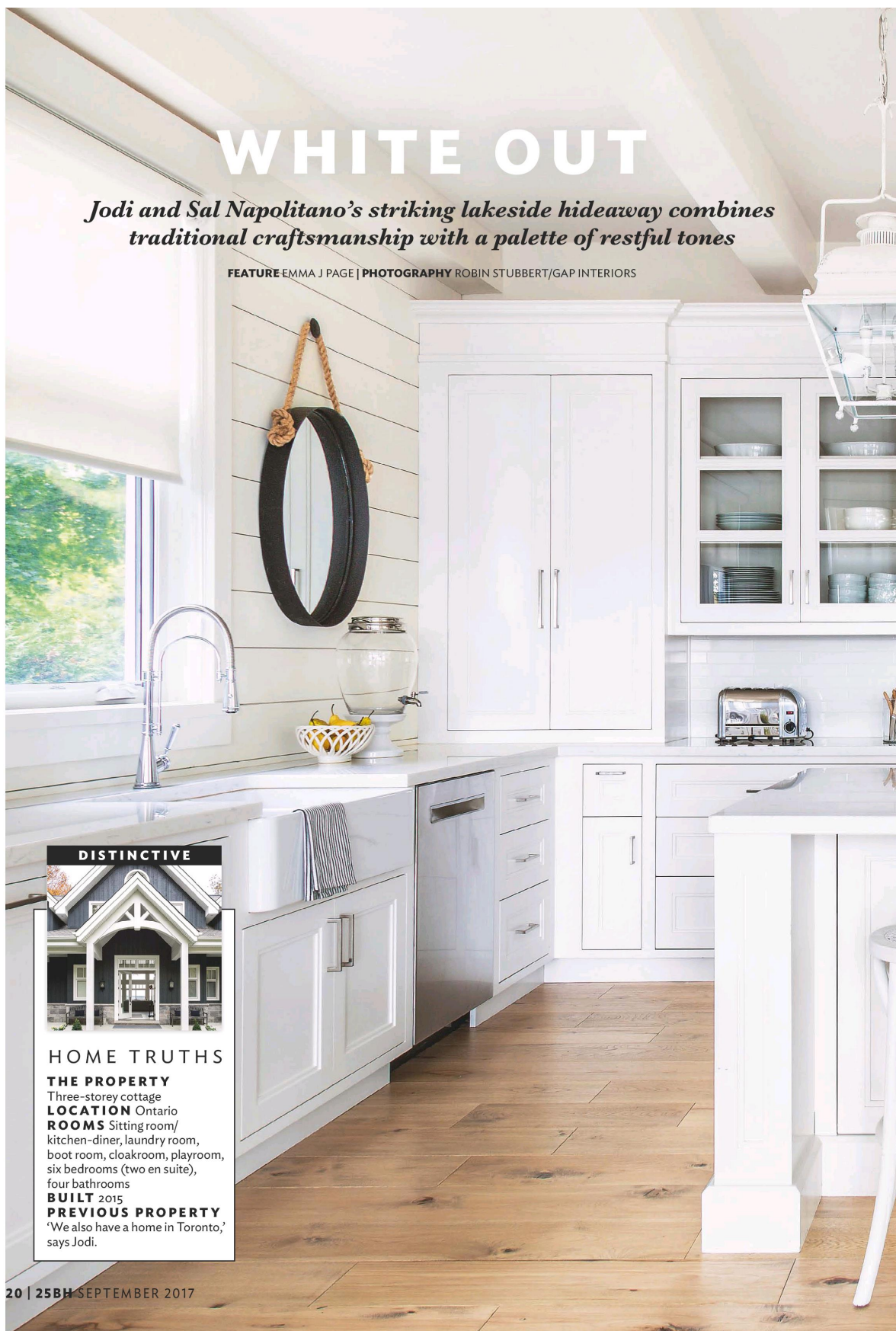


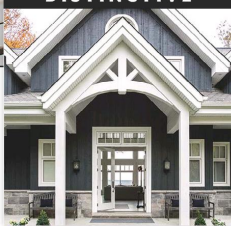
WHITE OUT

Jodi and Sal Napolitano's striking lakeside hideaway combines traditional craftsmanship with a palette of restful tones

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HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

Three-storey cottage

LOCATION Ontario

ROOMS Sitting room/
kitchen-diner, laundry room,
boot room, cloakroom, playroom,
six bedrooms (two en suite),
four bathrooms

BUILT 2015

PREVIOUS PROPERTY

'We also have a home in Toronto,'
says Jodi.

