



CREATE A CUSTOM LOOK

Architectural detail can add subtle interest to even the cleanest of schemes. This great-room's mantel, for instance, exhibits a simple carved design and angled supports for a distinctive silhouette. Painted to match walls, millwork, and furnishings, it quietly catches the eye.

By creating a serene scheme in the great-room, Sofas dressed in washable white slipcovers complement the blue of the lake and sky beyond, while mirrors, including one above the fireplace, reflect it. Used sparingly, window treatments throughout the house are hung so as not to compete with the views.





home is worthy of the spectacular site. It boasts a number of Shingle-style features—breathtaking water views, horizontal lines, a shingled exterior, and numerous porches—as well as an open floor plan with a two-story great-room, spacious bedroom suites, and a handy main-level laundry. “We took the best of the Shingle style and adapted it for today’s lifestyles,” Alex says. “Many of those original homes, as great as they were to look at, were one little room after another.”

While Alex and Marilyn fell in love with the architectural style during their carefree courting days, the house they eventually built was designed to accommodate a family that had grown to include three adult children and three young grandchildren. All are weekend guests year-round, but the home’s true test comes each July, when the family hosts its annual reunion and the house is overrun with up to 25 members of the clan. “We love company, and the whole point of the house is to be a place where we can slow down

ABOVE A keyhole window between the kitchen and dining area adds practicality and unexpected charm. It is also true to the Shingle style. **RIGHT** Adjacent to the great room, the dining area is anchored by a trestle table and slipcovered white upholstered chairs.



