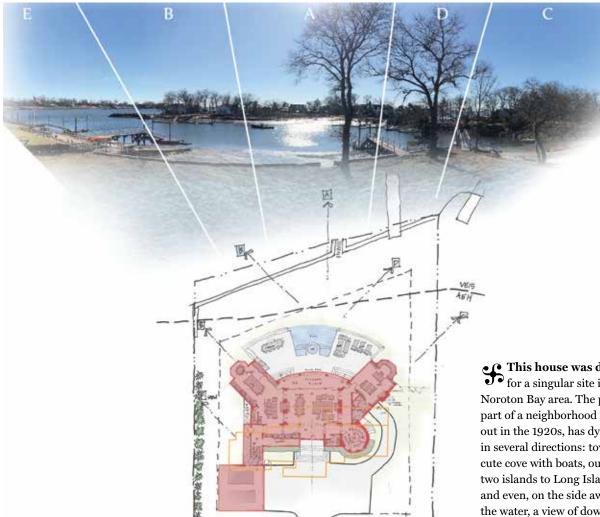


Sketch Pad

Design Ideas in the Making





This house was designed for a singular site in Darien's Noroton Bay area. The property, part of a neighborhood first laid out in the 1920s, has dynamic vistas in several directions: toward a cute cove with boats, out across two islands to Long Island Sound, and even, on the side away from the water, a view of downtown Stamford off in the distance.

With so many unique viewpoints to be captured, this seemed like a great spot for a "butterfly" floorplan, featuring angled wings projecting out from a central living area. Using this scheme, the kitchen, breakfast room, living and dining areas, den, back porch, three different bedrooms with balconies, and even a circular stair tower including two floors' worth of windows (on the corner looking back toward Stamford) all get to partake in the home's scenic surroundings. | Robert Cardello, Cardello Architects, South Norwalk, 203-587-8628, cardelloar chitects.com