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Summer Lovin'

26 TALENTED DESIGNERS FASHION THEIR DREAM

RETREATS AT THE HAMPTON DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE



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SANDY beaches and a sunny mindset make the Hamptons synonymous with summer. The season's staple design event, the Hampton Designer Showhouse, serves up stylish and unexpected interiors by today's top talents. Now in its 16th year, the annual showhouse continues to excite with expertly appointed interiors.

A magnificent barn-style house in Bridgehampton built by Christopher Tufo Design & Build served as the setting for the 2015 showhouse benefiting the Southampton Hospital. Contemporary lanterns from Hinkley Lighting illuminate the exterior. The estate, complete with pool house and tennis pavilion, also features an alfresco dining area with outdoor fireplace. Twenty-six designers transformed more than two dozen spaces into their ideal summer escapes. Let's take a tour.

For the spacious great room, designer Patricia Fisher selected a metallic gray wallcovering to counter the fireplace's dark stone surround. A variety of seating, such as sculptural midcentury armchairs and ottomans, surrounds the coffee table, creating an optimal gathering spot. Artwork, including photography, painted acrylic, and oil on canvas, adds interest to walls. A patterned rug, striped linen draperies, and a drum pendant with hand-painted shade serve as finishing touches.

The foyer by Elissa Grayer greets guests with visual vibrancy. A blue-gray grass-cloth wallcovering by Thibaut and coordinating area rug from Stanton Carpet offset the entry's white wainscoting. A custom settee upholstered in navy chenille beckons while a round pedestal table with faux-shagreen inset displays nautical mementos. Troy Lighting's wrought-iron chandelier with rope detailing caps the expansive ceiling.

Brian Brady and Franco Biscardi ensured the family room exudes comfort. An L-shape sectional and oversize coffee table encourage guests to kick back and relax. A two-tone gray grass-cloth wallcovering and similarly colored rug wrap the room in luxurious texture. Eight art pieces with a provocative slant crown the back console. The vintage Hermès leather chairs are the designers' favorite.

"I wanted the room to be masculine but appropriate for coastal living," says Robert Brown of the art-filled library. Pratt & Lambert's "China White" paint provides the perfect backdrop for a gallery wall. All the seating—including the leather chair and custom daybed with waterfall skirt—is by Wesley Hall. Simple casegoods with clean lines keep the space from becoming too busy.

Pops of vivid blue contrast the white cabinetry in the lavish kitchen by Marlaina Teich. The soothing color scheme was inspired by the floral drapery fabric, which reminds Teich of Monet paintings. Crossville's frosted-mirror backsplash tiles give the illusion of beach glass. Grohe's chrome faucet accessorizes the island, which boasts hand-painted chevron detailing. The polished-nickel pendants with crystal rods are by Hudson Valley Lighting.



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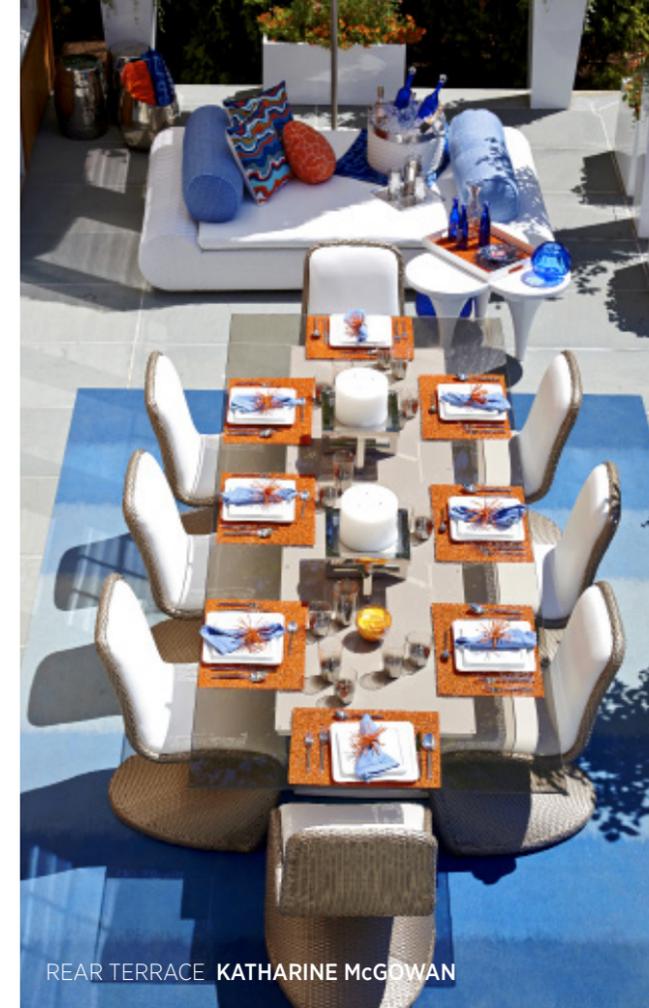


