A RETREAT BY ROYAL HOMES

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." Aldous Huxley The Blue Cottage Retreat rests in the silence of the woods and feeds on the gentle lapping of the water's edge. Large windows open to the overwhelming beauty of the lake, at moments mysteriously still and at other times riled into angry waves. The house is purposely designed to be set into the natural wooded area, to not distract or stand out, but to fit in quietly. A mix of natural stone and vinyl siding makes this home maintenancefree. Generous balconies add interesting detail to the exterior of the home and provide islands of relaxation for the home owners and their guests.

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Inside, a large natural stone fireplace tempts us to curl in with a good book or pause a moment to dream as the flames dance in the cool evening. While open to the family dining area, the room extends further than the rest of the house, setting it apart from the traffic flow of the cottage.

The carefully designed kitchen plays on themes of long past cottages, while retaining the modern conveniences that make living in the Blue Cottage Retreat so easy. The stove looks like your great grandmother's wood-burning stove, adding an old world charm to the open concept kitchen. The cottage-like cabinetry, white paint and black appliances add to the overall experience. The centre island tempts guests and family alike to gather in the kitchen, inviting conversation while meals are prepared.

Wide windows in the family dining area create a space for family meals. The room accommodates intimate, romantic dinners overlooking the lake and large, boisterous family meals. The sunroom, just off the kitchen/dining area, inspires relaxation, games

and reading. It's easy to see why the family gathers here, catching a quiet moment out of the summer sun or taking advantage of the natural warmth of the winter sun.

The master suite on the main floor is set away from the traffic zones. The private bath and generous closet are features all homeowners appreciate. Upstairs, two lovely guest rooms take full advantage of the view. The cozy, cottage-like ceiling line adds warmth and character. The loft at the top of the stairs overlooks the living area; a feature that adds light and scope to the overall home.

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