

Letter from the Editor

Building a home can take years of planning and years of building!

If you choose to build your forever home, do not rush it. Make sure you are 100% satisfied with your plans, your property and the people you hire before going forward to reduce the number of bumps in the road.

Building our home has been a process that has us in the third year now. We knew it wasn't going to happen overnight and we were prepared for that. We weren't prepared for some unexpected life "hiccups" along the way, but nothing ever goes as planned, right? We are what you call "do it yourself" kind of people. The majority of the inside finishings were picked out and finished by us. So, when you throw in our 9-5 jobs and a kid in activities, things will definitely take time.

We planned most of our outdoor work during the summer months, as developing your yard is a lot of work if you aren't hiring professionals. Renting equipment and manual labour is expected but so worth it when you can admire your beautiful landscape when it's done. For us...that will be next year I hope.

In the upcoming months, we plan to tackle some minor finishings that have been left to the end, as they don't interfere with our day to day lives. In our laundry/mudroom room, we have installed all the cabinets, the fixtures are up and rooms are painted, all that is left is the flooring. We plan to lay a neutral durable ceramic tile in that area to make it easy for

cleaning as this will be a high traffic area. Once that is installed, we can trim out the rooms and everything will be complete in this area.

I am looking forward to finishing the shower in our master bathroom as well this fall. Since we already have a fully finished bathroom on our main floor, finishing the master shower was not a high priority. There are so many tile options and designs available, I'm having a tough time making up my mind on what the final project will look like. We tend to stick to neutrals and modern design, so I'm sure whatever we choose will blend in perfectly with the surroundings. I like to go online and look at pictures on Houzz and Pinterest for inspiration. Sometimes visualizing the finish product is difficult and these websites can really help you get an idea of what you like.

Since doing a fair amount of manual labour is expected when finishing your house, make sure you treat yourself to a little muscle relaxation when the job is complete! My favourite stop is Avelle on 18th and College Ave in Brandon. Nothing completes a job well done than a deep tissue massage!

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