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## THE INTERIOR DESIGN ISSUE

### TAKE TO THE HILLS

A SKI HOUSE AT THE BASE OF MOUNT ABRAM  
PUTS A MODERN TWIST ON A RUSTIC AESTHETIC



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WHY IT SHOULD BE YOUR GO-TO  
PATTERN THIS SEASON



The inspiration and mission for this new house was “unpretentious classical coastal” without being clichéd nautical. The ocean view inspired the layout to orient work areas toward the windows overlooking the five-acre round meadow on Casco Bay. It is earthy, soothing, and serene, and there’s an incredibly calming vibe in this wing of the new house.

The kitchen is a major thoroughfare to the rest of the house. The client requested a large island for food prep, flower arranging, and gathering. There is a majestic view of Casco Bay through a window above the primary sink. There was a need to bring in as much light as possible, given that there is a covered porch for dining and grilling off the kitchen. The natural wood cathedral ceiling adds a bit of drama. The mirrored cabinets were intentionally selected above the range wall to reflect the ocean view.

The natural oak island has a wire-brushed, whitewashed finish, creating a soft, mellow texture. The custom cabinetry was done by Tidewater Millwork, and the Perla Venata polished marble counters were sourced from Morningstar. These elements match the ceiling and floors incorporated throughout the new home. The walk-in pantry hides miscellaneous equipment, small appliances, and seldom-used items. This keeps the primary kitchen clutter free, and anything out in the open is a visual crowd-pleaser. The full-height tile backsplash in the pantry is hand stenciled and sourced from Distinctive Tile.

Banks Design was also the architectural designer for the house, allowing them to steer the spatial relationships and blend the finished project inside and out.

## New House in the Round Meadow

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**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** PAUL MOUTAL, FLYING POINT CONSTRUCTION  
**APPLIANCES:** AGREN APPLIANCE  
**CABINETRY FABRICATION:** ALEX HAMILTON, TIDEWATER MILLWORK  
**COUNTERTOPS:** MORNINGSTAR STONE & TILE  
**HARDWARE, LIGHTING & COUNTER STOOLS:** SIMPLY HOME  
**TILE:** DISTINCTIVE TILE & DESIGN  
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