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## WELCOME HOME SWEEPSTAKES



# A celebration of light, space and life

Princess Margaret Welcome Home Sweepstakes invites guests to tour magnificent Oakville prize home

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**B**lend an old stone farmhouse with a contemporary downtown loft and what do you get? A truly spectacular home where you both live — and celebrate — life.

This year, Lynda Reeves and the House & Home design team are presenting a “hip take on tradition” with a \$4.3-million plus prize home for the Princess Margaret Welcome Home Sweepstakes that combines modern design and country charm. The result, designed by Murakami and built by PCM, is inspiring.

“We wanted to incorporate the feeling of space, light and openness that we consider modern, and we also wanted it to feel at home on the street that it lives on,” says Reeves, noting that the 2012 show home at 220 Pinehurst Drive in Oakville, Ontario, incorporates many features she personally loves. “Most people are scared of modern — they think it has to be cold and impersonal, and in fact it doesn’t.”

The pairing of old and new starts with the exterior, where the home’s gorgeous stone-work and wood siding wings are partnered with sleek black steel window frames and door. Step inside the 6,500-square-foot, four-bedroom home and it’s as though

the sunlight follows you in. Every room is light, airy and spacious, a feeling that is punctuated by an abundance of warm cream, white and taupe throughout.

A standout feature off the main floor hallway is the NanaWall system overlooking the beautifully landscaped garden and opening fully to let the outdoors in during warmer months. In the kitchen, you won’t find upper cabinetry or a full refrigerator. In fact, with most appliances hidden in a solid marble working island — including two full-size refrigerator drawers, a microwave and dishwasher — it’s easy to forget that it’s a kitchen at all.

Upper cabinets are replaced by a large black wall unit intended to store dishes as well as food. The full refrigerator is out of sight, yet easily accessible in the servery. “We’re asking you to rethink the way you live; you can reject it, but at least consider it,” says Reeves.

Other notable main floor features include the thick wood shelving in the family room/library, constructed using reclaimed wood from a barn; Aga Total Control stove in the kitchen that doesn’t require an overhead exhaust fan; natural oak wood flooring from Moncer throughout, finished with Swedish white oil; and, two-storey word-burning stone fireplace in the

living room.

Upstairs, each of the three bedrooms has its own bath. The principal bath is “pretty special,” says Reeves, with its sumptuous free-standing tub, roomy shower, frosted glass water closet and custom vanity featuring a stone countertop and bone handles. The kids’ and guest bedrooms, meanwhile, boast some of the few hints of colour in the show home, with trendy charcoal grey and mustard accents.

Downstairs you’ll find a fully equipped exercise/yoga room, entertainment area, fourth bedroom and bath, and spacious laundry/project room equipped with a state-of-the-art sewing machine from Brother and flat-screen TV.

“I love a laundry room that’s light and bright and is a room you want to spend time in,” says Reeves. “This is a room for the whole family.”

The Oakville prize home is open for viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. For a complete source guide, videos and a list of events taking place at the home, visit [www.houseand-home.com](http://www.houseand-home.com).

Tickets for the Princess Margaret Welcome Home Sweepstakes are \$100 each, three for \$250 or five for \$375, and are available at [www.helpconquercancer.ca](http://www.helpconquercancer.ca) or by calling 1-866-631-1234.