

Designer Spotlight for September

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Christopher Smith | Woodsmith Construction, Inc. | Toronto

About Christhopher: Chris Smith, founder and CEO of Woodsmith Construction Inc., was immersed in the world of design and construction from a young age. His father, an architect and builder, created and shaped the homes that Chris grew up in, allowing him to live within his father’s work and experience the design process firsthand. This unique upbringing instilled in Chris a deep appreciation for craftsmanship and the transformative power of design, particularly in older homes.

Starting his career as a carpenter, Chris developed a passion for the details of construction, but it was his growing interest in design that truly shaped his career. His love for carpentry naturally led him to pursue design, and in doing so, he became a licensed designer. This combination of skills enabled Chris to merge his hands-on experience with a thoughtful design perspective, and he now serves as the lead designer at Woodsmith Construction.

In 2001, Chris founded Woodsmith Construction Inc., a design-build firm based in Toronto. The company specializes in custom homes, home additions, and energy-efficient renovations, with a strong focus on preserving the charm of older homes while incorporating modern, sustainable design. Chris's journey reflects a blend of craftsmanship, design expertise, and leadership, earning Woodsmith Construction a reputation for excellence in residential renovations. His work continues to honor the legacy of his father’s creations while pushing the boundaries of thoughtful, sustainable design.





Design: Christopher Smith | Photographer: Ryan Fung

About the Design: The Herbert Project, located in Toronto's Beaches neighbourhood, is one of the most rewarding projects we've completed at Woodsmith Construction. This 100-year-old brick semi-detached home required a complete restructuring to add a third floor that cantilevered the full width at the back of the house. The new third-floor primary suite includes a front walkout deck nestled into the roof, offering stunning views and plenty of natural light. The second floor was reimagined with a new layout, featuring a bathroom and three bedrooms, while the ground floor received a front entry addition and an open-concept floor plan that enhances the space's functionality and flow.

We also underpinned the basement to create new areas for a laundry room and a spacious family room. Throughout the project, we focused on maximizing natural light and making the most of the home's small footprint, all while carefully preserving its historical charm. This renovation is a true reflection of my approach to design—blending modern elements with the preservation of a home's original character. The Herbert Project not only revitalized this century-old structure but also pushed the boundaries of innovation, creating a beautiful, functional, and sustainable living space.

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Very inspiring, thanks for sharing.

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The firm's design-build model is ideal, as it reduces friction and miscommunication between the design and execution stages. This approach provides the client with a single point of contact, simplifying an often complex and stressful renovation process

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The ability to incorporate modern and sustainable design without sacrificing authenticity is a delicate and highly technical balance

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The niche of preserving the charm of older homes while modernizing them is a highly valued area of expertise in historic cities like Toronto

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The emphasis on energy efficient renovations positions the company at the forefront of green building trends

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Clients benefit from a professional who can troubleshoot on-site with a deep understanding of the structure and design

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Very framed designs oriented towards nature, a great ecological trend

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The firm offers a more predictable experience by combining responsibilities, reducing the possibility of conflicts between designer and builder

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Special contrast between a white background color represents the perfect balance with very terrestrial natural accessories amazing

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Demand for additions and renovations in Toronto is high and Woodsmith Construction is perfectly positioned to meet it.



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It is a masterful example of how personal background the architect/builder father becomes a marketing advantage



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It has perpetual motion and a contrast between the timeless emphasizing strategic areas



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Clarity in its services (custom homes, additions, efficiency) makes the message easily digestible for potential customers.



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Avant-garde, a unique model combined with high textures that frame the design has natural origins with classic nineties elements



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These bathroom designs are truly impressive—thank you for sharing such thoughtfully curated and inspiring ideas 😊



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Love the look of matte black hardware and plumbing fixtures. They all go together beautifully.



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So beautiful. Thanks for sharing.



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Thanks for sharing. This is lovely.



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Harmonious retro touch with vintage and checkered elements personifying nature and elegance through time



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Thanks for sharing this creativity



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It's Inspiring and so beautiful. Thanks for sharing

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Totally agree!

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I believe it is a very beautiful bathroom. Thanks for sharing these wonderful designs with our community members!!!

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