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Inside a Colorful, Whimsical French-Inspired Chateau in North Toronto

The five-bedroom, nine-bathroom residence features light-filled interiors punched up via wildly patterned wallcoverings.



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Following a to-the-studs renovation, this 1930s French-style chateau is now a sophisticated yet playful North Toronto estate.

Working with the local firm Dvira Interiors, the owners turned the 12,000-square-foot residence into an elegant home that takes advantage of refined touches like ornate decorative moldings and brushed bronze and satin gold fixtures. It pairs those elements with rich jewel-toned fabrics and plenty of patterned wallpaper, while not detracting from the homeowners' eclectic art collection.



A cobalt La Cornue range is the highlight of the curving kitchen.
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The standout among the entertaining spaces is the baby-blue kitchen, which extends from the rear of the home into a rounded turret overlooking a ravine. Custom cabinetry wraps around the large windows, and Art Deco pendants illuminate the two central islands. A cobalt La Cornue range is paired with an industrial brass-trimmed hood, adding heft to the otherwise dainty aesthetic. When mealtime comes around, there's both a light-filled breakfast nook and a formal dining room on the other side of the great hall.

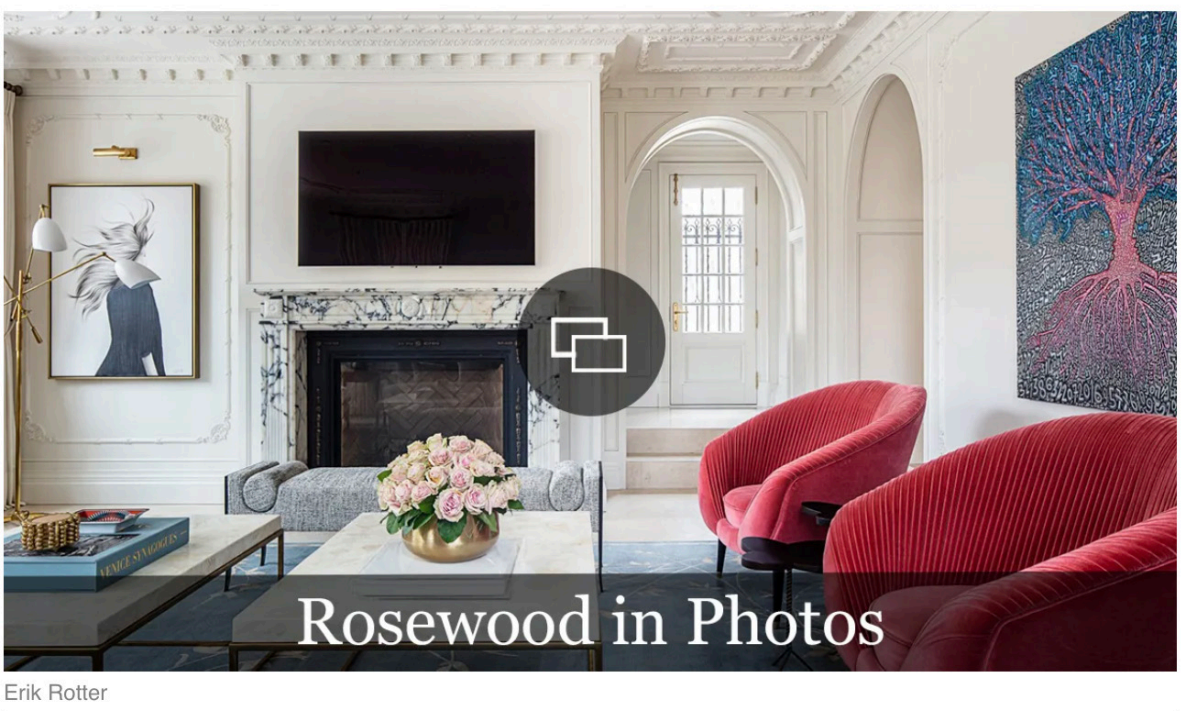
Upstairs, the primary suite feels fit for royalty: In the bedroom, lattice-patterned wallpaper climbs up to the 16-foot sloped ceiling. A private staircase leads to the double-height dressing room, where accessories are encased in bubblegum-pink showcase closets. The other bedrooms are nothing to scoff at, either. One is done up in apple-blossom wallpaper and features a matching turret sitting room. Another, on the top floor, is a more minimal suite, with its own bathroom, wardrobe, and study. In total, the home spans five bedrooms and nine bathrooms, including a powder room swathed in a punchy wallcovering decorated with pink pineapples. Even the more utile spaces haven't been forgotten: The laundry room, for example, is covered in a lemon-tree print.



In the primary suite, the bedroom is topped off by a 16-foot ceiling.
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While much of the home is defined by this sort of whimsical wallpaper and light-filled interiors, the library offers a contrasting vision. Here, dark wood-paneled walls surround the space, and an ornate marble fireplace provides more literal warmth. Beyond being a cozy space for reading, the room also serves as an office and a music room, with a grand piano tucked into one of the corners. The residence is completed by a lower level designed for all sorts of activities—there's a gym, a home theater, and even an art studio.

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