

# HOMES

## TRANQUIL DAWN AWAITS IN 2020

Paint brand Dulux has declared Tranquil Dawn, a soft green-grey, to be 2020's colour of the year.

"As 2020 is the start of a new decade, it's a fresh start. A new dawn," said the Dulux website. "Tranquil Dawn sits somewhere between green, blue and grey – just like the fleeting beauty of a morning sky – making it the perfect 2020 colour trend."

Tranquil Dawn is noted for its versatility, changing according to the tones it's



paired with. It's compatible with warm, neutral, soft and bright palettes.

Every year, colour specialists at Dulux's Global Aesthetic Centre assemble a team of design experts to discuss the world's latest trends. The panel selects one paint colour to reflect the design direction of the coming year. The brand said Tranquil Dawn "reflects our desire for calm" and was inspired by the hope for meaning and kindness in a hectic digital world.

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A large bay window with a window seat brings natural light from three directions into the great room of Arbutus Properties' Brady bi-level show home. PHOTOS: SCOTT PROKOP PHOTOGRAPHY

## A VERY BRADY BI-LEVEL

Arbutus Properties model house popular stop on Parade of Homes

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The numbers have been tallied and for a fourth consecutive year the 2019 Parade of Homes has achieved a new attendance record with more than 23,000 people coming out during the six-week event to visit the 32 featured show homes, according to Jennifer Lamontagne, the director of business development with the Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association (SRHBA).

Among the popular stops on the parade route was Arbutus Properties' Brady bi-level show home, located at 231 Greyeyes Steele Way. Designed to appeal to every demographic, the 1,475-square-foot modified bi-level features three bedrooms and two bathrooms with a suite-ready lower level. The Brady display home was so popular it sold out during the six-week

parade event, as did several other quick-possession Brady bi-levels available from Arbutus in The Meadows. The good news is Arbutus is building two more Brady bi-levels in the neighbourhood.

"This is Arbutus' take on the bi-level. We wanted to come up with a unique twist for the parade with this plan, starting with the front foyer," says Arbutus sales manager Jody Minakakis. "Instead of having the traditional split stairs when you enter the home, we turned them, creating a foyer with a grander feel."

The soaring 20-foot-high ceiling is punctuated by a striking chandelier.

The main floor of the Brady exemplifies open-concept design. The great room extends the full length of the main floor with ceilings that are 10 feet seven inches high.



The Brady's bi-level floor plan makes the most of open-concept design with the show home's great room extending the length of the house and featuring ceilings that are more than 10 feet high.

Arbutus designer Jen Lapsiuk created the Brady's inviting West Coast contemporary design theme. The gorgeous kitchen features contemporary thermofoil slab-front cabinets topped with crown moulding and an extended island with an eating bar. White upper and light grey lower cabinets are complemented by matte black edge pulls, achieving a clean, minimalist look. Carrara marble-look quartz counters and a backsplash crafted from white artisan subway tiles are pretty and practical.

The adjacent dining area features a spectacular bay window with a window seat.

"The bay window allows us to bring in light from the north and south side of the property instead of just one direction," says Minakakis.

Lapsiuk suspended a dramatic bell-shaped chandelier over the

dining table. With its matte black exterior and glowing copper interior, the fixture is definitely fashion forward.

On the opposite side of the kitchen is the large living room.

"I love the eight-foot patio doors. They bring so much natural light into the space," says Lapsiuk.

A large natural gas fireplace, trimmed in hexagonal Calacatta marble tiles, ensures a warm and cosy feel in the living room.

Two children's bedrooms are also located on the main floor on either side of a large bathroom.

A few stairs up from the main floor is the master bedroom, next to the adjacent laundry closet. Located in the bonus space over the garage, the master suite offers enhanced privacy with a large ensuite and a custom walk-in closet.

"It's a very spacious bedroom with lots of room, even with a

king-sized bed. For added impact, we created a feature wall in a dark charcoal grey, finished with board-and-batten panelling," says Lapsiuk.

With a separate side entrance, the Brady is designed to accommodate several different suite options, including a studio, one-bedroom or two-bedroom legal suite. "Because it's a bi-level, the windows are all large and above grade. There's so much light," says Minakakis.

The new homeowners have opted to have a one-bedroom suite constructed in addition to the existing spacious family room.

This weekend is the last chance to tour the Brady parade home before it closes. Arbutus Properties will host an open house at the show home Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For details, visit meadowsliving.ca.



Arbutus designer Jen Lapsiuk opted for a minimalist look in the Brady show home. The two-tone cabinet doors feature matte black edge pulls. The backsplash features white subway tiles complemented by quartz countertops.



The Brady floor plan features two bedrooms on the main floor with the master suite located on its own level in the bonus space above the garage.