

Quick and easy kitchen upgrades: five quality changes you can make now

Even the most modest kitchen will benefit from these small but stylish changes. Pick just one or do them all if your budget allows, but any of these changes will upgrade the look and feel of most kitchens without breaking the bank. The key to success is quality. These are not all inexpensive changes, but making just one or two quality additions to a kitchen is often all it takes to upgrade the overall look.

1. Upgrade a laminate countertop with a wood trim. If solid surface or granite just isn't in your budget, then consider a wood trim to encase the edges.

2. Upgrade any kitchen and any counter material with a premium sink and faucet. Spending more for a premium product will give any kitchen a lift. Sinks and faucets are highly visible in the kitchen, often centred under a window or in an otherwise well-lit spot. A premium sink brand from a high-end manufacturer such as Blanco will add drama and panache to any kitchen.

3. Replace kitchen knobs and spare no expense. If this



is your one change, then search out something unusual—not your standard hardware store brand—and take some time to find the right style. Some antique shops have interesting selections. Research home decor magazines to see what you like and get new ideas, then enjoy the hunt.

4. Consider a granite sink as an alternative to stainless steel. Aside from being highly durable, granite adds colour and natural warmth. Silgranit, Canada's leading coloured sink brand, is a composite sink made of 80 per cent natural granite. Highly durable as well as heat- and scratch-resistant, it comes in seven colours that can be matched to your counter, backsplash or appliance. Silgranit adds a luxurious look and feel to any solid-surface counter, and it's ideal in drop-in sink styles in less-expensive laminate counters. Its solidity and warmth adds richness to the most modest of kitchens. Visit www.blancocanada.com for more information.

5. Last but not least, remove clutter and pare down to the essentials. The minimalist look is not only trendy, it's practical. Not only will you feel better in an organized and orderly kitchen, but your kitchen will look airy, fresher and brighter.

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\$439,900

CHARLESTON BRICK BUNGALOW WITH WALKOUT BASEMENT

Beautifully appointed home. Prof. landscaped lot. Front porch. Front door enclosure. Large foyer with decorative pillars & ceramic flrs. Sep. DR with dbl height ceiling & hrdwd flrs. Eat-in kit. with maple cabinets with over cabinet lighting & ceramic flrs overlooking LR with gas FP & w/o to 16' x 35' (banjo shape) deck with walk down to yard. Mstr bdrm with 4 pc ensuite, 2nd bdrm with walk-in to 4 pc washrm, mn flr laundry. Lower level features 2 bdrms, office, storage rm, work shop & rec rm with w/o to 17' x 26' covered deck & landscaped & fenced backyard. Inlaw potential. A pleasure to show. Call Michele* or Gord Dawe***.



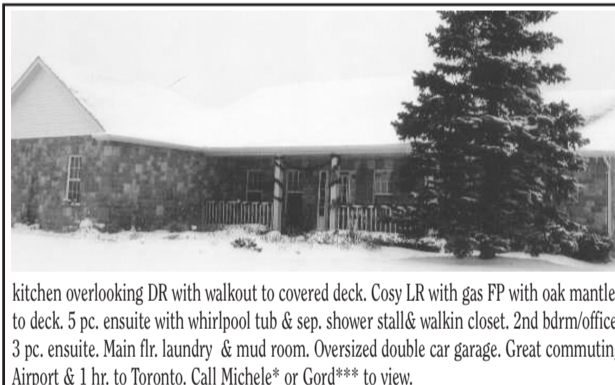
FREEHOLD BUNGALOW TOWNHOME IN VILLAGE OF ROCKWOOD WITH LARGE RAVINE LOT \$324,900

Interlocking brick driveway. Foyer with ceramic floors. Separate dining room/bdrm with hardwood floors & cathedral ceiling. Oak kitchen with ceramic floors, breakfast bar overlooking great room with hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling, skylight, gas fireplace & walkout to interlocking brick patio & beautifully landscaped yard. Largest ravine lot in development. Main floor master bedroom with 4 pc washroom & double closets. Main floor laundry, walk-in from garage. Upper level features loft/sitting area, 4 pc washroom and 2nd bedroom. Central air. Peaceful village setting. 50 minutes to Toronto airport, 1 hour to Toronto & minutes to Rockwood Conservation. Call Michele* or Gord***.



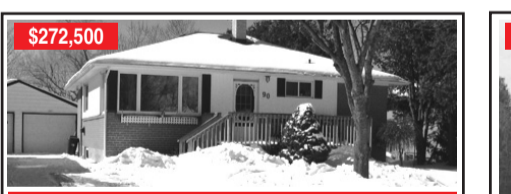
SUMMER IS ON ITS WAY - TAKE A LOOK AT THE POOL! VILLAGE OF ROCKWOOD \$389,900

3 bedroom family home. Front porch. Foyer with ceramic floors. Living room & dining room with hardwood floors & crown molding. 9' ceilings on main level, open concept kitchen/family room. Oak kitchen with breakfast bar, pantry & crown molding & breakfast area with walkout to large deck & 19' x 35' onground pool & fenced back yard. Spacious family room with large picture window overlooking backyard. 3 bedrooms, large master bedroom with walk-in closet & spacious ensuite. Central air, central vac. Bring the family! Call Michele* or Gord**.



