

## The Nantucket Weekender //

On the shores of Cook's Bay in Mound lies a residence fit for a New England expatriate, or perhaps a Minnesota native with a fondness for bigger waters. Located on Mound's "gold coast," builder Tom Stokes says the home was created to feel like a Nantucket vacation home with an upscale twist. "I call it the 'Big Little House.' It's got an inviting cottage feel, but it just goes on forever. I didn't want it to seem like an impersonal, brand-new house. I wanted it to feel like a family cottage that's been expanded, that's grown and grown over the years."

It's a mission well accomplished, and the key to the project's success lies in remarkable attentiveness to the details. Nautical elements highlight the lake home's heirloom quality, with a rowboat from Mahogany Bay doubling as a coffee table and antique oars on the walls imparting an air of



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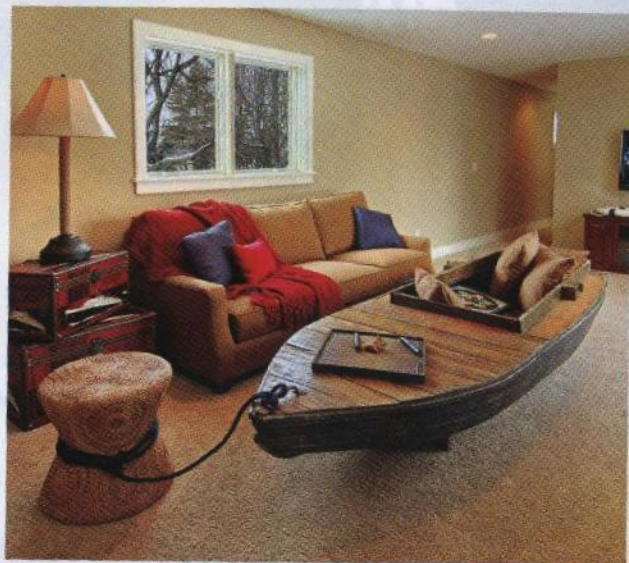
**THE THEME //**  
Nantucket  
Retreat

**BY THE  
NUMBERS //**

5 bedrooms,  
4 bathrooms,  
5,850 finished  
square feet

**WHY WE  
LOVE IT //**

European  
vanities in the  
bedrooms,  
2-mile views  
over Cook's  
Bay, a secret  
room and a  
directionally  
accurate  
compass on  
the historic  
hardwood floor



**HISTORY REVISITED >** The designers of this nautically themed space incorporated aged wood from the region for the key-note pieces like the directionally accurate compass at left and the coffee table above.

summer on the Atlantic. Adding authenticity to the home's historic image, Stokes salvaged wood from a nearby 80-year-old barn for hardwood in the great room, where a directionally accurate compass graces the welcoming hearth room floor.

The cheerful kitchen features an island, vigilantly distressed to sentimental perfection. "I wanted it to look like a piece that you'd find in your grandmother's house, a hundred years old and loved," Stokes says. Off of the kitchen is a trendy meal-planning center, an epicurean's delight with dry prep space, a full pantry, ample shelves for

cookbooks and computer access for recipe planning.

The bedroom amenities were planned with equal care, each with its own distinctive flavor. "We took a hint from the Europeans and put full vanities in the bedrooms instead of the bathrooms," Stokes says. In a child's room, a bookcase twirls to reveal a secret hideout and a ladder leads to a loft where imaginations can run wild. Other bedrooms showcase impressive closets and innovative bathroom space, and the master suite offers stunning views of Lake Minnetonka, spanning 2 miles of nautical paradise.