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Nathan Turner's Deeply Rooted Ojai Home



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Community and connection take center stage in this Nantucket home.

Landscape designer
Miroslava Land + Design
created outdoor spaces
perfect for entertaining that
seamlessly unite the main
house and guesthouse.



This summer home was built for a family of four to enjoy Nantucket together through the years by a team of locals who love to call the island home. Architect Chip Webster (chipwebster.com) was hired to undertake a substantial renovation of the property. On his recommendation, a team was promptly assembled, comprising designer Audrey Sterk (audreysterk.com), Reid Builders (reidnantucket.com), and landscape designer Miroslava Land + Design (miroslavalanddesign.com). “Collaboration is hugely important to me,” says Webster.

As is keeping the homeowner’s priorities paramount. They wanted a home in which to enjoy long summer days with family and friends. Spaces needed to effortlessly flow from one to the next, to the outside and in and comfortably fit large groups while harboring intimacy for smaller ones. The property underwent a complete transformation. The main house received an addition and a new roofline. A two-car garage was turned into a guesthouse, and a pool, cabana, tennis court, and oversize, covered dining space turned the backyard into an oasis. A new garage was added, complete with a golf simulator.

A thoughtful re-arrangement of the layout joined rooms to grow communal spaces and invite conversation. As in most homes, the kitchen is the heartbeat. Opening the space up to the living and dining areas solidified it as the centralized gathering spot, and connecting it to the outdoors makes alfresco dining and indoor-outdoor living a breeze. “The trick was uniting the kitchen, dining and living spaces so they still felt intimate while being able to add on easily without it feeling overpowering or overwhelming,” says Sterk.

The lower level provided another opportunity for the team to create a place for people to come together. “One of the things that we frequently do is open up basements so they feel less dark and closed down,” says Webster. Half of the space was dug out to increase ceiling height, and glass doors were added that open to a sunken courtyard that terraces back up to ground level. A wet bar and a billiard table anchor one end of the room, and around the corner is a media room. To delineate each zone and add privacy when needed, Sterk linked the spaces with lush velvet

Architect Chip Webster ensured each room in the house effortlessly flowed from one to the next, and designer Audrey Sterk infused all with a clean yet warm modern aesthetic.

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curtains on tracks.

Spaces intended for individual members of the home were thoughtfully designed to meet their specific desires. The husband loves an outdoor shower, so Webster bucked convention and installed one right off the indoor shower on the second-floor primary suite. The children's bedrooms were custom-designed for them. "We kept spaces interesting by pulling them out and giving them a personality with different colors or wallpaper," says Sterk.

The history commission heavily drives the exterior style of any Nantucket home, so creativity expresses itself indoors. The central staircase provided an opportunity to add visual intrigue. "Staircases are one of our favorite things to design. They're a primary focus of the space and literally and symbolically act as a connection. It's such an important element functionally, but also a wonderful opportunity to do something fun," says Webster.

The clients wanted a clean, modern aesthetic, something that wasn't overly traditional but still warm. To keep the spaces from feeling too stark while maintaining their lightness, Webster wove natural oak throughout almost every room of the house for an interior that feels both refined and inviting. Sterk blended clean lines with warm, inviting textures. "With the client, we explored innovative ways to push the boundaries of materials, layering textures and finishes to create a sense of continuity throughout the custom renovation," says Sterk. The design is grounded in a simple yet beautiful neutral palette, creating a calm and cohesive foundation throughout the home. This is thoughtfully complemented by a spectrum of blues, adding depth and subtle variation, while black metal pocket doors in the mudroom, media room and office introduce a crisp, modern edge. Nothing's too precious. Anyone here for a party or the summer should feel comfortable in every space, as if it's their own.

Within the balance between modern detailing and warm materials, between communal gathering spots and unique spaces, is a thread that connects all. An effortless flow moves from one room to the next, from indoors to outdoors, from the large to the intimate. The way the house relates to itself mimics the relationship of its makers. A team so united in the shared vision that they truly functioned as one. Decisions were made not in silos but in agreement. "Despite a tight timeline, the project moved forward seamlessly thanks to a talented and dedicated team, whose commitment and creativity made the entire experience both rewarding and inspiring—we were truly honored to work alongside them," says Sterk.

From top: The central staircase adds visual intrigue; black metal pocket doors in the mudroom introduce a crisp, modern edge.

Opposite page: Natural oak in each room provides a warmth without sacrificing the home's light and airy feel.



Design Details

Type

Single-family home

Interior Designer

Audrey Sterk Design
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Architect

Chip Webster Architecture
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Builder

Reid Builders
reidnantucket.com

Landscape Architecture

Miroslava Land + Design
miroslavalanddesign.com

RESOURCES

101 Copenhagen

Lighting, living room
101cph.com

Allied Maker

Lighting, kitchen
alliedmaker.com

Arhaus

Lamps, living room
arhaus.com

Four Hands

Various furniture
fourhands.com

Interior Define

Various furniture
interiordefine.com

Jaipur

Various rugs
jaipurrugs.com

Maiden Home

Sofas, living room
maidenhome.com

Palecek

Various lighting
palecek.com

Patterson Flynn

Various rugs
pattersonflynn.com

Regina Andrew

Various lighting
reginaandrew.com

Rove Concepts

Stools, kitchen
roveconcepts.com

Sacco

Various rugs
saccocarpet.com

Steven King Decorative Carpets

Rug, living room
skcarpets.com

Visual Comfort & Co.

Various lighting
visualcomfort.com