

## **Rohan Walters, Buildings Designer Spaces by Rohan Inc.**

*"Imagination has tangible value".*

Take a stroll by Rohan Walters' best-known designs at 1292 College or 157 Coxwell and prepare to be charmed, provoked, inspired. The bold colours of a Group of Seven palette are layered on affordable and eco-friendly plywood exteriors. A funky mural is commissioned to a graffiti gang leader to protect a streetscape from random, artless images. An airy mezzanine is installed at treetop level in an open-concept loft to answer a teenager's need for private space.

The originality that first commands our attention is anchored with thoughtful, intelligent features at every turn – radiant heating, flexible floor plans, natural materials and low-maintenance landscapes among them.

Choosing to forego the perks of exotic, corporate assignments, Rohan's buildings stand as testaments to his belief in the evolution of more enlightened, holistic architecture here at home. With degrees in Architecture and Environmental Studies, Rohan's métier is sustainable simplicity, combined with a gift for exploring the unique potential on projects that others find too difficult to tackle. His passion for good design puts people first. He revels in the collaborative process of balancing his clients' dreams with the practical constraints of his trade.

Rohan has ultimate faith in the power of imagination to build better spaces and communities and he demonstrates this optimism with ingenious results. With one quirky plot of land at a time, Rohan Walters is succeeding in bringing our city closer to its most hopeful vision of itself.

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