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AROUND THE HOUSE

Wood carpets eco-friendly, durable

WHAT'S NEW • A carpet made out of wood? Who would've thought? Kakadu, a company located in the heart of a nature preserve in Israel, did.

Brightly coloured and suitable for heavy-traffic areas such as kitchens, hand-painted wooden carpets are environmentally friendly and durable.

The "functional floor art" is created using fast-growing timber that has been planted specifically for harvesting, rather than timber from the rain forest or from old-growth forests. Raw materials are selected using non-toxic and recycled materials whenever possible, according to the company.

Designs are hand-painted with colours developed at Kakadu's colour laboratory to enhance the natural grain of the wood. After painting them, artisans coat them with a high-grade marine varnish for protection and long-term use.

The carpets are available in a variety of shapes and sizes and can be painted with nearly 50 design motifs. Prices start at \$159.

To find a sales and distribution centre near you, visit kakadu-design.com.

— Calgary Herald

Follow the steps to great design

BOOK • Stop telling yourself that you stink at home decorating and achieving a functional and stylish home requires a special talent. Didn't you learn the moral of The Little Engine That Could?

Now that you think you can, all you need to figure out is how.

Decorating Master Class: The Cullman & Kravis Way (Abrams; \$45; hardcover) by Elissa Cullman and Tracey Pruzan is a guide to interior design that covers a broad range of principles. The guide teaches readers how to incorporate architecture, art and antiques to create homes that are comfortable and chic.

The book provides solutions for common problems faced at different stages of decorating and includes numerous sidebar features featuring helpful concepts and advice.

Photographs of finished projects, floor plans, drawings and renderings help readers see results in detail.

— McClatchy Newspapers

Don't dream, design it

BOOK • When you're building a house, it's hard to think of everything. So Susan Lang has done it for you.

Lang wrote *Designing Your Dream Home* to guide readers through the process. The book covers every detail from how to interview an architect to where to hang a chandelier.

Designing Your Dream Home is published by Thomas Nelson. It's priced at \$24.99 in softcover.

— Canwest News Service



Junktiques

■ 1226 9th Ave. S.E.; 263-0619; junktiques.ca

■ You can while away hours in this store alone, with its architectural rarities from around the world — in many cases lovingly refinished here in Calgary. You'll also find unique reproduction pieces and other items such as stoneware and vintage sports equipment (old sleds and snowshoes make an outdoorsy statement).



Essential Living

■ 1001 6th Ave.; 1-403-609-3388; muthut.com

■ A wonderfully friendly place for dog essentials (and not-so-essentials) such as beds, leashes and accessories, the Mut Hut also offers home decor pieces that run to the rustic pine style of furniture and lighting. But we dare you to leave without treats for the pooch at home.

Hinchcliff & Lee

■ 1217A 9th Ave. S.E.; 263-0383

■ The owner travels to northern China — where the climate is similar to Calgary's — to find many of the antique and one-of-a-kind pieces in this always inspiring gallery. Older pieces are restored if necessary in Beijing and then shipped to Calgary, where they gain a new life as conversation pieces.



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 travels to Inglewood, but you can explore more at any time, online at calgaryherald.com. Go to the Life at Home section, find the Design Walks icon, and click away.

FIND INSPIRATION IN INGLEWOOD

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When you stroll down the shopping area of Inglewood's 9th Avenue, imagine how the street might have looked more than a century ago. It's no coincidence that Fort Calgary is just down the road — Inglewood was created in 1875, shortly after the fort's construction, and 9th Avenue (formerly known as Atlantic Avenue) was one of the city's first main streets.

If you're looking for home decor as well as history, you certainly won't go home empty-handed. From secondhand shops packed with eclectic kitsch to the highest-end design stores, there's something for everyone here — plan to spend the whole day exploring.

Favourite finds:

■ 1930 Shanghai Colonial Wardrobe in northern elm, below left, at Hinchcliff & Lee, \$1,688.

■ Tri-fold room divider screen decorated with leaves and vines, right, at Mr. Wrought Iron, \$595.

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Circa Vintage

■ 1224A 9th Ave. S.E.; 290-0145; circa5060.ca

■ Dedicated to antique art glass, particularly from the 1940s to the 1960s, this small shop may be the only one in Canada that focuses on the mid-century modern art genre. You'll find vases, lamps, chandeliers and stained-glass windows, all in beautiful hues that are hard to pass by.



Mr. Wrought Iron

■ 1409 9th Ave. S.E.; 262-9955; mrvroughtiron.ca

■ You'll discover a cornucopia of iron work here, from fence and stair railings to screens, gates and doors, plus hardware such as hooks and shelf brackets. If you don't find what you're looking for, you can always request a custom design.

From the Ground up

■ 1229 9th Ave. S.E.; 252-0990; thegroundup.ca

■ Design comes with an international flavour in this surprisingly large space (once the Garry Theatre) with items made from materials such as seagrass, water hyacinth, limestone and recycled teak. Think Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia, in furniture, textiles and accessories.