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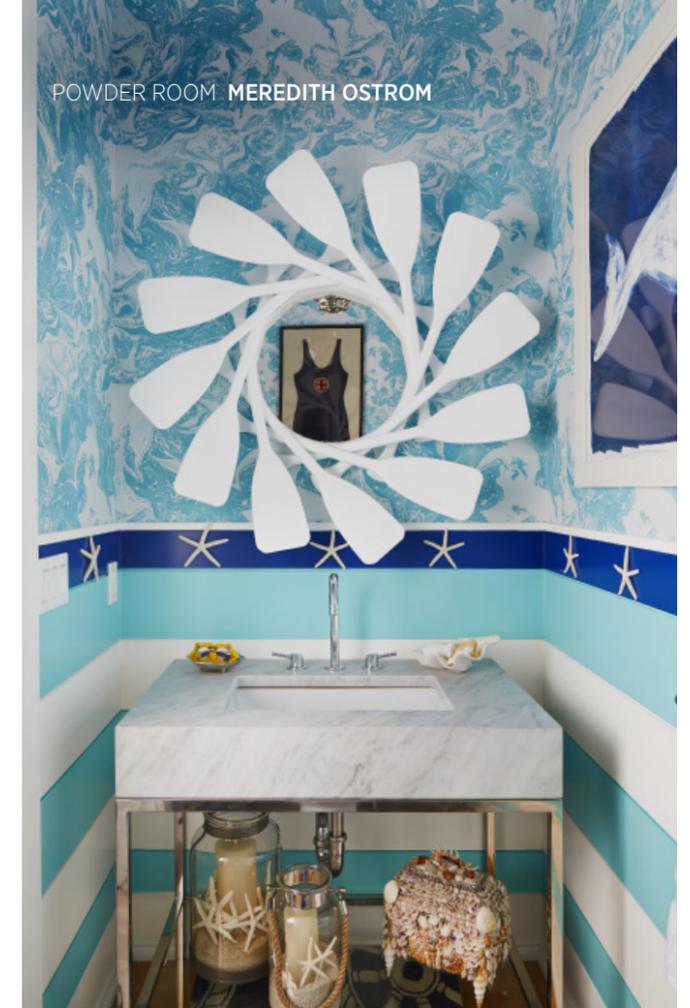
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POOL HOUSE CABANA CRICKET BURNS



Just outside the kitchen, the covered terrace by **John Loecke and Jason Oliver Nixon** is utter bliss. “It’s a small slice of heaven in Sag Harbor,” Nixon exclaims. “Note the tassels, the fringe-kissed throw pillows, the pagoda-shape lanterns, and terrific table settings.” All of the furnishings and decor, including the woven seating and the blue-and-white table with elephant base, are by Frontgate. Gorgeous pool views tempt guests to take a dip.

Inside, the mudroom by **Scot Meacham Wood** is awash in color and pattern. The space, dubbed “Camp Citron,” is “a classic Adirondack-style room seen through a pop-art point of view,” explains Wood. Debuting the designer’s tartan textiles—note the acid-yellow draperies and coordinating pillows—the sporty sitting area also includes aquatic art and a pair of black lacquer chairs. In lieu of overhead lighting, a suspended kayak injects whimsy above.

