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# coastal casual INSPIRATION



The light and airy kitchen space is grounded by the rich navy island and the warmth of the natural hickory flooring. A touch of industrial character was added using a white porcelain brick backsplash, which gives another vary of finish to the all-white palette. **OPPOSITE:** Bridget Shedden and Ian Kershaw walk along the beach a short distance from their home.

HALE NAVY  
HC-154

OXFORD WHITE  
CC-30  
(All colours by  
Benjamin Moore)

A love for the serenity offered by the shores of Lake Huron and Nova Scotia – as well as quaint surf towns around the globe – inspired this Kincardine couple’s newly-built custom home.

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The fireplace is the statement piece in the home and is finished in Summer Stream Stone from Cultured Stone (West Shore Stone & Brick). The smooth, rounded texture provides a realistic look to stones found in rivers and along coastlines.

SILVER SATIN  
OC-26



**TOP:** The mudroom is accessed directly from the garage and showcases tile laid in a herringbone pattern. The laundry is conveniently accessed but hidden from view. **ABOVE:** Layers of texture greet you at the entrance including the craftsman-styled door (Georgian Bay Window & Door); the board and batten siding in Coastal Blue; and the weathered stone on the base of the pillars. **RIGHT:** Mixing different wood finishes adds character and warmth to the dining area in the open-concept space.

Everyone out there has this dream house they've seen in a movie. A place where you can picture yourself cooking and sleeping and hosting parties and most of all just... being. Think of Diane Keaton's quintessential Hampton's beach house in the movie *Something's Gotta Give*. It makes one think of white linen pants, skipping stones and walks in the warm water as the gentle sun sets in the distance. A true sanctuary by the water.

And a sanctuary by the water is exactly what comes to mind when touring the Kincardine home of Bridget Shedden and Ian Kershaw – its two-storey stone fireplace, the layered neutral tones with their understated pops of colour set against the warmth of smooth, natural hickory floors (**House Rules Design Shop**). A place to come home to after a long day, climb into the admittedly amazing en suite tub and just let go. A place to curl up by the fire, to spend quiet evenings cooking together after walks on the beach. *Continued on page 90*





**ABOVE:** The casual coastal design aesthetic is achieved through lots of sunlight layered with natural materials, soft neutrals and pops of various blue accents throughout. The custom barn-beam coffee table was made for the couple by Bridget's parents.

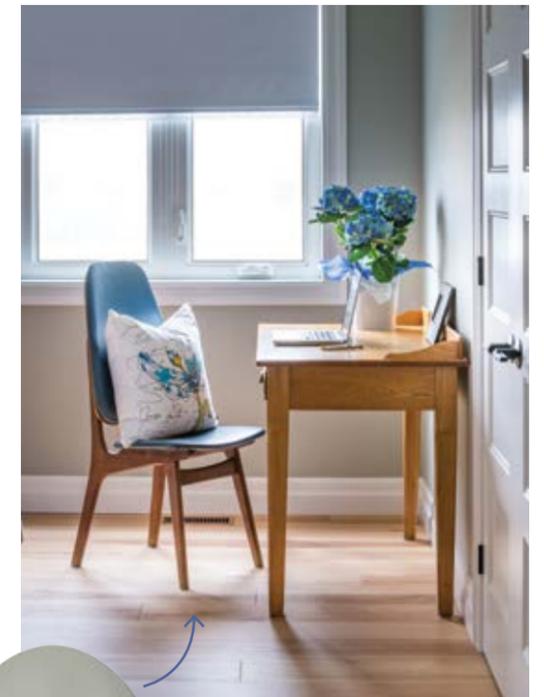
According to Bridget, that's exactly what she and Ian were hoping to create with the help of **Beisel Contracting Inc.** A beautiful custom retreat. A place where they can enjoy the advantages of living near Lake Huron and also entertain family and friends; a place that made them feel as though they had captured elements of the places they have visited together and loved.

For Ian, a Collingwood native, the design aesthetic of the house hearkened back to the

summers he spent at his grandparents' cottage in White Point, N.S.

