

finalists **Traditional Architecture** (Less than 7,000 sq. feet)**Robert A. Cardello Architects, LLC**

"The clients wanted something that was very understated on the exterior, but on the interior and in other components of the house, they wanted it to be more bold and an expression of their personalities," Robert Cardello says. In response, the inside of this New Canaan home, steps away from the beach, is unfussy and modern—but unexpected details like corner glass windows, tray ceilings, and Lucite balusters fill the space with a sense of refined ease. You'd never know from looking at the home how small the lot is—only eighty-by-one hundred feet. "They had this 5,000-square-foot program that I had to fit in a 3,000-square-foot house," Robert says. "That was the biggest challenge." Lots of careful planning produced a compact space that still feels bright and open. The clients couldn't be more thrilled. "They love it," he says. -NT



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