



BRENTWOOD BAY
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Leave the towels, steal the look.

With the rise of hotel chic and – observe please – a wave of chic western Canadian hotels, suddenly there's more to take home than the toiletries

by Janet Collins

The décor of the new Brentwood Bay Lodge on Vancouver Island eschews the typical West Coast lodge design of the hewn log beams and columns in favour of a minimalist, Zen modernism. The clean aesthetic emits a peaceful quality that makes it a perfect fit for a resort environment – not to mention a contemporary home, vacation home, apartment or loft.

Sandy Nygaard of Victoria-based Nygaard Interior Design and Vancouver-based Christa Schone of Christa Schone Interior Design chose a natural palette of materials and colours for the lodge, most notably fir and slate. It makes for a gentle transition between indoors and out, with the overheight ceilings echoing the expanse of the oceanfront setting.

"I think what makes the hotel design so approachable is the simplicity and clean lines," says Nygaard. "We tried to create that feel with a high-end level of finishes. There's not a lot of clutter. It is much calmer to have the space less filled."

The designers have received several requests from guests seeking to duplicate colours and furniture. Clearly some people hope to take with them more than the memories or hotel stationery.

