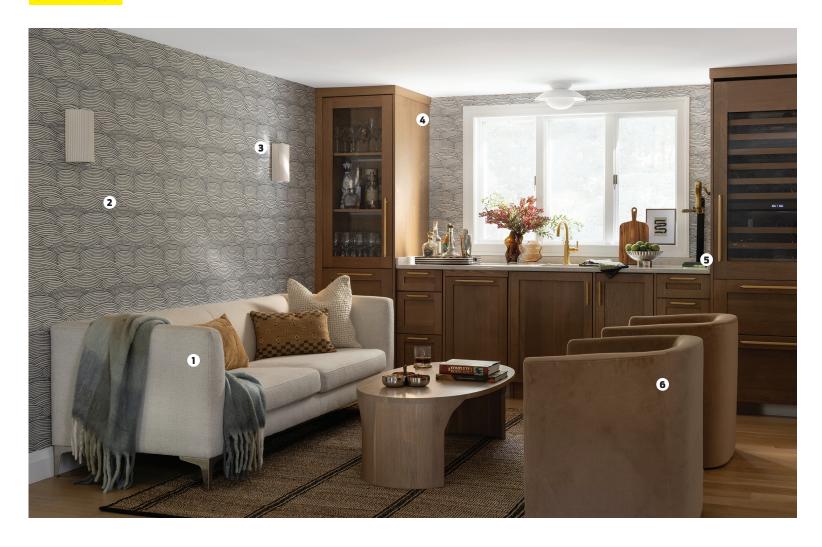
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Take Me to the Beach

REMOVING THEIR FORMAL DINING ROOM ALLOWED A WAYLAND FAMILY TO BUILD A BAR WITH BEACHY VIBES.

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too-large dining room and a cramped kitchen led the owners of this expanded Cape in Wayland to call Diana Pauro for a redesign. Pauro, who is the founder of design-build firm Rebel Builders, reconfigured the layout, moving the kitchen into the dining room, where there was plenty of space for an island — and for everyone to gather. "The husband likes to cook surrounded by friends and family," Pauro says. As for the former kitchen, it became a cozy bar with a coastal aesthetic. "They live in a wooded setting but always wanted a beach house," Pauro says. "They asked for a beach house in the woods."

- 1 Deeming leather as too serious for the laidback family, Pauro picked an ivory bouclé **sofa** with stainless steel legs from Room & Board. "If a piece this big is not going to be the star of the design, it should have clean lines," Pauro asserts.
- **2** Pierre Frey **wallcovering** with stylized waves printed on a metallic raffia ground is beachy, cozy, and calming.
- **3** "Small accents in a central location are crucial in pulling together a look," Pauro says, in reference to Cedar & Moss ribbed-porcelain **sconces** that frame the sofa. "The combination of raw and glazed finishes offers texture and depth."
- 4 Oak cabinetry that takes cues from the

- woodsy view stretches wall to wall. "We hid the appliances so it's about ambiance," Pauro explains. The illuminated glassware cabinet mimics the lighted wine refrigerator. Other appliances include a dishwasher, icemaker, and refrigerator drawers.
- **5** Pauro considered form and function in choosing the **hardware**, opting to use a vertical appliance pull on the glass-front cabinets for symmetry. The knurled brass style skews nautical.
- **6** Since the sofa has legs, Pauro selected velvet barrel **chairs** that touch the floor to ground the seating area. The woven rug's black binding and stripes ensure it doesn't disappear in the monochromatic scheme.