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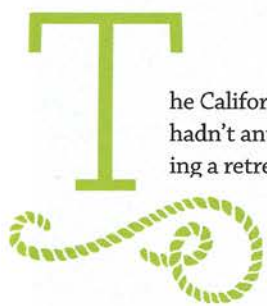
Seductive
Seaside Living

Making The
Most of A
Stunning Site

PLUS: MUST-HAVE
ACCESSORIES FOR
OUTDOOR CHIC

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The California-based owners hadn't anticipated purchasing a retreat in Vermont, particularly one on the tip of a peninsula that points, like the toe of a swimmer testing the water, into majestic Lake Champlain. It was a phone call from dear friends—pals they'd spent many a happy hour visiting on the very same peninsula—that changed everything. "Out of nowhere, they rang to tell us the property next to theirs was available," remembers Jon Ralph.

He and his wife, Patty Gibson, already loved the Vergennes area. They had family in the state whom they yearned to be more involved with and two children who attended a Vermont college. In addition, the tree-studded land was spectacular, with an old camp (the region's term for a summer haven) and a boathouse poised right at the water's edge. The purchase, all agreed, made perfect sense.

As luck would have it, though, a year later the lake experienced one of the worst floods in 150 years and the structures were swamped. Once again, the couple faced an unforeseen decision: remodel, or erect new buildings in tune with twenty-first-century living.

The couple opted for the latter, recruiting Cushman Design Group, in nearby Stowe. They pictured a well-crafted, comfortable

camp with a simple barn-like look. "We wanted the carefree, summer cottage feel but in a fully functional, year-round package," says Ralph. "Cushman helped us develop and crystallize our vision."

Keep in mind, all this had to be accomplished on a tight, sensitive



ABOVE: A sky-blue ceiling reinforces the dining area's connection to the outdoors. RIGHT: The summery blue of the Moroccan tile backsplash was the starting point for the kitchen's design. The coffered ceiling is an illustration of the home's high-quality craftsmanship. FACING PAGE: Milford Cushman designed the two-tiered chandelier made of antique mason jars that hangs from the living room's soaring ceiling.

PROJECT TEAM

ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN: Milford Cushman and Chad Forcier, Cushman Design Group

INTERIOR DESIGN: Monica Conroy Bodell, MCID

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Peter Welch, P J Welch Corporation



Shopping Bag



WEBB CHAPPELL

Interior designer **Heather Vaughan** pulls out all the stops for creating a colorful outdoor patio area with Palm Beach–chic style.



**Timothy Whealon
Bar Cart for Plexi-Craft**

“Cocktail mixology and bar carts are as hot a trend today as they were in my parents’ generation. Cocktails are always in style!”

*The Martin Group, Boston Design Center,
(617) 951-2526, martingroupinc.com*

**Double-Decker Aluminum
Umbrella in Watermelon**

“I am totally smitten with these vintage-inspired umbrellas. They feel straight out of a Slim Aarons photograph—and that’s exactly the look I’m going for.”

*Chatham Refinishing, Plymouth,
Massachusetts, (877) 585-8884,
chathamrefinishing.com*

Monochrome S2 Vases

“Used indoors or out, these limited-edition, landscape series planters designed by India Mahdavi are a showstopper. Each packs a nature-inspired pop of color to brighten any space.”

*L’ArcoBaleno, (855) 808-4017,
larcobaleno.com*



**Azimuth Cross
Lounge Chair**

“I love the bold geometry and clean lines of these pieces; so Hollywood Regency-inspired! CZ Guest and her Palm Beach crowd would love them. Add a warm beluga gray finish to soften the look and a modern classic is created.” *JANUS et Cie, Boston Design Center, (617) 737-5001, janusetcie.com*



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