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You'd never believe this home began as a traditional Cape Cod before its transformation by Cardello Architects. It is now a sophisticated, modern beach house with an open floor plan that allows the home to take advantage of the spectacular views of the Long Island Sound.

Significant structural issues were involved in this project. "Turning a traditional New England cape into a modern beach house without knocking it down was a huge challenge," says the project's architect, David LaPierre. "Taking this home made of solid walls and minimal glass, removing the majority of its structural integrity and using a steel cage to hold it all together was a lot of fun."

The resulting interior space has an open and airy feel. "Open floor plans give the family a chance to engage with one another rather than be separated in individual spaces," explains David. "The open concept offers the designer the opportunity to be more playful with the design, which lends itself well to more modern interpretations."

The visually interesting makeup of the new space is an immediate attention-grabber. The kitchen, dining area and family room resemble interlocking puzzle pieces—an aesthetic that's intriguingly reflected in the center of the kitchen by combining a rectangular, wood-topped island with an attached, L-shaped marble section that wraps around one edge to form a breakfast eating area.

The interior design was a crucial part of the renovation, and it was interior design lead Rachelle Roll whose expert selections of materials

and textures ensured that the individual spaces remained distinct, even as they simultaneously worked together as a harmonious whole. Her choices also beautifully echoed the natural landscape, effectively bringing the outside into the home.

This amazing design work truly shines in the bright, open kitchen. The cabinetry is a rift sawn oak stained a gray that mimics the soft, pale color of driftwood. The same gray can be found in the striations of the marble on the island and the long counter that separates the kitchen from the family room space. The kitchen wall and backsplash are a gleaming, reflective tile material that shimmers and sparkles like sunshine on water. Even the accent colors are carefully chosen to match the colors found among the native plants and flowers that bloom outside in springtime.

Large awning-style windows allow the natural lighting to provide the primary illumination for the space during the day, and give the home amazing views of the beach, ocean and sky. This modern kitchen is more than just a functional space—it's a visual vantage point, a place to enjoy the stunning views of the world outside.

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