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Lana and Kelly Gosselin, owners of FloPro plumbing & mechanical solutions in Winnipeg, had a long-seated desire to one day build their own cottage.

They had opened their plumbing business in October 2010 and since developed a love for renovations and design through their involvement in many bathroom renovations and working on their own home.

After spending many summer weekends at their seasonal trailer site in Granite Hills, and boating around the area checking out cottages, the couple figured the next project had to be a cabin. This was the genesis of Creekside Cabin, located in beautiful Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba.

“We were trying to think of how we could afford it given the current cottage market during the pandemic. We came up with the idea that if we built a cabin and rented it out whenever we were not using it, that would help offset some of the costs.”

The couple started looking for lakefront properties: either vacant land to build on or a cabin that needed a renovation but soon realized that nothing of that sort fit in their budget.

“The options were very limited, there were very few listings and the prices of cabins that did hit the market skyrocketed making it extremely unaffordable to purchase and nearly impossible to follow our dreams of cabin ownership. We were disappointed and felt very defeated for quite some time.”



Stunning New Cottage in Lac du Bonnet



But by May 2021, the couple found the perfect spot. “Once our offer was accepted, we quickly headed out to the area to visit the property and completely fell in love! The 1-acre lot was open, sunny, green, and lush, all grass surrounded by trees and situated on the creek and on a quiet street.”

The couple set their sights on a 3-bedroom cottage floor plan from McMunn and Yates, which included sloped up to 18’ ceilings in the living area and kitchen. A few modifications were made such as a huge walk-in closet and ensuite bathroom in the primary bedroom and the floor plan was increased from 1308 to 1508 sq ft. They also extended the exterior front deck to wrap around the cabin from front to back.

Work began in September 2021, much undertaken by themselves.

“We wanted to build a modern home — a different vibe than what we typically see!”

They decided to use a warm but neutral colour with dark grey painted interior doors and black door hardware and fixtures.

“I’d say our biggest challenge with the build was the weather. We were constantly fighting the winter elements last year. There were many, many weather delays where materials and orders were unable to be delivered due to wind/snow and winter storms, and the snow never stopped falling, making it difficult for us and trades people to access the driveway and get onto the property. Other than the horrible winter weather we had last year, we didn’t really have any supply chain issues so we were very lucky that way!”

The master bedroom features high ceilings, bedside hanging light fixtures, ceiling fan and wall mounted TV with private patio doors to the deck plus a large walk-in closet/changing room area adjacent to the ensuite. The ensuite is stunning with a black marble tile look (tile from Julian tile) and high-end plumbing fixtures in gold with a rain shower head and an adjustable slide bar wand (Brizo plumbing

fixtures), a wall hung toilet, a dual vanity, and faux wood tiled plank flooring with in-floor heat and thermostat.

The main bathroom features matte black Delta plumbing products, and a Maax Utile shower system. The crawlspace is a tradesman dream with a 10-mil vapour barrier complete with a Radon sub-membrane mitigation system, HRV, forced air/furnace/ac. The variable frequency drive potable water pump ensures a quiet and steady water flow with no pressure fluctuation at any fixture throughout. The potable water cistern also includes a whole home 2 stage filtration system which ensures fresh drinkable water at all fixtures in the home.

They chose to work with Aya Kitchen’s, who designed a stunning kitchen layout. A grey honed quartz countertop from Granite Mountain was used with the look and feel of concrete which was carried behind the stove as the backsplash.

“We did a built-in microwave in the island and carried the kitchen coffee bar station so that it wrapped around into the living room to serve as the bar area with mini fridge — it is the ultimate hydration station. We chose to go with Matteo lighting light fixtures through Robinson Lighting through the kitchen and most of the cabin. The two massive black pendants hanging over the island are probably our favourite lights in the house! They add such a unique and fun look to the room.”

The couple have already had guests from out of province and out of country. “We look forward to hosting future corporate groups as well. We have lots of plans for our future and are already designing the next rental — it’s going to be one of a kind.”

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