

SEA CHANGE

How one family took a Hingham waterfront deck from ordinary to extraordinary. BY KATIE REILLY

1 Antique granite planters hold seasonal flowers.

6 With a dedicated lobster-pot burner, a large DCS grill, and stainless steel trash and recycling drawers, the outdoor kitchen—framed by Bross Blue brushed granite—is perfect for the family's frequent outdoor dinners.

2 With their growing extended family in mind, the homeowners created a spacious deck with three dining tables and 14 chairs that can be reconfigured to accommodate both large parties and intimate meals. Five doors create an easy flow from the house to the deck.

3 Keeping the picture-perfect backdrop front and center was a top priority throughout the renovation process. Landscape architect Sean Papich designed the deck to be low enough not to require a guardrail, thereby maintaining the ocean views from the interior rooms.

5 The visually striking painted mahogany chairs—hand-built by the Maine-based furniture maker Richardson-Allen—were custom-made for the homeowners. Interior designer Elizabeth Swartz selected a calming hunter green for the tables to contrast with the otherwise-vivid hues.

4 To ensure their outdoor space complemented its surroundings as much as possible, the couple chose materials that would weather well and blend into the landscape. The deck is made of durable ipe wood, and the pergola is crafted from red cedar that will age to match the home's shingles.