

SKYGARDEN HOUSE

TORONTO, ON | DUBBELDAM
ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN

The Skygarden house represents a conscious effort to establish the sense of a relaxed country home in an urban context. To accomplish this, the house has been conceived as a three-level indoor-outdoor experience with large windows and a variety of outdoor spaces. The “skygarden” describes

an intimate exterior space off the third floor master bedroom—clad in thermally-treated ash and with an opening carved into the roof for natural light, access to rainwater, and ample views of green—a unique outdoor room open to the elements.

POPOVIC > I was attracted to the Skygarden because it is an interpretation of the physical form of a traditional home. It fits a modern interpretation of traditional housing geometry.

BURNS > Perfect fit for the neighborhood. Dimensions are all spot on. Loads of natural light.

O'CONNOR > It fits beautifully on the street, it has a good scale and proportion, and a great use of indoor and outdoor space—and it's nicely detailed.

COVO > Great light.

The physical footprint of the original house is defined by retaining the existing sidewalls. At the same time the ecological footprint of the house has been actually reduced,

using a combination of active and passive design systems and strategies. The transformation sets a precedent for urban renewal and demonstrates an approach to modern intervention in an older neighbourhood by respecting the context and scale, but with a distinctly contemporary palette and design.



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