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# A Family AFFAIR



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Bordered by pine forests and the Long Island Sound, this new environment offers a thoughtful interplay of form and feeling.











## THE PROJECT

What started out as a simple project quickly evolved into something transformative. The house became an escape that reflected the rhythm and emotion of the family within. Where pine tree forests meet the Long Island Sound, this new space strikes a subtle balance between firm structure and softness, movement and stillness. Its inhabitants split their time between the Northeast and the Mediterranean, desiring a home that would allow them to seamlessly transition between rest and recreation. The layout was designed to support this lifestyle, equally suited to quiet weekends as it is to large gatherings with friends from out of town.

From the earliest stages, YDC Design ([ydcdesign.com](http://ydcdesign.com)) creative director Rose Praino, architect John Himmelsbach and builder Ironwood Construction beautifully leveraged both an eye for detail and a commitment to craftsmanship

The bar showcases BAS Stone surfaces, Dennis Miller bar stools, YLighting pendants and custom cabinetry.

Opposite page: The kitchen features BAS Stone, a Gabriel Scott chandelier and pendants, Caesarstone counters and backsplash, Skram stools, Dornbracht faucets, Sub-Zero appliances, a Wolf stove and ovens, Holly Hunt cornice fabric and Farrow & Ball paint.

to craft the design that transformed a mere house into a home. Grounded in the NeuroSensory Design Method, trademarked by YDC Design as its proprietary approach, the team created a space where emotion, function and elegance are seamlessly embedded throughout each room. From the lighting to the layout, every detail was chosen with the intent to strengthen the connection between the family and their environment.

## THE DESIGN

Inspired by the surrounding natural landscape, the home's interior seamlessly blends the tones and textures of both land and sea. A palette drawn from dune grasses, sea foam, stone and driftwood unfolds throughout the home, grounded by textured layers of boucle, raw wood and mineral blues. The interiors were carefully designed to brighten the space, while the acoustics were curated to instill a sense of calm



The living room features stone by Artistic Tile, a Holly Hunt sofa and cornice fabric, Designlush chairs, live-edge tables from Andrianna Shamaris, drapery fabric by Rosemary Hallgarten and artwork by Maya Eventov.











and clarity in each room. To solve a design challenge in the home's double-height entry, the team installed a moss wall, connecting the home's forested setting to its coastal view. In the children's room, oversized handmade paper flowers and cozy reading nooks bring a sense of comfort and charm. The primary bedroom serves as the ideal space for proper rest, offering blackout shades, custom cornices and layered drapery that create a quiet, cozy and restorative space.

### THE DETAILS

Each room was uniquely designed to express how the family lives, connects and unwinds. A lively green wall surrounds the indoor pool, transforming it into a nature-like oasis that brings visually rich texture and whispers of softness. The bar and lounge make it easy to settle into, courtesy of the banquettes that invite you to sink in, layered fabrics and woven tapestries that soften the space. The children's room features a partially hooded nook that serves as a cocoon-like escape, perfect for reading, daydreaming or simply taking a moment to recharge. Throughout the home, handcrafted elements by local artisans add soulful, one-of-a-kind touches that elevate the everyday lifestyle. Details as small as a textured wall or a thoughtfully placed mirror allow the home to be unique to its own.

### THE OUTCOME

The full project—including design and construction—took just over three years from start to finish, quickly becoming a sincere collaboration between the homeowners and the design team. Since the client lived only a short walk away, she remained closely involved throughout the process, ›



From top: The bedroom features a bed from CB2, a pendant light from Crate & Barrel, lamps by Arteriors, drapery fabric from Rule of Three Studio and cornice fabric by Holly Hunt; the bathroom includes stone from BAS Stone, flooring by Walker Zanger, Dornbracht faucets, Kohler lighting, a Waterworks tub, custom cabinetry, drapery fabric from Calico and cornice fabric by Holly Hunt.



◁ engaging with even the smallest details in every corner. After thoughtfully crafting the home piece by piece, the final installation came together over two focused weeks. The last element to be installed—a chandelier in the entry—mimics a school of fish, quietly tying the home to its coastal surroundings and

symbolizing fluidity and movement. When the client stepped into the finished space, she paused and took a deep breath. After years of decisions and intimate details, that moment said it all. Shaped by experience, emotion and care, the home had become a perfect reflection of the family it was built for.

The chaise lounges, sofa and umbrellas are from RH, while the side tables are by Harbour Furniture.

