



# LIFE AT HOME

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## AROUND THE HOUSE

### Making DIY easier

**DECORATING** • There's a new product line available in Zellers stores in Canada and it's promising to make home decorating a lot easier on your budget and the environment.

The Canvas line, which was designed with input from interior designers, includes an innovative, pre-mixed paint and putty system, easy-to-use Room Spacing Kits, hardware with a decorative twist, a functional Design Project Organizer and a collection of stylish and functional totes for keeping all the details of home projects in one place and portable.

The paint line features a low-VOC paint with matching putty in designer neutral colours that make coordinating colours and repairing walls simple.

The Room Spacing Kits, with instructions in English and French, offer a simplified way to visualize rooms in the house and create a professional work plan — and the Design Project Organizer offers homeowners a comprehensive tool for organizing and tracking all aspects of a remodelling project.

To learn more about Canvas products, visit [canvascorp.com](http://canvascorp.com).

— Calgary Herald

### Friendly backyard burning

**OUTDOOR FUN** • Is your fire pit damaging the environment — and your relationship with your neighbours? Trendy fire pits and chimineas are flying out of the stores these days, but the smoke generated when you burn real wood can contribute to summer smog and send smoky air wafting throughout nearby backyards.

The company that makes Northland Fire Logs says burning composite fire logs instead of real ones can help with both problems while still giving you a lovely warm flame. Their Patio Logg with Citronella cuts particulate emissions by 76 per cent and produces a rolling, long-lasting flame — one log will burn for two to three hours. It also has a subtle citronella scent that may help reduce mosquitoes.

Look for the Patio Loggs at major hardware and department stores. For more information, visit [patiologg.com](http://patiologg.com).

— Calgary Herald

### Nursery design can be stylish

**BOOK** • Paisley on a nursery wall? Japanese lanterns over the crib? To Serena Dugan and Lily Kanter's way of thinking, why not? The owners of Serena & Lily, the upscale baby-furnishings company, think a nursery can be stylish rather than childish. Their new book, *Nursery Style*, helps readers decorate their babies' rooms to reflect their taste and showcase some of their favourite things. More than 130 photos offer lots of possibilities. *Nursery Style* is published by Chronicle Books and sells for \$32.95 in hardcover.

— McClatchy Newspapers



#### Home Evolution

- 7133 11th St. S.E.; 403-253-5552; [home-evolution.com](http://home-evolution.com)
- From the tabletop to the bath and from accents to furniture, Home Evolution focuses on higher end items with a good pedigree: you'll find names like Vera Wang and Calvin Klein in the dishware alone, plus Nuevo for patio furniture, Calphalon for kitchenware, Sitcom for furniture and St. Geneve for linens.



#### Faveri's Unpainted Furniture

- 1221 73rd Ave. S.E.; 403-253-5516; [unpaintedfurniture.ca](http://unpaintedfurniture.ca)
- Faveri's is a great idea for those who'd like to put their own stamp on a piece of furniture — you choose the style and, often, the wood, and then apply the stain or paint to your heart's content. They also have a few pre-finished display pieces for sale, along with a full range of finishing products and all the advice you need to make your project shine.

#### Lee Valley

- 7261 11th St. S.E.; 403-253-2066; [leevalley.com](http://leevalley.com)
- This is Calgary's only location for Lee Valley, a Canadian-based purveyor of high quality woodworking, kitchen and garden tools. You can shop in store, or scan the catalogues and choose the garden or kitchen tool you just can't live without. Order online, or call the store to have your order made ready for pickup (we love this latter option because calling ahead saves us a trip if the item is out of stock).



## design walk

Step out with us as we explore the decor-rich neighbourhoods of Calgary (and slightly farther afield), where it's as easy to find unique local talent as it is internationally renowned designers. This week, our series hits the pavement around the Heritage shopping district, but you can explore more at any time, online at [calgaryherald.com](http://calgaryherald.com). Go to the Life at Home section, find the Design Walks icon and click away.

# DECOR GALORE

The Heritage shopping district is a powerhouse design destination

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**T**he north side of Heritage Drive S.E. — a hop, skip and a jump from Deerfoot Meadows — is so packed with design and decor stores that picking just six to showcase was a major challenge (we do, after all, have to keep the pictures and words inside the page borders).

So — it's safe to say if you're looking for inspiration at any budget level, you'll find it in the area within a few blocks of Heritage Gate and 11th St. S.E. For major shopping expeditions, it's even worth sacrificing a day's vacation time to head over there mid-week, because weekends in this area tend to be jam-packed with people and vehicles.

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#### Bondars Fine Furniture

- 110, 6999 11th St. S.E.; 403-253-8200; [bondars.com](http://bondars.com)
- Bernhardt, Bolier, Henredon and Martha Stewart are just a few of the names on the furniture and accessories at Bondars. The product lines offer a uniformly high quality and unique detail — think carved headboards, nickel-inlaid drop-front desks and plush upholstery. The dog would NOT be up on this furniture.

#### Kitchen & Patio

- 28 Heritage Gate S.E.; 403-259-5292; [kitchenpatio.com](http://kitchenpatio.com)
- You might not think kitchens and patios go together, but when you see the store, you'll understand better. At Kitchen & Patio they believe outdoor space is second in importance only to the kitchen and they focus on casual living, inside and out. If you're looking to splurge on patio furniture to suit that new landscaping, now is a great time to buy as they're in the middle of a seasonal clearance.



#### Revolve Furnishings

- 7070 11th St. S.E.; 403-255-8372; [revolvefurnishings.com](http://revolvefurnishings.com)
- The sign over the door says it all: think sexy, be rebellious, re-define modern. Revolve is indeed modern in style, but it's all about comfort as well — take a seat on the "Sexy" loveseat, for example, and you sink into the butter-soft leather. The lines are clean and uncluttered, but come with a major impact.



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Strathcona Park, \$695,000 — OPEN HOUSE! Sunday 1-4  
55 Stratton Crescent, SW

Location, location: City views, South backyard, access from the ravine + siding treed green space! 2223 SF, tastefully renovated, 3 bdrms, jetted tub in master ensuite, jack n' jill ensuite, wood burning fireplace, hardwood floors & granite counters in kitchen!



Garrison Green, \$750,000  
5616 Henwood Street, SW

Fantastic home by Albi in sought after Garrison Green — steps from Mount Royal, quick commute to downtown. 1900 + 654 SF, 4 bedroom 2 storey. Granite counters, espresso hardwood floors, 3 sided fireplace, master with 5 piece jet tub ensuite.



Springbank - \$995,000  
55 Springside Street

Spectacular mountain views & developed walkout, 5 bedroom, 2374 SF acreage home on 2 acres in desirable Springbank. Renovated kitchen with granite & upgraded appliances (including a Wolf gas range). Vaulted family room, easy commute to Downtown.



Springbank, \$1,275,000  
64 Springland Way, SW

2 acres of gorgeous land in Springbank, this 6 bedroom + den, 2-storey home has more than enough room for any large family, with plenty of play space outside & in the fully developed basement! Solarium with hot tub and luxurious master suite!



Inner City, \$1,475,000  
1724 - 24A Street, SW

Just a few minutes to downtown this executive masterpiece is situated on an extra wide 40' x 125' lot. Loaded with luxurious finishes, this 2541 SF, 3+1 bedroom home boasts: professionally developed basement, spiral staircase through all 3 floors, 25' x 15' 2 tiered media room, over-sized triple garage & just steps from off leash park, playgrounds, schools & trendy 17th Ave!