



'TIS THE SEASON TO OPEN OUR HOMES TO OUR

family and friends. It's time to decorate for the holidays and bring a different glow indoors while we stay warm over the winter months!

Me, I like to curl up and dream about my next project. I pull out my old magazines and books, and plan and organize what might come next.

Following our recent move to Grimsby we have started working on our little home, bit by bit.

The garden was replaced by Envision Landscapes – thanks once again for a great job. Then I decided to redo all the draperies... so off to Ottawa Street I went. I have been going there since I was a young girl, with my Mom. She always sewed our clothes and at 88 still has her sewing machine open and ready to go. I love wandering up and down the street filled with so many interesting shops. I have my favourites, Lofty Ambitions and Antiques Unlocked to name a couple, but it is always to Mario and Kelly at Ottawa Textiles that I go to find exactly what I am looking for. And with the help of Donna Burrows, my fabulous local seamstress, we made walls of new draperies. I love the

sheered texture that allows in light but still gives us the privacy we need. I even managed to sew the side panels myself.

Next up is the master bedroom draperies – choosing the colours and textures. Then I can plan my paint colours. The colours now are alright, but I do love to coordinate everything and achieve a fresh clean look that is all my own. Our new little house is becoming OUR home... exciting times!

Enjoy your holidays the way you like, with family and friends or with a winter escape. And start planning those new projects. Using local, of course.

A big welcome to 2017!

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