

A handcrafted dining table and chairs from Pastiche fits perfectly into the kitchen's dining area.

# Putting It All TOGETHER

Combining custom-made pieces with existing ones is the perfect solution to creating a cohesive look in an expansive waterfront home.

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Above: A grouping of comfortable furniture is arranged around the field-stone fireplace. Left: A handmade buffet flanked by two wood-based lamps, all from Pastiche, anchors one end of the dining area.



## Bringing in color adds pop to a neutral palette

All the rooms have neutral walls and MacPhee wanted to play off the open and airy feel with blues and more neutrals. The great room had two lovely sofas, but MacPhee replaced two uncomfortable chairs with swivel chairs from her private collection of custom-made furniture. The chairs allow guests to either join in the conversation in the room or turn around to enjoy the stunning water views.

Chinese-style stools from Pastiche look great lined up against the staircase, but also serve as extra seating when family comes. The beautiful stone fireplace is flanked by bookshelves filled with books, pottery and collectibles that are tied together by color.

Luckily for the homeowner, MacPhee now has a private label line of furniture called "The Cape Cod Collection." It includes both wood and upholstered pieces. The wood furniture is all bench-made and hand-tooled locally out of Eastern White Pine. All pieces can be custom designed to fit a specific space, which is just what MacPhee did in the kitchen.

In addition to adding beauty, functionality plays a role in every piece MacPhee designs. In the dining area of the kitchen, the homeowners had a sofa along one wall, which MacPhee replaced with a custom-built sideboard she designed to coordinate with the table.

For designer **Irina MacPhee**, owner of Pastiche of Cape Cod in West Barnstable and Dennisport, the details and finishing touches are what make a house really shine and that is one of the things she liked best about designing the main living spaces in this Barnstable home.

The homeowner had purchased a kitchen table and chairs from Pastiche several years ago. When she moved to a new house on the water, she came into MacPhee's store with the desire to finish decorating her new home. She hired MacPhee to help her put together a cohesive look that flowed from room to room.

"I love this house because it's intimate but it's expandable when all their guests and family come home," MacPhee says. "Her theme is casual elegance, but very comfortable."



*In the master bedroom, with a sitting area with an incredible view, Irina used grasscloth wallcoverings in two shades.*

### Finishing touches is all it takes

In the small den, the color scheme of neutrals gets a punch of coral color, adding elegant pizzazz in the curtains and pillows. The original cocktail table in the room was too large for the space, so MacPhee repurposed an old ottoman, covering it with a fun chocolate-and-cream polka dotted fabric that is user friendly.

The master bedroom just needed some freshening up. One wall is now covered with grass cloth with blues in it. The rest of the walls are a darker neutral. New bedding, a couple of lamps and a mirror offered the finishing touches. The homeowners opted not to have window treatments to optimize their second-floor view of the water.

“Sometimes when people hire a designer, they’re so anxious to get everything in and do everything, but it’s really that last 20 percent that makes the difference towards making it wonderful and really personalizing it,” MacPhee says. **SHH**HOME



*At left: Asian-style stools, positioned along the staircase, can be pulled into the living area for extra seating. Right: In the den, Irina combined warm-hued fabrics on the ottoman, windows and pillows to coordinate with the homeowner’s sofa.*