

A Cape Cod Classic

New construction embodies clean New England style

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Ridgewood residents enlisted The Red Shutters' principal designer Marina Case to assist with the decorating of their shingle-style Cape Cod, Mass. home. The 3,000-square-foot new construction was designed by Gordon Clark of Northside Design Associates and built by David "Nordy" Nordberg of Nordy's Construction, Inc. The entire project, which the owner describes as a labor of love, took 14 months to complete.

"The Dennis-Brewster area of the Cape reminds me of Ireland," the homeowner says, "and when we were planning a vacation home, with an eye on retirement, we knew that this was the perfect location. Our whole extended family from the United States and Ireland love to stay in the house, it is the ideal place to spend family time together."

The family decided to use Case since she helped decorate their Ridgewood home and knew their aesthetics. "She helped me achieve the warm, fresh approach I was looking for," the homeowner says. "I had imported several antique pieces from Ireland and Marina and I balanced these out with more contemporary pieces and fresh, bright colors. She did an awesome job coordinating delivery and installation of materials and furnishings from five hours away."

Case selected Farrow and Ball paint colors throughout the home with "Tallow" as the primary shade. The cabinets are all custom made and the lighting is mainly from Visual Comfort.

"We couldn't have been happier with our builder and decorator," the homeowner says. "It is a complicated process building when you live so far away, you have to really trust the professionals to execute the vision...and we were lucky to have the best."

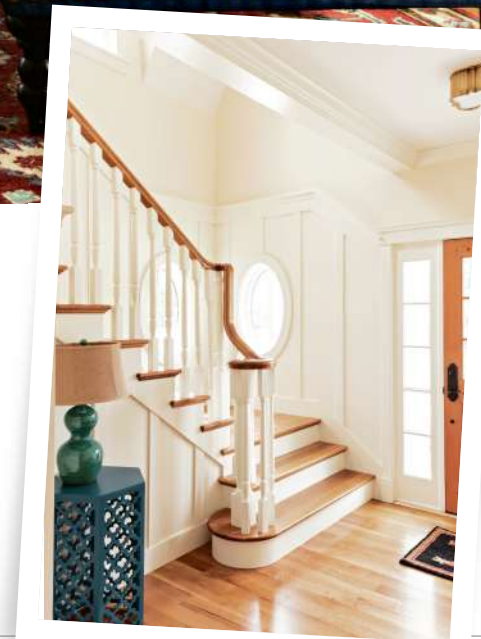


Living Room & Dining Area

Adjacent to kitchen is the living room and dining area continuing the open space feel of the home. The colorful ottoman, nestled between two butter colored reupholstered chairs from Annie's Attic in Bergenfield, served as the color palette inspiration throughout the home. The primary colors of the fabric capture the clean and bright feel the owners were looking for.

Entryway

"Our primary goal was to reflect the owner's Irish coastal heritage with an updated fresh, nautical flavor appropriate to the Cape Cod setting," says Case. Mission accomplished. The handcrafted rail, by Randy Souza of Harwich, sets the elegant flow and tone to the entryway. The blue in the open work hall table and green base of the lamp echo the nautical color scheme. ➤





Kitchen

The kitchen, often called the heart of the home, features an open living space perfect for entertaining. Chatham area craftsman Bob Benson made the antique chestnut dining table and Jeff Leo of Hampton, Conn. crafted the Windsor chairs. The country-style center island serves as the perfect gathering spot for meals and entertainment. The couple jokes it inspired him to take on the cooking and entertaining responsibilities while she volunteers as prep chef. So far the homeowners have hosted two successful lobster bakes for family and friends. ➤





Master Bath

The couple's choice of color for the master bath, a shade of green by Farrow and Ball called Dix Blue, is clean and serene complementing the white Board and Batten walls and custom cabinetry. The large window above the soaking tub allows for natural light to bathe the room in a warm glow.



Upstairs Reading Nook

The perfect spot to snuggle up with a good book, the upstairs reading nook is a space that is warm and inviting. The bright space gets plenty of natural light along with Visual Comfort lighting. Color coordinating Serena and Lily pillows add a pop of color to the neutral down cushion couch.



Master Bedroom

The master bedroom boasts a water view through the French sliders mirrored by the waterscape painting over the dresser. A Stanley Furniture accent chair in a powder blue pattern and coordinating throw pillows add to the ambience. ➤



Outdoor Seating Area

White Adirondack chairs from Backyard Living in Ridgewood add an inviting touch to the side yard slate patio. The neutral color scheme does not compete with the beautiful landscaped surroundings.

Towel Rack Area

Both purposeful and playful the bold striped beach towels, by Kassatex, work perfectly in the hallway rack area. "It's a colorful display enticing one to head to the nearby beaches," Case says.

Bathroom

The second of four bathrooms is papered in a cobalt and periwinkle Palmetto wallpaper by Serena and Lily, which adds a splash of whimsy to the bright white room. The homeowner says, "We loved the bold graphics of the paper to contrast the clean New England-style details."



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Another bright white bathroom gets a vibrant touch with Gilon raspberry-colored wallpaper by Thibaut. ■



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