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URBAN OPULENCE

Award-winning Toronto designer Lori Morris unveils her latest marvel: a couture-driven residence defined by bold contrasts, thoughtful details, and a strong sense of character.

In Urban Opulence, Lori Morris delivers a home that is equal parts high fashion and high function, where bold contrasts, sculptural lighting, and refined finishes come together to create a living experience steeped in drama and sophistication. Each room reveals a distinct personality, yet the design flows seamlessly, creating a harmonious narrative from the grand living areas to the intimate private spaces.

The main living room sets the tone, enveloped in a monochromatic palette of black, white, and deep charcoal. An imposing spherical chandelier hovers above, casting prismatic light across plush seating in rich velvets and silks. The composition is meticulously layered with sleek black lacquered cabinetry featuring diamond-patterned inlays, a crisp white coffee table with a high gloss finish, and a curated selection of pillows that mix striking chevron

OPPOSITE The main living room brings together velvet, high gloss, and patterned details to deliver a visually stimulating space.

ABOVE The kitchen is both stylish and practical with its black-and-white palette and eye-catching light fittings.

patterns, animal-inspired prints, and solid velvets. The space feels tailored yet inviting, a perfect marriage of couture style and comfort.

The kitchen offers a fresh, luminous contrast. Crisp white cabinetry and seamless countertops form a pristine backdrop for the drama of three smoked glass pendant lights, their tiered forms echoing Art Deco glamour. The black and gold Lacanche range adds a note of vintage-inspired luxury, while a row of velvet upholstered counter stools with gleaming brass footrests brings warmth and texture to the space. This is a kitchen designed as much for visual impact as for function, with every surface and fixture speaking to refined taste.

The dining room is a theatrical centrepiece. Beneath a bold black coffered ceiling, a glossy white sculptural table is surrounded by plush grey dining chairs, each meticulously

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upholstered for comfort. Overhead, a starburst chandelier in bronze and smoke glass radiates a warm glow. The black carved fireplace anchors the space, adding heritage depth to the otherwise modern composition, while full-height drapery softens the architectural theatre.

A secondary sitting room channels softer glamour, its palette shifting toward creams and metallics. A carved stone fireplace, ornate yet contemporary in context, serves as the focal point. Above it, a modern burst chandelier punctuates the air with angular drama, while curved sofas and patterned pillows offer an intimate arrangement for conversation. The play of form is key here, with rounded furniture profiles set against the crisp linearity of the architecture.

The staircase becomes a design statement in its own right, with open floating treads wrapped in dark upholstery and framed by clear glass balustrades. Light flows through the space, enhancing the sense of openness and modernity.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The dining room delights with its black coffered ceiling and starburst chandelier; with its debonair finishes and bespoke furnishings, the house maintains a haute couture feel throughout; the architectural staircase, wrapped in dark upholstery, is complemented by a minimalist sleek black cabinet; the all-white dressing room features jewellery-like embellishments; the secondary sitting room fuses glamorous detailing with soft edges and curved furniture profiles.

A sleek black cabinet with circular bronze pulls stands against the far wall, its minimalist form balancing the architectural energy of the staircase.

In the dressing room, Lori Morris once again transforms function into fashion. High gloss cabinetry in pure white is accented by mirrored inlays with elegant curved frames. A central island with a polished stone top and jewellery-like hardware offers both display and storage. Overhead, a chrome starburst chandelier scatters light like diamond dust, turning daily rituals into moments of indulgence.

From the sculptural presence of lighting to the custom craftsmanship of furniture and finishes, every detail has been carefully considered. With Urban Opulence, Lori Morris delivers a home that is unapologetically bodacious yet deeply livable, proving that drama and comfort can exist in perfect balance. This is luxury not for show but for living, where every day feels like stepping into a world designed with vision, precision, and a touch of theatrical flair. **11**