

Honorable Mention



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"Las Brisas" Beach House

HULL, MASS.

The summer home's setting at the edge of a steeply sloping seawall on the Massachusetts coast had a timeless beauty. As for the house, it was pure 1970s beach-bungalow ticky-tack.

Working largely within the confines of the existing footprint, the architect and builder gave the house a much-needed makeover by replacing the 70s look with a contemporary interpretation of

the classic Shingle Style home.

The \$190,000 project touched many sections of the 2,300-square-foot house. To achieve the new look, square posts holding up the deck and porch roofs were replaced with graceful, white-painted cylindrical columns. An equally heavy (and plain) series of deck railings was replaced with simple rails spanned by marine cable. New bleached shingles give the home's walls a timeless, coastal look—and lattice



panels at the end gables provide a new look without altering the original roof.

Giving the house a visual focal point is a new tower topped by a crow's nest. The tower serves a practical purpose as well, housing a new main stairwell.

CATEGORY: Residential remodeling, \$75,000 to \$200,000
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