

# LOOKING GREAT IN RED AND BLACK – PUSHING THE ENVELOPE WITH WESTEND BATH & KITCHEN

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To cross the threshold of Tamara and Anthony Fulmes' Westboro Beach home is to step into an inviting urban oasis decorated with the art of Africa and the Middle East-treasures discovered during Anthony's 30-year career as a military officer. Walls accented with bold paintings and playful drawings add an eclectic statement to this late 1950s-era dwelling so that everywhere you look there is something to tell a visitor, "This is our house. We live here."

And then you step into the freshly remodelled kitchen. If there were any lingering doubts about the creative deriding-do of the home's occupants, these are blown away in a colourful burst of ultra-modern kitchen chic that works brilliantly with the warm, rustic woodiness of the rest of the house. High-gloss black cabinets, striking red quartz countertops, stainless steel appliances, and a custom glass-art backsplash and other accents by Ottawa artist Delfina Falcão are all fused into a striking example of functional kitchen elegance.

"Being a farm girl from Saskatchewan, my kitchen has to have functionality," says Tamara, who describes her former cramped kitchen space as disorganized and chaotic. "This works so well and yet I'm in love with it because it is so beautiful. It's a working kitchen and my chaos is safely hidden."

Tamara's initial desire for the country-styled kitchen of her childhood vanished the moment she saw a modern demo kitchen at the Westend Bath and Kitchen Centre outfitted with black cabinets and a **Delfina Falcão Designs glass backsplash**. Anthony was already keen on the modern look, so it didn't take much convincing to abandon visions of knotty pine and white countertops.

Westend designer Rebecca Neale came recommended to work with the family specifically because of the eclectic nature of the home and the personalities involved.

"Anthony and Tamara are a very fun couple and are definitely not afraid of colour," Rebecca says. "From a designer's perspective it's fun because you can push the envelope a bit."

Tamara loves red, so we contrasted the dark cabinets against the red countertop for a funky ultra-modern look.

We had a sample of a **Delfina Falcão backsplash** in the showroom and the Fulmes fell in love with it. They met with Delfina and she came up with some great custom creations for them."



BEFORE

Photo: Rebecca Neale



AFTER

Westboro's Fulmes family felt comfortable placing their trust in Westend Bath and Kitchen designer Rebecca Neale to take them from the chaos of a poorly designed 1950s kitchen space (left) to an ultra-modern family kitchen better suited to their lifestyle.

"We really put Rebecca to the test," Tamara insists. "This is a house that loves art, so she had to create a functional kitchen for people who love to cook and yet wanted this ultra-modern design. Rebecca made good recommendations and made certain that we were sure about everything. Contractor Chris Harrington was amazing, and things came together. There's a nice balance to everything. I love walking into my kitchen and thinking, how beautiful is this?"

"I am so excited about how everything turned out," Rebecca says. "The amount of storage and counter-top space they now have makes this kitchen so much more functional. The modern look is exactly what they wanted, and it looks great."

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TAMARA FULMES,  
Westend Bath and  
Kitchen client

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