

A matter of details

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Small things make a big difference when it comes to choosing windows

The difference between a great cottage design and one that doesn't look right can be very small. Sometimes it's as little as a quarter of an inch.

Proportion is incredibly important in home design, whether you're working with traditional or contemporary design. And windows are an area where it's very easy to get it wrong.

"You may not think you know about architecture, but your eye picks up details. If the windows are out of proportion – even if the frames are a quarter inch too wide – you'll recognize it," explains Ken Patterson, the owner of Lakeland Windows and Doors in Bala. "You might not be able to put your finger on what's wrong, but you'll know something is off."

That was the inspiration behind the Architect Series of

windows from Pella. "These are high-functioning modern windows that were specifically designed to be architecturally correct in a traditional cottage design," says Ken. "The sash dimensions, the width of the frame, the profiles of the grills... it's all been designed with great care."

The frames on the divided lites, for example, come in two widths – either 7/8 or 1 1/4 inch, dimensions that match those

used by traditional builders. "They're ideal for capturing that traditional Muskoka look," says Ken. "Even the hardware looks traditional."

Contemporary look
For more modernist architecture, he recommends the Pella 450 Series. "They have a very clean look, minimalist sashes and frames, and the hardware is virtually invisible," he says.

In any style, Pella windows are one of the most efficient units on the market. "Energy-efficient windows will pay for themselves through lower heating and cooling costs, and sometimes even lighting costs," explains Ken, who has more than 30 years' experience supplying and installing windows and providing after-sales service.

Low-emissivity glass reflects heat, keeping the cottage warmer in winter and cooler in summer. It also blocks most of the sun's harmful UV rays, helping to prevent fade damage. Pella's other modern details include between-the-glass blinds: controlled remotely, they block the sun and offer privacy without fear of dust or damage.

Innovative showroom
Regardless of your design style, it's extremely useful to see a full-sized version of the windows you're installing, rather than relying on scale reproductions. Lakeland's new showroom in Bala was designed with that in mind. It features full-sized models of windows and doors so customers can get a true sense of what they might look like in their cottage. **DS**

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Designed by Custom Home Designer David Small. David used Pella Windows and Doors in his own home to complete his contemporary design.

