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# HOLIDAY COASTAL COTTAGE

*Big Ideas, Cozy Spaces*



## THIS HOLIDAY COASTAL COTTAGE,

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**Coastal Living** and **Cottage Living**,  
wraps the latest ideas in design  
and furnishings and ties it all up  
with a bow for the holidays.

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**M**ake no mistake about it, says Beaufort, South Carolina, architect Cooter Ramsey of Allison Ramsey Architects, “entertaining was a driving factor, absolutely.”

Cooter designed the Holiday Coastal Cottage in Port Royal, South Carolina, just down the road from historic Beaufort. Surrounded by coastline as pictured above, Port Royal made a charming maritime location for our first Holiday Coastal Cottage. Veteran Lowcountry builder and developer Chuck Ferguson of The Meridian Company placed the home in his new 14-acre Old Shell Point community. It will eventually be surrounded by a range of house designs that accommodate about every element of comfortable living, but without wasting a single foot. “Our whole premise is a better small house,” says Chuck. “We believe in spending the time and money on things you touch.”

So, thanks to Cooter’s design, Chuck’s craftsmanship, and sponsors who provided materials and furnishings to realize the vision, our 2,600-square-foot cottage lives twice as big. Interior designer Linda Woodrum, based in nearby Hilton Head Island, embraced the less-is-more theme.

Join us on the following pages for our tips and takeaways for building and entertaining in your own Holiday Coastal Cottage.



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The kitchen, always the center of action, opens into a courtyard with sliding **HENSELSTONE** doors. Other exterior details such as the second floor **HENSELSTONE** bay windows, the striking **CAROLINA CERAMICS** brick columns and flooring, and the dark-colored working shutters add punch for an amazing indoor-outdoor room.

The **ENDLESS POOL** provides state-of-the-art exercise options but is a reflecting pool with plenty of casual seating area when the water is in leisure mode.



# the Exterior



Two kinds of white azaleas from **Encore Azalea** are prominent in border plantings around the Holiday Coastal Cottage. Besides providing a regional feel, these varieties, a specialty of **Encore Azalea**, bloom twice a year, giving twice the pleasure.

For distinctive entrance lighting, evoke tradition with **CAROLINA LANTERNS**. These handcrafted historical reproductions used at the front of the house are natural copper with brass fittings and tempered glass. They'll work on either gas or electricity. Plus, Carolina Lanterns has the capability of etching designs into the glass. Our Holiday Coastal Cottage lanterns showcased The Meridian Company logo.



## TIPS AND TAKEAWAYS

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**WINDOWS & DOORS:** Henselstone Window & Door Systems; **TRIM:** AZEK; **BRICK:** Carolina Ceramics; **OUTDOOR FURNITURE:** Lloyd/Flanders; **OUTDOOR LIGHTING:** Carolina Lanterns; **POOL:** Endless Pools; **OUTDOOR UMBRELLA:** Shadescapes; **SHUTTERS:** Headhouse Square Custom Shutters; **PLANTS:** Encore Azalea.



# the Kitchen

**APPLIANCES:** GE Monogram; **COFFEEMAKER:** Senseo; **FOOD & WINE:** PAM and Chateau Ste. Michelle; **FLOORS:** Authentic Pine Floors; **WINDOWS:** Henselstone Window & Door Systems; **CABINETS:** The Meridian Company; **SINK FIXTURES:** Kohler; **FIXED LIGHTING:** OldPoint Lighting.



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## TIPS AND TAKEAWAYS

- The kitchen was designed with separate refrigerator and freezer units from **GE MONOGRAM**. Having plenty of space in the two units, both within easy reach, makes party prep a breeze.
- The Carrera Marble countertops from The Meridian Company suggest that even in an informal setting, our kitchen exudes elegance.
- The distinctive fixed lighting in the kitchen and dining room and all throughout the house, are an important part of the overall design of the home. And, we almost always opt for dimmer switches. The whole feel of a room can change using this one simple feature.



# the Dining Room & Laundry

**WASHER/DRYER:** General Electric; **TOWELS & TABLETOP LINENS:** Yves Delorme; **WINE:** Chateau Ste. Michelle; **WINDOWS:** Henselstone Window & Door Systems; **FLOORS:** Authentic Pine Floors; **TABLETOP:** Vietri; **FIXED LIGHTING:** OldPoint Lighting; **CABINETS:** The Meridian Company.



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## TIPS AND TAKEAWAYS

- The Meridian Company used interior pocket doors from the kitchen to the dining room, laundry room, and study to complement the dramatic **HENSELSTONE** doors that open from the kitchen to the courtyard. Pocket doors allow for creative use of space when entertaining and work well in smaller cottages, saving floor space when they're open.
- **CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE**, a Washington State wine, can help you wow your guests with great wine pairing recommendations. From rich reds to crisp white varietals, find delicious ideas at [ste-michelle.com](http://ste-michelle.com).
- In the laundry, the stylish energy- and water-saving **GENERAL ELECTRIC** washer and dryer combo are complemented by The Meridian Company custom cabinetry painted in a punchy teal. The laundry room is just off the kitchen, where complementary cabinetry was stained a rich black walnut.



