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Cedar Designs would like to express our warmest holiday greetings to you and your loved ones throughout this holiday season.

As we approach the end of the year, we hope you rediscover the joy of your holiday traditions

A Joyous and Magical Time of Year

The holidays can be a joyous time, a magical time of year and does not necessarily have to come with uncertainty and stress.

Even if you won't be able to interact much in person this year, try to stay in touch with friends and family – and make plans to do so even after the holiday decorations are taken down.

People recognize that when they help friends and family, they find these ties to be extremely fulfilling and stress-relieving.

While it may feel like we went through the longest year in history, we should give thanks for life's marvels.

We wish you happiness, health, and success during the holidays and in the coming years.

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FOR THIS SPECIAL HOLIDAY ISSUE,

we gathered information on how to best keep yourself and your loved ones stress free and how to take safeguards during a gathering this holiday season.

It is one of the most magical times of the year.

Let us not forget the people in our community that experienced difficult times in recent months. Consequently, we should take the time to reflect on the important things in life, such as true love, friendship, family, and our family's health.

Those who started their holiday shopping early this year may discover that having a start on the season makes them more contented.

While we seldom put up our tree and decorations before the end of Thanksgiving, there is something nostalgic about the sights, tastes and smells of the holidays.

As you read through the Holiday Special edition, we hope you'll find something to encourage you to be inspired and optimistic.



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HOME SPECIAL TOUCHES

The Holiday Season is upon us

The appropriate finishing touches make a huge impact in the overall appearance of your home

Just as the weather influences what you wear, it should also influence what you have in your home. Your space will be as cozy as can be, regardless of the weather outside, by incorporating some important aspects into your décor. Here are a few methods to turn up the heat without turning on the heat.



Blackcomb Custom Home



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Layering is a great way to accessorize.

To give your home a warmer overall aesthetic impact, mix colors, patterns, and textures. A lavish, soft impression is created by layering an area rug over a bigger rug or wall-to-wall carpet.

Double-up on your pillows and throws, too, using the same rationale. Sofas, love seats, chairs, and even a corner of the room may transform into the magical cocoon we all crave in the winter. Fabrics that are thick and heavy

When the weather starts to drop in temperature, heavier materials are a welcome addition to the home. Velvet, thickset corduroy, faux fur, wool, and chunky cable-knit motifs are just a few examples.

Use richer, thicker, textural, and weighted sheets, blankets, bedspreads, and accent pillows instead of lighter bedding.

Richer,Thicker, Textural, and Weighted
Sheets, Blankets, Bedspreads



Red Leaves Custom Home

Consider changing out your window coverings as the seasons change. While purchasing a second set of heavier fabric curtains is an additional expense, it will be well worth it because the benefits are twofold.

You'll get a warmer, cozier look in your home overall, and heavier window coverings can automatically control your home's internal temperature, saving you money on your electricity bills.



*Light bulbs, have an impact on the
visual temperature of your room*

Candlelight is one of
the easiest and least
expensive ways to
warm up your home.



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Heavier window coverings saves you
money on your electricity bills.

WARM LIGHT



Red Leaves 2 Custom Home



Red Leaves 2 Custom Home

The standalone tub is the new center of attention. It looks to float, taking up less space than a built-in and being easier to clean than a built-in.

DIMMERS TO ADJUST YOUR HOME'S LIGHTING



Red Leaves 2 Custom Home

Bright white is a neutral color that is neither yellow (on the warm side) nor blue (on the cool side). Simply replace your brilliant white bulbs with soft white bulbs to warm up the look of your house. Soft white bulbs are a little warmer tint and a popular choice in living rooms. And bedrooms, where a warm atmosphere is usually desired.

Use dimmer switches with any type of light. In fact, every light should be dimmed.

They're an excellent method to change the lighting in your home based on the season, the event, or your mood.

A Message of Inspiration and Optimism

This holiday season does not need to be riddled with uncertainty. There will be some experiencing stress and anxiety on how to properly cope with their circumstances and how to make sense of their situation.

Focusing on the good things in life that matter allows people to have more fulfilling interactions this season, regardless of whether they're traveling, spending time with family and friends, or simply staying home and enjoying solitude.

Consider looking on the bright side, be positive and find things to be happy about.

Have a plan before the holidays to discover things you can do. Early planning is a good stress reliever going into the holiday season.

Regardless of how busy your calendar is, you could prioritize time for yourself... prioritize time to do the things that you enjoy whether it's exercising, taking a long bath or reading a good book.

Focus on An Empathetic Attitude

This year, keep in mind that everyone, yourself included, is dealing with their circumstances in their own unique way. The art of empathy helps nurture a greater sense of understanding for what others are going through.

Communicate Your Comfort in Connecting with Others

Honest communication about your comfort in being around others is vital. Doing so will allow you the space to communicate more clearly, align with those around you in a more defined manner, and it will go a long way to prevent any potential unintended reactive and negative consequences.

Being open and honest is the best way to ensure that you're actively caring for yourself and your community during the holiday season.

