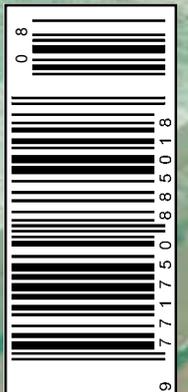


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# A SMALL SPACE, BIG ON LUXURY

TORONTO PENTHOUSE -  
**SHEREE STUART DESIGN**











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Located in Toronto is where this sleek penthouse kitchen, designed by the interior designer, Sheree Stuart Design can be found. This compact design makes the most of a small space yet is packed with a design that is big on luxury. The modern design fits beautifully with the architecture of the penthouse and the fantastic panoramic views of downtown Toronto.

Appointed to the project was the nationally recognised designer, Sheree Stuart. Known for her timeless and elegant interior she was the perfect designer to bring sleek and classic elements to such a personal space. Her aim is to create spaces that inspire its visitors and to make a statement with furnishing that are of the highest quality materials to reflect her client's personal taste. This impressive transformation has been shortlisted at the International Design and Architecture Awards in the kitchen design over £50,000 category, where the Sheree Stuart Design team will be heading to London in September to celebrate their great achievement.

As the kitchen is the heart of the home, it is important that the design reflected the owners personal style. The greatest part of this project was the collaboration with the client who has a keen eye for design. This made this kitchen a showcase of a great collaboration between a client, designer and the trades. The brief advised that the owners would live in this penthouse in Toronto part-time (summers only). They wanted their kitchen to look and feel different from their more traditional kitchen in their Florida bungalow home. A crucial element which

was considered within the design brief was that the owners enjoy cooking and entertaining friends, so creating a high-end kitchen with luxury appliances was extremely important.

The kitchen blends wood, glass, concrete and steel in a seamless and highly functional design that also includes five integrated Sub-Zero & Wolf appliances. The focal point of the space is a modern island unit with a waterfall edge and under island lighting to highlight the wood millwork. This project is a notable example of how Sheree balances light and texture to create a personal and interesting space. This design was truly a collaborative effort and although there were challenges, magic did happen.

New possibilities emerged and took shape, Sheree Stuart Design have utilised all the space available with high-end cabinetry and clever design details, such as high-tech interior cabinet systems. The luxury Sub-Zero & Wolf appliances, including the wine fridge enable the owners to entertain and enjoy their cooking experiences. This kitchen also benefits from an incredible amount of natural light. It was important to everyone that the lighting be equally amazing. This kitchen has lighting above the cabinets to showcase the concrete sloped ceiling lighting under the cabinets.

Moreover, the chosen colour scheme for this kitchen, is largely in keeping with Sheree's signature interiors. Grey and neutral tones are the most prominent colour seen throughout this kitchen, including the flooring and cabinetry. This colour palette allows a sense of calm and

elegance into the space, an appropriate theme to fit the brief of a modern and sleek kitchen.

The designers worked with their millwork teams to complete the cabinetry and a metal fabricator for the custom range vent (and large-scale metal fireplace in the living room which is not shown). Any renovation is not without its challenges. The main challenges for this renovation were largely due to the fact that walls were unmovable (most are concrete and load bearing). As such, there were great limitations on the kitchen layout. Sheree Stuart and her team solved this by making the main wall cabinets deeper and taller to accommodate more storage. They also added a pantry system on the north wall and increased the size of the island. High-tech interior cabinet systems were installed for the pantry, garbage/recycling, tray storage, and spices.

Moreover, the unique and modern design of this kitchen fits beautifully into the wider environment. The penthouse has 360 views of downtown Toronto, featuring breath-taking views of the CN Tower and lake, perfectly suiting the high-end interior of the kitchen.

Overall, this kitchen design at the Toronto Penthouse has utilised a small space yet has reflected luxury expected of a much larger kitchen. Sheree Stuart Design has allowed the space to blend all the elements into each other creating a functional, yet elegance kitchen.

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