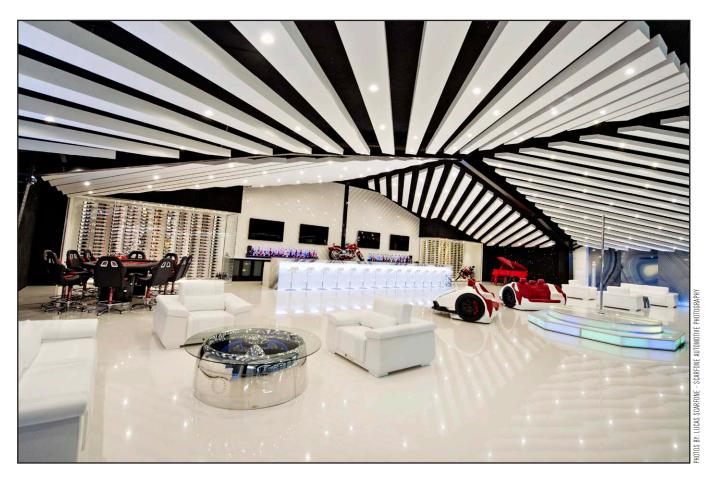
THE ULTIMATE MAN CAVE

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WHEN MONEY IS NO OBJECT, HOW DO YOU BUILD A MAN CAVE THAT NOT ONLY FEELS LIKE HOME, BUT LIKE IT CAME OUT OF A MOVIE SET?

Spending a fortune to create an enclave of masculinity only highlights the obsessive detail required to execute a vision. The likes of Tony Montana or Tony Stark would probably feel a little envious of such a display, where even the size of the place could probably barely fit their outsized egos and personalities.

Of course, size does matter, at least when it comes to cramming whatever floats your boat into this one bastion of solitude and excess. There's no limit to what a Man written or unwritten. It is a man's world

in there, after all, and yet, it was a female designer, Joanna "Jojo" Pietras, who made this happen.

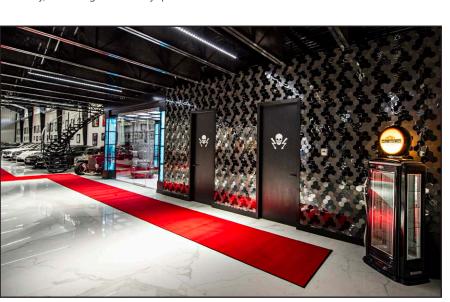
With \$4 million and 20,000 square feet of space to fill, Jojo pieced together a Man Cave exulted by a collection of cars resembling a showroom, all neatly lined up with power outlets underneath each and every one to make sure batteries never die. Red carpets separating the rows of sweet rides, all standing out in a nice contrast to the porcelain slabs imported from Italy — the Cave has to be. There are no real rules, same type used at the Ferrari showroom there — covering the entire floor.

A mix of architectural tile, with a honeycomb veneer that teeters from seguins to matte, black to stainless steel — and not far away — sheet metal walls and garage doors that give the visual splendour some grit. Rows of framed sports jerseys, all signed. Sports and pop culture memorabilia, all signed. Glass enclosures protecting them all, like a museum that keeps eyes peeled and paws at bay.

A large humidor holding hundreds of cigars, constantly set at 72 per cent humidity, ensuring that every puff from

every stogie is one drag further away from the stresses of life. Inside, two imported Lamborghini chairs, diamond stitched, with carbon fibre and stainless steel threaded wire. Cost: over \$10,000 each.

Washrooms that you could almost sleep in. Italian granite sinks, perfectly cut to a unique shape. Murals in each bathroom hand-painted by Jojo's classmate from art school in Poland. Big silver and antique mirrors to widen the space, melding the old with the new.







CHROME FALL 2016 MAN CAVE | 137 A spiraling staircase leading to the 4,000 sq. ft. mezzanine is lined with logos for the top automotive brands, all cut from stainless steel and meticulously laid down onto the steps. Jojo's idea, born from her deep affection for staircases.

Two wine cellars, one for 231 red bottles, another for 231 white bottles, each chilled at 52-degrees Fahrenheit, punctuate a space men might never want to leave. All amenities and entertainment options a man could salivate over are readily available. Comfy Lamborghini couches made in Poland, with fibreglass frames, plus replica tires, treads, brake calipers and lights to make them look like they were sliced from the real thing. Cup holders falling down in the middle, adding to the feeling of sitting in luxury wheels.











The small stage and stripper pole, lit up with bright LEDs all around for a gentleman's private dancer, seems dwarfed by the expanse behind it. Coffee tables made from DC9 airplane engine turbines with visible rivets. A \$100,000 sound system on par with any nightclub. A karaoke machine with large TVs to belt out tunes like nobody's watching.

The Ferrari red grand piano is programmed to play over 3000 songs on its own, yes the keys are moving like someone is playing. A poker table with racing-inspired chairs made to be comfortable and classy when the stakes are high in a friendly game.





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Facing all that is the bar, well-stocked with all the latest and tastiest liquors and beers. Nine slabs of Italian granite blended together, sporting a zigzag effect Jojo couldn't resist bringing to life. Custom made Harley Davidson Ferrari themed bikes adorn both wine cellars and bar.

Finding a good seat shouldn't be hard when there are 15 barstools to choose from. All of them custom-made leather and ostrich skin with delicate stitching and logo imprints. Tally up all the seating made from the same Italian Lambo furniture company throughout this Man Cave and you're looking at \$250,000.











Every square inch of the space is overseen by a dramatic and Cathedralesque ceiling where sloped singular panels suspended on aircraft cables, made of steel frames and covered with drywall.

It took Jojo and the various crews two years to build this \$4 million Man Cave. The combination of impeccable design and dedicated tradesmen created this spacious ode to a man's insatiable needs and wants.

Now, it could be your turn.









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