

Spring Home & Garden

Take the worry out of renovations

Whether you're looking to add more character to your home or make structural improvements to add to its resale value, Lifestyles by Barons works with their clients on every step in the renovation process, from concept to completion, to ensure that the finished product is exactly what was envisioned.

As a full design and build company, Lifestyles by Barons helps their clients navigate the sometimes-confusing world of home design, permits, procurement and construction. Using three-dimensional renderings, Lifestyles by Barons helps them avoid escalating expenses and overdue timelines. Whether it's a whole house overhaul or a simple update, Lifestyles offers clients a truly unique approach to home renovations.

"We give clients the ability to see the work before it even starts," says Lifestyles President Gordon Baron. "Beyond the multi-million-dollar home builders, there are very few people in the industry that are offering these services."

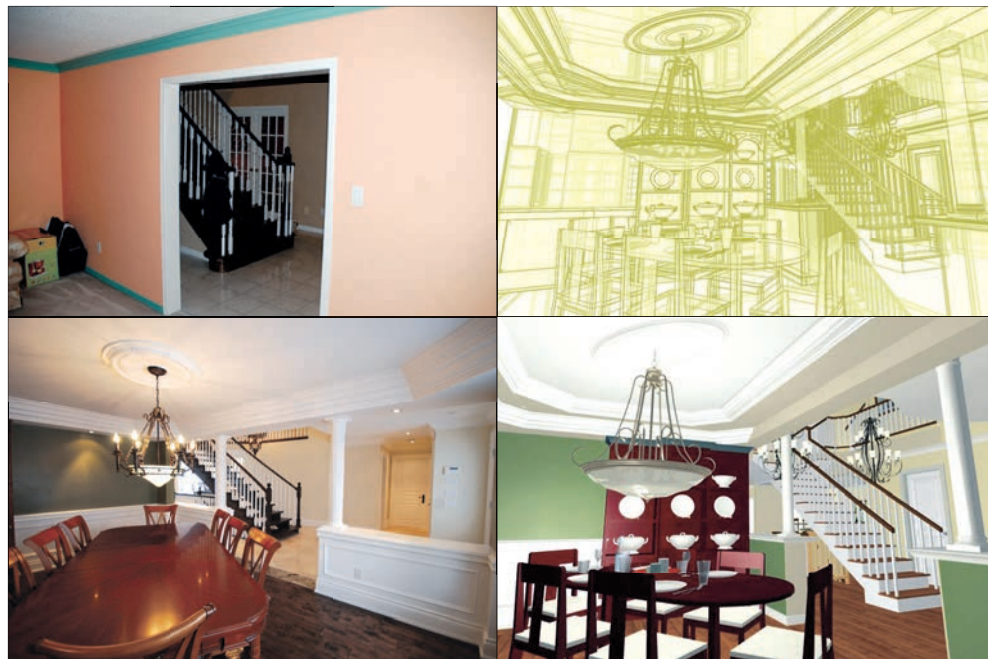
The process involves creating "The Glass House", a step that allows clients to see beyond the walls of their home, through to the structure, so they can visualize how the proposed changes will impact their custom space. The Glass House

is done entirely to scale, examining structural, design and space planning to afford clients the chance to get the best solution. After The Glass House, colour renderings of the plans are produced to show the client exactly what life will be like in their new space, including finishing materials, lighting and furniture placement.

"Sometimes during a renovation without utilizing 3D rendering tools, the project can get as far as the permit and build stage and the client will start to hesitate because the picture they had in their head isn't what they're seeing in reality," Baron says. "When you can show them the home and, essentially, walk them through the completed house, prior to commencing, it's empowering."

As a testament to their work, Lifestyles by Barons has been asking clients to open their doors to the public for their Tour of Homes for over 15 years. Through this initiative, prospective clients get the rare opportunity to see these spectacular transformations first-hand.

"If the client wasn't delighted with the value, quality and craftsmanship, they wouldn't allow us to bring a tour through their home," says Baron. "It gives the public a chance to take a look at real client homes and see the possibilities."



Clockwise from left: the "before", the "Glass House" stage, the three-dimensional rendering and the completed Lifestyles by Barons transformation of a dining room.

Lifestyles invites you to join the Tour of Homes on their April 9, 16 and May 28 showings at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. As these are private homes, all visitors must register in advance and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Showings are limited to 40

people at a time.

For more information about Lifestyles by Barons' unique approach to home design and renovations or to register for their Tour of Homes, visit www.lifestylesbybarons.com or call 905-872-5777.