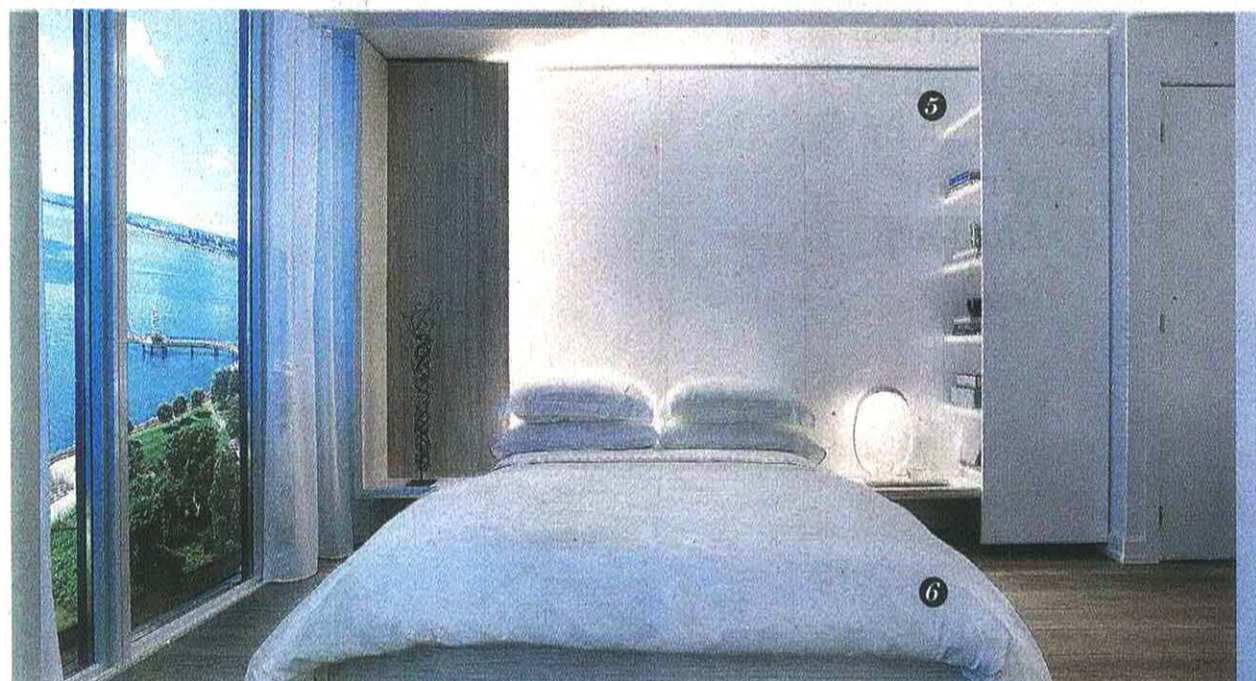


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Extensive built-ins create storage — and harmony — at Burlington's Nautique development *By Lisa Van de Ven*

"Whether you're urban or suburban, we all want to feel that we live in a place that speaks to who we are. Good design and smart design permeates, no matter where you're from." So says Anna Simone, the interior designer behind the Norte model suite at Adi Development Group's Burlington project Nautique. While the project's location may be suburban, the 576-square-foot model features an urban contemporary look, influenced by the site's waterfront location and featuring a high-fashion appeal. The result is a design Simone describes as "understated elegance," with a soft neutral colour palette of whites, sand tones and creams. "Being by the water, we wanted homebuyers to feel tranquil and calm — there's a Zen feeling to it that we brought out within the palette," adds the partner with Ceconi Simone. Suites at Nautique range from 452 to 1,316 square feet and are priced from the high \$200,000s. The sales office is located at 375 Brant St., Burlington, and open by appointment only. Call 289-337-0766 or visit [adidevelopments.com](http://adidevelopments.com).

**1** "Built-ins, first and foremost, will allow you to store far more, and secondly will allow your space to appear larger than it actually is," Simone says, which is why she recommends them, especially in small spaces. Here, high-gloss white lacquer cabinetry and shelving frame the living room TV.

**2** "It's all about scale and proportion," the designer explains, so while a large sofa might have overwhelmed this small living room, these two love seats stay proportional to the space. Not only that, but the custom linen sofas evoke a beachy feel, for a casual yet elegant appeal.

**3** Whites and creams are used throughout the suite, including this cream area rug, which adds subtle pattern to the living room. "There's no glaring colour that comes out at you. That's where the harmony comes in," says Simone, who also used white sheers to soften the space.

**4** A chrome base is topped with white marble to create the coffee table, custom designed to fit snugly between the love seats. The high-gloss tabletop adds reflection, playing subtly into the waterfront aesthetic. "Water reflects, so instead of using a flat white, we used high-gloss everywhere," Simone says.

**5** Instead of a headboard in the bedroom, Simone installed these built-ins behind the bed, repeating the same high-gloss white lacquer and travertine stone she used in the living room. "The materials we used were constant. We don't change materials from one room to the next," the designer adds.

**6** A wood veneer platform bed features crisp white bedding, for a clean, contemporary centrepiece to the bedroom. The accessories — including a wired sculpture and oval lamp — are kept simple, too. "When we reviewed all the accessories, we wanted everything to be tone-on-tone, and nothing glaring," Simone says.