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It's the smell of freshly cut grass, the sound of an ice cream truck's bell, and the sight of the twinkling glow of fireflies that announce to us summer is here. So find a cozy porch chair and a cool drink, and enjoy the season with The Cottage Journal.



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Whidbey Island Classic

Crab Point guest cottage takes a page from classic beach dwellings of the early 1900s with historic details and rooms designed to take full advantage of the island views.

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🌿 What do you need to create the ideal guest cottage experience—a pristine setting with beautiful views and a home that is both lovely and functional to satisfy even the pickiest of visitors. Joanne and Bruce Montgomery had an enviable location to work with on Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound, about 25 miles north of Seattle. They also had the good sense to engage Ross Chapin, a local architect who specializes in small space design.

“We wanted Crab Point to feel like a classic beach cottage from the 1910s,” Bruce says. “We included an extensive use of wood walls, wainscoting, and details in the carpentry to create a historic look.” The petite cottage is only 1,200 square feet but

The kitchen island does double duty as an eating area and food prep station. The hanging lamps were salvaged and reworked.



feels more spacious due to the floor plan and clever use of built-ins. “Storage should not be forgotten, especially in a small house, where clutter can quickly overwhelm,” Ross says. “Built-in cabinets and shelves are a terrific means for taming the storage issue in an elegant way.” Another space-saving Chapin design is a built-in eating alcove, which has a smaller footprint than a traditional dining room table and chairs.

With the impressive views (the house is set on a point), lush gardens, and a pretty front porch, the interiors could have been an afterthought, but instead, they bring a connectedness that makes the rooms flow with comfort and ease. A classic blue-and-white palette with striped and printed fabrics, light wood floors, white walls, and



(Above) A custom built-in dining nook saves space and provides an intimate place for meals. The blue-and-white cushions play into the subtle nautical theme of the cottage.

(Below) The 1,200-square-foot guesthouse uses custom built-ins to maximize space and keep clutter contained.



Style Idea

For a nautical look use fresh blue and white throughout the interiors and understated seashore elements in fabrics, framed prints, and other decorative accents.



The great room with high ceilings is the heart of the home with its abundance of windows that flood the space with light and views.



The bead board wall brings vintage character to an airy white bedroom.



The bright white bathroom may be petite, but it has generous storage space and a small window to let in natural light.



nautilus accents showcases that classic beach cabin style the Montgomerys wanted to replicate, but there is also practical in the pretty. "The wood floors are hickory, which has a very knotty look but is one of the hardest hard woods and holds up well given all the sand that can be tracked through the house," Joanne notes. With everything about the cottage so meticulously planned, there is no doubt that every guest will long for a return invitation to Crab Point.

For a look at the Montgomerys' personal residence on Whidbey Island, see pages 37-42.

