

STRIKING DETAILS



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TONGUE & GROOVE, WILMINGTON, N.C.

This home was built on a stretch of North Carolina Low Country fronting the Intracoastal Waterway and within view of the Atlantic Ocean. To capture the mood of seaside sunbeams, full-moon risings, and maritime stargazing, the home's Brazilian calcite countertops feature LED underlighting, adding iridescent depth to the stovetop backsplash and kitchen island (1). The island's corbel corners also capture the complexity of colors and textures of the materials used in this space (2). Dramatically underlit blue agate in the gathering room, and in the powder room's floating vanity shown here (3), further echoes the coastal environment and creates subliminal underwater illusions.





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The most minimal of details can add to a room's personality, much as a well-chosen piece of jewelry does on a person. In this space, a rustic river-rock fireplace requested by the client, custom built-in bookshelves against the far wall, and cabinets providing storage for tableware near the center of the space contribute to the warmth and solidity of the great room (1), which is further expressed by the dark-wood beams, molding, and staircase (2). Situated in the basement of a vacation home, this temperature-controlled wine cellar (3) is clad in stone veneer and uses 100-year-old reclaimed roof tile from France on the floor. Designed to resemble an ancient wine cave, it houses three wine refrigerators flanked by custom-designed wooden wine racks.



DESIGN SPOTLIGHT



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GOLDEN EAGLE LOG & TIMBER HOMES, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WIS.

With the right attention to detail and design, the charming, rustic, natural elements of a log home can partner beautifully with modern amenities. In this New Hampshire home, we incorporated a modern kitchen without compromising the bucolic aesthetic of the logs. The open floor plan and thoughtful spaces seamlessly blend modern elements while preserving the exposed natural architectural features. The color scheme is purposefully simple, letting the logs inside and the views to the outside be the focal points. This home features 10-inch-diameter eastern white pine logs in combination with wood harvested from the property.



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