

EVERYONE *at ease*

A family's beloved four-season getaway borrows its sophisticated seaside vibe from Cape Cod.

THE FIREPLACE FEATURES THE SAME STONE USED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE COTTAGE TO CREATE A CONNECTION BETWEEN INDOORS AND OUT.

Lake views and a cozy vibe – blankets at the ready, a fireplace waiting to roar – make the Muskoka room a picture of tranquility and a favourite family hangout.

DESIGN, Tara Fingold Interiors, tarafingold.com;
ARCHITECTURE, Richard Wengle Architect;
Collingwood OC-28 WALL PAINT (throughout), Benjamin Moore; cowhide RUG, Elte; artisanal CANOE PADDLE, Norquay Co.

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SLABS OF CARRARA MARBLE COVER MANY OF THE KITCHEN'S SURFACES AND ADD SUBTLE INTEREST TO THE ALL-WHITE SPACE.

Has the dog tracked in dirt? Is that sand on the floor? Are those wet bathing suits on the sofas? Such questions are not welcome in this casually elegant 6,000-square-foot eight-bedroom cottage on Lake Simcoe in Barrie, Ont. "I love beautiful sofas and luxurious marble, but I don't care if red wine or strawberry stains eventually end up on the surfaces," says one of the owners of this four-season lakefront retreat, which she frequents with her husband, their four children and Havanese dog to escape the hustle and bustle of city life.

To complement the classic cedar-shingled cottage, the couple envisioned a contemporary Cape Cod look and turned to designer Tara Fingold to execute it. To begin, Tara created a refined seaside-inspired envelope, selecting an off-white wall paint, pale-toned hardwood floors and sophisticated finishes, such as Carrara marble for the kitchen. She then layered the vast space with graphic patterns and →

ABOVE Designer Tara Fingold nixed upper cabinetry to keep the kitchen open and airy and put focus on the gorgeous Carrara marble backsplash and waterfall countertops. Quaint California shutters give the space a coastal flair.

Custom **STOOLS**, Tara Fingold Interiors; **RUNNER**, Elte.

Boasting an alluring half-moon clerestory window, the great room has generously sized sofas to fit the scale of the space. "We had them upholstered in a heavy-duty charcoal chenille," says Tara, "so, in addition to being extremely cozy, they're very easy to clean."

Custom **SOFAS & SLIPPER CHAIRS**, Tara Fingold Interiors; **SOFA & SLIPPER CHAIR SEAT FABRIC**, Maxwell Fabrics; **SLIPPER CHAIR BACK FABRIC**, Robert Allen; custom **COFFEE TABLE**, Forest Hill Marble; **SIDE TABLES, FLOOR LAMP**, faux fur **TOSS CUSHIONS**, Elte; Schumacher **DRAPERY FABRIC**, Bilbrough & Co.; **RUG**, Dominion Rug & Home; **CHANDELIER**, Universal Lamp; Thom Filicia **TOSS CUSHION FABRIC**, Kravet Canada; fiddle-leaf fig **TREES**, IKEA.

TEXTURAL PIECES, SUCH AS THE CHENILLE SOFAS, MAINTAIN THE SPACE'S NEUTRAL PALETTE AND DON'T DETRACT FROM THE PICTURESQUE VIEW.





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easygoing textures in shades of white, grey and blue, which recall sandy beaches, sun-bleached driftwood and cloudy skies. The serene scheme is consistent from room to room, imbuing the entire cottage with a feeling of cohesiveness. "As soon as you walk into the home, it feels unified, airy and friendly," says Tara.

But the real star of the show is the cottage's natural surroundings – snippets of lake, sky and trees framed by large windows and glass doors. "Keeping the sightlines to the outdoors as unobstructed as possible was key," says Tara. To that end, design choices complement – rather than compete with – the view, so the couple can experience the relaxing qualities of the outdoors even when they're cuddled up on the cozy chenille sofas with their kids and dog. It's everything the homeowners could want in a cottage that's as lovely and livable as it is utterly gorgeous.

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ABOVE The drapes and dining chair backs feature graphic patterns in coordinating colours, which quietly animate the dining room. The lantern-style pendant light doesn't detract from the view of Lake Simcoe through the glass doors.

DINING TABLE, RUG, Elte; custom **DINING CHAIRS,** Tara Fingold Interiors; **PENDANT LIGHT,** Universal Lamp.