According to **Barbara Page**, the dining room, clad in blue jute wallpaper, is “elegant yet approachable.” The vintage Milo Baughman table jump-started her design. A playful bench with acrylic legs teams with tufted linen chairs for seating. Silk awning-stripe draperies garnish the window while a bar cart tempts guests to pour their own cocktails. Circa Lighting’s gilded orb ceiling fixture enhances the glamour.

Back outdoors, the pool house terrace by **Jack Ovadia** blends contemporary design with classic American architecture. To bring a bit of glitz to the exterior, Ovadia painted the trellis surround metallic gold and dressed it with white draperies. The furnishings, including rattan chairs, a gold cocktail table, and faceted “head” stools, are from Frontgate. Tiki torches and a copper fire pit encourage late-night lingering.

The pool house kitchen is “the perfect spot to grab a towel, refill your glass, and get back to enjoying summer poolside,” says designer **Tyler Pankratz**. Because the space is not climate-controlled, it was furnished to withstand humidity and extreme temperatures—note the vinyl wall-covering and concrete faux-bois table. Pottery by Ballard Designs lines the cabinets while Crossville’s tile backsplash and Grohe’s chrome faucet accessorize the sink. The acrylic stemware is from Gracious Home.

Summer colors radiate in the pool house cabana by **Cricket Burns**. “I used every inch of the small space to showcase my vision of a happy, chic changing room,” says the designer. The closet door was coated in a high-gloss chartreuse paint from Pratt & Lambert to complement the ikat shower curtain and coordinating window trim. Overhead, a crystal boat chandelier reiterates the oceanside aura.

The rear terrace by **Katharine McGowan** is ideal for entertaining. Frontgate’s wicker chairs with curved frames surround the table set for eight. Bursts of bright orange offset the cool-blue area rug. A plush chaise affords after-meal lounging.

Meredith Ostrom decided to go bold when designing the small powder room. Painted teal-and-white stripes team with a navy border embellished with starfish. The water-inspired wallcovering “has exciting movement, reminiscent of the roaring sea after a storm,” Ostrom says. A custom paddle mirror, whale watercolor art, and a shell-encrusted box complete the coastal scene.

Diane Guariglia continued the beach theme in the master bedroom. Aquatic colors play happily with ultra-feminine details—note the ruffled mirror above the desk. A grouping of gold starfish decorates the



MASTER BEDROOM DIANE GUARIGLIA



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'HER' DRESSING ROOM CALIFORNIA CLOSETS



MASTER BALCONY RACHEL FLOREZ

wall above the coral-print upholstered headboard. The bedside table lamps are from Circa Lighting.

Just beyond the bedroom, the balcony by **Rachel Florez** boasts breathtaking views. Frontgate's large sectional with leatherette cushions and navy-stripe pillows lines the perimeter. A contemporary coffee table with an X-base is set for afternoon hors d'oeuvres.

In designing the master bath, **Keith Baltimore** says, "Its vastness presented itself to me as a challenge in spatial planning, primarily in the center of the room." So he incorporated Corbett Lighting's extravagant crystal chandelier and placed a nearly transparent glass-and-acrylic table and a pair of wooden "plank" chairs atop Stanton Carpet's shag rug. The cork wallcovering with philodendron-leaf motif adds exotic flair.

The spacious "her" dressing room with vanity and round mirror features a custom closet system by California Closets.

Denise McGaha didn't hesitate when it came to mixing textures in the expansive guest bedroom—note the fur throw, the gold linen draperies, and the leather barrel chairs with brass bases. Her favorite element is the wallcovering, which resembles tortoiseshell and reads like lush ivy. "It allows the layers of art and accessories to feel richly placed," she says. The stools with zebra cushions are from Gracious Home. A black desk and vintage bamboo chair pull up to exterior views.

The adjacent bedroom by **Brian Patrick Flynn** is pretty in shades of pink. A sisal wallcovering by Thibaut partners with patterned fabrics from Duralee to fashion the cheerful and vibrant escape. "Just before the color becomes overwhelming, neutral touches appear in the form of a jute rug and zebra-upholstered console," Flynn says. A sofa and spool



BEDROOM | DENISE MCGAHA



BEDROOM IV BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN



BEDROOM II ELISE SOM

chairs upholstered in vivid stripes provide perches for conversing and afternoon reading.

