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62 GREAT IDEAS FOR SUMMER DECORATING

# PRIME TIME

INTERIOR DESIGNER  
SCOTT SANDERS SHOWS NBC  
PRESIDENT JEFF ZUCKER  
AND HIS WIFE, CARYN, HOW  
TO PULL TOGETHER A BEACH  
HOUSE THE EASY WAY



Caryn Zucker's collection of blue-and-white ceramics inspired the decor in the guest bedroom, this page. As a shortcut, interior designer Scott Sanders made use of furniture the family already owned, like the bed, which got a new slipcover in white linen from Ralph Lauren. Sanders added inexpensive pieces that could be obtained right away, like a Crate & Barrel side table (now discontinued). Bed linens by Frette. ■ Two of the Zucker children, opposite page, enjoy cold treats outside their gray-shingled home.



# DECORATOR'S TIPS

SPRUCE UP WHAT YOU HAVE AND MAKE IT COMFORTABLE: NICE AND EASY TECHNIQUES FOR A QUICK BEACH-HOUSE DECOR

## SHORTCUTS

◀◀ **ALL-SEASON FABRICS** The Zuckers use the house year-round, so Scott Sanders chose fabrics that feel right anytime. For this look, try Ralph Lauren Home linen Houndstooth in Sand and Cream, far left, or Robert Allen's Mapplebeck cotton in Fir, left.



## ▶▶ SMALL MAKEOVERS

Sanders gave new life to pieces the family already owned with a coat of paint or, as with the antique monkey chandelier, opposite page, new shades. Paper lampshades, \$23 to \$25 each, from William-Wayne & Co., NYC.




◀◀ **MEDIA SAVVY** Since Dad's job entails a lot of television viewing, the Zuckers give their flat-screen TV a choice spot over the mantel in their family room. An alternative is this 23-inch Philips Mirror television, \$3,500, which looks like a mirror when the TV is switched off.

▶▶ **OLD COMFORTS** Though recently built, the house has traditional details like plank floors and wainscoting. Sanders upped the Colonial air with hunter green walls and Windsor chairs. "It's a comfortable, familial style," he says. We like the East Hampton Windsor, \$450, from Martha Stewart Furniture for Bernhardt. ▶



**I**t was January when interior designer Scott Sanders got the call from Jeff Zucker, the president of NBC television, and his wife, Caryn, whose city apartment he had decorated. They had just bought a Shingle-style cottage on a leafy lane in the Hamptons. "I wanted a traditional house that was young and fresh-looking, not stuffy," says Caryn. And could Sanders have it ready by Memorial Day? They may as well have asked Sanders to build a model clipper ship in a bottle—in an afternoon. Still, he wanted to oblige, and he took quick notes on the family's needs. The Zuckers wanted the house to have a year-round feel, because they planned to use it in all seasons. They envisioned a central room where the whole family could be together, even if Dad's job required frequent monitoring of the television set. And with three young children, Caryn asked for fabrics that were sturdy enough to withstand ice cream spills on the sofa.

For Sanders, the easiest strategy was to make use of the furniture that the family already owned. He scouted what they had in storage and adapted an assortment of pieces for the new space, giving chairs new cotton-and-linen slipcovers and old tables a coat of paint. But Sanders's larger mission was to add character and warmth to the house, which had been built recently. Antiques were one solution: he and Caryn bought furniture and objects at antiques shows and on trips to New Hope, Pennsylvania. When the Zuckers moved in just four months later, the house felt as though it had been theirs for years.

A rustic dining room featuring a large, round wooden table surrounded by Windsor chairs with striped cushions. A large, ornate chandelier hangs from the ceiling. In the background, a fireplace with a white mantel is visible, along with a sofa and armchairs. The room has a warm, inviting atmosphere with natural light from large windows.

**TRADE SECRETS FURNITURE** The gateleg table is from English Country Antiques, Bridgehampton, NY. The Windsor dining chairs are by Martin's Chair. Ralph Lauren Home Winslow chairs flank a custom sofa by James Kieran Pine, Inc. **FABRICS** The dining chair cushions are Robert Allen's Mapplebeck in Fir. The sofa is upholstered in Nina Campbell's Brasenose, through Osborne & Little; the armchairs in Chesterfield Houndstooth in Olive, and the sofa pillows in Hagan Stripe, both Ralph Lauren. **RUG** Woodard Weave, Woodard & Greenstein, NYC.



## LAYERED LOOK

Sanders's aim was to add character to the recently built house.

■ **MIX AND MATCH** In the living room, above, eclectic style makes the space feel unique. A Ralph Lauren Brompton sofa sports pillows in two very different fabrics—crewel embroidery and paisley, much like Dolittle crewel in Windeme from Silk Trading Company, far left, —and Denton damask from Ralph Lauren Home, left. On the mantel and on Restoration Hardware's Landsdowne coffee table, folk art coexists with Chinese lacquered objects, such as the carved examples below, from

Leekan Designs, NYC. The Oxford lounge chairs from Lewis Mittman, NYC, are covered in Haystack Stripe, from Ralph Lauren Home. The Sunflower pillows are from the French Country Living catalog. The paint is Cottonwood from Ralph Lauren Home.

■ **OLD WITH NEW** The Zuckers spent most of their budget on antiques, such as the shell-shaped candlesticks from Decorum on the mantel. "If well chosen, antiques give a feeling that a room has been there a long time," Sanders says.



## STRIPES AHOY

While the family rooms have a country house feel, Sanders couldn't resist seaside touches in this boy's room.

■ **SEAWORTHY** The Zuckers found antique buoys and sailboats for their son's bedroom. While these are sometimes available from antiques stores, we fell in love with this model sailboat, left, from Sail Classics. The Boats & Buoys bedding, below, from Olive Kids, adds nautical charm. Sailboat pillowcases from Fisher's Antiques, Sag Harbor, NY, and Garnet Hill fleece blankets are on a Kendall bunk bed, bottom, from Pottery Barn Kids.

■ **BOLD GRAPHICS** Sanders, who used to work at Ralph Lauren, has always had a penchant for stripes. They are a seaside natural for a Roman shade in Ralph Lauren's Boater's Point Stripe in cream and blue. Carpet, Eldridge Stripe in Chicory, is from Patterson Flynn & Martin.

■ **BLUE YONDER** Sanders chose Pratt & Lambert's Maple Sugar for the walls and Glorious Sky for the ceiling—the blue of a perfect Hamptons summer sky.



## ALL TOGETHER NOW

The blue-and-white decor in the guest suite is Sanders's tribute to classic Hamptons style.

■ **POTLUCK** Searching through possessions that the Zuckers had in storage, Sanders noticed a good number of pieces of blue-and-white pottery. He gathered them together for a display with graphic impact.

■ **RICH PATTERN** Once he had his color scheme, Sanders had fun finding blue-and-white-patterned fabrics like Ralph Lauren's Mineray, on the armchair, and Bailey & Griffin's Salur for the curtains. The Yorkshire sofa, in Madeline White, and armchair are from Ralph Lauren. Porcelains on the coffee table and floor are all from William-Wayne & Co.; those on top of the dresser are antiques.

■ **STRAIGHT FROM THE CRATE** Sanders also relied on furniture retailers for quick delivery of pieces such as the Villagio wide dresser, which is from Crate & Barrel. □

