

STYLE WATCH



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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A 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.