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The multifunctional space contains a bright sitting area where homeowners Carol and Craig Lowery love to read and relax. The sliding door frames and stairway are all clad in white oak for a continuous look. **Linteloo sofa**, Avenue Road; **white bowl** (on dining table), Hollace Cluny.



Carol and Craig have one adult daughter and big families, who they entertain regularly, so their dining area needed to accommodate large groups. This clean-lined walnut table extends to seat up to 14 and contrasts nicely with the lighter floors. The fireplace is surrounded by warm oak-veneer cabinets that continue into the kitchen and unite the two spaces. "It's very cosy to have meals here," Carol says. **Table**, Arco; **chairs**, Zeitraum; **pendant lights**, Metalarte.



A generous island measures over 13½' long and houses a dishwasher and wine fridge. Small appliances like the toaster and coffeemaker get tucked away in a tall cabinet next to the fridge. To emphasize the connection between indoors and out, the architecture team from Superkül installed large, sliding glass doors that lead to the back deck. **Architecture, design**, Superkül; **cabinet fabrication**, Neff Kitchens; custom **windows and doors**, Radiant City; **cooktop, oven**, Wolf; **stools**, Arper; **kettle**, Mjölki; **faucet**, Grohe; **grey bowl** (with fruit), Hollace Cluny; **wall colour**, Chantilly Lace (OC-65), Benjamin Moore.

ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT
Subtle hardware-free cabinets establish a clean, modern look





HOMEOWNER

CAROL LOWERY

“We want to cook while guests are mingling in the same space, so we can be a part of it”

WARM WOOD + NATURAL LIGHT + HIDDEN STORAGE = *COSY MODERN*

THE BACKSTORY: Carol and Craig Lowery were looking for something completely different from the dark, closed-in kitchen they got when they bought their new Toronto semi. They called in architecture firm Superkül — known for its striking modern designs — to reimagine it. **THE PLAN:** Superkül took the space back to the studs and designed a contemporary, multifunctional living area. “They wanted an open, light-filled space with a connection to the outdoors,” explains project designer Deborah Wang. She added a three-storey skylight and ran warm wood throughout the main floor, blending the firm’s modern aesthetic with the natural materials the Lowerys love. Cabinets in white oak veneer are simple yet striking. “They’re very streamlined, with no hardware. We didn’t want the millwork to ‘speak’ too much,” says Wang. **THE END RESULT:** Warm oak flooring, cabinetry and trim creates visual continuity and an easy flow that unites the cooking, dining and lounging areas. The new open-concept space has proven ideal for these empty nesters, serving as both a space to entertain and a place to relax.

THE DETAILS



TOP: Flat-front cabinets keep everything from appliances to spices off the countertops for a streamlined look. **Cabinet design,** Superkül. **CENTRE:** The island’s top and sides are made from smooth Zodiaq, a hardwearing quartz surface. Its bright white tone pairs well with the walls and pendant lighting. **Countertop fabrication,** Superkül. **BOTTOM:** Pale grey backsplash tiles create a soft backdrop for countertop accessories. **Back-painted glass tiles,** Stone Tile; **cutting board,** Love the Design.