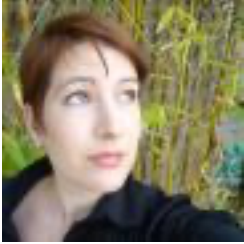


# Is This the Most Stylish Basement Renovation Ever?



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Fair warning: The spectacular way designer Lisa Kooistra transformed her clients' once-gloomy underground space will have you itching to reimagine your own basement ASAP.





## How to Maximize Style, Sustainability and Space

When Ontario, Canada-based designer [Lisa Kooistra](#) reimagined this 1,800-square-foot home, she knew she'd have to get creative. The energetic young family of four living here craved bright, versatile spaces that could grow with them (and stow their stuff with style), and their dark, leaky 570-square-foot basement wasn't pulling its weight.

Lisa partnered with local craftspeople, sourced durable, eco-friendly building materials and sourced locavore Toronto decor to transform all three floors of this home from the bottom up. Today the basement is the home's signature feature — and it now boasts office space, a home gym, a walk-in pantry, wine storage, a reading nook *and* a multipurpose family room. When it comes to underground living space, she's proven the sky's the limit.