Another bedroom—by **Elise Som**—harks to nature. Influenced by the wooded areas and water surroundings of the Hamptons, Som selected natural elements to decorate the space—see the burlap pendants by Ballard Designs and the framed succulents above the bed. Anchor art, a folding chair, and a bedside lamp with shell base complete the calming retreat.

Seaside hues continue in yet another bedroom by **Elizabeth Hagins with Richard Mortimer**. “We started with the rug, which set a sophisticated tone, and the rest fell into place,” Hagins says. The dual window treatment was achieved using sheer fabrics from Duralee. The bed quilt and coverlet are from Gracious Home. Circa Lighting’s glass star chandelier shimmers overhead.

On the lower level, the game room by **Gretchen Kubiak** is great for lying back and having fun. Furnished with a camouflage-print sofa and tufted leather chairs from Kubiak’s own collection, the space also features a colorful rug and a steel chandelier. The orange table lamp and targets above the sofa augment the lighthearted atmosphere.

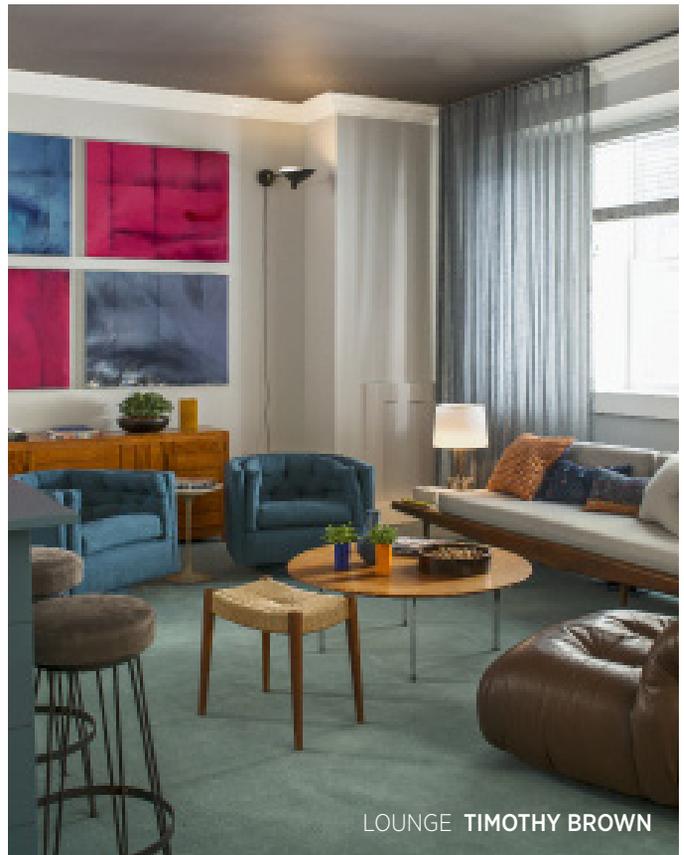
Timothy Brown wanted the lounge to project a groovy vibe. A moody gray paint from Pratt & Lambert coats the walls and ceiling while sheer draperies add an air of intimacy. Large-scale art representing the four seasons hangs above a 1950s French cabinet. A vintage sofa with built-in wooden tables teams with a plump leather chair and two blue swivels to lend plenty of seating. The custom bar with vintage stools lures with a selection of libations.

BEDROOM III ELIZABETH HAGINS WITH RICHARD MORTIMER





GAME ROOM GRETCHEN KUBIAK



LOUNGE TIMOTHY BROWN



REC ROOM MELANIE ROY

An artfully crafted Tresserra Collection pool table stimulated the rec room's design by **Melanie Roy**. "It exemplifies the sophisticated and sporty Hamptons resident," Roy says. Thibaut's sisal wallcovering inserts subtle texture into the gray-and-yellow scheme. The glamorous entertaining space also includes a custom velvet sofa, an acrylic chess set, and mirrored cocktail tables. A modern pendant illuminates the metallic painted ceiling. The electric fireplace is by Napoleon Fireplaces. [For information on items in these showhouse rooms, see sources on page 114](#)

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