral furnishings."

The dining space next door continues in the same vein, with a glass-top table, dark espresso-stained furniture and black leather chairs. A wrought iron chandelier hangs above the table.

Wrought iron is also used as an accent in the main-floor bedroom, one of two master bedrooms in the home. The room features a traditional design with a wrought iron bed and matching wrought iron knobs on the pine furniture. The room is painted in the same taupe used in the great room, with a cream-hued quilt featur-

ing a pink-and-green floral pattern that suits the space. "Very cottagey, very traditional," the decorator says.

A den continues in the more contemporary look of the rest of the main floor, designed as a home office with a dark mahogany desk and black leather chairs. The kitchen is contemporary, incorporating cabinetry in light maple with darker accents, paired with granite countertops in black with beige flecks, and a ceramic tile backsplash installed on a diagonal. An island is set with two bar stools with a wine cooler beneath. "There is an area for a small eat-in kitchen table and chairs," Ms. Garvin adds.

Upstairs, two bedrooms and a loft seating space finish the home. A second master bedroom boasts espresso-stained furniture paired with medium-grey walls, a black leather headboard and white bedding, while a guest bedroom is outfitted in rattan furniture,

cream-coloured walls and rust-toned accents. In the loft, the decorating team also used rattan furniture, with floral cushions and glass tabletops for a cottagey feel. "You can go up there and sit and read a book and it's your little oasis," Ms. Garvin says. "The way you look out over the railings of the loft, you can see right out and over the lake."

Townhome and bungalow properties at Silver Beach range in size from 1,400 to 2,500 sq. ft. and in price from \$299,000 to \$559,000. The sales office is located at 1827 Wigamog Rd. in Haliburton and is open by appointment or on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Hours will change as of March, so call 705-547-1429 or 1-877-472-2082 or visit silverbeachdevelopments.com. The developer will also be exhibiting this weekend at the Toronto International Boat Show at Exhibition Place.

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