

While Andy was focused on the use of high-quality materials, Lori concentrated on the interior usability of the house.

"I love the way the kitchen is laid out, with the two islands, because I spend so much time there and it allows me to work while still getting to enjoy the view and watch the ships come in," she says. "The kitchen is the gathering place in our home, and people pull up chairs to the islands and just visit."

One of the kitchen's unique elements is its butler's pantry. This functional space doubles as storage for goods and appliances, and becomes an extension of the room.

MODERN WARMTH

Lisa Dunsmuir, interior design consultant and co-owner of Step One Design, had a special task: she'd need to mix the cool, hard modern look of a rock house with the warm and decorous preferences of the homeowner.

"Lori is an elegant woman, and she wanted something that combined clean lines with bling," says Dunsmuir. "We needed to create a high contrast, modern appeal, but also make it warm."

Dunsmuir started with the floor, using a matte white oak, which gives a brightness to the home without making it beachy. Luxury finishes were incorporated throughout the house, with the kitchen boasting natural quartz countertops, contrasted with a marble backsplash. To create visual interest,

The kitchen is homeowner Lori Kimpton's favourite place in the house, due to the twin islands, which enable effortless cooking and a gathering place with a view. "Bling" was a feature of the kitchen, seen through the elegant pendant lighting features by Kuzco Lighting. With charcoal engineered wood cabinetry contrasted by quartz countertops and a Eurotile Pietra Antiche marble backsplash in Wood White, this room embodies modern beauty.

