



A beautiful home designed and built by Mannington Homes.

## Mannington's owner living a dream by building others' dream homes

From an early age, Trevor Markevich dreamed about constructing custom-built houses for a living. For the past 12 years, he's been living that dream, and loving every minute of it.

"When I got into carpentry 20 or so years ago, my long-term goal was to build high-quality custom homes," he says. "I gladly put in my time learning the ins and outs of building, and now I'm doing what I always wanted to do. It's a great feeling to be able to earn a living doing something you love to do."

A detail-oriented type, Markevich says he is meticulous in every aspect of building a client's dream home.

"My personal goal with each home I build is to research the leading-edge technologies of building, so that I can be up to date and incorporate the best techniques into each home I build," he says. "If I do that each time out, the home I build at that time will be the best product that I can deliver. I always try to go one better in quality each time out."

While Markevich admits that technology plays a central role in building the "perfect" home, he is quick to add that intuition plays an equally significant role.

"Having been a journeyman carpenter for over 20 years, I think I've cultivated the ability to look at things so that I can mold the product in front of me to an extremely high quality. I'm very involved in overseeing each project, and I'm very particu-

lar on executing each detail properly. The flow of each house I build has to be just right. Everything has to go together nicely to create the look and atmosphere my client is trying to achieve," he says.

The only way to capture the essence of what a client wants, says Markevich, is to set quality control standards to the highest level.

"I try to do that by doing two things: limiting the number of houses I build per year to a manageable level; and by using the same, very specific sub-trades job-in, job-out. There are certain people I want to use at all times, and by doing that, a high standard of quality is ensured. The same goes for our suppliers. They know we expect only first-rate, quality materials, and deliver them to us accordingly."

Last, but not least, is customer service, a critical element in the custom home building business.

"My wife Kathy and I always strive to forge a close working relationship with our customers," Markevich says. "Kathy oversees the office and the little details of the business, and I work closely with our craftsmen to coordinate each project. In this business, consistency is everything, from how well you execute a project to how you take care of clients, both during and after. We're with our clients every step of the way."

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