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In craftsman style bungalows big is best

Big windows, high ceilings, yet still cosy

JENNIFER JACOBY-SMITH FOR THE STARPHOENIX

If you're looking to down size,but still want all the perks of the executive lifestyle, you'll want to visit Sterling Gate by Arbutus Properties. Located in the Meadows this exclusive community features pre-

mier semi-detached walkout bungalows in two layouts — the Snowberry with 2,263 square feet on two levels and the Sagebrush with 2,652 square feet on two levels.

"The main difference between the Sagebrush and the Snowberry is the Snowberry has a huge pantry on the main level," says Cheryl Thayer, sales rep with Arbutus. "What people like about it is it's different. It's not cookie cutter."

Inspired by the craftsman style, the units feature massive windows, 10-foot ceilings, crown mouldings

throughout, plus wainscotting in the den. The oversized baseboards and window trim with eight-foot doors create a feeling of grandeur and majesty, while still giving the home a welcoming appeal.

Thayer adds, "The front porches, too, are very inviting. They want to bring back the neighbourhood feel and concept."

Hardwood floors, wool carpeting and heated tile floors are just some of the standard features in this luxury home.

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Sterling Gate by Arbutus Properties offers semi-detached walkout bungalows in the craftsman style. The front porch is an invitation to linger with neighbours.

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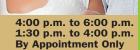
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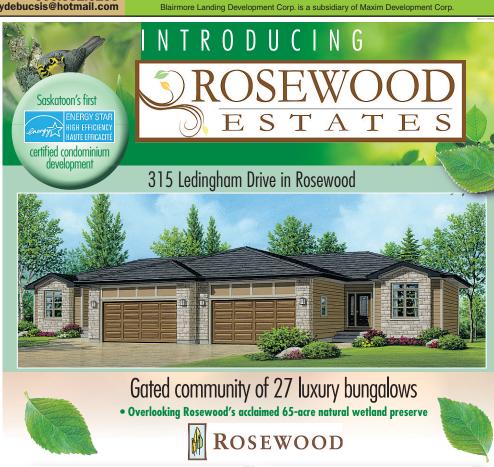


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JEFF LYONS/The StarPhoenix

Built-ins and a gorgeous tiled fireplace surround are just some of the luxury touches in this Arbutus development.

Sterling Easy living

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Each unit is customizable to the owner's tastes and colours.

The main living area is perfect for entertaining with a large open kitchen, dining room and living room with a fireplace. The gourmet cook will love the generous island with quartz countertops and a beautiful stainless steel fridge.

Each unit has one bedroom on the main level, plus a den. The main bedroom boasts a spacious walk-in closet with a tiled bathtub and glass-enclosed shower in the ensuite.

The lower level can accommodate two more bedrooms, plus a recreation room. The walkout basements boast a nine-foot ceiling for an abundance of natural light.

Designed for full security and luxury, residents will enjoy a gated community, manicured lawns and privacy fencing. Residents will



A tiled glass-enclosed shower and tub create a beautiful ensuite for pampering.

also never have to shovel snow or mow the grass.

Sterling Gate is situated within walking distance to shopping, amenities and restaurants. Connected to various green spaces and parks, homeowners will have ample opportunities for outdoor living. High

quality exterior finishings means maintenance-free living. And the inviting porch of these craftsman-inspired walkout bungalows will make you want to linger while you chat with your neighbours over a cup of coffee.

A huge deck with natural gas hook up means evenings and weekends can be spent revelling in the prairie summer with a quiet drink or laughing while you entertain friends and family.

Sterling Gate by Arbutus is the epitome of urban life in a peaceful setting. The development promises to be a popular address for those looking for a charming home with an relaxed lifestyle. Units start at \$598,000 and half of the 32 units are already sold.

The show home at No. 12 Sterling Gate (just off Meadows Boulevard) is open Monday to Thursday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

DECOR

Chic second-hand style

JEFFREY FISHER POSTMEDIA NEWS

Q: My boyfriend and I share a passion for garage sales, vintage shops and online shopping. We love to spend our weekends on the hunt for good deals and great finds. Josh and I have a particular fondness for all things midcentury - furniture, art and accessories. We can never seem to pull a room together with our treasures.

No matter how hard we try, I feel like all of our cherished things look like we found them on the street and dragged them home. We're getting a bit frustrated because we love every piece but can't seem to make our look work. Any ideas on how we can turn this around?

A: I too have a strong appreciation for mid-century furnishings and am no stranger to my neighbourhood vintage stores.

You don't mention what room or rooms you've tried unsuccessfully to pull together but I recommend you pick one to diligently decorate until you're both happy with the results. The obvious choice would be the room you spend the most time in or the one that will best feature your collection of mid-century finds.

For the sake of this advice, let's proceed with your living area giving it the foundation needed to successfully display your treasures.

If you currently don't have shelving (built-in or freestanding), I suggest you start here. Built-in shelves give a custom look, complement the era of your furnishings and don't necessarily have to cost a lot. If permanent shelves are too much of a commitment, look out for cool period shelving or even new clean-lined shelves.

My inspiration photo here



Sisters Jayne and Joan Michaels put together this mid-century sitting room that looks timeless and elegant.

is by design firm 2Michaels (2michaelsdesign.com). The built-in shelves on either side of the window (we see only one in this photo) are simple but effective. Items grouped together as a collection look more important than if scattered.

Round up all your collectibles and decide what looks good in a group, and display them on your shelves as a curated collection. Play around with it until you're happy with the results.

You also need to choose the perfect paint colour for the walls so your treasures come to life.

Designers (and sisters) Jayne and Joan Michaels used a light-grey paint in the room featured. Notice how it complements but doesn't compete with the furniture, art or accessories. Had the Michaels sisters painted the room a retro colour, it may have made the room look too themed and less livable on a daily basis. Your goal is to integrate your fabulous finds and live with them, not create a shrine to the time period.

Don't be afraid of mixing new furnishings with old, should your collection lack necessary pieces. If you don't have an authentic, mid-century sofa or coffee table, buy the look new. Let's face it, many sofas today have the clean lines you're drawn to and are much more comfortable.

If you have been hanging your art throughout your home and it looks scattered and unimportant, bring it all to your living room to hang in one concentrated area. Should you have a number of small pieces you may choose to hang them like 2Michaels did, so that it fills a wall, or if your collection includes larger pieces, you can spread them throughout the room.

Take note of the Michaels' hanging technique. They hung the art so that the edges of the frames create one large visual rectangle. Tip: They mapped the layout on the floor, moving it around like a jigsaw puzzle until they were happy with it, photographed it and then recreated the arrangement on the wall.

I like this room because, though the majority of the items are vintage, the room appears timeless and current. Whether the pieces have value to only the owners or are museum quality, nothing looks bedraggled.

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