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# Jane

## By Jane Lockhart Collection



◀ Jane by Jane Lockhart  
BENNY chair with nail  
head detailing

“Furniture must look beautiful and the fabric and details should evoke luxury and timeless elegance, but not look so formal that you’re afraid to sit in it.”

– Jane Lockhart



▲ Jane by Jane Lockhart  
CARSON leather sofa with  
diamond tufted back

**DESIGNED BY JANE LOCKHART**, host of W Network’s Colour Confidential, the *Jane by Jane Lockhart* furniture collection is an innovative new line made in Canada by Statum Designs that takes the guesswork out of furniture selection. Drawing on her colour theory expertise and more than 20 years working with interior design clients, Lockhart has created a design-forward line that’s on trend, but not trendy – that means styles that will stand the test of time. Lockhart’s approach to fabric selection allows consumers to relax and have fun with the security of knowing everything has been hand-selected to flawlessly coordinate. “I’ve chosen designs with lasting sustainability. It’s really important that it looks

good, but it also has to perform,” says Jane. All Jane by Jane Lockhart pieces in the collection are available in custom sizes and configurations.

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# A GREAT ROOM for entertaining

Getting our homes ready for entertaining guests can be a daunting task, so we asked Designer Jane Lockhart of Jane Lockhart Interior Design in Toronto for her top strategic design elements that make a room inviting and comfortable when entertaining.

BY JESSICA JEAN MARTIN

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*This luxurious and welcoming great room, one of Lockhart's latest design projects, speaks volumes about the elements of design and style that make this room work so well for entertaining with ease and elegance. Here are the key features that Jane incorporated into the design of this stunning room.*

## **Make it Bright and Open**

The sheer volume of this spacious room is mainly contributed to its stunning, curvaceous vaulted ceilings and open-plan layout that includes a bar/dining area and large kitchen. Design features including the bank of extra-height windows that add architectural detail, flood the room with natural light and offer an expansive million-dollar view of the lush natural landscape beyond, all contribute to the comfortable and spacious feel of the room. ▷



◀ ▲ Simple yet elegant silk drapery panels frame the tall windows to soften the look and add to the room's warm and inviting feel.

## Make Room to Mix and Mingle

Guests love to move about comfortably and mix and mingle throughout the space. This room offers ample space for standing, circulating among guests or sitting comfortably for an intimate conversation. Seating options and room layout play a key role in creating an easy flow throughout the space. Jane defined the living area with two sofas placed at right angles to each other with one placed in front of the window and the other dividing the space between the great room and the bar/dining area. This allowed for an optional space behind the sofa to accommodate small groups of guests.

A large coffee table, set in the centre of the room is a must for any entertaining space providing a surface for candles, décor and platters of appetizers. They also offer a convenient surface for guests to set down their drinks.

Underfoot, Jane selected a durable hand-scraped, wide-plank wood flooring with a low-sheen finish, offering a vintage feel that works well with the room's French country-chic style. The flooring offers not only aesthetic appeal but also peace of mind that it is durable enough for hosting large groups.

## Create a Focal Point

To create a feeling of elegance, yet casual enough for comfort, Jane's palette of warm, natural colours including white, caramel and flax with highlights of charcoal, strong mustard yellow and blue enhances the relaxed and inviting air of this great room. Furnishings are designed with durable fabrics and comfortable seating to make guest feel at home. "An area rug over a hardwood floor adds elegance and is soft under foot when you and your guests slip off their dress shoes at the end of a long night of partying".

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*"The scale is very comfortable for a family but also really lends itself to entertaining a crowd," says Jane.*



**Make it Comfortable**

A stunning floor-to-ceiling natural stone surround houses a massive large-flame gas fireplace featuring a clear glass front and is an imposing yet welcoming focal point in the room. “It’s as true to the look of a wood-burning fireplace as you can get,” says Jane. In spite of its grand dimensions, this remote-controlled fireplace by Town & Country is designed to emit less heat than most standard gas fireplaces, so it won’t overwhelm a room full of guests with too much heat. There’s nothing better than a cozy fireplace to create ambiance in a room and draw people together.

**Set the Tone**

Mood lighting is key to set the tone for an evening of entertaining. An elegant, shimmering chandelier illuminates this large room to create a soft moonlit atmosphere while the table lamps offer optional lighting as required throughout the room. “Put dimmer switches on all your lighting to allow you to set just the right ambiance in your room day or night,” says Jane. And finally, no party is complete without music. This great room is equipped with custom speakers built into the vaulted ceiling to assure music travels seamlessly throughout the room. The system is all easily controlled by a state of the art electronic system.

