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## From Front to Back, This Toronto Home Literally Merges Heritage and Modernism

Each week, we tap into Dwell's Instagram community to bring you the most captivating design and architecture shots of the week.

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Architectural photographer [Shai Gil](#) shared a few photos he took of the Bilateral House, a 116-year-old Period Revival home in Toronto that was renovated by [Audax](#) in 2016. Though the homeowners wanted it to be turned into a modern gallery-inspired house where they could display their art and furniture collections, the city required that they keep the front half of the structure original. So, [Audax](#) sensitively restored the original facade while designing a modern addition for the rear. They connected the two sections of the home by utilizing similar materials throughout, including the addition of black metal.



**While Audax reconstructing the front facade with restored brick, wood trim, and new stucco, they built a fresh modern addition onto the back. They also rebuilt the entire roof to reflect the original design, which ensures that the house still feels like one residence.**

Photo by Shai Gil



**The living space that features a freestanding fireplace looks out through a seated window that perfectly frames the yard.**

Photo by Shai Gil



**They were able to install a new integrated garage into the front while still preserving the historic façade's character.**

Courtesy of Audax