



**NAME:** Tim Davis  
**OCCUPATION:** Principal with Tim Davis Design  
**HOME:** 1,050-square-foot condo  
**BUILDING:** Le Parc, 1988  
**WHAT IT'S WORTH:** The unit was recently appraised at \$475,000.  
**PREVIOUS HOME:** Rideau Terrace, a 1980s condo on Springfield Road  
**FAVOURITE FEATURE:** Location. Le Parc is 10 minutes from downtown, handy to the Queensway, and just east of the city centre, making it a convenient starting point for Davis's regular trips to Montreal.  
**BIGGEST CHALLENGE:** In undertaking the comprehensive renovation of his condo, Davis had to transport all the materials up and down in the elevator – and store them in his condo while work was ongoing.

**1.** Davis, who enjoys cooking, redesigned his kitchen to add lots of counter space. To fit the smaller space, he opted for a compact KitchenAid refrigerator and freezer (shown, at left of photo) that fit beneath the counter. The microwave is tucked away behind the upper cabinetry.

**2.** The cabinetry is all custom, designed by Davis and built by Gaston Lavoie Cabinet Shop.

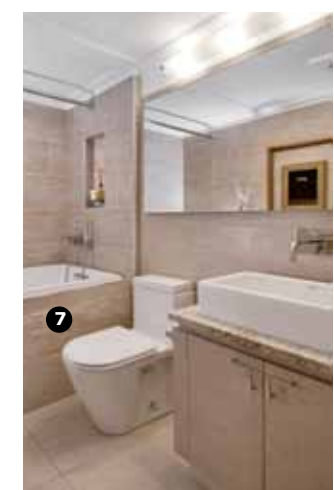
**3.** Davis has collected art for years. This piece is one of a number he owns by architect-turned-artist André Pitre.

**4.** A nook at the end of the hallway turns into a mini-gallery showcasing Davis's collection of soapstone carvings (the large piece at rear is by local artist Idris Moss-Davis). The painting, by Franco-Ontarian artist Dominic Besner, always elicits a reaction — "People either really love it or absolutely hate it," Davis says.

**5.** Davis travels the globe for design commissions. He liked this bedspread — which he chose for a client in South Africa — so much that he bought one for himself too.

**6.** Even in a compact home office, Davis finds space for a few favourite art pieces.

**7.** Davis strove for a spa-like feel when he designed this bathroom, the centrepiece of which is a deep Kohler tub. He did all the tiling himself — "That's why it took so long!" he says with a laugh.



## II. GREATSPACE



When Tim Davis moved from England to Ottawa in 1994, choice was limited for a committed condo dweller. After renting at Rideau Terrace — "one of the nicest apartments in the city at the time" — he bought on the ninth floor of Le Parc on St. Laurent Boulevard in 2002. For close to a decade, Davis, who runs his own design practice, has been methodically renovating the two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo, customizing each room as he goes. The result is a warm space with custom touches at every level — and lots of spaces dedicated to showcasing his artwork.

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