

SHOW HOME EXCLUSIVE



SHOW HOME of the week

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# RADIUS

Personality and passion on display in Langley show home

Picture the scene. The moving truck arrives, you're handed the keys to your new home, and the door opens to not only an exciting new beginning, but a fresh canvas where you can put your stamp and personal style on every room. Living this dream is realized as interior designers **CAROLYN STEWART AND KYLIE BRUNDELL OF "CONCEPT TO DESIGN"** articulate what goes into the making of a show home. These design divas breathed vitality into the show home at Radius – a townhome development by Vesta Properties in Langley's master planned community, Milner Heights. Take a closer look and learn how insight, inspiration and colour translate show home style into classy everyday living.

Many new homeowners don't know where to start when it comes to home decor. They commonly ask, "How can I create a home where every room reflects my personality and passions, while also accommodating the way my family lives, works, and relaxes?"

The secret is having a defined plan. For each room, ask yourself the same questions: How do I want this space to appear (cheerful, formal, dramatic)? Who will be using it (adults, kids, both)? How should it function (a busy work hub, a niche for relaxation, a place to entertain)?

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YET STILL FEELS COMFORTABLE.”

When it came to styling the show home at Radius -- a three-bedroom townhome with approximately 1952 sq.ft. on three-levels, the vision was for a family-friendly home with a contemporary sophisticated feel.

The open kitchen and adjacent family room has a relaxed feel that’s conducive to casual meals, movie watching on the comfy chaise lounge and aperitifs at the luxurious granite island. The contemporary sparkle of the chrome stools, sourced at JYSK, is an attractive contrast against the dark wood cabinets, yet complements the stainless steel appliances. Designer touches like the spherical chandelier from Ikea, and the fun polka-dot print on the throw pillows keep the feel light-hearted.

#### IF YOU CRAVE A MORE FORMAL TONE, ACHIEVE IT BY INCORPORATING DEEP COLORS

Design queues for entertaining areas came from the tile on the living room fireplace surround. This was the perfect jumping off point to inspire a rich moody night-time feel. A more adult-oriented space was created in the living and dining room, by deepening the wall colour with charcoal grey and chocolate, and carefully choosing a lighter area rug to anchor the conversation area as well as cream coloured accent pillows to provide contrast and a dramatic element against the dark background. From there dining room furniture was chosen that would be sophisticated yet very functional.

“I love the unexpected round table,” said Kylie Brundell, senior interior designer at concept to design, who sourced out the dining table from Scan Designs. “This space is perfect for it. A round table is practical from a social point-of-view; everyone can see each other, no legs left down at the other end of the table, it’s much more conversational.”





"MY FAVOURITE ROOM IS THE MASTER BEDROOM. THE PALETTE OF SOFT GREY BLUE AND CHOCOLATE BROWN REMAINS A FAVOURITE."

Colour goes bold upstairs as bedrooms are transformed into expressions of those that inhabit them. Hits of red and white in the boy's room add youthfulness to the dark wood and are coordinated in the bedding, desk lamp and toy cubbies.

Next door the pink and chocolate colour palette is both young hip and the classic white painted furniture is a great choice that any young girl can grow with. The daybed makes this room practical – feels like a sofa for when friends come over yet also provides storage.

"My favourite room would have to be the master bedroom," said Brundell. "The palette of soft grey blue and chocolate brown remains a favourite. It's the perfect scheme; not too masculine or feminine, and just the right combination of modern and traditional."





# 2011 HOT DESIGN TRENDS

Check out the design elements at Radius that are very on trend for 2011, while also providing the freedom for creativity:

## **UPHOLSTERED HEADBOARDS:**

Making a revival, the custom-made headboard in the master bedroom is simple, yet has great impact with its divine damask pattern that is repeated in the drapery. While rectangular in shape here, embellishment can be added with a subtle camel back shape, or with the addition of simple tufting or chrome nail head trim details.

## **DRUM SHADE LIGHTING**

Drum shades are one of the most popular choices in modern lighting this season. Dramatic and large, the illumination they provide is relaxing, calming and very soft, while bright enough to provide enough light for anywhere in a room. At Radius, drum lighting is used multiple times: the dining room chandelier is dressed up with crystals, in the living room accent lamps and in the master bedroom, wrapped with white organza ribbon and accented with a few drop crystals for instant bling! A detailed, elaborate and high-end drum shade can be the perfect investment to truly make your home sparkle.



## **THE SCALE OF FURNITURE, COMBINED WITH PLACEMENT AND COLOUR SCHEME CREATES A HARMONIOUS EFFECT.**

A room feels especially inviting if you arrange the furniture or accessories around a focal point. Sometimes a focal point is an architectural feature. At other times, a focal point can be a special picture, mirror, or dramatic piece of furniture. This bedroom sprang from the chocolate brown cut velvet damask, which was love-at-first-sight for the dramatic upholstered headboard which becomes the focal point. Crisp white bedding is a stunning contrast, giving this room the feel of a high-end hotel suite.

Owning a new home is an opportunity to reinvent your personal style and create a fresh look everyone will enjoy. Inspiration is necessary, so visiting show homes like Radius provides ideas that can launch your personal style. Radius' show home is open daily 1-5pm (except Thursday and Friday) until August 15th at #11 - 20831 70th Ave. in Langley. Call 604.510.5151 for more information.