

## Welcoming design

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**OPEN HOUSE: Furniture designer Shaun Moore, co-owner of Made design store, lives with his boyfriend Todd Caldwell, a landscape and floral designer, in a partially renovated Victorian townhouse on the edge of Cabbagetown that displays a mix of creative savvy and easy-going charm**

***You bought this home nine and a half years ago. How did you end up downtown, on Bleeker St?***

We were on the hunt for a year and looked at 80 to 100 houses, mostly in the west end. It was terrifying. We had a really low budget so most everything we saw was a disaster and tiny. Here, we were able to get much more house for the dollar. Even though the back was a ruin, there were good bones and details we could work with. And we have amazing neighbours.

***How did you find architect Tamira Sawatzky who designed the modernist extension in the back?***

She was amazing. We are close friends with Tamira so we knew how she worked and her thought processes. And she's a great listener. So the whole thing went really fast. We loved her ideas about layout and composition. Like the bulkheads in the kitchen and bathroom, how they force our attention — the views — downward into the garden instead of letting our eyes wander up in the sky or to the neighbours' homes.

***You run a design store but your home isn't pretentious or twee.***

I can't stand fussy interiors. Anything that's too pure, pristine and perfect is destroyed by the inevitable bumps and scrapes.