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A SUNNY DISPOSITION

There's nothing more idyllic than seeing the summer sun glittering on a beautifully inviting lake. It's why one Beaver Lake couple turned to Deep River Partners to build their dream waterfront home, ensuring that every room offered ample opportunity to bask in the breathtaking views, including this one from the spectacular sun room. Turn the page to view more of this casually elegant, shingle style home. / Photo by Doug Edmunds



This stunning patio offers the ideal outdoor relaxation and entertaining area, complete with firepit, covered patio and outdoor kitchen, all with spectacular views.

COASTAL ELEGANCE

This beautiful home is a lake lover's dream.

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Many homeowners, renovators and DIYers turn to sources like Pinterest or HGTV for inspiration when designing their homes. To create the beautiful Beaver Lake home shown here, one couple brought inspiration from a coastal, shingle style home they fell in love with to Deep River Partners, who turned a dated cottage into a newly built oasis.

The shingle style the couple preferred is an informal, yet elegant style that is especially popular in the Hamptons, says Deep River Partners CEO and founder Richard Sherer. The favored color combinations for the aesthetic usually encompass the misty grays and blues of the homes' waterfront surroundings, offset with clean white trim work.

Though the home's gorgeous lake views inform the decor, Sherer embraced a subtler coastal vibe with an open airy feel rather than an outright nautical one. He sidestepped overt maritime touches like ropes and lighthouses in favor of light-colored trims, casework, ceiling beams and coffered ceilings and added millwork touches, which, he explains, are "detailed yet casual in nature."

Per the homeowners' request, careful attention was given to incorporating maximum views of the lake throughout the home. "Even most bathrooms have at least a diagonal view of the lake," Sherer notes. "We used oversized windows with divided lite transoms above [them], keeping the view clear of the grid lines while offering a traditional look."



In addition, part of the great room was extended to create an alcove that affords a feeling of being one with the surroundings. The sunroom was also designed as a four-season, screen porch with windows that can be opened in summer time and snugly closed for warmth in the winter.

A large hill incorporated into the lot presented Sherer with an unusual challenge in designing the footprint of the home, but, he notes, the task was less daunting knowing the crew at Colby Construction would be able to execute his vision perfectly.

"Colby's attention to detail shows in the final product," Sherer says. "Having worked with their project superintendent before, we streamlined the construction process and assured the quality we were looking for."

To make the most of the sloping space and retain the beautiful views, Sherer creatively nestled the home in the middle of the hill rather than perch it on top. "That [way], when you drive in with your car, you're already

Top: White cabinetry and trim call to the inspired coastal shingle style décor the homeowners fell in love with.

Left: Richard Sherer, Deep River Partners CEO and founder, says the biggest priority of the home was offering ample opportunity to view Beaver Lake from any room. Classically beautiful French doors, like the ones shown here, add a traditional touch while maintaining the view.

"They wanted a home where all the rooms were used as part of family life," Sherer notes. Adding areas to the home, like the play room shown here, offer spaces for memories to be made, a detail that was a priority for the homeowners.



The free-standing tub in the master bathroom, Sherer explains, was purposefully positioned to maximize the lake view while bathing, resulting in the tub becoming the focal point of the room.

down half the slope," he says. "And then when [you] come out of the basement, [there isn't] as much distance to cover to get down to the water."

Stone steppers create a path through the yard down to the dock while steps connect from the lower terrace — decked with an outdoor kitchen, covered patio, sun terrace and other luxurious amenities — to the upper deck.

While the outdoor living spaces beckon during the warmer months, the indoor spaces are equally welcoming. Sherer started with a beautiful foyer, complete with a beverage cart to offer visitors refreshments as they enter — a feature he notes has become an increasingly popular request.

"Homes of yesteryear often featured large foyers to receive your guests, [which] harken back to the great summer homes of Newport, Rhode Island," Sherer says of the grand entry space. "We also designed the lower level bar and game area to open out to the terrace [that is] complete with an outdoor grilling kitchen, fire pit and sunken spa. An outdoor shower and lake bath with entry from the terrace complete the waterfront living experience, making it easy for family and guests to get out of the boat and relax after a day on the lake."

The lower level of the home also features an exercise room and golf simulator for off-the-lake athletic activities.

Sherer says he's proud of how the home turned out, and that taking advantage of that slope made all the difference in creating this family's forever home.

"They wanted a home where all the rooms were used as part of family life," he says. "We wanted to create a family legacy home where memories would be made and cherished." MKE



Coffered ceilings carry the desired coastal shingle style throughout the home while the stone fireplace, surrounded by stunning built-ins, adds a cozy element to this relaxing living room.