

# INTO THE BLUE



*THE THIRD ANNUAL VANCOUVER MODERN  
HOME TOUR EXPANDS TO WHITE ROCK  
WITH THIS SEASIDE BEAUTY.*

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**Warm Modern**

Fir beams and millwork throughout add warmth to the modern interior (above). From the street, visitors can see the ocean through the home (top right). The dining area features a quirky mix of chairs in vibrant patterns and colours (bottom right).

» It's the ultimate West Coast goal: an ocean view. But an ocean view you can see from both the front and back of the house? That's a rarity.

White Rock, B.C., is rich with ocean views—relatively steep streets reward many homes with vistas to the pier and Crescent Beach—but narrow lots (with up-close views of the neighbours) are also just as commonplace. After some searching, the owners of this modern beauty found a street in the city that pairs those gorgeous landscapes with wide, expansive lots.

Their realtor introduced the couple to KBC Developments to build a home that takes advantage of all that beautiful blue. KBC co-owner Harv Kliever brought in Peter Hildebrand and Stefan Walsh of the Iredale Group to act as architects and draft plans for the home, and the couple found Jennifer Scott of A Good Chick to Know for the interior design.

Affectionately named “Galadriel,” the home is an ode to warm modernism. Fir beams and natural stone walls throughout warm up the modern design, while quirky accents—like a set of mismatched dining chairs in a

rainbow of colours and patterns—add a personal touch. In the studio space (one of the homeowners is an accomplished painter) the millwork gets an extra creative splash with custom red inserts, and extra-deep windows capture more of that view. Fourteen-foot ceilings keep the modestly sized space—about 4,500 square feet between both floors—feeling airy and spacious.

It's the clerestory windows around the home that ensure plenty of natural light throughout, and they also spotlight that ocean view: standing from the street, one can see straight through the home to the beaches and the Pacific beyond.

The neutral, natural colour palette also celebrates those views, keeping the interiors from clashing with the oceanscape out the windows. “Everything naturally flows from one room to the next,” says Kliever. “It really provides a calming influence.” ///

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