



A perfect art piece for the perfect home

Dee Sutherland spent a good portion of a year designing her space she now proudly calls 'home'. Nestled in the charming North Vancouver town of Edgemont Village, her home is to say the least, a perfect reflection of her character, a cozy hideaway and a great place to entertain her friends, all in one.

“Anybody who walks into the house, says – Wow!” Dee Sutherland admits. She is referring to the main attraction on the wall that seems to fascinate all her guests when they walk into her home.

“[This piece] is completely different from anything I had imagined. I’m thrilled with it.”

Because it was abstract and modern, two qualities she doesn’t normally go for in artwork, she had initially hummed and hawed over it. But one day, on her way home from work, Dee noticed it hanging in the Lexus dealership (she owns a Lexus) and saw how great it looked. “It was then that I knew I had to have it,” she admits.

“There is always good dinner time conversation with this piece,” she says. There are so many different images her friends see within the abstract piece – a mask, a deer, buffalo, Norsemen and the list goes on.

Dee says she has no personal rules when choosing art - “I just know.” Her advice when choosing art is to just go with what you are comfortable with. And never buy impulsively. “[Choosing art is] a huge decision. Art Works Gallery was really great. I took the piece home with me first before I made any commitments.”

Before she decided on Past Rising, a piece by Richard Wlodarczak, she had received suggestions from every corner of her social circle - some suggested hanging a mirror in that space, others figured a collage or different works would be ideal, but Dee knew she wanted something substantial, something with more *punch*, she said.

For a woman like Dee, who took a brand new house and designed it from the ground up, she clearly is a woman who knows what she wants. With the help of Landcraft Construction, a dynamic duo of Nigel Cook and Dwayne Mclean, who she says was “amazing to work with” – she created a dream space that complements both her sense of style and lifestyle choices. The selection of artwork is all part of that process, a process Dee says was three years in the making.

“I will enjoy the [Wlodarczak] piece for years to come,” she says.

On her next art work purchase?

“I’m just finishing the bedroom. At this point, I’m slowly working on it, so we’ll see where it takes me.”