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covered porch

A stone's throw from Maine's Boothbay Harbor, this cottage takes advantage of its setting. The new veranda was built just out the back door for entertaining ease.



place setting

Richly hued majolica and fresh garden blooms helped to inspire the bright palette in the cottage.

kitchen

The L-shaped kitchen includes beadboard paneling original to the house and new cabinets with Gothic arch detailing.

exterior

The cottage had been cobbled over the years when it served as cabin in a fishing camp. Then a total overhaul transformed it into a charmer complete with Victorian gingerbread trim.

gothic romance

Talk about a happy ending. This picturesque Victorian-style cottage started life as a shanty in a fishing camp.

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covered porch

The cottage is the summer home of a Southern family, and the back veranda was designed with the gracious charm of a classic front porch. Lacy wicker ties into the lancet arches of the gingerbread detailing.

attic

The Gothic arch motif makes its way to the attic on new windows that lead to a dreamy view of the bay. Traditional furniture wears slipcovers that pick up the colors of red transferware.



living room

The original fireplace was closed off to make way for a centrally located one. The ornate arches—repeated in a built-in cupboard—helped create the lacy English Gothic cottage charm that the owners envisioned.

stairwell

A railing crafted of paper birch puts a fresh and local spin on this sunny hallway, which leads to upstairs bedrooms with 180-degree views of the bay.

dining room

Situated in front of a large picture window—minimally dressed to softly frame the view without impeding on it—an antique dining set is updated with white paint. Bookcases filled with colorful volumes add library-style charm to the space.



guest room

This attic bedroom wears fresh, airy fabrics and wallpaper to keep the mood light. A willow bed celebrates the regional Adirondack style.