

# MORGAN HEIGHTS HAS PERSONALITY PLUS

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with new homes gradually released to the market in controlled phases.

Experience the showhome on 28th Ave. just off 160 St. in living colour, where Interior designer Shannon Haerdi and her team at First Impression Design embraced the assignment of not only choosing the finishes and flooring alongside the developer but furnishing the space from top to bottom with items sourced locally and across the border, as well as brilliantly handcrafted items to create a welcoming home.

“For this showhome, we aimed to create a modern, comfortable family scheme, making the most of the open kitchen, dining and living room,” says Haerdi. “We wanted to move away from a more traditional, neutral colour palette and instead use charcoal greys and taupes while injecting a strong accent colour into each room.”

## Fall in love with turquoise one of the hottest colours for spring 2012

Whether you call it sea foam, teal, deep aqua or turquoise, it’s one of the hottest colours on the runway and home decor this spring. Luscious as a scoop of sherbet, and reminiscent of the ocean’s calming blue waters, turquoise is stunning on its own and equally sensational as a pop of colour with black and white, silver or brown. Spot it throughout the 3,100-sq.-ft. showhome on toss cushions, accessories and bed sheets.

It’s impossible to deny, the living room at Morgan Heights is the most visible room and the most important decorating statement. It’s where you entertain your friends, watch the playoffs, or curl up with the weekend paper. Few of us want a living room that is untouchable, a pure show piece that’s off-limits to the kids or family pet. Haerdi’s approach was to create a space that fits everyday living – an attractive, inviting and comfortable space where you’re just as relaxed in your PJs watching cartoons as you are entertaining your in-laws. She went with an overstuffed sofa and love seat in a deep grey and fluffed with cream toss cushions and a black shag rag that together are a great play on contrasts while adding visual interest.

**IF YOU CAN ORDER YOUR COFFEE HOWEVER YOU LIKE IT,** shouldn’t you have that same opportunity to personalize the single largest financial investment of your lifetime?

From the handles on your front door, to the counters, cabinet and flooring, it’s all about choosing finishes you love and making your house feel like home at Morgan Heights, the new single-family development by Foxridge Homes in South Surrey. What if you like black granite and your spouse prefers white quartz? No problem. Mix it up with a different countertop in the kitchen and ensuite.

Choice beyond a colour scheme is rarely offered in large scale residential developments, so when buyers heard Foxridge was opening a new showhome and design studio over the weekend, the response was nothing short of amazing.

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“Our reputation precedes us! There were shoes out to the sidewalk and over a hundred groups of people through,” describes Diane Zarola, sales and marketing manager. “We have already sold 14 homes. Many have owned in our previous developments and know

our commitment to quality, while others live locally and love the idea of downsizing and choosing their own finishes.”

When complete, the community will include 101 three- and four-bedroom homes, each offering about 2,000 sq. ft. of living space, plus an additional 1,000 sq. ft. in the unfinished basement with the flexibility to become a media room, guest suite or play area as you need it. Giving buyers

what they want comes at a price... the developer is working overtime to keep up with the demand! Floorplans are hand drawn for each lot to complement the unique topography, and construction is underway





“We wanted this room to bring out the little girl in everyone!”

While there’s something to look forward to at every turn, the showstopper is the Ballet Bedroom. As much as we may want to resist a totally feminine room filled with pink and frills, a little “fru-fru,” can bring out the little girl in all of us!

“Our vision began by selecting the bedding which has a variety of interesting textures,” describes Shannon. “The shimmery fabrics in the drapery and throw cushions were chosen to add a luxurious tone, while mirrored furniture completes the room.” The sophisticated choice of bedding is just sweet enough without being too childish for a preteen. The walk-in closet with window creates a private refuge for little ones to use their imaginations, or for big girls to hang their latest finds from nearby Morgan Crossing. Handmade items add a personal story to home decor, and what really ties this room together is the custom canvas by Carla Lagore. Inspired by the ballerina on the jewellery box, the artwork is a celebration of the joy of dance and the creativity in all of us.

After the flurry of visitors on the weekend, the duvet in the master bedroom needs to be smoothed out, a dramatic ensemble Shannon happened upon at the chic Z-Gallerie in Portand, that unites the black and white motif and includes a pop of turquoise under the covers. Enter the sophisticated ensuite, and you’re sure to love the designer’s choice of black granite, but if not, there are 40 more options from which to choose.

Homes at Morgan Heights are priced from \$836,900 including net HST. Tour the showhome and design studio, open daily (except Fridays) from noon to 5pm at 16091 28 Ave. in South Surrey. For more information, call 604.560.1053 or visit [morganheightsliving.ca](http://morganheightsliving.ca)

**The kitchen you’ve always wanted**

Let’s face it, everyone eventually ends up in the kitchen, so why not transform it into a space you love. Your counters and cabinets are the face of your kitchen and they set the tone for the whole room. Whether you picture yourself in something dark and lustrous or a space that’s bright and modern, you’ll be able to get exactly what you want at Morgan Heights. Designed to be comfortable and inviting, this kitchen is ready to multi-task as a place to sort the mail, feed the dog, oversee the kids’ homework, store the groceries and unwind with a glass of wine. The professional gas range delivers restaurant-worthy heat and the stainless steel hood fan adds a modern flare. One of the best, yet hidden features in this kitchen is the VacPan automatic dustpan. Just sweep the hardwood and let the suction take care of the crumbs.

**Huge windows frame mountain views and fill homes with natural light**

Even on a day that suggests the sun is on vacation, the showhome is bright with natural light. Huge windows are a signature of Foxridge Homes, and at Morgan Heights they frame the amazing views of the North Shore Mountains, as well as providing an invitation to what awaits in the backyard... a custom outdoor kitchen complete with fireplace and conversation area.

While you may just dine on cereal during the week, there’s something special about sitting around the dining table as a family. Shannon sourced a beautiful glass dining table from CB2, which opened this spring on Robson Street in Vancouver, and surrounded it with a set of six black leatherette chairs from Home Delight. While lighting packages are often upgrades, the showhome incorporates dazzling chandeliers and pendant lights that are all included in the purchase price.

\* Not just a showcase of design, the home also demonstrates the benefits of thoughtful architectural planning. Upstairs, a Jack-and-Jill bathroom is accessible from the two kids’ bedrooms and well-planned to offer ample counter space – this time in Arctic white granite, and even has a nook for the garbage can.

**Love it! Where’d ya get it?**

<p><b>LIVING ROOM SOFA &amp; LOVE SEAT</b> Preston Collection, The Brick</p> <p><b>DINING ROOM TABLE</b> Crate and Barrel (CB2) on Robson</p> <p><b>BAR STOOLS</b> Home Delight (Coquitlam)</p> <p><b>GLASS COFFEE &amp; END TABLES</b> Katrine Collection, Urban Barn</p>	<p><b>GIRLS FURNITURE</b> Pier One Imports</p> <p><b>POTTERY, OWLS AND OTHER ACCESSORIES</b> Torre and Tagus</p> <p><b>PAINTINGS &amp; ARTWORK</b> Originals by First Impression Design, ART.COM and custom framing by Art Connections</p>
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