



Sharp's super-thin and sleek Aquos LED television can be set on a stand or mounted on a wall. The digital high-definition Aquos Blu-ray Disc Player makes the viewing experience complete.

Sconces are ideal for rooms with limited space for floor lamps. These light fixtures from Union Lighting and Furnishings cast a soft glow that instantly adds warmth to the room.

Levolor's Accordia Cellular Shades (we used black) offer light-filtering and room-darkening options. They help soften incoming light to create a perfect ambience for formal occasions. These cordless shades use a hidden pulley system - simply pull up on the handle to open and push down to close. Levolor's Sheer Efficiency technology reduces energy costs because it blocks out cold air and allows natural sunlight to help heat the room.

An electric fireplace was built into the cabinetry beneath the Sharp Aquos LED television, and a mantel was created with a Cambria natural quartz countertop. "A fireplace adds a cosy feel and invites people to come together," says interior designer Jane Lockhart. By adding her signature touch of drama with a burst of colour on the wall (Sico's Jawbreaker), Lockhart turned the fireplace into the focal point in the room.

Gather Round

Canadian Living just got a new dining room – and you're all invited to take a look!

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Whether it's at home or at work, a comfortable place to congregate over good food and conversation is a must. Designer Jane Lockhart of Jane Lockhart Interior Design and senior designer Margaret Macdonald of AyA Kitchens and Baths teamed up to take on a challenge for *Canadian Living*: to create a comfortable, somewhat private dining spot, separate from the hustle and bustle of the *Canadian Living* Test Kitchen, yet not too secluded from the rest of the magazine's offices. The result is an intimate dining area that's accessible and big

on function, style and flexibility. No one is more delighted than editor-in-chief Susan Antonacci. "Not only can we use the room for tastings, but we can also entertain Cook of the Year participants, guest foodies and clients." This combined kitchen and dining space will provide a comfortable atmosphere for meetings and corporate functions, too. Its condo-like feel offers a casual environment, free of distraction. "Many of our clients want to connect with the *Canadian Living* Test Kitchen," says publisher Lynn Chambers. "I think it's wonderful that we have a new space where we can showcase what we're so good at, and that's the food we develop in the Test Kitchen."

TV VIEWING TIPS

You found the perfect spot for your new television. But is it the right size? Here's a quick tip from the experts at Sharp on how to pick the right TV for your room. Measure the distance between the spot your TV will go and where viewers will sit. Divide this distance in half to determine the best screen size for your space. For example, if your couch is seven feet (84 inches) from the wall where you're going to place your TV, the optimal screen size is 42 inches.



Electrolux's innovative 24-inch refrigerator drawers offer under-counter convenience for small spaces. The drawers can fit two-litre bottles and large serving trays, and feature independent controls and an air filter.

The stainless-steel glass-canopy recirculating range hood has dual fans that move air quietly and quickly (up to 600 cubic feet of air per minute). Halogen lights brighten the cooking surface.

Outfitted with space-saving Electrolux appliances, the kitchen features a built-in 27-inch stainless-steel electric wall oven that will impress guests with its ample interior space, large window and commercial-quality look. The oven has a convection feature and discreet glass touch controls.

Cambria's natural quartz countertops in Blackwood are durable enough to withstand the rigours of food preparation, yet lend a luxurious, formal look to the room for entertaining or hosting events, says Lockhart.

Lockhart chose a dark, resilient floor from Kardean that's easy to maintain and will make you look twice to see if it's real wood. The rich wood look creates a warm and somewhat refined atmosphere for corporate gatherings and other formal occasions.

An Electrolux 30-inch induction cooktop with four elements (includes two eight-inch elements) uses electromagnetic energy to transfer heat directly to magnetic cookware, keeping the cooking surface much cooler than a traditional electric cooktop and conserving energy.

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AyA's deep-brown flat-panel cabinetry adds sophisticated style and formality to the room when it's needed for dining and entertaining, and offers practicality when it's used as a working kitchen.



To maximize the functionality of the small space, Lockhart designed a dining table that's built on casters so it can be conveniently rolled in and out from under the countertop as needed. Custom-built by David Sparkes of Sparkes Painting and Trades, this multipurpose table is made from sheets of durable butcher block that

were stained dark brown to match the kitchen cabinetry. "It's movable," says Chambers, "so we can really adapt the room to suit our needs, whether it's a sit-down dinner, or a product or food demonstration." It is designed to fit under the end of the kitchen counter to form an L-shaped work area when it's not being used as a dining table.



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An Electrolux 24-inch under-counter wine cooler will keep the wine perfectly chilled, while the UV-filtering glass door keeps the wine's flavour from deteriorating. It also comes with an energy-saving vacation mode.

Classic scoop-backed chairs can be stacked to save space, and add a light and fun feel to the room.