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A HISTORIC
CARRIAGE HOUSE
AND A HIGH-RISE
GEARED FOR
FAMILY LIFE

ENVIRONMENTAL

Europe meets Napa Valley
in a historic carriage house.

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INFLUENCES

Playing in the
kitchen, the
household items
that don't all
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the modern home
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in modern homes
are often the most
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SET ON 3 ACRES inside of Boston on grounds designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, this 19th-century and design cottage house already had plenty of grace and charm. Built with soaring architectural features and surrounded by mature old trees, it was begging for a facelift—and a designer—to give it a thoughtful renovation. Boston interior designer Lisa Sharp immediately appreciated the property's East Coast and old-world spirit, so she took a cue from California to make it more modern and suited for the new century of life.

"It reminded me of European cottage houses and Napa Valley—that was the inspiration for me," Sharp says. "It already had a lot of personality and character with existing bones and arches, which became my jumping-off point."

Through an extensive renovation and addition, Sharp—along with T&B Builders and Justin Brothers Construction—restored key 19th-century details, such as a two-story turret, while creating a new family room, mudroom, master suite, garage, gym, wine cellar, pool house and more. Inspired by the home's original graceful arches, Sharp

replicated that curving form in walls, transitions, hallways and entryways to give the home a cohesive, seamless feel. European touches and materials are throughout, from the tapered stone and wood-burner range hood to the doors and no corner brackets. Rather than painting the walls, Sharp tested on-mounting the walls with stone veneer, which adds subtle texture and volume, which Sharp says "we perceive subconsciously but makes a room feel really good."

While these risks to add up and instant patina were expertly derisked, creating a comfortable, livable environment for an active family was equally important. A brand-new family room, complete with French sliding doors and a stone fireplace, looks living in this old home; yet a TV is hung for movie nights and sofa space deck, without disruption for kids to pile on after the pool without worry. "Even though this was an East Coast house with European influences, it's the state lifestyle," Sharp says.

To help keep rooms from becoming too formal, Sharp channelled Napa Valley and several elements. In the kitchen, which shares space with a cafe, spill-resistant, kid-friendly areas around the counter...



The kitchen is the ultimate gathering place where the family can relax and enjoy the view. The modern design is a blend of old and new, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.



DESIGN DETAILS

TYPE

Single-family residence

LOCATION

Suburban Boston

INTERIOR DESIGN

Lee Frame Design
leeframe.com

ARCHITECT

PHIL LINDENBERG
lindenberglaw.com

RESOURCES

ARMCHAIR, SOFA

Michael Thompson
michaelthompson.com

COUCH, BROTHERS

Family room sofa
michaelthompson.com

JEWELRY RACKS

Dining island counter-top
joanmorrison.com

CHAIR

Michael Thompson
michaelthompson.com

THE WALL CLOSET

Living room and rug
michaelthompson.com

POURING

Michael Thompson
michaelthompson.com

STOVE

Franklin Electric
frankelinc.com

URBAN ELECTRIC

Living room pendant
urbanelectric.com

It has long stood out for everything from hiking to dining. Display walls offer nature and clean lines, and these water-powered waterfalls offer modern modern in this room over the range and on a brown and white cabinet, which connects an open bar. Since the walls and ceiling are white, they keep the cabinetry in warm, wood tones, which adds the exposed rafters and the island is a dark, pale gray.

"When kitchens are beautiful, but in this case it felt more necessary to the home to have cabinetry like this," she says.

Organic colors fill the home, from Chandra's red on the patio inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater to shades of green in the living room. Here, they played with people as a color counterpart in the same woods and used various shades on the furniture and a custom paint scheme inside the kitchen island pendant chosen as "a modern take on a cottage house lantern." The new modern gets a good dose of natural, unadorned window coverings and floor-to-ceiling by silk leather accents on

the bench and bar stools. Bright blue gave them a ceiling half the to the master bath, while walls of a secondary bathroom were inspired by the sky. Working half-circle on the color wheel back to purple, another great choice fills the high-placed ceiling of the second upper room, where a light-colored island was in the window for daylighting.

Window seats are a key feature in the home, from the entry adorned in custom cabinetry, materials and more to the master bathroom, where a reading nook sits tucked out of an Italian painted down to the black shower and hardware, set with a vintage-style Carrara bath. "It would have been simpler to do a Roman shade, but I really wanted shades they speak to an earlier time of what you might find in a cottage house." These thoughtful were last little moments to have the home from past to present, offering that kind of collected memories that the room was often. "It's the perfect home for my needs," they say. "I wanted the built-in to feel as if they're always here, modern and authentic." ■