KITCHEN

Wooden flooring and all-white cabinetry create a serene feel in this spacious room. Oak flooring, £73.33sq m, The Natural Wood Floor Company, will recreate this look. The Cruise mirror, £40, Cox & Cox, is near-identical. Atlantic Shopping's Onyx White bar stools, £34.99 each, are comparable



DINING ROOM

'We wanted clean and classic furniture that wouldn't fight with the landscape beyond,' explains Jodi. Cult Furniture's Dorothy chair, £89, has a similar look to these ones. The Milnsbridge chandelier, £200, Laura Ashley, is a good alternative





SITTING ROOM
A floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace anchors this vast space and provides warmth on chilly nights.

Interiors by LVZ Design. Aissa sofa, £1,640 each, Sofa.com, is a match. The Cassius coffee table, £379, Swoon Editions, is similar



BOOT ROOM
The rear entrance includes some useful seating.

Bramante bench, £179; Avery shade, £39, both Made.com, are comparable



Approaching Jodi and Sal Napolitano's welcoming retreat on the western shore of Lake Simcoe, Ontario, you would be forgiven for thinking it had been there for many generations. But, in fact, this traditional white-and-grey painted Cape Cod-style home was built only two years ago.

The Napolitanos had been looking for a bolthole as an antidote to their busy lives in Toronto when they came across a brick bungalow on a well-presented plot just an hour's drive north of their home. Equally suited to long summer escapes as to winter skiing at nearby Mount St Louis Moonstone, the location was ideal, but the building was less appealing. 'We had already self-built our existing home,

so we weren't too fazed by the idea of knocking down and starting again,' says Jodi, a corporate procurement specialist and mother to Maria, 8, and Jack, 6.

Together with architect and interior designer Lidia van Zyl, Jodi and her husband, Sal, who owns a print and packaging business, cooked up a design for a cottage-style home with traditional elements such as tongue-and-groove finishes, exposed beams, a front porch, a generous raised stone deck at the rear and a floor-to-ceiling fireplace. But first, they were keen to make sure nothing from the original building went to waste. 'We donated most of the fittings, including the windows, doors, kitchen, fireplace and appliances, to Habitat for Humanity, a charitable organisation,' says



STUDY AREA
A vintage desk and factory-style stool have a retro feel.

The Industry desk stool, £87.98, Maisons du Monde, would suit this setting



BATHROOM

Geometric floors add a graphic edge. See Fired Earth's Trellis floor tiles, £89.70sq m. Pharmacy double vanity, £3,152, Restoration Hardware



HALL

This double-height space makes a dramatic first impression.

Try All White estate emulsion, £43.50 per 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball, for a similar wall colour. Swoon Editions' Cassius console table, £349, is a good option



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MASTER BEDROOM

Monochrome touches complement a palette of whites, greys and putties in this pared-back room. Frill chandelier, £1,182, Klaylife. The Sophie bed, £699 for a double, Wrought Iron and Brass Bed Co, is a match. Try the Chunky rattan square basket, £44.95, The Holding Company, to recreate this look

Jodi. 'Then we built a new home where the views of the lake were the main focus.'

The result is a property with a generous but welcoming family space at its centre, comprising sitting room, kitchen and dining area. Huge apex glass windows maximise the view and a tonal white palette prevails throughout for a restful feel. 'We chose ship lap walls to add architectural interest, a blonde wood floor for warmth and black accents for contrast,' explains Jodi. 'Even though the interiors appear to feature the same tone, we opted for several different shades of white for subtle variation.'

While the living space and master suite are housed on the ground floor, the basement accommodates a guest suite and playground, and the rest of the bedrooms

and bathrooms are on the first floor. Practicality is key. With young children and a Samoyed dog called Sammy, furniture has to withstand wear and tear. 'We opted for outdoor sofa fabrics by Restoration Hardware because they're washable,' says Jodi, 'and we chose the wood floors for easy maintenance, too.'

Life at this bolthole is all about relaxing. 'We love to walk the dog, go to the beach, water-ski, ride our bikes, build outdoor fires and toast marshmallows,' reflects Jodi. But the best thing about the Napolitanos' home is its appreciation of the lakeside setting. 'I love that we can stand at the front door and see straight through to the water at the rear,' she says. 'This really is our dream escape and we plan to enjoy it for many years to come.' 25

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