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Left: Timeless styling and a bright, white palette allow the views of Nauset Beach (top) to shine. **Above:** A table nestles efficiently against the breakfast nook's built-in bench.

Coastal KITCHENS

Four kitchen designs for life by the sea.

By Jennifer Sperry

Set on a bluff overlooking Nauset Beach in Orleans, Mass., this bright, white, and welcoming kitchen is intricately connected to the home's coastal setting. Its beach-facing expanse benefits from large picture windows alternating with casement windows and French doors leading out to the rear terrace. A tightly gridded coffered ceiling

differentiates it from the adjoining dining room. The L-shaped island is both a functional work space and eating area, while a breakfast nook with a built-in bench provides yet another spot for family gathering. Anyone cooking at the Wolf range or washing up at the island's apron-front sink is privy to stunning, panoramic views.

The ultimate in coastal cool, this kitchen in Greenwich, Conn., handles the needs of a busy family with four kids. Designed to be visually serene and clutter-free, it features a blend of materials: stained white oak island cabinetry, a painted brick backsplash, and dyed concrete countertops. Crafted from yellow pine—reclaimed

from a Pennsylvania barn—the faux columns and beams lend rustic warmth to the bright, peaceful space. State-of-the-art appliances include a 60-inch dual-fuel Wolf range, paneled Sub-Zero refrigerator, and Sub-Zero refrigerator drawers. Panoramic water views reach around from the sink area to the dining banquette and into the adjoining family room.



Rustic, weathered, and polished mingle successfully in this kitchen by the sea. The island's stained white oak matches the ceiling treatment. **Opposite:** The nearby family room and dining banquette are oriented towards the water views.



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Opposite: The cooking area's stainless steel backsplash protects against splatters from the Wolf range. **Left:** A separate bank of gray cabinets, with glass doors and mirrored interior, emulates the look of an antique hutch. **Below:** Anyone in the kitchen is privy to ocean views through the home's open-concept main living areas.

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Perched on the rocky North Shore of Mass., this kitchen blends contemporary and traditional design elements into a cohesive whole. Achieving a bright, clutter-free space with dedicated areas for cooking, cleaning, and storage was the design goal. Thick marble countertops and detailed millwork nod to tradition while state-of-the-art appliances, like the Sub-Zero fridge with glass door, offer contemporary functionality. A pantry alcove accommodates small appliances and keeps the counters clear; a full butler's pantry provides extra storage as well. While the windows over the sink look onto a private garden, dazzling ocean views are on display through the adjoining dining and living areas lining the home's ocean-facing side.





This coastal kitchen in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is the perfect example of maximized indoor-outdoor flow. Its accordion window opens wide onto a large screened porch, which overlooks the changing tides and working lobster boats of Sagamore Creek. The window disappears when open, and the counter beneath becomes an ideal pass-through. Featuring long, clean lines, the cabinetry hides many useful elements, including a floor-to-ceiling pantry, dedicated baking area, and coffee station. Quartz tops the perimeter cabinets while quartzite covers the expansive island, crafted from rustic white oak. All of this generous storage keeps the space feeling uncluttered and the water views crystal clear. **NEL**

Left: The island's rustic white oak contrasts sleeker design elements like quartz and quartzite counters and a "White Haze" honed marble backsplash by AKDO. **Below:** The workings of Sagamore Creek are on display just past the deep copper sink.



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