

Walls that worth a second look



CARLY HEUNG
STYLISH SPACES

As a designer, I love creating visual interest and adding personality to a room.

Truly, one of the most effective ways to make an eye-catching design statement within your home is to create accent walls through use of natural stone veneer panels, slabs, or tiles.

Statement walls always make you look twice and I appreciate the overall aesthetics that come from the lines and cuts created by using natural stone materials.

Not only will you create character by adding in rustic wall materials, it can also provide an added sense of more visual height to your space.

A timeless world design staple, stone materials never go out of style and carry with it a sense of history, strength and everlasting beauty.

One great local resource is Canadian company Erth Coverings, they provide an extensive offering of lightweight stone veneer products and styles for both indoors and out that are both environmentally friendly and come with a lifetime warranty.

My designer pick and one of the most popular choices today for a more contemporary and stylish look are their White Wolf 3D Panels in marble.

Try using these behind the TV, along an accent wall or surrounding a fireplace. The variations of white and dark grey from the stone help create visual interest, depth and texture to a room.

For a more traditional and subtle and muted accent wall, look at working with their darker Grey Wolf stone panels.

If you live in a smaller studio apartment or an open-concept space, consider selecting an elegant pale grey Limestone accent wall.

One great option is the Silverfox LedgeStone Panels to use along a living room or dining room wall or to make a bolder statement consider using their

slate black Lavastone Large Strips

One of the most overlooked areas of our homes are our hallways and this type of product is the perfect complement along any stairway wall or corridor or high traffic area of the home.

Looking to bring in some natural elements and personality into your own interiors? Using natural materials will bring in a sense of tranquility that often comes with spending time in nature itself. There is no bigger statement than an accent wall using natural elements,

This year, take a second look at your beige walls and start adding in some textural and natural elements into your design mix ahead. You will never look at your walls the same again.

— *Carly Heung is an interior decorator and principal for 1smallspace and is known for creating simple, modern, and functional spaces. Visit [instagram.com/1smallspace](https://www.instagram.com/1smallspace) and 1smallspace.com.*



An accent wall brings visual warmth and sophistication and is the perfect complement for any hallway, corridor or high-traffic area of the home.

Show your kitchen some love



SARA BEDERMAN
LIVING BY DESIGN

Love is in the air this February! Whether you're attached or single, have some fun in the kitchen this month and let St. Valentine inspire you.

There's a good reason that the kitchen is always the hub of the home. Particularly during these long winter months, it's ever the hot spot for cooking, dining, entertaining, work and play, late-night family time and early morning alone time.

As a designer and an admitted kitchen connoisseur, here are some of my favourite kitchen essentials that you're sure to fall in love with, too. Set up your kitchen for some fun, love and inspired cuisine — and spoil yourself while you're at it!

The right tools

As all great chefs can attest, to make great food you need a set of quality knives. Deck out your kitchen prep area with the comfort and style of Henkels.

This five-piece set offers all your basic necessities, with now colour options like this block in a fiery shade of red — a great addition to any countertop!

Before we eat with our mouths, always remember that we eat with our eyes. Ensure you're serving up a sumptuous sight with a set of chic, oven-to-table covered dishes for your favorite baked entrees and sides.

A great addition to your kitchen on any day of the year, nothin' says lovin' like a heart-shaped cocotte. One of my favorite oven-safe dishes: the Heart Cocotte by Staub is a cast iron cocotte perfect for cooking meat and fish at slow and lower temperatures

Of course, no meal is complete without a little something sweet. Arm your kitchen with something that's sure to bring 'heart' to your baking — a simple (and affordable!)



Nothin' says lovin' like this heart-shaped cocotte from Staub.

heart-shaped cake pan and cookie cutters.

Available at any big box or specialty store, you'll use these more than you think. these are definitely a kitchen essential in my home.

Finish your meal with coffee... or tea! Sip a steaming cuppa, freshly brewed in this Breville Smart Tea Infuser. (www.breville.com/)

For the coffee lovers in the house, Breville hasn't forgotten about you, either. The Barista Touch espresso maker not only looks impressive on your countertop, but it brews a mean cup!

Personal barista

This machine features commercial-quality performance — the next best thing to having your own personal barista at the ready, and it's faster than a Starbucks line! The Barista Touch has a three-second



Five-piece Henkel set covers all your needs.

heat-up time, for when you need that espresso 'yesterday.'

The kitchen is, by far, the hardest-working room in the home. Everything happens in the kitchen. Life happens in the kitchen. As you go through your day to day, appreciate the little things in life and make time for the special ones around you.

Odds are that you'll be spending some time with them in your own kitchen — entertaining, dining, dreaming about tomorrow. Show this space some love and indulge yourself, while you're at it. You deserve it.

— *Sara Bederman is principal designer for Sara Bederman Design, known for creating stylish, thoughtfully curated and livable interiors. Visit her at sarabederman.com.*



Finish your meal with coffee... or tea! Sip a steaming cuppa, freshly brewed in this Breville Smart Tea Infuser