

Understated Nantucket Luxury

BACKGROUND.....

When we first met the future happy homeowners to discuss their project, their response was “Well, we bought a pool!” Their newly purchased property was formerly owned by the neighboring homeowners who used it for a pool and pool house. With their kids grown they no longer had a need for a pool and decided to sell the extra property. The lot came with some interesting challenges due to the long skinny triangular shape. The homeowners’ son is an architect and designed the home in partnership with his parents to specifically fit this oddly shaped property.

EXTERIOR DESIGN.....

The home has an extremely unique design story behind it: it was specifically designed to appear as though it had been renovated multiple times to better blend into the community. A few major concepts were utilized to create this feel. The upper level dormers were added for show to make the home look like a traditional ½ story cottage from the front. Along the side and back of the home different siding options and styles in roofing were utilized to break up the length of the home and to give it the feel of multiple additions/renovations. Even their garage looks like it has had an addition!

You would not believe how many times guests walked through the door and said “This can’t be new construction, it looks like it’s a renovation!”. We love this feedback from neighbors, it truly shows that the home fits with the neighborhood and we accomplished exactly what we set out to do. The owners wanted a home from the start that blended into the community and to avoid the infamous “McMansion” feel that is similar to too many of the nearby homes.

EXTERIOR MATERIALS.....

We used a variety of materials to enhance the design, vintage feel, and overall curb appeal. Materials included; wood windows with grids, classic (fully operational) shutters, flower boxes, a fiber-board siding that resembles wood, classic red brick chimney, REAL gas lanterns at the front entrance, galvanized metal for portions of the roof and more. We used a pale yellow as the main color with classic white for the trim and pillars; very characteristic of the older homes you see in the area.

Different parts of the home utilize different siding colors and styles or changes in roofing material to exaggerate the idea of multiple additions. You can easily see an example of this on the rear of the home where it looks like the kitchen has been added on, instead of the main horizontal yellow siding and asphalt roof, this portion has white vertical paneling and a metal roof.

A RELAXED COASTAL VIBE DESIGN THEME ON THE INTERIOR.....

Even though the outside looks like it has had multiple additions, the interior flows seamlessly throughout the main and lower level. The interior of the home boasts an open floor plan with main floor living and all the modern-day bells and whistles; all with a cool, East Coast design theme.

There are some truly beautiful finishes in this home. Starting with the flooring, we used a wide-plank, wire brushed white oak with a white wash finish and the same on the stairwell with a classic wool carpet runner. Intricate, classic woodwork was a common theme with white wainscoting throughout, reclaimed wood beams in the kitchen and the vaulted family room, plus over-sized trim and crown molding throughout. Other interior details - rich white enameled cabinetry and woodwork, a walnut kitchen island with a beautiful, exotic marble top, two fireplaces with red brick and detailed white woodwork surround, smooth ceilings, Carrara marble master bath with a free-standing tub, and so much more!

This home was thoughtfully designed inside and out, with the goal of creating a beautiful, functional home that perfectly blends in among classic SW Minneapolis architecture. Truly an understated luxurious home with a coastal Nantucket feel.