No matter what the occasion, all of Jane’s elements of design can be used to add elegance and ease to entertaining in any style or size home. **D**



▲ Two comfy club-style chairs sit in front of the fireplace for maximum enjoyment and relaxation. The furniture, part of the Jane by Jane Lockhart Collection, adds style and casual elegance to this inviting great room making it perfect for entertaining or everyday use.

◀ To achieve a clean and clutter free environment, a custom entertainment cabinet was designed to house the television, and provide additional storage for blankets, and technology.

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# The Dining Room Revisited

Today's homeowners are revisiting the concept of traditional, formal dining and discovering new ways to enjoy a more intimate dining experience.

BY AUDREY COLE | PHOTOGRAPHY BY BRANDON BARRÉ courtesy Kylemore Communities

*For a while now, the formal dining room had taken a back seat as homeowners favoured a more casual dining experience, typically eating in the kitchen or great room. But all this is changing and families are looking for new ways to entertain in a more private and intimate setting and it's looking like the old standard, the dining room, is the answer!*



**Top:** Consider creating a collage of pretty plates on a wall using inexpensive plate hangers and your imagination. This works especially well in a dining room and can be a short-term solution if the perfect piece of artwork has yet to be found. It's also a wonderful way to display decorative plates that are usually stored away. Don't be afraid to mix different shapes or patterns. The rule of thumb is to find one thing in common with all of the pieces to create a pleasing balance.

**THERE WAS A TIME** when the formal dining room was only used for special occasions such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Fine china, silverware and stemware were washed and polished and linens carefully pressed for the special event. As people began renovating their homes and creating open-concept living plans, the formal dining room became a thing of the past. But with custom home building on the rise, there has been a return to more defined spaces—with a difference. Gone is the traditional dining room suite of our parent's generation. Today's room is a relaxed and eclectic mixing of old and new.

Jane Lockhart of Jane Lockhart Interior Design, whose dining rooms are showcased here, feels the real change to dining room spaces is because homeowners are entertaining more often at home. "My clients like a dedicated space for entertaining whether it be for their friends, clients or family yet it's important it not be too formal," says Lockhart. ▸

## lifestyle

Having designed hundreds of dining spaces over the years from formal to casual, Lockhart reveals some important design elements to consider when creating a comfortable and welcoming dining room (see page 68).

- 1** | Whether to use an area rug or not is a personal choice. Just remember the dining chairs should remain on the area rug at all times so allow a push-back of 12-14 inches for the chairs when determining the size of the rug. Area rugs come in many different prices to fit any budget. They can either be the starting point of a room or the finishing touch.
- 2** | Dining tables can be any shape and do not necessarily have to match the sideboard. The chairs around the table can be different in style too. And don't be afraid to mix fabrics. Using different fabric on the backs of the chairs or upholstering the head chairs in a co-ordinating pattern can add a nice detail.
- 3** | Formal furniture pieces are the framework of the room. Starting with a sideboard whether it be traditional or modern, is a good place to begin. Forget the hutch and anchor a large mirror or framed picture instead. This adds visual weight and interest to the room.
- 4** | The lighting in any room is crucial and never more so than when dining. Select light fixtures in a contrasting style to the furniture. This helps loosen up the look of the room. A light fixture should be mounted 30-32 inches above the table surface and be at least one third of the width of the table to create a pleasing balance. If you are using two chandeliers, make sure you have at least 24 inches between them.
- 5** | There have been many discussions on the psychological impact of color on a wall in an eating space. It is easier to find a color that you love or that co-ordinates with the rest of your home. Wallpaper is another option or add decorative architectural moulding to walls for a European influence. Pay attention to your ceiling, too. Coffered ceilings and recessed lighting draw the eye up and add drama and a classic formal style to the room. **D**



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### THE ROYAL TREATMENT

**Above:** This classic formal dining room has a rather regal air with its rich, blue walls and gold accents for added drama. Try Benjamin Moore's Hale Navy HC-154 to steal Jane's moody look. The traditional chandelier adds sparkle to the room while the cleaner lined table lamps on the sideboard mix up the formal feel. The two large prints visually elongate the sideboard and add balance. The head chairs in leather with nail head detailing co-ordinate well with the upholstered dining chairs.

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