

Easy to clean, and hard to beat

Canopy's innovative townhomes designed to appeal to both young families and seasoned downsizers

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The accessories in the Canopy show suite have hints of teal that work nicely against the neutral palette.

In her work at Canopy, StreetSide Developments' townhome community in Surrey, designer Theresa Yoon found a way to tap into the needs and tastes of two distinct groups of homebuyers. The 302-unit project, which will border the



There is a wall-to-wall headboard in the Canopy show suite's master bedroom, and durable materials like wood laminate finishes and quartz countertops are used throughout.

260-hectare Tynehead Park, has been attracting the interest of both young families entering the real estate market and seasoned downsizers.

So Yoon and StreetSide made sure the colour palette, size, features and materials in the homes would appeal to each group. First-time homebuyers will find in the dwellings "a modern, neutral colour palette that will work with new or existing furnishings, a layout that is suitable for a young couple or young couple with kids," Yoon says.

The three- and four-bedroom townhomes would allow them to work from home, converting an additional bedroom or a ground-level room to an office, says Yoon, principal of ID Design.

At the same time, downsizers will be impressed with the spaciousness.

"The larger square footage does not make the transition from a larger single-family home or townhome seem so foreign. Appliances are practical in terms of size, they're reputable brands, and (there is) ample storage," Yoon says.

The two groups have at least one thing in common: No one likes to spend hours cleaning and scrubbing floors and countertops. To that end, Yoon says she and StreetSide chose wood laminate finishes and quartz countertops for the homes because the materials are as durable as they are attractive.

"These days, there are a multitude of amazing products that replicate the look of real wood with the benefits of being more durable, easier to clean and more practical," she says. "The engineered stone has amazing properties such as heat and stain resistance.

"Also, patterns and colours can be very subtle, unlike granite in the past, which was predominately used

in multi-family homes."

Show suite visitors might notice the ways in which linear patterns lend the open-concept space an elegant touch. The cushioned fabric of the seats in the dining room is similar in style to a headboard that stretches from wall to wall in a main bedroom, for instance. Against the neutral and elegant lines, shots of bright teal in accessories throughout add a touch of informality.

"The layout of the main floor being linear and open, we incorporated a lot of custom millwork, such as the dining banquette bench with a mirror above, and a sectional sofa with a media wall unit, to accentuate the open concept," Yoon says.

"The space feels large and the furniture plan allows for a nice flow and transition between the kitchen, dining and living space."

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What: 302 townhomes bordered on two sides by Tynehead Park

Where: 9718 161A Street, Surrey
Residence sizes and prices: two, three and four bedrooms, ranging from 1,250 to 1,800 square feet; starting at around \$500,000 (for two-bedrooms, now sold out). Remaining homes priced from \$600,000s

Developer and builder: StreetSide Developments (a division of Qualico)

Sales centre address: 61 — 9718 161A Street, Surrey

Sales centre hours: noon — 5 p.m., Sat — Thurs