

NEW PROJECTS

On the following pages, six recent projects from our subscribers demonstrate that the ancient Vitruvian principles of firmness, commodity, and delight are alive and well in the 21st century. These homes show that a program accommodating thoroughly modern daily activities and functional amenities can be incorporated into a structure that retains the sense of beauty, craftsmanship, and cultural continuity which most of today's homebuyers seek.

PROJECT: Summer House in Westerly, RI
 BUILDER AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR:
 Natale Construction Corp.,
 Charlestown, RI
 DESIGNER: MDO Designs, Glastonbury, CT

This luxurious waterfront home in Westerly, Rhode Island, is a summer residence and vacation spot for its owners. The house sits in the exact location of its 4,400-sq.-ft. predecessor. The new home is 5,700 sq.ft., 35 ft. tall, and was built to resemble the previous house.

Its proximity to the Atlantic Ocean is one of the things that makes the home unique, and the house design reflects this, with materials and specs that could withstand the 90 mph winds and driving rain common to the area. Products like red cedar shingles, ipe wood decking, and redwood were used for their weather-resistant properties. The home is also equipped with a Stadler radiant-heating system and a Viessmann computerized boiler which can be controlled by computer from the owners' primary residence in Connecticut.

Features in the house include granite countertops, limestone-tiled floors, and Wood-Mode cabinets in the kitchen. The study has a granite fireplace and burly bullseye maple panels and doors. ♦



The grand staircase leads down three floors to a laser-cut medallion on the first floor. Woods used here included cherry, walnut, and red oak.



Ipe decking on the porch has weathered to a lovely grey.



Above: The 28-x-30-ft. carriage house serves as two-car garage with a spare room and bath upstairs.

Left: The kitchen features "Wood-Mode" cabinets, granite countertops, limestone floors, and modern appliances. Right: The view of the house from the terraced yard, which looks onto the pond.