"The old resort lodge, which has since been rebuilt after being destroyed by a fire in 2011, has been a family retreat for three generations," explains Ian. "The old lodge had a huge fireplace built with river rocks that were likely found right on the coast during the initial construction. Bridget and I wanted to bring this idea into our new house for that coastal, beachy feel."

**RIGHT:** Simple design choices in the powder room allow for the patterned floor tile to make a statement without overpowering the small space. **MIDDLE RIGHT:** Mixing old and new. A modern chair is paired with a more traditional desk that belonged to Bridget's grandmother. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A jute rug in the lower level gathering area creates an instant beach vibe. **BELOW:** The whitewashed floors in the basement are reminiscent of driftwood and continue the light and airy feeling of the home.



It worked out well that the couple were both interested in a clean, coastal vibe when it came to their home. Ian's blues blend seamlessly with Bridget's design aesthetic, a throwback to her own childhood. "I learned from my mom to keep things simple when it comes to colour, so I tend to use the pops of colour in my accent décor like pillows, wall art and flowers, Bridget explains. "My mom is a phenomenal interior decorator and this is likely where my own love and passion for design comes from." *Continued on page 92*



STONINGTON  
GRAY HC-170

**ABOVE:** A deep, free-standing soaker tub is the perfect place for Bridget to unwind after a busy day. **TOP RIGHT:** The couple thoroughly enjoyed working with Heather Smillie and the knowledgeable staff at House Rules Design Shop when sourcing tile and flooring for the home. **RIGHT:** A double vanity with a central bank of drawers, undermount sinks, traditionally-styled lever faucets and sconce lighting in a custom cut mirror (Go Glass).



Bridget says the many tasteful blue pieces in the house are a nod to Ian's enduring love of the colour. In fact, she says they chose bright blue for the exterior of their home to remind them of the water, the ocean and the beach they both love so much.

The couple, who plan to marry this September in The Blue Mountains, are both self-described "beach bums." Bridget, who hails from Kincardine, has enjoyed the soothing, healing powers of being at the beach since childhood. Growing up on Blue Mountain, Ian is a natural athlete who always loved skiing, snowboarding, and mountain biking. But when he moved to Australia for two years, he picked up surfing and never looked back. Ian and Bridget travel to off-the-grid beach locales every winter, always looking for "little boutique hotels in small surf spots" like Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Barbados to catch some waves and avoid the winter.

But these days, it is the path from their door that leads them to Lake Huron that they love best. In their new home you are likely to find them in their elegant, warm kitchen cooking a little vegetarian fare à deux or

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gathered with friends and family around the large kitchen island – finished in a rich, classic navy in the otherwise soft white space (designed by **Ian Hackett** of **Dungannon Kitchens Ltd.**). Bridget might be soaking in a luxurious bubble bath in the master en suite, which is her favourite room in the house. Or you might find Ian in his own favourite space in the house: the garage, which tends to be his domain. Bridget notes that the other important family member of the house, their fluffy seven-year-old tabby cat Zoe, has claimed the master bedroom as her own private oasis. Zoe can always be found napping on their bed.

Working with **Steve Beisel**, the “wonderfully hands-on” owner of Beisel Contracting and Project Planner/Designer **Trevor Gamble**, they managed to create a space for everyone to enjoy their own little haven. In fact, Bridget says she still isn't quite sure how Trevor managed to accomplish everything he did during construction.

As Ian and Bridget plan out the next projects for their home (landscaping and maybe a garden shed) they are looking towards their bright future. Currently, they are busy planning their upcoming wedding and have hopes to travel to a destination even further afield for a honeymoon getaway. After their honeymoon? Hopefully children one day. Happy little people who will grow up walking the path to the beach to swim and surf and play in the sand – and then return home to the little oasis their parents created. **OH**



SYLVAN MIST  
CSP-740



**TOP LEFT:** Zoe curled up in her spot on the bed (linens from Harbour Rose). **ABOVE:** The antiqued white nightstand and glass table lamp with linen shade blend perfectly with the beachy, coastal aesthetic. **LEFT:** The main level principal suite is tucked away from the traffic areas of the home and feels like a peaceful retreat.

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