CUSTOM QUALITY BUNGALOW - \$499,900

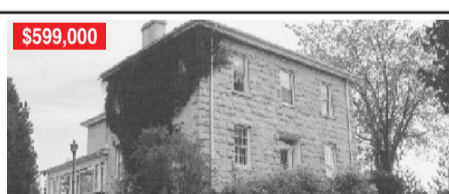
on .70 acre on private country setting. Enjoy the beautiful sunrises on the back covered deck on the magnificent sunsets on the lowered front porch. Quality home with family room with hardwood floors, Barzotti cherry kitchen overlooking DR with walkout to covered deck. Cosy LR with gas FP with oak mantle. Lrg. mstr bdrm with hardwood floors, walkout to deck. 5 pc. ensuite with whirlpool tub & sep. shower stall & walkin closet. 2nd bdrm/office with hardwood floors. 3rd & 4th bdrm with sep. 3 pc. ensuite. Main flr. laundry & mud room. Oversized double car garage. Great commuting location, 15 mins. to 401 & Milton, 50 mins. to Airport & 1 hr. to Toronto. Call Michele* or Gord*** to view.



\$272,500

THINKING OF RETIREMENT OR PERHAPS YOUR FIRST HOME?

Bright bungalow on large mature tree lot in town of Acton backing onto parkland. Front porch. 3 bdrms & liv. rm with hardwood floors. Eat-in kitchen with new laminate. Lower level features possible inlaw with large, bright recreation room with broadloom, second eat-in kitchen, renovated 4 pc washroom with ceramics & 4th bedroom with wall-to-wall closets. Central air. Detached garage. Walkout from fenced yard to park. Call Gord*** or Michele*



\$599,000

CENTURY STONE HOME BUILT IN C1840 "THE SQUIRE STRANGE HOUSE"

This historical landmark was originally built in 1840 with a stone addition in the 1860s by Henry Strange for his wife and 14 children. This majestic home sits high on 1.12 acres overlooking the Erasmus River with 100' of river frontage. Centre hall plan, up & down staircase, crown mouldings, 12' baseboards, pine floors, deep sills, 10'10" ceilings, sun room with exposed stone walls, large principal rooms. 8 fireplaces originally heated the home in the 1800's. Italian stone masons were hired to craft the Italian moulding on the ceilings. Call Michele* or Gord Dawe*** for the residential & commercial uses of this phenomenal property.



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IDEAL LOCATION TO RAISE A FAMILY

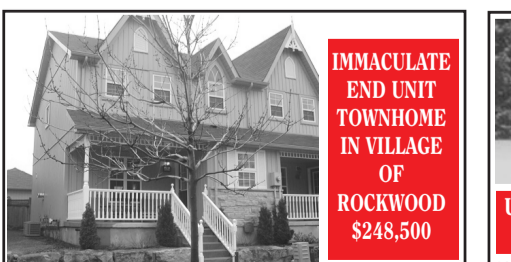
4 bedroom, 2 storey in Rockwood Ridge. Bright spacious open concept living area with w/o to fully fenced rear yard. Upper floor laundry & w/o to upper balcony. Located on quiet street close to open fields, walking trails and conservation. \$319,900. Please call Deb Patterson*.



NEW PRICE

WELL APPOINTED BRICK TOWNHOME IN TOWN OF ACTON \$267,900

Overlooking park. Front porch. Foyer with ceramic floors. Walk-in from single attached garage & main floor to backyard. Kitchen with ceramic floors o/l living room & dining room with broadloom & walkout to yard. 2 bedrooms, master bedroom has ensuite privilege. Main floor laundry. Finished lower level with recreation room with extra window, 3rd bedroom & 4 pc washroom, central air. A pleasure to show. Call Gord** or Michele*.



IMMACULATE END UNIT TOWNHOME IN VILLAGE OF ROCKWOOD \$248,500

Front porch overlooking the Ridge. Tastefully decorated home. LR with Berber broadloom, decorator pillars, corner gas FP, Bell Nose corners. 2 pc wsrn. Lge kit with maple cabinets, ceramic floors & backsplash. DR with ceramic flrs & walkout to yard. 3 bdrms with Berber broadloom. Mstr bdrm with walk-in closet & semi ensuite. Fin bsmt with rec rm, storage rm, laundry rm, cold cellar, RI for 3 pc wsrn. C/A, C/vac. Fenced backyard. Parking for 3 cars. Call Michele* or Gord***.



UNIQUE COUNTRY HOME ON 15 ACRES MINUTES TO TOWN OF MILTON \$549,900

4 bedroom bungalow with main floor laundry/mud room with 1 pc washroom & eat-in kitchen. Family room. Lvg room & Dng room with walkout top enclosed porch/patio. 4 pc washroom. Hot water, oil heating. 40' x 40' quanset hut & updated roof 2005, outbuilding. 15 mature trees acres minutes to the 401 highway, 30 minutes to Pearson International Airport & 45 minutes to the city of Toronto. Michele* or Gord*** Dawe.



THIS ONE NEEDS A HUG! \$199,900

Cozy 2 BR bungalow on large mature lot backing onto hiking trail. Must see back yard. Living room with gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen, main floor laundry. Walking distance to all amenities. Easy commute. 50 mins to Pearson International. To view call Deb Patterson* 519-856-4348.



GREAT LOCATION, SPACIOUS BUNGALOW \$439,900

5 mins. to 401 on large tree lot. Well maintained & updated brick bungalow, 15 mins. to the town of Milton. Front porch, LR with maple floors & wood FP, sep. DR with maple floors, updated 4 pc. wsrn. Updated European kitchen with maple floors, granite counter, pot lighting, ceramic backsplash & under counter lighting. 3 spacious bdrms, master with 4 pc. ensuite & walkin closet. Finished rec room with bar & wood FP. 4th bdrm & 4 pc. wsrn. Updated windows, gas furn., flooring & bathrooms. Air, double car garage, inground pool 18'x36'. Call Michele* or Gord Dawe*** to view.