Don't Be Shy in Asking for Help

Have conversations on how to handle the stress of another COVID holiday season. Not only will this help you cope with your own internal stress and anxiety, but it will also help someone else with theirs.

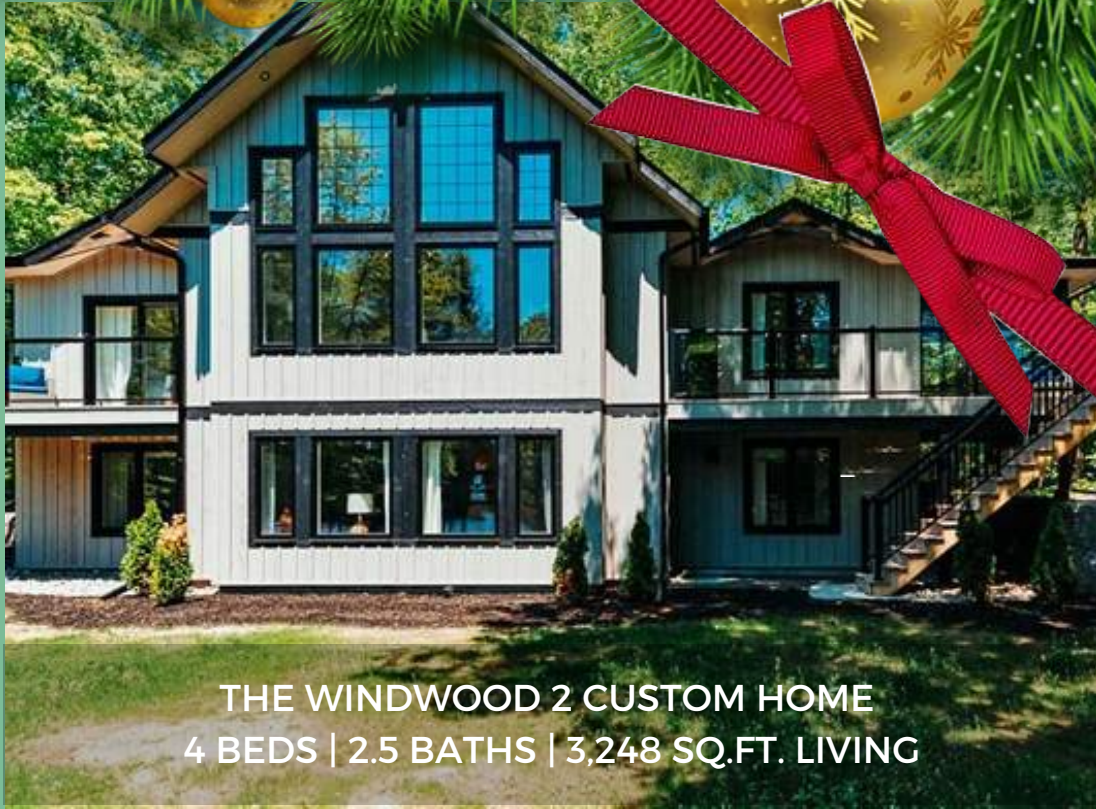
As we begin another holiday season, it is important to remember that we are all in this together.

May we all have a happy, healthy holiday season.





THE RED LEAVES CUSTOM HOME
3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,441 SQ.FT. LIVING



THE WINDWOOD 2 CUSTOM HOME
4 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 3,248 SQ.FT. LIVING



THE WINDWOOD CUSTOM HOME
4 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 4,733 SQ.FT. LIVING



THE NEWBORO 2 CUSTOM HOME
3 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 3,160 SQ.FT. LIVING



THE CLEARVIEW CUSTOM HOME
3 beds | 3 baths | 3,236 SQ.FT. LIVING



THE BROOKFIELD CUSTOM HOME
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 2,097 SQ.FT. LIVING



A two-story custom home with a light-colored exterior, multiple gables, and a large wooden deck with a white railing. The house is surrounded by a green lawn and trees.

THE ANTLER TRAIL 2 CUSTOM HOME
4 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 3,204 SQ.FT. LIVING



A two-story custom home with a dark blue roof and large arched windows. The house features a wooden deck and is surrounded by a green lawn and trees.

THE HERON LANDING CUSTOM HOME
4 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 3,208 SQ.FT. LIVING



A two-story custom home with a dark brown exterior and a large wooden deck. The house is surrounded by a green lawn and trees.

THE BLACKCOMB CUSTOM HOME
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 2,037 SQ.FT. LIVING



A two-story custom home with a light-colored exterior and a dark roof. The house features a large arched window and a white railing. The house is surrounded by a green lawn and trees.

THE CABOT POST BEAM HOMES
3 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 2,507 SQ.FT. LIVING



A two-story custom home with a red exterior and a dark roof. The house features a large arched window and a white railing. The house is surrounded by a green lawn and trees.

THE BOULEVARD CUSTOM HOME
3 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 3,026 SQ.FT. LIVING



A two-story custom home with a dark exterior and a large wooden deck. The house is surrounded by a green lawn and trees.

THE PINETREE CUSTOM HOME
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,674 SQ.FT. LIVING

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO CREATE YOUR CUSTOM HOME?



