



opposite: The main living area houses places to cook, eat, watch TV and relax. Custom wood beams help to delineate the separate areas. **above:** The rear elevation shows the spacious patio with a balcony above, and the modest house size leaves plenty of yard for the children to enjoy; in the living space, open shelves flank the fireplace, which is painted to appear like concrete. **below:** With plenty of cooking space, the kitchen was the main focus for the client, who is a professional chef; the two-story front entry foyer features custom metal railings, a limestone tile floor and a selection of light fixtures that enhance the European feel.

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Clean Living

These clients, who own a restaurant in New York City, loved escaping to the coastal, rural community of Larchmont. While the location of their home was idyllic, the original house was dated and too small for their growing family, so Robert A. Cardello Architects designed a new home that fit nicely on the narrow lot without maximizing the allowable coverage. The first and second floors are just under 3,350 square feet, and the basement provides 650 square feet of storage and “crazy kid space,” specifically requested by the owners for their two young boys.

In keeping with the quaint, shoreline neighborhood, the façade of the house is clean and elegant, with a steep pitched, slate-composite roof. Marvin Ultimate casement windows and French doors, painted black inside and out, add to the charming, European appearance. The two-story front entry

foyer features custom metal railings, a limestone tile floor and a selection of light fixtures that enhance the European feel, and a short hallway, with a curved ceiling, leads to the main living space on the left and a guest suite on the right. The interior is clean and unembellished, using strictly drywall without crowns or casings to allow the architecture to speak for itself.

The main living space offers a quality chef’s kitchen, a dining area, TV space with a cozy fireplace, and a sitting area for reading or chatting while a meal is prepared. Custom wood beams help to define the spaces, and the sitting area’s vaulted ceiling adds charm. The program also includes a first-floor office, a second-floor play space overlooking the foyer, a master suite—with a floating vanity wall that separates the bedroom from the bath—and two en suite bedrooms.

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