

LAYERS OF HISTORY

Most homeowners have a style in mind to inspire them throughout the design process, but not Jen Jackson. “I was going for the opposite,” Jackson says. “I didn’t want to date—or outdate—myself by following any trends.”

“I think the words I would choose to describe my home would be ‘collected over time.’ I really wanted to convey the family history and make it feel like a generational home that pays tribute to my New Hampshire roots, while also creating a place for my kids and grandkids to one day call home themselves.”

Jackson and her family are the fifth generation to spend their summers on Lake Winnepesaukee. When it came time for her to design her dream vacation home in Wolfeboro, she wanted to take risks, play around with the design and incorporate her personality into the home. Jackson partnered with Wood & Clay, Inc. to bring her vision to life.

“We offered our expertise and input to ensure that her ideas would come to life in a way that were both aesthetically pleasing and durable,” Wood & Clay owner and President Kevin Beland says. “For example, we steered her toward a walnut top for her island countertop and shelves because we knew the end result would achieve the unique look she was looking for while also stand the test of time in a busy kitchen.”

The kitchen reflects Jackson’s “writer’s cabin”

inspiration, and design elements from various eras—the ‘40s, ‘60s and ‘70s—can be found in the delicate details and bold use of color.

“The unlacquered brass faucet was my ode to the nautical, the navy stripes were my neutrals, the countertop was my midcentury kick, the spinning stools were a fun diner-feel addition, and the acrylic panels on the refrigerator were my modern version of the vintage enamel appliances,” Jackson says.

“I love everything about my kitchen, but my favorite design element has to be the cozy seating area,” Jackson says. “Not only is it an easy way to add a quick pop of color to balance the room out, but everyone is drawn to the kitchen because that is where the action is. I think the kids have spent more time snuggling on the love seat with a book than anywhere else in the house.”

When the project was finished, Jackson was left with a fun, casual home overlooking the water, complete with natural wood details, classic New England architecture and additional finishes to elevate the house—a timeless vacation spot for her family to enjoy for years to come.



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Bold design choices complement classic New England architecture in this unique home overlooking the water.