Cedar Designs/Linwood is a knowledge-based company with experts to guide you in the proper selection and creation of your home package through to the construction process. Here's how it works:

1 PROJECT CONSULTATION

Project location • Proposed timeframe • Type of design •
Size of home • Interior layout • Material selection • Rough budget

2 DESIGN CONCEPT & PRICING

Site information appraisal • Modify design to fit site • Choose material options •
Linwood package pricing and product specifications • Assistance with budget

3 ORDER DESIGN & MATERIAL PACKAGE

Extended price protection • Detailed drawings including floorplans and elevations •
Review and make any design or material changes • Final construction plans including
structural review • Help finalizing budget • Working with Builders Guide

4 MATERIAL PRODUCTION

Customer sets delivery date • Plans approved and colors chosen • Quantity survey
finalized • Specialty items ordered • Materials manufactured and consolidated
for shipping • Shipping schedule coordinated with builder

5 DELIVERY TO SITE & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Materials shipped to site according to delivery schedule • Builder confirms
quantity and quality of materials received • In-house technical and engineering support
as required • Advice on building process • Warranty package issued

6 BUILDER CONSTRUCTION

Independent builder construction of home package to "lock up"
(creating a secure, weatherproof structure) • Services from the builder or other
trades to complete the home and install customer-purchased finishings

Home package questions? Contact us, we're happy to help.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO TIMING YOUR CUSTOM HOME?



Up-front planning is the key to saving money, and speeding up construction of your project. The average custom home takes about 8 months to build, with a complex custom home taking up to one full year to build.



1. SCOPE OF PROJECT

- Assemble site-specific information
- Develop concept design
- Material selection and rough budget

Average Timing
4 WEEKS



2. FINALIZE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PLANS

- Final changes to preliminary plans
- Prepare construction plans
- Prepare final budget

Average Timing
4 WEEKS



3. PERMIT, APPROVAL & SCHEDULING

- Local engineering and other approvals
- Building permits (usually good for 2 years)
- Choose a general contractor and trades

Average Timing
6 WEEKS



4. SITE PREPARATION & FOUNDATIONS

- Land clearance and access
- Excavation and foundations
- Drainage and backfill
- Utilities to site

Average Timing
4 WEEKS



5. FRAMING TO LOCK-UP

- Material package delivery
- Structural framing and roofing
- Rough-in utility services
- Install windows, doors, and siding

Average Timing
6 WEEKS



6. FINISHING TO OCCUPANCY

- Insulation, drywall and paint, flooring and tile
- Plumbing, electrical and HVAC fixtures
- Millwork and trim, etc.

Average Timing
8 WEEKS

Total Average Time to Completion: 32 WEEKS

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dealing with, the loss, of a loved one

After the death of a loved one, celebrating the holidays for the first time might bring up feelings of sadness, which can add to the stress and lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness.

It's alright to take time to express yourself. It's difficult to make yourself cheerful just because it's the holiday season.

You could address your emotions no matter how difficult and concentrate on the happy memories you shared with your departed loved one. Even if your loved one isn't present, you can pay tribute to them.

Some people will consider the pros and cons of celebrating with family this year.

When you or someone dear to you is at high risk, it's a difficult decision to make. When you have family members who aren't affected by COVID or aren't bothered about it, it can add to your anxieties; they're less likely to take safeguards during a gathering and are more likely to pressurize you to just go.

It may be helpful to discuss your concerns with a friend or family member. Try texting, calling, or video chatting with them.

“Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow.”



Keto Red Velvet Cake

CAKE INGREDIENTS

Cooking spray
1/2 c. almond milk
2 tbsp. white distilled vinegar
3 c. almond flour
1/4 c. dutch process cocoa powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1 c. (2 sticks) butter, softened
3/4 c. granulated Swerve
3 large eggs
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
3 tbsp. red food coloring

FROSTING INGREDIENTS

2 (8-oz.) block cream cheese, softened
1/2 c. (1 stick) butter, softened
1 1/4 c. confectioners Swerve
1/4 c. heavy cream
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
Pinch of kosher salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare the cake: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Prepare two 8" round cake pans by lining them with parchment paper and spraying them with cooking spray. Combine almond milk and vinegar in a glass measuring cup or small bowl. Allow for at least 10 minutes of resting time.
2. Combine almond flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium mixing bowl.
3. Using a hand mixer, combine butter and sugar in a large mixing dish. Add the eggs one at a time until they are fully combined, then add the vanilla extract. Mix in the dry ingredients until barely mixed. Mix in the almond milk mixture and the red food coloring until everything is well blended.
4. Evenly divide the batter between the prepared cake pans. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow to cool for 15 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack to cool entirely.
5. To make the frosting, whisk cream cheese and butter together in a large mixing dish with a hand mixer until creamy. Beat in the confectioners' sugar until no lumps remain. Mix in the heavy cream, vanilla, and a bit of salt until everything is well blended.
6. Spread about a third of the frosting on top of one cake layer on a serving dish. Place the second layer on top and use the remaining frosting to frost the top and sides.





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