

Favorite Kitchen exciting feature at Home Show

Visitors to the all new Toronto Home Improvement Show will be treated to a fascinating kitchen feature, presented by Jim Hazzard. Mr. Hazzard, who is one of a handful of professionals who have earned the designation C.K.D. (Certified Kitchen Designer), will display "My Favourite Kitchen" at the Show, to be held at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place, October 15 to 18.

Located on the Mezzanine Level, the kitchen will indeed be Jim's "favourite" - high gloss white with yellow trim, fitted with labour saving devices and organizational aids to save time and space, including the latest in high tech appliances from North

American and European manufacturers. The entire kitchen is brought to the Show by Heartwood Kitchens of Toronto, whose showroom and design centre has been a Toronto mainstay for the past decade.

The Toronto Home Improvement Show hours of operation are:

Thursday, October 15 - 1 p.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, October 16 - 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday, October 17 - 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sunday, October 18 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission to the Show is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$3 for children eight to fourteen years of age. Children under eight are admitted free, when accompanied by an adult.

Downhome in the city decorating with a country feel

Do you long for great open spaces and the simple country life? With a little imagination, you can bring that fresh-air rural feeling into your city home.

The country look is a major trend these days. Anything but rustic, it owes more to downtown than backwoods. Perfectly suited to the carefree, casual style of the eighties, country presents a picture of rich informality, good humor and lack of pretension.

Important components are earth tones, natural materials and uncluttered spaces. At its best, country is a pleasing arrangement of informal furniture combined with amusing accessories and is well suited to modern housing with light-filled rooms.

The country influence is seen in three major schools - French, English and California, each inspiring a particular mood or way of thinking.

California country brings outdoor living into the home. With its pale, sunwashed colors and rough textures, it is easy to live with and easier to care for. The

effect is big and bold, enhanced by clean lines, plain upholstery and uncluttered finishing touches. One of its hallmarks is light wood, even bleached or pickled and fashioned into unstructured and simple pieces, and white-on-white upholstery. Bent oak also works well in this scheme. Accessories should be kept to a minimum, reflecting nature in both shape and color.

The English country look recreates the charm of a rose-covered cottage - an air of timeless comfort ideal for older homes. It starts with pastel walls and white baseboards, window sashes, fireplaces, door frames and banisters. Against this, the appealing charm of chintz-covered sofas and draperies is seen to maximum advantage.

Classic furniture styles in contemporary workmanship and quality are ideal for English country. Lovely Queen Anne wingback chairs by Canadian furniture manufacturers are the essence of the look, and Canadian pine reproductions

china cabinets, dining tables, wardrobes and sideboards - adapt beautifully to the setting. So does white wicker with cheerful pillows and throw rugs.

French country is inspired by the warm, intense colors of provincial France, a look that complements beamed ceilings, hardwood trim and tiled floors. A distinguishing feature is a profusion of bright cotton prints, mixed and matched to create the cheerful, simple distinction that is French country's hallmark.

In a dining room or kitchen, French country is simplicity itself - a plain oak table combined with Windsor chairs and bright seat cushions, for instance. In the bedroom it produces a romantic mood - delicate curtains of handworked lace, bright cotton print bedspreads and beautifully simple wooden pieces - armoires, chests and occasional chairs.

Whichever you choose, the country look will give you the best of both worlds - downhome comfort and contemporary high style.

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Colourful braided rugs on the kitchen floor, the pine cannonball bed in a bedroom, a quilt in blue and white, the stenciled border along a wall. These are ingredients of the 'Country' look, a decorating theme

whose popularity continues to grow each year. Country's roots are in the folk art and domestic crafts of the pioneer folk of the nineteenth century. These people had a happy knack for combining simple materials, colour and craftsmanship in ways which created an atmosphere both warm and pleasing to the eye.

Here in the Eighties, decorators seeking the country look turn to craftspeople skilled in making reproductions of nineteenth century furnishings and decorative items. It is little wonder then that

thousands of people now look forward each September to 'Home Sweet Home', still Canada's only show and sale devoted to country decorating and furnishings.

This unique show, taking place in Elora, Ontario, features about fifty outstanding folk artisans who will offer for sale fine, handmade reproductions of early Canadian furnishings and decorative items.

Visitors to the show should be impressed by the variety of goods to be found at 'Home Sweet Home'.

For the bedroom, early Ontario designs in bedsteads, washstands


and blanket boxes, even quilts, woven coverlets and hooked rugs; for the sitting room, upholstered wingback chairs in classic Chippendale and Queen Anne styles, primitive paintings, splint baskets, grapevine wreaths and decoys.

Harvest tables and fine Windsor chairs are the focus of the kitchen collection. Accessories include cast iron trivets and fireplace tools, pewter candlesticks, carved breadboards and butter prints, redware and salt glazed stoneware.

All of these reproductions have

been designed to be used in the home, but of course there will also be a wealth of purely decorative items such as naive paintings, samplers, Victorian hats, whimsical folk art and carved shore birds.

'Home Sweet Home' takes place on the weekend of September 19 and 20. The show is open on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Elora Community Centre, David Street, Elora. Admission is \$3. Elora is about 15 minutes north of Guelph, just west of Highway 6.


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