

Canadian Living just got a new dining room - and you're all invited to take a look!

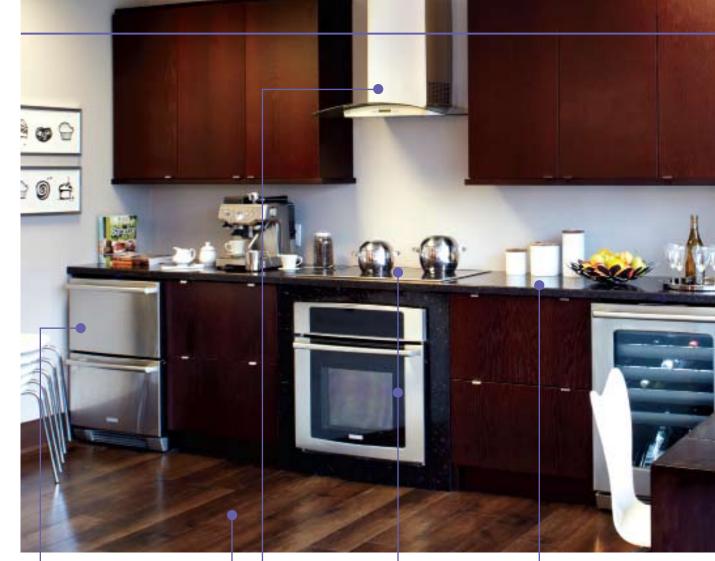
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Whether it's at home or at work, a comfortable place to congregate over good food and conversation is a must. Designer Jane Lockhart of Jane Lockhart Interior Design and senior designer Margaret Macdonald of AvA Kitchens and Baths teamed up to take on a challenge for Canadian Living: to create a comfortable, somewhat private dining spot, separate from the hustle and bustle of the Canadian Living Test Kitchen, yet not too secluded from the rest of the magazine's offices. The result is an intimate dining area that's accessible and big

on function, style and flexibility. No one is more delighted than editor-in-chief Susan Antonacci. "Not only can we use the room for tastings, but we can also entertain Cook of the Year participants, guest foodies and clients." This combined kitchen and dining space will provide a comfortable atmosphere for meetings and corporate functions, too. Its condolike feel offers a casual environment, free of distraction. "Many of our clients want to connect with the Canadian Living Test Kitchen," says publisher Lynn Chambers. "I think it's wonderful that we have a new space where we can showcase what we're so good at, and that's the food we develop in the Test Kitchen."

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Electrolux's innovative 24-inch refrigerator drawers offer under-counter convenience for small spaces. The drawers can fit two-litre bottles and large serving trays, and feature independent controls and an air filter.



The stainless-steel glass-canopy recirculating range hood has dual fans that move air quietly and quickly (up to 600 cubic feet of air per minute). Halogen lights brighten the cooking surface.

Lockhart chose a dark, resilient floor from Karndean that's easy to maintain and will make you look twice to see if it's real wood. The rich wood look creates a warm and somewhat refined atmosphere for corporate gatherings and other formal occasions.

Outfitted with space-saving Electrolux appliances, the kitchen features a built-in 27-inch stainless-steel electric wall oven that will impress guests with its ample interior space, large window and commercial-quality look. The oven has a convection feature and discreet glass touch controls.

An Electrolux 30-inch induction cooktop with four elements (includes two eight-inch elements) uses electromagnetic energy to transfer heat directly to magnetic cookware, keeping the cooking surface much cooler than a traditional electric cooktop and conserving energy.

Cambria's natural quartz countertops in Blackwood are durable enough to withstand the rigours of food preparation, yet lend a luxurious, formal look to the room for entertaining or hosting events, says Lockhart.

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AyA's deep-brown flat-panel cabinetry adds sophisticated style and formality to the room when it's needed for dining and entertaining, and offers practicality when it's used as a working kitchen.

To maximize the functionality of the small space, Lockhart designed a dining table that's built on casters so it can be conveniently rolled in and out from under the countertop as needed. Custom-built by David Sparkes of Sparkes Painting and Trades, this multipurpose table is made from sheets of durable butcher block that were stained dark brown to match the kitchen cabinetry. "It's movable," says Chambers, "so we can really adapt the room to suit our needs, whether it's a sit-down dinner, or a product or food demonstration." It is designed to fit under the end of the kitchen counter to form an L-shaped work area when it's not being used as a dining table.

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An Electrolux 24-inch under-counter wine cooler will keep the wine perfectly chilled, while the UV-filtering glass door keeps the wine's flavour from deteriorating. It also comes with an energysaving vacation mode. Classic scoop-backed chairs can be stacked to save space, and add a light and fun feel to the room.