

## **Decorating a Vacation Home? Take Your Designer and Lifestyle with You.**

Vacation homes sometimes get short shrift in the interior design department. Collaborating with the designer who decorated your main residence, and knows you best, creates surprising synergies between home and escape.

The designer who already worked on your main residence knows your lifestyle and can easily adapt it to your unique vacation spot. Catherine Interiors, a boutique interior design firm in Newton, MA, recently expanded its geographical reach with a seven-figure renovation project in the Bahamas.

Catherine Skaletsky, owner and principle, leveraged learnings from the client's main residence at every turn. <sup>3</sup>The main residence in Newton has an easy indoor/outdoor flow, with French doors opening from the kitchen to a garden patio, so I knew outdoor space was important.<sup>2</sup> At the Hope Town location, Skaletsky reinterpreted that priority with floor to ceiling windows, creating the impression that the residence nestles into the natural environment.

In terms of color palette and textures, Catherine Interiors and the client chose soothing earth tones for the main residence. The vacation home needed a similarly calming atmosphere, but one that mirrored the Bahamanian surroundings. In the bathroom, cool tumbled marble sets of seaglass tiles. The living room abounds with natural fibers gorgeous weaves, rattans and caning in browns and blood orange reds. The imported Italian stone and clay tiled floor runs throughout, inviting barefoot living.

Besides knowing your taste, your designer may better understand the ways in which the two homes ought to differ. Catherine Interiors knew the Newton residence's floor plan intimately, and understood how the rooms flowed to create a sense of warmth, intimacy and protection from the elements in the winter months. She intentionally blew out the Bahamanian floor plan, opening the spaces into each other. The open floor plan means greater interaction and connection in daily life, and emphasizes that vacation is free of the outside pressures of work and school that can inhibit interaction at home.

Too often second homes serve refuges for worn out furniture and mismatched collections of coffee mugs. For owners who employed a designer for their main residence, hiring the same professional to style their vacation home can save time and ensure seamless transitions between home and away.

NEWTON, MA (August 17, 2009) About Catherine Interiors, Inc.: Catherine Skaletsky is the owner and principle of Catherine Interiors, Inc., a boutique interior design firm specializing in residential projects across New England and the Bahamas. The firm partners with, and manages, artisan craftsmen who create custom cabinetry, furniture and design elements.

Whether the project is a well-appointed primary residence, a cozy ski retreat or a beach get-away, Catherine interiors tailors the design approach to each client's needs and style. For more information, please visit <http://catherine-interiors.com>

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