

OFF-SEASON *serenity*



A large round mirror and console table provide a welcoming vignette and add balance to the spacious entryway. **TOP RIGHT:** Sandi's curated choice of lighting and accent pieces meld seamlessly to create warmth and mirror the homeowners' organic sense of style.

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For professional athletes and their families, finding a private, calm place away from the game – and an escape from the demands of constant travel and public life – is not just a luxury, it's a necessity.

Shortly after an Ontario born-and-raised National Hockey League player and his wife purchased a country estate in the Kitchener/Waterloo area, they reached out to **Sandi Duclos**, owner of **Sandi Lorenz Duclos Interiors**, to use her talented touch to transform their new house into a relaxed, serene modern-farmhouse-style home where they could enjoy the off-season with family and friends.

The couple, who spend 10 months of the year in a different province, knew that finding the right designer who could understand their vision and confidently manage the project with hands-off homeowners would be a game changer.

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FAR LEFT: The master bedroom required custom bedside tables and large accent pieces to suit the scale of the room. **LEFT:** Designer Sandi Duclos made this family retreat the oasis they imagined. **BELOW:** A large ottoman by the fire in the master suite invites a late-night chat or quiet read.



Custom pieces played an important role in bringing Sandi's vision to life. The bedroom itself was so large that finding pieces that would be the correct scale for the size of the room was essential. Custom bedside dressers from **Chervin Kitchen & Bath**, and a custom oversize bedroom mirror from **Framing & Art Centre Waterloo** create a feeling of warmth and luxe coziness in this sizable space.

The homeowners were so delighted with Sandi's work that they have subsequently hired her for several projects, including decorating their home for the holidays, and designing the couple's (first!) nursery.

"Every job has an emotional connection; it always goes far beyond the design portion," says Sandi. "For 10 months of the year this couple lives a very busy and public life. For the two months they spend on this estate I wanted to ensure they had a happy place to unwind, recharge and feel at home." **OH**

A tufted ottoman and reindeer hide just steps away invite an intimate fireside chat.