



Cape Cod Coastal

Ocean hues imbue this family's Cape Cod retreat.

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Photography by Jessica Delaney, courtesy of Laurie Gorelick Interiors

It takes a village to make the dream of a coastal retreat to call your own come true. For the homeowners of this clean and classic Cape Cod house, they were lucky to have an exceptionally close-knit team to bring their project to reality.

Massachusetts residents, they had spent over 30 summers vacationing on the Outer Cape—creating memories so ingrained and special that one of the children even named his beloved Labrador Retriever, Nauset. In fact, the desire to have a family abode on the Cape was strong enough to compel the couple's adult son to fly across the country from California to see the property his mother found online. He confirmed to his parents that the house was too good to pass on. From there, they were on their way to a permanent place for the growing family to land and continue creating special moments for future generations.

The homeowners wanted to create a look that would reflect their vision of what their dream Cape Cod sanctuary would look like. The decision on who to hire as an interior designer was a no-brainer. The couple had previously worked with Laurie Gorelick, principal interior designer and owner of Laurie Gorelick Interiors, for the design of their primary residence outside of Boston. After that experience, they trusted Gorelick had the expertise and vision to take the ideas for their dream summer home and elevate it beyond their imagination. In addition to their trusted professional relationship, they appreciated that Gorelick understood their family and lifestyle—they first connected with Gorelick when their now adult sons became best friends as young, school classmates years ago. Gorelick is also a fellow Cape Cod resident, who recently expanded her Boston-based design studio operations to encompass Cape Cod.

Gorelick set about to transport the family's new home to a serene beach haven. The bones of the house were good, thanks to the builder, Eastward Companies. With a palette of blues and beiges, Gorelick created a modern coastal home—creating the mood and setting



the relaxing pace that comes from being on vacation that the family was looking for. The first floor with its open concept, is imbued with the feelings of bringing the outside in, capturing the beachy and relaxed vibes this busy family was seeking in their second home. With carefully selected pieces and finishes, Gorelick brought in natural textures and prints to reflect the summer theme. It's all in the details as you glance around the main floor; the tile, from Bellew Tile & Marble in West Yarmouth is found in the kitchen in the colorful backsplash that resembles fish scales, and behind the dry bar and butler's pantry, the shades giving the illusion of the undulation of ocean waves. The designer says, "I love the first floor—it's open concept and how it incorporates the living area, kitchen, bar and dining area. It reflects the care with which I heeded the clients' style predilections and theme while incorporating design elements like focal points and contrasting materials."

Reflecting on the process, Gorelick recalls, "We toyed with a lot of different materials and patterns for area carpets in the dining and living spaces. The



clients wanted durability and easy maintenance knowing that there would be dogs and people navigating the spaces from the adjacent outdoor pool and patio area. After weighing several options, the homeowners decided on an oval rug that mimicked the shape of the dining table and incorporated all the colors found throughout the first floor.

Concerned with long lead times, both Gorelick and her clients agreed to scout furnishings from retail stores. The dining table, chairs, upholstered pieces, and coffee table are all from Arhaus™, maker of sustainably sourced, heirloom-quality furnishings and the barstools are from luxury furniture brand Serena and Lily. Lighting fixtures scattered around the first floor are from Visual Comfort and exude casual elegance and natural coastal beauty; the captivating chandelier that hangs over the dining table is composed primarily of natural abaca beading which casts a soft and enchanting effect in the space.

Angela Anderson from Fresh Interiors in West Dennis helped the owners to select several pieces of art and decor accessories for the home. Some of her favorites include a hand-carved painted mermaid and always fodder for conversation are the unique fish prints by Salem artist Joe Higgins of fishedimpressions.com.

A small space can often be the best location for a whimsical surprise, and the first-floor powder room

was one where they had fun with the coastal theme but diverted from the original palette. Wallpaper from Abnormals Anonymous depicts puffy and cheery blowfish in a soft gray and black, enhanced by an iron framed beaded mirror by fashion-forward home décor company, Uttermost.

The homeowner shares, “The home will be named Lagom, a nod to my Swedish heritage that means just enough—not too little, not too much, and finding contentment and satisfaction by living a balanced life. This is so fitting and true for our life on Cape Cod, our happy place that evokes a sense of calm, comfort and serenity.” 🏡

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