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HOME TOURS

From Dated Triplex to Forever Family Home

There are few things we love more than seeing the inside of a designer's personal project and home, and today's home tour by sister duo Olivia and Jenna Botrie of Dart Studio is no exception. Toronto's Roncesvalles neighborhood is full of charm—tree-lined streets, a strong community, and rows of character-filled homes. What began as a dated triplex that tenants had long occupied became Olivia's personal family home, and a complete gut renovation and passion project for the Dart team.



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Despite the space's worn finishes and lack of functionality, Olivia saw the potential immediately. *"The existing layout had good bones,"* she explains. *"We were able to retain much of it, which helped optimize the budget and allowed for some meaningful cost savings."*

This balance—preserving what was working while reimagining what could be better—became the thread throughout the renovation.

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Honoring Character, Creating Function

Olivia has always been drawn to design that feels old and full of character, so the vision for the home was clear from the start: a space that felt fresh and timeless, while paying homage to its original architecture.

With two young children in the mix, storage and functionality were non-negotiable. Dart Studio incorporated layers of custom millwork throughout to ensure the home worked seamlessly for everyday family life without sacrificing beauty.



A Grounded Green Kitchen

From the very beginning, Olivia knew she wanted color in the kitchen. She chose Treron by Farrow & Ball, a muted khaki green that feels both grounding and timeless. Paired with a striking marble slab, the kitchen became the heart of the home—the place where the family spends most of their time.



A Cozy Blush Living Room

In the front living room, Olivia leaned into warmth with Setting Plaster by Farrow & Ball, a soft blush tone that immediately sets an inviting mood. Instead of opening the space to the kitchen (a common renovation trend), she kept it separate to create distinct, cozy rooms.

That decision opened the door for layered details: millwork framing the fireplace, shelves styled with a thoughtful mix of old and new, and seating that invites long, lingering evenings by the fire. *"Honestly, a cozy evening with the fireplace on and just the lamps glowing might be my favorite way to spend time at home,"* Olivia shares.



Collected & Time-honored

By keeping some separation between spaces, Olivia was able to create more opportunities for architectural charm and layered design—resulting in a house that feels lived-in, soulful, and distinctly hers. In the primary bedroom, floral wallpaper accentuates the slanted ceiling shape and adds a touch of character that feels both fresh and like it's always been there.

