



WHIMSICAL AND MODERN

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The owners of a historic cottage in Chatham, originally built as a general store in 1870, hired Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects Builders (PSD) to restore the home to its original charm. They also wanted to increase the living space with thoughtful additions, including a spacious and private outdoor living area.

The outdoor space can be accessed through the French doors of the dining room, which open to an expansive fieldstone patio. Steps within the retaining wall lead down to the outdoor kitchen and dining area. The outdoor kitchen is housed within a pavilion, sheltering it from inclement weather, while lattice panels open for entertaining. The attractive cupola creates natural ventilation for the kitchen. The pergola extending off the pavilion creates a smooth transition from the kitchen to the dining area. Since the outdoor space is right off the indoor dining room, it allows for both indoor and outdoor entertaining.

“The cottage is in a historic district, so the work that we added is respectful of the historic context but also has its own more contemporary character,” says John DaSilva, design principal at PSD. “It’s not just a historical re-creation. The pergola, for instance, is a little bit whimsical and the columns are created from a more modernist point of view.”

It is a charming and secluded space that is perfect for a private gathering and vast enough, despite the small footprint, to have a large party.

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