



Easy Pavlova

Ingredients

- 4 egg whites
- 1 1/4 cups white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
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- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 pint heavy cream
- 1 pint strawberries, sliced

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Draw a 9-inch circle on the parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually add in the sugar, about 1 tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat until thick and glossy. Gently fold in vanilla extract, lemon juice, and cornstarch.
3. Spoon mixture inside the circle drawn on the parchment paper. Working from the center, spread mixture toward the outside edge, building edge slightly. This should leave a slight depression in the center.
4. Bake for 1 hour. Cool on a wire rack..
5. In a small bowl, beat heavy cream until stiff peaks form; set aside. Remove the paper, and place meringue on a flat serving plate. Fill the center of the meringue with whipped cream, and top with strawberry slices.

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Susan Sterbinsky's Information Exchange



a message from Susan Sterbinsky...

Revitalize your hibernating home with simple suggestions! If you're thinking of selling, spring is an opportune time to 'refresh' your home. The following are some helpful hints to get you started:

1. Make small repairs. If you're not handy, hire someone.
2. Update your home with wallpaper. Big, bold patterns, particularly two or more together, are popular. Put different prints on different walls within the same color palette, or cover a single wall to make a simpler statement.
3. Interior rugs are also a huge hit these days. They seem to be a focal point in decor these days. This is a really neat and easy trend to tap into this spring.

4. Paint still provides for a quick and easy 'refresh'. Bold stripes and stripes of all kinds are very popular this year.
5. Pillows allow for an easy update. Patterns and textures never go out of style; play with sizes - particularly within the same shapes.

To acquire a better understanding of the current value of your home, or to discuss your many options, please call me at **416-234-2424**. I am always available to provide you with unbiased, knowledgeable advice about the real estate market, at **no cost or obligation**.

Sincerely,

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Sutton's Highest Achievement in Sales

Sales and Average Price Up in March

Toronto Real Estate Board President Dianne Usher announced that Greater Toronto Area REALTORS® reported strong year-over-year increases in TorontoMLS home sales and the average selling price in March 2014. Home ownership affordability, backstopped by low borrowing costs, continued to be a key factor underlying this growth.

A total of 8,081 sales were reported in March 2014 – up by 7.2 per cent in comparison to March 2013. Sales growth was much stronger in March compared to the first two months of the first quarter. Sales for Q1 as a whole were up by three per cent compared to the first three months of 2013.

“Sales activity in the GTA accelerated last month. Compared to last year, a greater number of buyers found affordable home ownership options, as evidenced by sales growth for all major home types. Against this backdrop, however, overall inventory at the end of

March remained lower than last year. This means competition between buyers increased, which is why the average selling price continued to climb,” said Ms. Usher.

The average selling price for March 2014 sales was \$557,684 – an increase of almost eight per cent compared to the average reported for March 2013. The average price for the first quarter of 2014 was up by 8.5 per cent year-over-year.

“With borrowing costs remaining low, and in fact declining, strong home ownership demand will continue to butt up against a constrained supply of listings. Strong price growth will be the result for the remainder of 2014. If the pace of price growth experienced in the first quarter is sustained, TREB may revise its outlook for the average selling price,” said Jason Mercer, TREB’s Senior Manager of Market Analysis.



Picking the Right Countertop - Granite, Marble, or Concrete

Picking a countertop is important not just for the aesthetics of the kitchen, but also in regards to functionality. The reality is, there are over a dozen different materials you can use to make a kitchen countertop, but examining and comparing each of those would be an exercise in futility. Instead, consider **granite**, **marble** and **concrete**, three popular countertop options that offer some different experiences.

For price, the cheapest countertop is usually marble and the most expensive is granite. Durability is a slightly different issue, as concrete is the most durable and marble is the least durable. Also, heat resistance is actually the best on granite, and the worst on marble.

As with any home improvement question, the answer to this depends heavily on your own preference. Obviously, concrete is the cheapest of the three, so if price is your only concern then the choice can be made fairly easily. On the other hand, style is usually going to be the deciding factor in this decision making process.

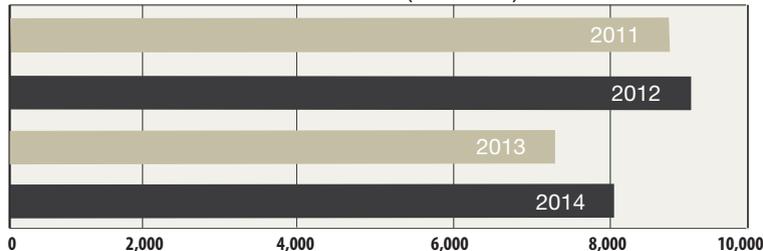
If you have brand new wooden cabinets, you might want to consider getting either granite or marble that will work well with your color

scheme. Instead, if you decide to do something artistic to overhaul the look of your cabinets, such as refinishing them yourself, concrete might work better. You can make your own countertops out of concrete, which offers a unique artistic touch.

Out of the three options, concrete probably has the most variance in price. The reason for this is because the concrete can come with any sort of other material mixed in to help with the design. This is what puts concrete in as the most versatile overall. If you want a completely different look to your kitchen, concrete can provide that. At the same time, it can be used to make a very simple and elegant countertop for a modern kitchen.

For functionality, concrete is less resistant to heat than the natural stones, but more resistant to scratching. It is very easy to clean and you do not need to worry about buying special chemicals. Instead, simple soap and water will do the trick. Overall, concrete is a solid option that can fit a wide variety of budgets.

GTA Resale Home Sales (Unit Sold) - March



GTA Resale Home Sales (Average Price) - March

