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COASTAL RETREAT

What does it take to turn a historic 1880s Cape Cod home in Waldoboro, Maine, into a modern coastal retreat? The genius renovation know-how of six DIY Network show experts, dozens of repurposed architectural elements from newel posts to interior doors, and the input of thousands of viewers who voted on key design features of this vacation home getaway. Beginning August 13 at 9:30pm/8:30c, viewers will be able to see it come together each week, culminating in a one-hour special hosted by Chris Grundy on Thursday, September 27, at 9pm/8c.

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A MODERN GETAWAY with Farmhouse Roots

When the renovation and design experts from DIY Network showed up at the property, which includes a barn and 21 acres in Waldoboro, Maine, that stretches down to the waterfront on the Medomak River, they had their work cut out for them. For years the two-story house had been home to two branches of one family, and was literally split down the middle: with side-by-side staircases, two kitchens and separate living spaces. With the guidance of fans—who voted online for everything from the paint color to the kitchen sink—the crews created an open, spacious floor plan that capitalizes on the picturesque views from every room.

THE GREAT ROOM

Challenge number one: Relocate the front entrance and create a gracious new foyer that allows homeowners and visitors alike a place to remove their Wellies before sinking into a chair by the gas pot-belly stove.

House Crashers host and licensed contractor Josh Temple was up to the task. He and his team installed hardwood flooring in a herringbone pattern in the foyer—a people's choice design that, along with the wall of bench seats, storage closet (a cabinet from the original kitchen!) and beadboard paneling, visually separates the foyer from the great room.

The sitting area takes advantage of the amazing views of the meadow leading down to the water's edge, with an extra-deep window seat beneath a generous bank of windows. The rustic elegance of the custom storage cabinets and wall shelving unit is attributed to a surprise building supply: pallet wood, repurposed as paneling and left unfinished. Josh and his team used the home's original crown molding to trim the wall unit for a built-in look.



THE KITCHEN

Putting their own spin on the idea of the kitchen as the heart of the home, the *Kitchen Crashers* team, led by interior designer and host Alison Victoria, used reclaimed materials found in the Blog Cabin barn and pasture in every project in the room. Topped with an old mantel with all original hardware intact, the coffee bar uses the home's original cabinets as the base and boards from the old corral as shelves. The kitchen island's stainless surface is trimmed with repurposed wood and the mammoth harvest table, flanked by lobster-red chairs, is crafted with wooden porch posts for legs, overturned barn gutters as the skirt, and floorboards to create the tabletop.

This hodgepodge historic farmhouse has been transformed into a luxurious Northeastern retreat, with waterfront property and easy access to all the natural beauty and outdoor fun that Maine has to offer. This dream vacation getaway is all ready for one lucky winner to call it home! Enter daily from August 13 through September 28 at diynetwork.com/blogcabin for a chance to win.

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MASTER SUITE

Just off the great room, the master suite is a private oasis within this vacation home retreat. Walk through the house's original red double front doors into the warm yellow room (the paint choice, a fan favorite, is White Raisin) and the first thing you'll see is the custom bed, framed with vintage table legs and salvaged trim. Against the headboard wall, Matt Muenster and his *Bath Crashers* crew created a unique wainscoting using the original interior doors of the home. And in a genius blend of old and new, a flat-screen TV is framed with a vintage mirror frame and hangs above an antique dresser.

Nods to the past continue in the luxurious master bath, which is fully appointed with modern amenities like a hot tub and a floor-to-ceiling shower with a contemporary rain showerhead. A time-weathered mantel is repurposed as a towel holder; the custom vanity is constructed using porch posts and railroad ties.



EXTERIOR

From the road, there is no mistaking that this house is a Maine property. Blueberry bushes line the front of the house, and large boulders—relocated from the barn foundation and field at the back of the property—line the road, evocative of the state's ruggedly beautiful coastline. Jason Cameron and the *Desperate Landscapes* crew paid attention to every detail, from the raised flower beds to the natural fieldstone pathway (a people's choice winning vote!) that leads from the street to the front door, which is framed by the home's original pediment and decorative corbels.

Around back, the *Yard Crashers* team and host Matt Blashaw repeated gentle curves in the rounded deck, rounded cobblestone patio and even a round wood-burning hot tub. The deck, accessible from the sliding doors of the great room and a private entrance of the master suite, features custom bench seating along its length. The patio serves as an alternate entertaining area, closer to the granite stone fireplace; the cobblestone pattern shows the compass lines of North, South, East and West.



FAMILY ROOM/OFFICE

The second-floor family room was the first room in the house to be remodeled, and the *Mega Dens* team, led by host and interior designer Anitra Mecadon, set a high bar for the rest of the crews. They created five distinct work and play areas within a 720-square-foot space, each more inviting than the next.



Tucked away beneath the spacious loft area (perfect for a kids' hideaway), the light-filled home office—a fan choice—has privacy thanks to a vintage sliding barn door. The farm table desk is crafted of reclaimed hand-waxed barn siding and placed atop legs from a 70-year-old sewing machine table. The desk chair? A tractor seat found under the barn at the Blog Cabin.

The crew cut away the top of a round thrift store table to reveal the octagonal framing underneath, then trimmed the edges with the home's original wooden gutters to create the ultimate poker table.

A custom entertainment center divides the gaming space from the rest of the room and houses a 70-inch LCD television. Constructed of barn siding and wooden pallets, it perfectly captures the essence of luxury lodge living.

At the far end of the room, built-in cabinets and bookcases frame the cozy reading nook, perfect for curling up with a good book or a new playlist.

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