



Room For All

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A multigenerational family vacation home in East Orleans, not far from Nauset Beach, offers a space for everyone.



On a two-acre property just off Main Street in East Orleans, not far from Nauset Beach, sits a stunning, multigenerational family vacation home. The stately, cedar-clad gambrel was designed by Architect Erik Tolley, principal of ERT Architects, in the stead of an older home that was in disrepair.

While homes designed by ERT Architects often incorporate distinctive signature elements, they don't necessarily have an instantly recognizable "look." Tolley draws on his more than two decades of experience to create homes that are a unique reflection of his clients' wishes, interpreted through his lens of creative expertise, while also remaining aesthetically in keeping with the neighborhood. For example, the gambrel roofline on this home is tripled for an updated and unexpected silhouette. Ornamental details on the exterior, such as the cornices and fish-scale shingles at each of the three peaks, are minimal yet draw attention to the distinctive profile.

Tolley worked with Cape Cod custom home builder Mike Nardone, of MJ Nardone Building and Remodeling to make this home the masterpiece it is. Nardone has built a reputation as the premier builder on the Cape and beyond. He has a sharp eye for detail, years of experience, and can bring every client's vision to life. Nardone frequently partners with ERT Architects and has an established symbiotic professional relationship with their team. This home is an exceptional example of their collaborative work.

Inside, the common living spaces are spacious without feeling cavernous. Custom millwork adds depth and visual interest to nearly every space, the signature mark of every home designed by Erik Tolley. The primary living room boasts a coffered ceiling and a fireplace flanked by custom cabinetry. A small, intimate den has an accent wall finished with decorative millwork. In the kitchen, the oversized island is a main focal point, and gives the elongated room a sense of proportion. The stairway in the center hall is finished with an exquisite handrail and balusters, and a window seat fills a niche at the top of the stairs. A bunk room for the kids has a nautical feel, with its quartet of built-in beds. Tolley takes great care to exceed his clients' expectations by taking into account the way the family lives and honoring that lifestyle with custom details. Because this family enjoys puzzles and games together as a tradition, Tolley ensured that there would be a designated puzzle room upstairs, and the basement was transformed into an impressive entertainment space.

Interior designer Jennifer Perini put her fresh spin on the quintessential blue-and-white scheme: classic navy and Delft blues are punched up with the bright, saturated

An inviting kitchen welcomes guests and encourages them to linger around the island, with ample space for family and friends. The informal dining table in the kitchen invites casual breakfasts and coffee chats.



blues of the matriarch's favorite flower, the hydrangea. The massive kitchen island and china cabinet are painted a bold hydrangea blue, and pop against the snow-white cabinets and navy grasscloth-covered walls of the dining room beyond. Perini skillfully mixes high-end custom elements and budget-friendly options. For instance, the black granite countertops are one of the least expensive features in the room, yet they're a perfect fit alongside the pricier details, like the blue tiled backsplash, which was handmade custom in Mexico.

Overall, the vibe of the home is comfortable and serene, with playful splashes of color, especially in the kids' bunk rooms. The bathrooms have a beachy, spa-like feeling, thanks to subtle details like wallpaper in a watery pattern, a rope-framed mirror and a shimmering tiled floor that

ever so slightly resembles the shape of a whale's tail. Bright, open and unstuffy, the home has space for four generations to gather, while also offering private moments of retreat. Indoor spaces flow effortlessly out to patio areas, inviting guests to enjoy dinner outside, or sunset by the fire pit. No detail is spared; nothing is over the top. This timeless home will serve generations to come and age perfectly in historic East Orleans.

Designed for family living, the interiors are simultaneously spacious and cozy, with intimate spaces incorporated throughout. The coffered-ceilinged living room hosts multiple seating areas, while also gathering everyone around the central fireplace. The ship-like quadruple bunk room, no doubt a future location for flashlight stories and late-night giggles, will create special memories for generations to come. There will be no waiting for the sink, with a triple basin vanity perfect for sleepover mornings.



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Upon exiting the home's gracious interior, you are transported to a seaside resort. Enjoy a warm summer evening in the screened porch or bask in the sun on the lounge chairs gracefully flanking the crystal blue swimming pool. The linear shapes of the pool and hot tub pair perfectly with the crisp symmetry of the home. A massive dining table is shaded by a pergola extension, making this backyard retreat the perfect place for friends and family to gather in the warmer months.