

# TOTAL HOME

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## Take full advantage of the flame!



A four-faced fireplace offers an exceptional view of the flames.

This year, the focus is on the warm glow of a fire. In this era of open-concept interior designs and the appeal of cocooning, the many charms of modern fireplaces are

revealed. Everything is designed to highlight the glowing flames of the fire.

In response to this trend, multi-faced fireplaces are the most popular. In fact, the demand for three-faced fireplaces has already increased, and four-faced fireplaces are becoming more popular. Clearly, multi-faced fireplaces show off the fire to its maximum advantage.

Stoves and fireplaces are becoming more refined, both technologically and aesthetically. For example, some three-faced natural gas or propane systems are now equipped with a simplified control mechanism, activated by a thermostat or even by remote control.

Modern fireplaces have glass panels that provide a full view of the flames. In addition, their clean lines look elegant and are particularly aesthetic.

Since the newer stoves and fireplaces offer a full view of the fire, it is important that the logs don't spoil the overall look. Pay special attention to the placement of the logs, and, in the case of gas equipment, choose logs and bricks that have a more realistic appearance.

## Fieldstone Windows update ranch bungalow

Homeowners John and Eris knew it was time to change the windows in their 'Rustic Ranch' bungalow. They were poor quality "builder grade" windows that were drafty and difficult to operate. Even the rear doors were beginning to deteriorate.

After speaking with a consultant from Fieldstone Windows, the couple realized that this was the perfect opportunity to make improvements to the style and function of their home.

*"There were a lot of changes we made, that we might not have considered if Kevin hadn't suggested them," says John. "We knew we wanted to change the colour to something more sophisticated, but hadn't thought about enlarging and making structural changes too."*

spectacular 12' set of sliding french doors. Replacing the existing square windows with "camber-top" shaped windows to match the brick openings, was another idea that involved structural modifications. All the other windows were changed too and updated with 1 1/2" external muntins, for added drama. Fieldstone's goal is to have the finished window renovation look as though it belongs and has always been there. "The brickwork and mouldings are flawless," says Eris. "There are no tell-tale signs of our home's former identity. We love it, but just wish we had done the front door at the same time."

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With Kelvin's help, John and Eris decided to replace the rear 6' patio door with a



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