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Chad and Alicia Colgan and daughter Mila in the space that will be the courtyard of their new home in McKenzie Towne's Elgin Village by Cardel Homes.

Courting a new style

Trendy courtyard homes
catching interest from buyers

MARTY HOPE
CALGARY HERALD

It doesn't look like much right now, just another nondescript patch of dirt around a new home.

But just wait. Homebuyers Alicia and Chad Colgan have big plans for that 13-foot by 15-foot piece of their property in McKenzie Towne's Elgin Village.

The Colgans have purchased one of the courtyard designs being offered by Cardel Homes, and will be moving in this fall.

"We love the concept of the courtyard home," says Alicia. "It gives us a private space in our yard and with a rear attached garage, it totally changes the look of the front of our home."

Mike Selinger, vice-president of sales and marketing for Cardel Homes, says the appeal and demand for the courtyard homes has been growing since their introduction into Quarry Park in 2009 after Cardel made a whirlwind tour of some U.S. cities to see what style of home was drawing buyers.

And, says Selinger, it was the courtyard homes that appeared to "dominate" several markets there. So, the idea was brought to Calgary.

"The Quarry Park outline plan included 46 laned lots for rear-garage product, and that gave us the opportunity to bring on the courtyard home," he says from the show home in Remington Developments' Quarry Park.

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ABOUT CARDEL HOMES

Since Cardel first broke ground in 1973, this family business has grown to be a major builder, constructing more than 1,000 units per year in residential markets across North America.

Under the leadership of Ryan Ockey, president and CEO of the Cardel

Group of Companies, Cardel offers a wide range of products including a single-family portfolio, multi-family projects and resort properties.

Cardel's Calgary region president is Geoff Thompson.

For more information, visit cardelhomes.com.



FROM PAGE F1 COURTYARD: Outdoor space

It was the success of that project — just nine lots remain to be sold — that brought about the decision by Cardel to introduce similar product into Elgin Village by Brookfield Residential.

But, Selinger adds, there are limited opportunities there with just 12 to 15 lots available that can handle that style of home.

"Regardless, there's a lot to be said about being able to bring the outdoors in or the indoors out, whichever you prefer," says Selinger. "And with the rear garage, it adds to the curb appeal."

The Colgans purchased the two-storey, 2,195-square-foot Kingston Court model, one of three models available in Elgin. And not only does it come with a rear-attached garage, there is a bonus room over it.

"It's a very functional layout with lots of space," says Alicia.

On the Kingston Court model, patio doors open to the sideyard courtyard area from either the nook or greatroom. The show home in Quarry Park has an aggregate surface and a stone fireplace. Above the pergola is a small balcony in a bedroom that overlooks the courtyard.

The courtyard homes in Elgin are smaller than those being offered in Quarry Park, and prices vary because of that. In Quarry Park, courtyard

houses start at \$610,000 and in Elgin at \$420,000.

"We didn't expect this kind of response, but the courtyard homes just took off," says Selinger.

The courtyard homes also offer a lifestyle option for families who enjoy their yard, want to entertain, and at the same time have to additional space offered by the rear garage and the living area over it.

IN SHORT

BUILDER: Cardel Homes; the courtyard series.

AREA: Elgin Village in McKenzie Towne and Quarry Park, both in southeast Calgary.

PRICES: Pricing in Elgin Village starts at \$420,000 and \$610,000 in Quarry Park.

PARTICULARS: The courtyard series comes with rear garages and side-yard courtyard areas for entertaining or relaxing.

INFORMATION: cardelhomes.com



Cardel Homes vice-president of sales and marketing Mike Selinger shows off one of the new courtyard homes the company is building in McKenzie Towne.

"The product is designed for a customer who is looking for a design that offers an exciting alternative to the tra-

ditional front, double-attached garage home — and a unique outdoor living space," Selinger adds.

THE BUYERS

Chad and Alicia Colgan

BACKGROUND: The Colgans were living in Acadia but were looking for something different in a suburban community. After shopping the marketplace, they found what they were looking for in the McKenzie Towne community of Elgin Village — a courtyard home that has recently been introduced to the community by Cardel Homes.

"We loved the style of home, the functional layout, and the rear-attached garage," says Alicia. "With the garage at the back it gives the front of the home more character." While there is no backyard, the 13-foot by 15-foot courtyard which is tucked into the sideyard, provides a more private entertainment area.

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