



Nantucket **MEETS THE** *Midwest*

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The interior decorating talents of Amy Studebaker Design are showcased in this charming Lake of the Ozarks retreat.

A local family's idyllic home away from home has turned dreams into reality. The cozy, Nantucket cottage-inspired lakefront vacation home is full of laid-back luxury, coastal-themed accents and secret passageways leading to surprise spaces.

The namesake of Amy Studebaker Design, a St. Louis-based interior design firm specializing in luxury living spaces for more than 10 years, took her design skill to the city of Lake Ozark, Missouri, for this unique project, known as Nantucket Point.

"The homeowners were previous clients of mine," Studebaker says. "When they decided to build a vacation home, they asked my firm to help with the project."



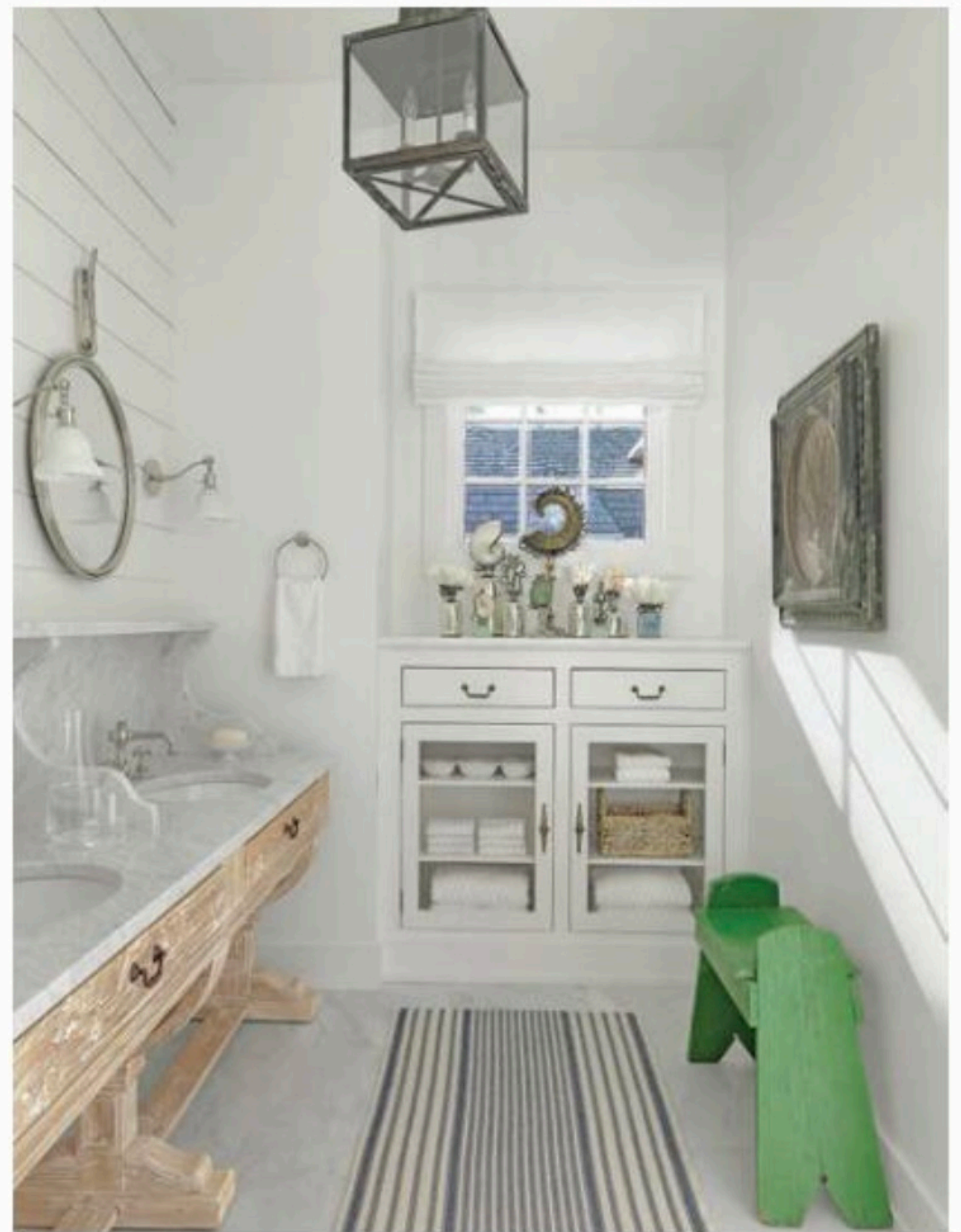


Studebaker worked closely with the homeowners to achieve an interior design aesthetic that resembled the laid-back, coastal feel of a beautiful, welcoming cottage in Nantucket, a tiny island located off popular vacation destination Cape Cod, Massachusetts, that's known for its charming, waterfront residences.

"The design was inspired by a trip to the island of Nantucket," Studebaker says. "The client and [I] toured homes and noted interior architecture that inspired us, as well as exterior details that would allow the home to have a truly unique feel."

Studebaker's stunning design capabilities, which range from small-scale renovations to large-scope designs conceived from blueprints for new home construction, are on full display within this expansive abode with a wraparound deck and walls of windows in every room for maximum lake views.

The cottage-esque space's airy white color scheme lets the interior architectural details shine. "We designed small interior windows between rooms and hallways, [and used] shiplap on the walls, and beam and truss work on some of the ceilings,"



Studebaker says, adding that she even left room in the design for some surprises. "One special hidden feature, which might grab the attention of kids, as well as adults, [is] the hidden door which opens by the pull of a chain – attached to a bell!" she says. "This secret door opens to a ladder which takes the visitor to a hidden loft area!"

For much of the home's coastal-inspired furniture and accents, Studebaker and the homeowners teamed for multiple buying trips to antique shops and shows. "We had a great time finding unique lighting, case goods and accessories to fill the space," Studebaker says, adding that the result was a seamless blend of new and antique pieces evoking the comfortable lakefront lifestyle.

The crisp kitchen, which features white shaker-style cabinetry accented by copper drum lights suspended above a bold green island, opens to a charming breakfast nook with comfy cushioned seating by a wall of windows overlooking the sparkling lake.

The laid-back luxury and clean color palette continue in the bedrooms, most notably in the lovely master that boasts a white oak bedframe, floor-to-ceiling white curtains and French doors opening to a balcony that overlooks a lush wooded area surrounding a lake. And for the kids of the house, built-in bunk beds with white ladders opposite hanging rattan chairs serve as cozy places to relax and play.

To give the high-end home a touch of nautical ambience, Studebaker added twig-textured light fixtures and mirrors to accent the shiplap white walls, as well as whimsical splashes of coastal colors, from an antique green vanity in the master bath to a bright blue lamp in the office.

For additional living and entertaining space, Studebaker outfitted the lower-level game room with rustic barn doors and a comfy brown leather sectional, then decked out the expansive lakefront veranda with cozy blue-and-white furniture and nautical-themed accent pillows.

The majority of the interior design elements were installed in just a week, Studebaker says, adding: "At the end of the week, when we were able to tour the homeowners through the home, they were beyond thrilled with how the furniture, accessories, window treatments and details had come together!" Laid-back luxury, indeed. 🍷

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