



“Creating a harmonious environment involves putting an emphasis on personal comfort and the small details that make life enjoyable.”

Susan Calhoun

ABOVE: The historical beach home blends casual with traditional. In the living room, a curved sofa punctuates the view through a large window scheme, while an antique-inspired crystal sconce provides the perfect amount of elegance. Custom paneling above the fireplace rounds out the clean look.

FACING PAGE TOP: The open plan of the beach home allows for easy entertaining. The dining room, kitchen, and living room effortlessly flow into one another, creating a large and comfortable space for guests to congregate as they admire art from the owners' impressive collection. The grand piano offers even more entertainment options.

FACING PAGE BOTTOM: A sophisticated space with a masculine twist allows for casual gaming and reading, perfect for rainy days on the shore of Lake Ontario. Dark-stained beams add a point of interest to the ceiling and give the design an extra punch.

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“In designing beautiful and comfortable spaces, it is necessary to be mindful of every texture and color.” *Susan Calhoun*



ABOVE: A Muskoka boathouse offers a fresh take on a nautical theme with a color palette of blues and reds. Light paneled walls coupled with a stained ceiling serve as the canvas for a variety of fabrics and hues that exude lake living. A graduated chandelier adds a certain coziness to the space, beckoning all who enter to come in and stay for a while.

FACING PAGE TOP: Red barstools and blue custom cabinetry surprise in the kitchen, which opens into the living room to promote movement throughout the space. Reclaimed hemlock hardwoods pull from the hues of the mantel, while an enlarged print of a lifeguard sprinkles the space with thoughts of summer.

FACING PAGE BOTTOM: A sitting area and bedroom continue the color scheme with whimsical pillows, throws, and window treatments. Water-inspired art brings the lake indoors.
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“Paying attention to the details results in seamless designs that will endure for generations.” *Susan Calhoun*



TOP & MIDDLE: The vacation home exudes a sense of peace with its neutral mix of colors. Benches at the dining room table take a fun approach to entertaining and are mirrored by a rectangular iron chandelier. More seating can be found at the kitchen bar, which is appointed with custom woodwork reminiscent of driftwood found on the beach. The master suite is filled with lush furnishings that continue the airy feel of the space. A historical map of the region adds a geographic touch that's fun and educational all at once.

BOTTOM: The gallery wall above the sitting room sofa features pictures of sailboats charting various courses, while the coffee table takes inspiration from the varying shapes of the frames. The leather ottoman brings a rich splash of color into the oasis of tranquility.

FACING PAGE: The window wall brings the outdoors in with gusto. Lightly distressed beams—as well as two distressed leather chairs, complete with ottomans—continue the windswept feel of the beach. Live foliage throughout the space brings the coastal region's beautiful weather into play even more.
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