

# THE MISSISSAUGA REFLECTION

The glass room of the Mississauga House designed by home designer David Small with interiors by Gogo Design. In the forefront a lounge chair and ottoman by Charles and Ray Eames - Herman Miller. The metal framed fireplace is clad with corten steel panels, natural ledge rock and smoked eucalyptus wood. In the background: The interior courtyard, the dining room, and beyond that the garden.



These pages: the open interior of the house in Mississauga designed by home designer David Small with interior design by Goran Tijanac, Gogo Design and millwork by Line To Line. All living spaces are connected and looking out over the surrounding nature, sofa's are by Roche Bobois and chairs by B&B Italia. The kitchen is custom designed by Gogo Design with a canopy of smoked Eucalyptus. The floors are made of European oak wood with a white, fumed and oiled finish. The artwork 'Beijing Rocks, series two, is by Hans Fonk.

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The house stands in full glory, an architectural beacon, between the trees of the lush landscape of the city of Mississauga. Just a half hour drive from downtown Toronto. It is the result of a long relationship and collaboration between David Small Designs and Gogo Design Inc.

This partnership gave rise to the harmony in shape and form. The interior follows the lines of the contemporary style of the building, which in turn pays tribute to the architectural works of Frank Lloyd Wright.





Mississauga is a city in the Canadian province of Ontario. Situated west of Toronto, it lies on the shores of Lake Ontario. Directly behind the coastal highway, there is secreted a green wooded landscape, highly desirable to those working in Toronto. It is a quiet neighborhood, dominated by French country-style houses.

Here, between the trees, Steve & Karen daCosta wanted to build their dream house. So, they went to home designer David Small and interior designer and builder Goran Tijanac who, together with his wife Jasmina, runs both Gogo Design and Line to Line in Toronto.

In an explanation on the evolution from woodland to house, home designer David Small commented: "The design of this house juggled several objectives. We wanted to create a contemporary home that was family-friendly and integrated well with the property and neighborhood, while also reflecting the best qualities of modern design." "The exterior is clean and simple, but also warm and inviting, using natural materials to connect with the property and complement the neighboring homes. The interior is an open concept and encourages togetherness

with large shared spaces, while walls of glass extend living space into the natural surroundings." He continued: "The architecture reflects the solid qualities of good modern design: Openness, simplicity and indoor/outdoor connection. Exterior materials were carried throughout the interior. The cantilevered floating staircase emphasizes structural transparency. Shared spaces are large and encourage togetherness. The kitchen island seats seven, and the open concept dining seats twelve. Large sectional and versatile seating in the family room enhances the family feeling. Walls of glass extend living space into the natural surroundings."

David's father and grandfather were both custom home builders so he was born with a 'heritage of housing'.

Goran Tijanac and his team at Gogo Design were in charge of the interior design including the choice of materials, colors, and proportions of the architecture. Consulting on the project was Jasmina Tijanac, Goran's wife. "The choice of the warm colors in the living area emphasized the foliage outside, that in Canada has a magical effect. Since the whole living area is enveloped in glass it provided a beautiful outdoor/indoor balance. The deep

**Above: The solid front entry of the Mississauga house, designed by home designer David Small, is flanked by 'The Glass Room'. The 14 ft high, floor to ceiling, commercial-grade glass windows wrap around the three sides of the room. On the far wall they are interrupted by a fireplace clad with natural ledge rock and smoked eucalyptus wood. The view from the glass room goes across the interior courtyard, through the dining room, to the infinity pool and into the heavily forested backyard. Beside that: The garden with the infinity pool, surrounded by large trees.**

**Bottom left: home designer David Small, Jasmina Tijanac and Goran Tijanac.**



**Above: The master bathroom.**

**Beside that: The two storey high entrance, with Giorgetti furniture.**

**Right: The cantilevered stairs, anchored to the wall with a heavy duty steel construction. The walls are clad in Élitis wall coverings.**

**Left: One of the children's bedrooms.**

purple rug in the dining area gave drama and great contrast. The wooden panel above the kitchen island is now the big focal point in this open area providing weight and elegance, and at the same time warmth in the space.”

“The daCosta, a family of seven (parents and five kids), truly enjoy gathering around the island for family dining. The bedrooms upstairs were designed in the same style with enlarged windows. In order not to compete with the beautiful views the designers came up with a selection of simple furniture and natural colors.”

“Working with the daCosta family was truly one of the most inspirational events in my career. Karen, Steve, and their five children all have strong individual characters and they

have very high aesthetic standards as a family,” Goran said. The house was built with a frame of engineered wood. The roof is made of natural cedar. On the outside it was clad with local stone and rocks from the Lake Muskoka area. The interior is dominated by wood, to give the house a warm atmosphere. It consists of two floors plus a basement. In the basement are the entertainment rooms, a guest room and gym. The first floor is dedicated to family life and is organized as one continuous space. A cantilevered stairway leads up to the second floor, with the bedrooms and connected bathrooms.

The house was a finalist in the Most Outstanding Custom Home, 2016, award category of the Ontario Home Builders' Association.



The master bedroom facing the lush gardens. On the right two Utrecht sofas by Gerrit Rietveld, Cassina; and in the middle the LC4 by Le Corbusier, Pierre Jeanneret and Charlotte Perriand, Cassina.