



LEGACY FINE HOMES

Building the House Of Your Dreams With the Budget of Your Reality

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From a young age, when our imaginations run wild and a world of magic seems within reach, we all imagine our dream homes – the granite counter tops, the cathedral ceilings, the spiral staircase, the whirlpool bath.

It is with that same magic and imagination that Ruslan Yakoviychuk dreams, only his dream is different: to build people the homes of their dreams on realistic budgets.

Yakoviychuk came to Canada with that dream from Europe. Born in Ukraine, he trained in finishing carpentry and building before launching successful businesses in both his homeland and in Portugal. And, coming from a long line of finishing tradesmen, Yakoviychuk was more or less destined to find himself paying meticulous attention to detail – after all, both his father and his grandfather were finishing carpenters—the latter also working in the intricate art of violin making.

But Yakoviychuk had always wanted to live in Canada and to bring his European flair for building design to North America. After a trip here in 2004, Yakoviychuk decided to make that dream come to life.

Now, having called Kingston home since 2005, Yakoviychuk is focused on bringing other people's dreams to life. Since coming to Canada, Yakoviychuk has redone much of his training to obtain certification, and gradually eased into the building field in

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Canada. He worked with other building companies in Kingston while apprenticing, and began taking on his own projects, starting with additions, then renovations, and now back to his passion of building custom homes. He currently owns and operates RY Contractor Inc./Legacy Fine Homes, a residential building company that specializes in high-end, custom-built houses. And, having worked with two large building companies in the area, Yakoviychuk knows what sets him apart from the rest: his finished product. “What other builders consider to be upgrades, these things come standard in the homes I build,” Yakoviychuk said, noting that things like ceramic and Canadian hardwood flooring, granite countertops, and complete and seamless trim work are a part of all of the homes he builds. “It has to be that way, because it’s my name attached to that work, and I won’t have it any other way.”

Yakoviychuk explained that he becomes obsessive about detail work, and treats every project as though he is building for himself. “I listen to the client, and their vision, their needs,” he said. “Then I imagine what I would want if that vision was going to be my home. It’s the customers home, but I like to build these homes in a way so that I would be happy to live in them myself.”

For Yakoviychuk, building a name for himself in Kingston means building a reputation on honest, thoughtful and beautiful work, he said. Because of that, he aims to work within any client’s budget to make their dream home a reality. “If I can save my customers money, I am going to do that,” Yakoviychuk said. “I like to give clients all I can, and I work with them, I am there every day, I even do most of the finishing myself. Because I want to know they’re happy with their home. That is what is important.” ■

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