



Off the master bedroom is an ensuite that is clad in tile the shade of new bamboo shoots and features a free-standing soaker tub and glass shower.

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## Highlands home has an Amazon feel with rosewood floors and green cabinets

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"I did want to soften it, not make it all squares, and when you're in the circle it heightens the voices." The staircase to the second level appears to hang in mid-air behind a glass wall that separates it from the open design main floor.

"The floating elements I love," says Cormier. "The stairs are something I had in my head. So I dreamed this up and my goodness, what a ton of time and energy, but I'm so very happy how it turned out."

The house abounds with features that please the eye and soothe the soul.

The master bedroom ensuite, with free-standing

soaker tub and glass shower, is clad in tile the shade of new bamboo shoots. In the powder room, water from a tap splashes over a glass disc into the vessel sink.

There's a rooftop patio that offers sweeping views of the neighbourhood and a theatre room where viewers can lose themselves in movies projected onto a nine-foot screen.

In the kitchen, pot lights hover over countertops made of concrete, seashell and glass, and the backsplash glitters in Egyptian glass.

The room's many cupboards are tinted a soft tea green.

"The home is based on the principle of the Amazon," Cormier says. "Very green, lush.

"The floors are rosewood, so I gave it that very tropical Brazilian feel and I needed a green element to complement that and that's where the cabinets came from."

While this is Cormier's first homebuilding project, he has some impressive renovations under his belt. One is located next door to the showhome. From the outside, the house remains true to its 1918 roots.

Inside is a different matter. Cormier gutted it and opened up living spaces. He installed a moon gate — a large piece of metal curved into a circle shape — in the entryway to the living room.

It was only a matter of time before he made the leap into building. And when it comes to design and construction, he's determined to follow his own un-

conventional path.

"I have found that you don't necessarily have to do things the way they are," he says. "Do we have to have stairs this way? Do we have to have closets this way?"

"Some of it is true and time tested but others it's just because we get into a funk."

"So for me I wanted to try and look at it differently."

Visitors to Cormier's showhome will find amazing artwork on the walls by Edmonton photographers Dale MacMillan and Wei Wong.

For more information on the home or to schedule a private viewing, contact Cormier at 780-232-3434. Or visit the website: [www.alkmedesign.com](http://www.alkmedesign.com).



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