Great Addition

A SEAMLESS EXTENSION AND AN ELEGANT AESTHETIC EVOKE A DAVID TOMLINSON HOME

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The home is bursting with natural sea growth on the exterior! The home, a 1930s English country farmhouse designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, was built in 1918. Previous owners had then come and set to work on the property, adding a sympathetic extension and creating a beautiful garden that's now a magnificent combination of cultivated and naturalistic planting inspired by the coast.

RIGHT: Jake Curtis's photograph of the exterior of the home, with its pebbledash walls and tiled roof, is framed by a wisteria in bloom. Above the front door, a carved stone plaque depicts a ship in full sail, a nod to the property's seafaring past.

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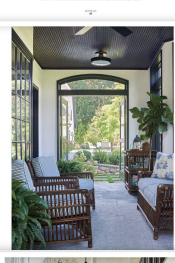

"For the addition, we matched the tapped mortar joints and materials of the original house," Christopher Tomlinson told Jonathan throughout and painted to match the existing walls.

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How do your clients find you? I had completed a project for previous clients, Tom and Sarah Parker Bowles, in Wiltshire, and they were friends with Alice Hall and suggested that I look through the Instagram accounts she follows. I found Christopher's account and sent him a message mentioning my interest in Arts & Crafts, 1930s and 1940s pieces!

What were your clients looking to do? The project was completed in several stages over the years. The first stage was doing the exterior, which included the addition of a new kitchen, dining room and sitting room. They really wanted to do an addition to give more space and to create a connection between the kitchen, a library, and the garden.

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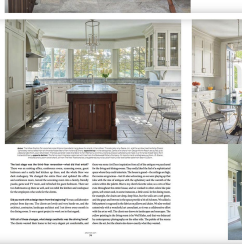

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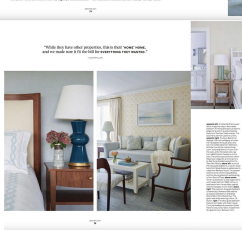

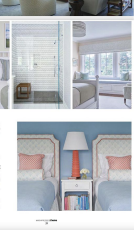

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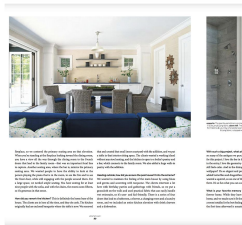

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