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# Metro Homes



**Special focus**

This week's Homes section will feature a look at home renovations.

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5-year variable mortgage rates  
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BMO	CIBC	HSBC	ICICI	ING	RBC	Scotia	TD	Broker
2.55%	2.65%	2.60%	3.50%	2.55%	2.55%	2.45%	2.55%	2.25%

## Fun with family rooms

EMMA YARDLEY  
for Metro Canada

The family room has a big job to do. It hosts movie marathons, monthly book club meetings, Guitar Hero competitions and poker nights, all while providing ample seating and a place to put all the cards, cords and cases at the end of the day.

"Storage is key. Because we spend so much time in our family rooms, a lot of our belongings end up there," says Jennifer Wilson-Speedy, editor of Yourhome.ca. "Look for clever solutions like storage ottomans, which can also double as seating and coffee tables."

While creating a comfy tidy space stuffed with warm blankets and swishy pillows is important also keep in mind that this room should reflect who you are as a family.

"A family room is a place to have fun, so break out your favourite colours, family photos and art," says Speedy. "My favourite rooms always have a quirky touch to them, which make the space feel alive and teaches you something about the family."



Grab some popcorn, pop in your favourite flick, flip up your feet, and feel the stress melt away. Debbie Travis Leather Club Chair, \$299.99, Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.



While it's perfect for housing those extra throws you only need now and then, the Emmet trunk also doubles as a rustic coffee table. Pottery Barn, \$729, potterybarn.com.

The Flip sofa chaise is all about options — if you don't like the chaise where it is, simply move it to the other side of the couch. When choosing a fabric, look for one that's stain-resistant and a neutral colour. Urban Barn, starting at \$1334, urbanbarn.com.

**"Storage is key."**  
Jennifer Wilson-Speedy, editor



Add texture and warm natural colours to your couch with these corduroy linen pillow covers. West Elm, \$18 to \$28, westelm.com.



Create a storage system for all the board game boxes, TV cords and video games with these faux leather collapsible boxes. Home Outfitters, \$14.99 to \$24.99, homeoutfitters.com.



Fleece throws are a cozy addition to the family room. President's Choice Home, \$9.99 for two, presidentschoice.ca.



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