

CELEBRITY SPACES

Beauty finds a place at work and at home



Celebrity hair stylist Janet Jackson describes her home as a warm and inviting place.

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Toronto-born beauty expert and celebrity hairstylist Janet Jackson originally wanted to be a social worker having graduated with a degree in social work from Seneca College.

But her inner voice suggested she explore an interest in hairstyling instead and she later completed a cosmetology (study and application of beauty treatment) course at George Brown. "I can hon-

estly say that I love being that ear people need sometimes when they sit in my chair."

Jackson began her beauty career 15 years ago working as a front-desk assistant at a salon. Her passions lead her to open her own salon (www.joujouhairstudio.com) in 2006.

Once again, the voice inside her was telling her to research projects that required hair technicians such as fashion shows, photo shoots and music videos.

Jackson signed with an agency and the result has

been more than she had hoped for. Her work has been featured in *Elle Canada*, *Flare* and numerous commercials. Hollywood A-Listers who have sat in her chair include Usher, Rita Ora and Rosario Dawson.

The best part of her job is "helping people feel beautiful using their hair to enhance what's already there."

Jackson invited *Celebrity Spaces* into her home.

Q: How would you describe your home in two words?

A: Relaxed and refined.

Q: Tell us about your home.

A: My home is a 2,100-sq. ft. brick house in Brampton. It is about 11-years-old and we moved in 2006. There is a lot of greenery and outdoor space, which I love! It's a breath of fresh air, literally.

Q: What attracted you to this space?

A: Its unique layout, open concept and it's a good neighbourhood to raise a family.

Q: Who shares this home?

A: I live with my husband and our youngest son of four



children.

Q: How much time do you spend at home?

A: Unfortunately not very much time at all! The work week is packed so from Monday to Friday much of my home time is spent sleeping. However on Sundays, it is much easier to get a day to spend enjoying the house.

Q: What is your favourite room and why?

A: My favourite room is the living room. It's my own little oasis, or my peaceful 'woman cave' to get away to read.

Q: How would you describe your decorating style?

A: I would say my decorating style is chic with unique vintage accents. I have earth tones in my home with accent colours mixed in here and there. We enjoy showcasing artwork as well as photos of family and friends to create a warm and inviting environment. My husband and I are very much into African and Caribbean themed art sculptures, prints and paintings and our col-

lection is placed around our home.

Q: What is your fondest memory in this home?

A: My fondest memories are the times we host Christmas dinner. It doesn't even need to be a specific holiday or event, just having a ton of people you love packed into a cozy space always makes for lovely memories.

Q: What's the one item in this house you can't live without?

A: Our stove! It's all about food and guests, we really couldn't function without it.

Q: Weekends at home, what are we most likely to find you doing?

A: Our weekends are crazy and not usually spent at home. Saturdays are one of the salons busy days, so I am usually working. My husband and son have sports clubs or activities to do. Sunday is family day. Whatever we do, we do it together.

Q: If your walls could talk, what would they say?

A: 'This woman can cook!' And I do a lot of it when I can.

