

Down by THE BAY

Antique finds, family heirlooms and coastal souvenirs highlight a century-old cottage's classic charm.

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Topped with a grain sack table runner and gurgling cod pitcher filled with sunflowers, the red table and benches, *above*, are original to the cottage.

Atlanta-based physicians Mary Barrett and her husband, Xavier Duralde, and their four children vacationed in Maine for decades until, in 2009, they became true summer residents by purchasing a cottage in Boothbay, about an hour north of Portland. Perched on Juniper Point overlooking majestic pines, picturesque and privately owned Mouse Island and the Atlantic Ocean, the 1,500-square-foot home boasts a classic covered porch, pine floors, horizontal tongue-and-groove walls and eaves, exposed beams and planked ceilings.

While the character was there, modern function was not, so the couple hired regional design-build firm Knickerbocker Group to install a new kitchen and upgrade mechanical systems. They also added a custom feature for the new owners: a resurfaced hearth that includes a stone shaped like Georgia and one shaped like Maine.



Vintage rattan and bamboo furnishings create a cozy seating area on the porch overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Antique stained glass doubles as art when displayed against the window.



In the living room, a new rattan sofa and chair with linen cushions recall the look of yesteryear. Jigsaw puzzles and board games displayed on shelves and nautical-themed blankets and pillows set a nostalgic mood.

When the improvements were completed, Mary distinguished the cottage with a curated collection of furnishings gathered from antique venues in Maine and Georgia. Daughter and interior designer Elena Duralde helped fine-tune spaces. “The cottage is a wonderful combination of campy, vintage, nautical and quaint all rolled into one,” says Elena. Mary echoes the sentiment: “I wanted to create a decor that was casual, quirky and Mainey. I wanted a Maine theme, natural materials, a sense of history.”



An antique game table and vintage cane barrel-back chairs, above, are flanked by an Indian hand-painted metal barrel-turned-end table.



The original brick fireplace was resurfaced with stone and edged with a granite slab, above. Mary’s grandmother painted the oils hung nearby.



TIP
Open storage is a nice way to display favorite serving pieces and also invites visitors to help themselves.

Crisp white cabinetry and updated stainless steel appliances pop against traditional horizontal wood-paneled walls.

Set against a backdrop of enduring wood, a mix of casual and quirky accessories keeps the mood *lighthearted.*



Casting favorable light on the dining table and mismatched chairs is a pillar candle chandelier, above. An antique chest with hand-painted decoration, vintage transferware pitchers and seascapes reflect the homeowners' appreciation for nostalgia and finely crafted pieces.

A modern kitchen with a vintage vibe was added to the cottage, left. The white pitched ceiling, clerestory windows, pendant lighting, white Shaker cabinets and open shelving work in tandem to brighten the space. The farmhouse sink is perfectly poised so that those on prep and clean-up duty can enjoy the view and a breeze.





White paint softens the look of the ceiling, eaves and exposed woodwork in the guest bedroom. Mary used artist Kaffe Fassett's fabrics to craft the quilts that adorn the twin cottage-style beds.



Secondhand suitcases are stacked to compose a nightstand in the master bedroom, *above*, where the bed is dressed with an heirloom quilt. A vintage table and chair create a place for reading, writing and dreaming by the window.



A simple white chest of drawers, *left*, takes a sentimental journey when appointed with vintage treasures, a new porthole mirror and Maine souvenir dish towel.