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Skycarden House Toronto, ON, Canada

Maximizing useable outdoor spaces on multiple levels addresses the owners' desire for a better connection to the home's natural surroundings and extends the living surface.

Situated on a narrow lot in an older Toronto neighborhood, the Skycarden House provides outdoor living spaces on multiple levels to address the owners' desire for a better connection to the home's natural surroundings.

Although the new house is only 2,420 square feet, it feels much larger. The rooms expand beyond the interior to a series of highly useable outdoor spaces that enrich the domestic experience. The plants were selected to provide visual interest year round. Even the existing porch at the front of the house is remade into a private outdoor dining room, enclosed by a five-foot-high wood screen, extending the private realm into the public arena. On the third floor, two significant outdoor spaces provide green respite. An exposed roof deck at the back of the house has plentiful views over the neighborhood and into the extensive green canopy surrounding the house. At the front of the house, half of the master bedroom is given over to an intimate exterior space clad in warm ash, with a recessed planter and an opening carved into the roof for natural light, access to rainwater, and ample views of green.

Status
Built

Year
2015

Firm
**DUBBELDAM
Architecture +
Design**

Firm location
**Toronto, ON,
Canada**

