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## Designs that stand out from the crowd



**54 MASON TERRACE:** The staircase winds up and over a built-in eating area in the kitchen to an attic master bedroom in home of architect designer Paul Denys. At 500 square feet the house is miniscule.



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**P**aul Denys, a licensed carpenter and architectural draftsman, does everything from fences to small additions.

On Mason Terrace in Ottawa South, there's a 500-square-foot doll's house that is a marvel of space management.

By stealing a bit of space from a ground floor bedroom, Denys has constructed a curving staircase that winds up and over a built-in eating area in the kitchen to an attic master bedroom.

Skylights bring light and a sense of space to what was once a cramped bungalow.

Note other Denys space-enhancing touches: a built-in storage cupboard in stairwell; over-doorway shelf for books and bath needs; a closet that's been converted into a dining room buffet; and mirrored closet doors that make the bedroom seem twice as large.

On Willard Street in Ottawa South, Denys revamped a front porch so that it is accessible only from the house.

In keeping with the period of the house, yet bolder and more dramatic than traditional verandas in the area, the porch is both a private outer room and a refined architectural statement.



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