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# Hill Top

## INTERIORS



YOUR STYLE  
YOUR HOME  
YOUR LIFE

Muskoka's premier home decor designers



BEDROOM



KITCHEN / BATH



LIGHTING



FURNITURE / DECOR



Lena Patten

# COUNTRY charming

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**THE PLACE:** A century-old shop, once Rosseau's stage-coach stop, is home to **HillTop Interiors** and its four galleries of fine furniture, bedding, custom cabinetry and lighting. "We like to think we have something for everybody, from soap by your sink, a new candle to a great new sofa," says owner Lena Patten. "We pride ourselves on having a variety of price points." She and her husband Randy established their country store 16 years ago.

**THE PRODUCTS:** Bedding is big at HillTop. "There's so much opportunity to change the look of a bedroom without spending a lot of money. Women like to change things up," says Lena. New quilts, blankets and pillows can refashion a bedroom without breaking the bank. "That makes us women happy," says Lena. The scent of Thymes handwash, dish soap



and bar soap is also popular. "It's fresh. It's summer. It's a great fragrance by your kitchen sink," Lena says. "It gives you a bit of that summer feel." Made of plant-based ingredients, Thymes is environmentally friendly and skin-compatible. "When you're doing your dishes, it just smells lovely. It makes you want to do the dishes." The store carries Canadian and American-made sofas, including a California sofa in an old-fashioned style with a new take on it. The seat consists of a single cushion, wrapped in down and covered in high-quality durable fabric. Down fill provides comfort without losing its shape. "You can snuggle into the corners nicely because it has a high back," Lena says.

**THE SERVICES:** HillTop Interiors is a full-service design store with the ability to design kitchens and bathrooms. "Usually people come to us who want something a little more creative," says Lena. "Creating unique and personalized kitchens that suit a family's needs is a joy. I like to create an unexpected harmony that is intimate and unique to my clients' needs." If customers can't find what they want in the store, staff is happy to go through catalogues and help find what's required.

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