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Favourite Room: An experimental Muskoka bunkie

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Emma Sharon and her husband, Oren, designed a bunkie as a family property in Rosseau, Ont. ... Emma Sharon moved to Israel from her native Toronto and nine years ago ...

Speaking of learning to do things, the couple just had their second son, Henry, the summer ...

Ultimately, however, they're fans of both. "We're Gentiles, so we need to live both city and nature, the inside and the outside," she says.

That said, it's hardly been a vacation. While here, in addition to child and newborn care duties, they've continued their consulting work, and completed the one-time, one-week bunkie that they're spending the remaining half-year ...

"We started by thinking, who's the purpose of the bunkie, and how can it fulfil that purpose?" Oren says. The double-sloped roof raised the height of the space for its high-angle view, and the large, single piece of glass offered an unobstructed view of the surrounding woods and lake.

"They think it's nice," Emma says, laughing. Materials are chosen for these inherent qualities. "We wanted it to be as natural, local and simple as possible."

The interior, likewise, is simply furnished and furnished. LED battery-powered lanterns from Moku provide ambient illumination, while natural and handmade by local designers Moché-Ogan and Kent are both beautiful and functional.

Bunkie by Tel Avivian designer Herta Silver, and the bed, designed by Herta Silver and built by local shop Herta Silver Design, consists of three slats that can be pushed together to create a long, or, alternately, arranged in an L-shape. Pull-up side tables (also custom-designed) are flexible, too.



"We really wanted to make it abundant, and to fit every purpose," Emma says. When the high-gloss sides they can bank them on their own, "it's a little bit of separation to each," she says.

And while the bunkie is an experiment, the entrepreneurial couple are reaping big potential. Emma explains that they continue to do these events because "about the property as an 'interesting alternative revenue model ... so we can fund the life that we want and make the most of what we have," she continues. "That's the 30-year plan."



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