Photos, Yvonne Jeffery and Grant Black, Calgary Herald


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Copperwood/Hemlock - \$345,000

#9103 - 14 Hemlock Crescent, SW - Super spacious 980 SF 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo boasting unobstructed views of the Shaganappi Golf Course, and just minutes from downtown! Natural slate tile in kitchen & bathrooms, upgraded appliances, 9' ceilings & corner fireplace!

Rocky Ridge - \$359,000

#15 - 15 Rocky Ridge Gate, NW - Enjoy the maintenance free lifestyle of condo living with many of the luxuries of a private residence. This lovely 3 bedroom home offers nearly 2000 SF of developed living space as well as a double attached garage. Basement beautifully developed!

West Springs, \$419,900

1026 Wentworth Rise, SW - 1491 + 656 SF town home in desirable Wentworth! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Features 8' baseboards, knock-down ceilings, gleaming hardwood & large windows, stainless steel appliances & park views. Basement fully developed with large flex space.

Springbank Hill, \$539,000

3 Springbank Mount, SW - 2077 SF 3 bedroom family home situated on a large corner lot! Professionally landscaped yard with mature trees, waterfall & pond feature & fire-pit. Large great room with built-in entertainment centre & fireplace. Close to schools, parks & downtown!

Cougar Ridge - \$599,000

81 Cougar Ridge View, SW - 2138 + 1022 SF 2-storey with fully developed basement! This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home fronts a ravine and features hardwood floors, 2-storey ceiling in great room, sprawling master suite w/ 5 pc jet tub ensuite. Close to parks, schools & DT!

West Springs, \$749,000

1141 Wentworth View, SW - Quick possession! Ideal family home. 2,388 SF, 4 bedroom home backs onto a greenspace & is steps from the pond. Features maple kitchen w/ granite counters, gleaming hardwood, yard with water feature, stone patio & dog run, quiet location.

Spruce Cliff, \$775,000

624 - 36th Street, SW - Brand new home in Spruce Cliff: walking distance to the Shaganappi Golf Course & an easy commute to downtown! This 3 bedroom, 2039 SF home boasts hardwood floors, granite counters throughout, handsome Cherry-stained maple built-in's and more!

Cougar Ridge - \$795,000

107 Cougar Plateau Circle, SW - Custom built 2615 SF home in the prestigious Promontory of Cougar Ridge. 2-sided stone 1/p visually divides large dining room & great room, complete with built-in entertainment centre, Granite counters, SS appliances & slate backsplash in kitchen.

Rutland Park - \$825,000

3344 - 35th Avenue, SW - Beautifully refinished bungalow on large corner lot! New: windows, Trex deck, plumbing & light fixtures, kitchen, bathrooms, carpet, tile & drywall. Boasts coeser stone counters, marble floors, SS appliances & media room! 20' x 22' garage being built!

Signal Hill, \$875,000

101 Sienna Park Gardens, SW - Stunning 5 bedroom home offering over 2600 SF plus developed walkout sitting atop Sienna Hill with sweeping views! Vaulted living room with 2-sided fireplace. Master suite boasts views, huge walk-in closet with & jet-tub ensuite.

West Springs - \$895,000

27 Westpark Crescent, SW - Large 2-storey on a beautiful street, 2767 SF with 3 bedrooms, bonus room, main floor den, formal dining room, hardwood floors, granite counters, island kitchen, curved staircase, master with jetted tub.

Patterson - \$995,000

75 Patterson Drive, SW - 3642 + 1614 SF 2-storey with 5 bedrooms - this home is HUGE! Fully developed basement, hardwood, granite, luxurious master hosts 5 pc ensuite with ultra-tub & private veranda. 12' wet bar in basement, south rear yard w/ built-in 5 burner BBQ!

Shaganappi, \$1,475,000

1724 - 24A Street, SW - Just a few minutes to downtown & situated on an extra wide 40' x 125' lot, this luxurious 2,541 SF 3+ bedroom home boasts: Developed basement, 3 storey spiral staircase, 25' x 15' 2 tiered media room, over-sized triple garage & just steps from off leash park!

Elbow Park, \$1,495,000

601 Hillcrest Ave, SW - LAND VALUE ONLY - Huge 18,483 SF lot in one of Calgary's most prestigious neighbourhoods! Home is gutted & ready for renovation - or build new! Incredible lot in Elbow Park seconds to DT and parks & just across the street from the Elbow River!

Springbank Hill, \$1,650,000

10 Spring Valley Place, SW - 3573 SF professionally designed executive home on 1/4 acre lot in Spring Valley Estates. Premium finishes include: Brazilian teak hardwood, extensive built-in's, vein cut Bianco Antico granite, custom cabinets built on-site, imported Italian marble & more!