# the Living Room

ARTWORK: J. Tribble Antiques; BRICK: Carolina Ceramics; WINDOWS: Henselstone Window & Door Systems; FLOORS: Authentic Pine Floors.



*What We Used*



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# the Master Bedroom

**LINENS:** Yves Delorme; **ARTWORK:** J. Tribble Antiques; **FLOORS:** Authentic Pine Floors; **WINDOWS:** Henselstone Window & Door Systems; **WINE:** Chateau Ste. Michelle.



With its reclaimed **AUTHENTIC PINE FLOORS** throughout, darker wood accents, and solid-feeling **HENSELSTONE WINDOWS AND DOORS**, "I got a very masculine vibe from the house," says Linda. That allowed her to bring in more feminine elements, such as luxurious linens from **YVES DELORME**.





VANITY: J. Tribble Antiques; BEAUTY PRODUCTS: Olay Regenerist Daily Regenerating Serum; TOWELS: Yves Delorme; FLOORS: Authentic Pine Floors; WINDOWS: Henselstone Window & Door Systems; SINK & FIXTURES, TUB & FIXTURES: Kohler; FIXED LIGHTING: OldPoint Lighting.

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● Skin has different needs throughout the year, yet most Americans tend to maintain the same skin-care routine no matter the season. During winter, low humidity can deplete moisture from skin's outer layer, leaving it parched. If you don't have time to give your skin the daytime attention it deserves during the holidays, and since skin is in its most receptive state at night, it's important to use a nighttime skin moisturizer, such as **OLAY** Regenerist Night Recovery Moisturizing Treatment, so skin can look its best.

● During the hectic holiday schedules, we could all use some pampering but don't always have the time to relax in our soothing tub with candles lit all around. Indulge yourself with **OLAY** Regenerist Thermal Contour and Lift at-home treatment.





# the Study



**FLOORS:** Authentic Pine Floors; **BRICK:** Carolina Ceramics; **ARTWORK:** J. Tribble Antiques;  
**DOOR:** Henselstone Window & Door Systems; **SHELVING:** The Meridian Company; **DECKING:** Tendura.

Just off the study (through the door shown above) is a back porch that mimics the dramatic front porch. It features more of the **LLOYD/FLANDERS** outdoor furniture as well as decking made of a synthetic material that looks like old-time wooden porches but without the maintenance.



## TIPS AND TAKEAWAYS

- **AUTHENTIC PINE FLOORS**, finished in tea chestnut with Trip Trap oil, connect a new house with an old tradition. The reclaimed wood could well have come from South Carolina pine forests of another generation.
- Key to making the most of small spaces is to design with multipurpose in mind. This cottage has no space-wasting hallways. Rooms flow directly into one another. The study shown below connects the kitchen to the master bedroom while also opening to the courtyard and the back porch.
- Make holiday decorating easy. Go evergreen shopping in your own backyard. We used magnolia trimmings to dress up our fireplace.
- Red and green are always nice for holiday decorating, while "white is a great holiday color as well," says Bluffton florist Mary Hunter Crose. She also likes silver. Both look nice against the darker woods and paints used throughout our cottage. Plus these colors carry over well into New Year's.





# the Upstairs Bedrooms



## TIPS AND TAKEAWAYS

- “To me,” says Linda, “this is a house about sharing with friends and family. So you don’t want to get fussy with the interior. Respect the things that are beautiful and wonderful like the **YVES DELORME** bedding, and let them shine.”
- Linda recommends giving the top sheet plenty of room at the head of the bed. The **YVES DELORME** bedding snuggled up to your chin feels heavenly plus it allows a nice finish to your bed when made.
- It’s the unseen details that make a difference. The home features cedar closet liners in the upstairs bedrooms to protect against insects and mildew.
- To make the most of its small footprint on the lot, the house is two stories. Chuck calls it a “story and a half” to stress the efficiency of using what might be considered expanded attic space.
- Accept the gift of irregular space. Embrace the character imposed on upstairs rooms by exterior roof slopes.
- Two of the **HENSELSTONE** windows here tilt or swing open gracefully so that even the second floor can feel a part of the courtyard party. The in-swing opening function of the windows, a distinct **HENSELSTONE** feature, allows for easy cleaning (no ladders to those second floor windows) and also allows for bug screens on the outside of the windows (typical out-swinging windows prohibit the use of bug screens).



LINENS: Yves Delorme; WINDOWS: Henselstone Window & Door Systems; FLOORS: Authentic Pine Floors.

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