





When they walked inside for the first time, they could hear waves lapping on the shore and birds in the trees. The turquoise waters of Georgian Bay were visible through the screened porch. "We stood in the hallway and stared at the view, and that solidified it," the homeowner remembers.

It's a dream beach house with a view of the water from every room. Generous windows throughout the home combine with a pale, neutral colour palette and nautical décor to highlight the bay. Hints of the beach are placed around the home here and there: shells, nautical paintings, lighthouses and model sailboats.

The home itself is beautifully designed to showcase the surrounding nature water views. The owners describe the beach as living and breathing. "Every day the water line is different, it's like an ocean in many ways," notes the homeowner. Continued on page 53

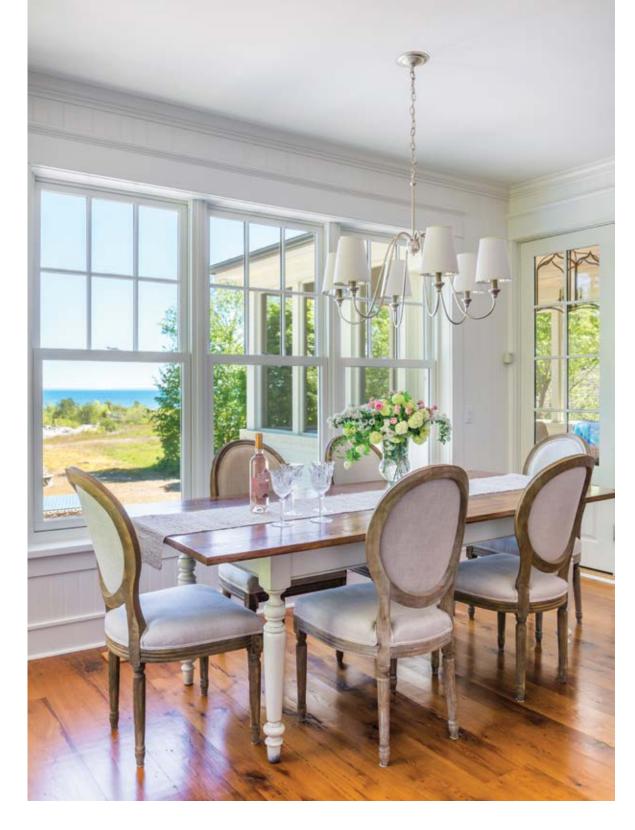




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The home's proximity to trails, the marina and downtown Thornbury was important. The family of five enjoys being able to walk everywhere, experience nature and be a part of a busy four-seasons community. In the summer, they ride bicycles along the Georgian Trail, play tennis at the park, shoot hoops in the driveway, kayak, sail and paddleboard. In the winter, they ski, snowboard and hike at their ski club, which they can see from their beachfront. They even have a view of a vintage chairlift,

which once belonged to The Peaks, on the neighbour's property. In fact, several of these chairlifts can be seen on various properties along this stretch of the bay.

The house was recently built by **Barry McLean Construction** and immaculate when the homeowners moved in; nothing needed to be finished or refinished.
From the reclaimed maple floors by **Floorcrafters**, to the off-white painted walls, the home is the quintessential picture of tradition meets tranquility.

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LEFT: In the second floor guest suite, the sound of water crashing onto the beach and a gentle breeze through the windows creates the perfect scenario for a great night's sleep. BELOW: A gabled window shines light into the second floor laundry room. The nautical theme is represented here as well, with blue-striped laundry hampers and blue beach towels. **BOTTOM:** Tranquility reigns in the light filled master suite where the simplicity of the furnishings and soft colours allow the view through the windows to shine.



Sharon Allan of Van Allan Design Centre helped

the owners decorate and furnish much of the home, including all of the bedrooms. "It has been a pleasure for me to work on this home with this family," says Sharon. "They know what they like and don't like and how they want their home to function." The master bedroom and en suite are on the main floor, allowing the boys to take over the second level where they play ping pong or hang out in their own living space. "We used cotton twill to bind the jute and wool carpeting from Belgium for the children's rooms in order to absorb sound," says Sharon. "We added quilts and funky lamps as well."

In the master bedroom, "the dark richness of the stained wooden case goods provides a contrast to the soft blues and creams in the room," Sharon explains.

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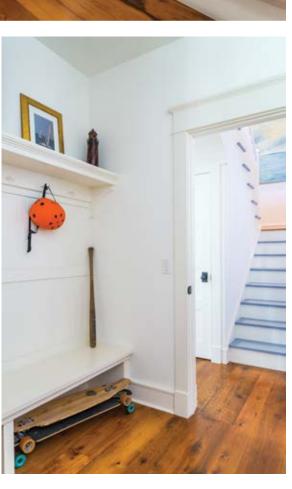
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Sharon is also responsible for the beautiful pendant lights in the kitchen, which are quite modern. Electrical by **Amber Light Electric**. Bright light flows through the home and reflects off of white surfaces. The mother of the family is a holistic nutritionist and finds the kitchen a perfect place to transform her passion for food into tools for her practice.

Between the main-floor living area and the front deck is an indoor-outdoor dining room, allowing the family to gather around the table while the warm breeze drifts through. Above the living space in the screened porch is an antique hanging light, which the owners found at **Design by Consign**. Having inherited English china from one of their grandmothers, the family was pleased to have found some delicate cutlery at Adorn II to complete an elegant dining set. Continued on page 58

RIGHT: A deep soaker tub is inviting in the master bath. BELOW: A pair of pedestal sinks opposite the soaker tub have a small chest of drawers between them to keep personal items out of sight. **BELOW RIGHT:** An open mudroom has lots of cubbies and hooks for sports gear. The clever placement of the walls means it cannot be seen into from anywhere on













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and a seating deck with access to the

generous beach area. **BELOW:** With its

the inviting front facade of the home has

modified New England saltbox architecture,

On the large waterside deck, they gather to watch the sailboats racing and the water on a cosy sectional from **Tyme Home**. The couple like to support local businesses as much as possible, and are always finding new sources for décor, like **Kettlewells**, which created the beautiful urns out front and window boxes full of flowers.

The three sons play for endless hours on a basketball hoop from **Canadian Tire** and on the front lawn maintained by **Blue Mountain Four Seasons** and **Eagles Weed Control & Lawn Service**. **The Landmark Group** designed and installed the lovely landscaping around the property, while the flowerbeds were designed and maintained by Blue Mountain Four Seasons.

The Blue Mountains and Georgian Bay offer this family everything they could wish for in their Cape Cod-inspired home. Nestled amongst the rolling hills filled with apple orchards, vineyards, vast views and crystal clear water they look forward to creating family memories here for years to come. **OH**



