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## Adding Space, Preserving Character

**O**n a compact corner lot in the midcoast area, this 500-square-foot cottage gains a second story to accommodate the homeowners' needs better. The original floor plan was so small that the living room doubled as a bedroom; the addition now creates fully functional bedrooms. Designed within setback restrictions on a steep, knoll-like lot, the cottage draws on Maine's architectural origins with a bell roofline and eyebrow dormers that lend subtle coastal charm.

The second floor maximizes views of the harbor, while interior layouts retain separate rooms for privacy rather than an open-concept plan. Every inch of new space is optimized for storage,

making the home both practical and full of personality. A new front porch enhances curb appeal and provides easy outdoor access. The vision balances thoughtful design with a quaint, traditional cottage feel, integrating light, elevated views, and functional spaces throughout. **MHD**

LOCATION: **Midcoast**  
ARCHITECT: **Knickerbocker Group**  
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