

Tailored Living

A talented design team ushers an antique cottage into the 90's with warm colors and comfortable furnishings.



East Hampton's shingled cottages are among the most charming of America's vernacular houses. Simple and cozy, most were built by potato farmers, fishermen and small tradesmen. They built their homes with wide-board floors, pegged jointery and hand-hewn beams. The oldest examples date back some 250 years and are prized today as antiques. Any rejuventation projects involving one of these brown shingle gems should be labeled "Proceed with Caution" out of respect for the structure's original character.