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By the Water's Edge

1867 Confederation Log Homes
builds a cabin to capture lake views

Home by 1867 Confederation Log Homes

ABOVE: The kitchen opens onto the living area, giving the cook a full view of the fireplace and television. Terrace doors open from the living area onto the wraparound deck.

RIGHT: This lakeside cabin offers plenty of outdoor living area. The angled craft room off the master bedroom has windows and doors on all sides for expansive views. Dovetail corners on the log walls are a popular feature of 1867 Confederation Log Homes.



A lakeside cabin with sunset views was a long-time dream of the homeowners of this 1867 Confederation Log Home. Their vision was fulfilled with a stunning, three-bedroom, log and timber-frame home.

“We always consider the site views when planning the design,” says Rick Kinsman, owner of 1867 Confederation Log Homes. “Every one of our homes is custom-designed so we have the ability to incorporate different features to suit every location.”

The company’s design department utilizes computer software to merge photographs of the site with a 3D drawing of the building, so clients can see what the views will be out of each window. Using the technology, clients can “walk through” every room of their house and visualize the layout.

On-staff designers work with clients on a wish list for each home. The owners of this home wanted to optimize their site by planning all main rooms to overlook the water. The living room, kitchen, sunroom and even the master bedroom are all on the lake side. An arched window in the living room and multiple terrace doors provide plenty of natural sunlight and access to wrap-around decks for viewing sunsets year round.

The open kitchen with curved island and eating bar features a walk-in pantry. Nearby is the separate dining room and living room with cathedral ceiling. A large sunroom with game table opens off the kitchen.

Two bedrooms plus a den provide ample room for guests or noisy teenagers above the garage. Both bedrooms have large closets and private access to a full bath. A walk-out balcony overlooks the lake. Entry to the stairs direct



from the garage permits late night arrivals without disturbing the homeowners in the master bedroom.

An additional terrace door in the master bedroom provides another opportunity for the couple to fully enjoy the scenery and offers ready access to an outdoor hot tub. A special feature of the master suite is a craft room with panoramic views. "It's so nice to be working there" says the homeowner. "The angled walls with lots of windows make it feel as though I'm outside."

1867 Confederation Log Homes uses white pine from Northern Ontario, where the slow growth cycle makes the wood more stable. Logs are air-dried for at least a year before they're finished in a mill that consumes little energy and produces no waste. "Our homes are about as green as you can get," Rick Kinsman says.

ABOVE: The kitchen's cherry island with wood top is the perfect gathering place for family and guests. Stained upper cabinets and granite counters contrast with the natural wood tones of the walls and flooring. Glass doors lead to the home's sunroom. **RIGHT:** A private balcony overlooks the lake from the living area above the garage.



ABOVE: Black window trim and furnishings combine with rich red and gold décor in the master bedroom to create a sumptuous and relaxing hideaway. Triple terrace doors provide access to the deck and hot tub. Pocket doors close the sleeping area off from the adjacent craft room.



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