

## DINING ROOM

"When you paint the walls dark, it makes the view pop," says homeowner and designer Heidi Caillier of her decision to use Down Pipe by **Farrow & Ball** all over her family's Anderson Island, Washington, vacation home. **Doors:** Milgard. **Table:** RH. **Chairs:** Ton. **Light:** Isamu Noguchi.

LARGE GLASS DOORS AND PICTURE WINDOWS CONNECT THE MAIN LIVING SPACE WITH ITS SURROUNDINGS.

One designer's trick to affording the vacation home of her dreams: She split it with friends (and made the paneling work).

# OPEN-DOOR POLICY

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## BREAKFAST NOOK

A map of the Puget Sound is fitting decor for a room with a view of it. **Table:** Rove Concepts. **Chairs:** One Kings Lane. **Art and pendant:** vintage. **Pillows:** custom, in Carolina Irving (pink floral), Michael S Smith (blue check, green floral), and Holland & Sherry (brown tweeds) fabrics.

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## KITCHEN

"It's open, so we needed a color that worked with the rest of the space, but we didn't want it to be all the same," says Caillier, who chose Farrow & Ball Off-Black for the cabinetry. **Range:** GE Appliances. **Stool and art:** vintage.



# IT WAS A DREAM.

FOR MONTHS, HEIDI CAILLIER, her husband, and their close friends Rachel and Jeff Krause had been searching for a joint vacation home when they stumbled upon a small cabin and half acre of property on secluded Anderson Island. The best part? It was just an hour-long ferry ride from Tacoma, Washington, their hometown.

The house's interior was a slightly different story: "It was a 1970s special," laughs the designer. "We pretty much gutted it and started over." Working closely with Rachel, Caillier devised a cozy cabin getaway that's equally perfect for dinner parties and raucous playtime for the two couples' combined three children—plus the kids of all their frequent visitors.

**"We really wanted it to feel like a place that had been there and would be there forever,"** Caillier explains. "Nothing fancy, just lived in and very comfortable."

To do that, Caillier incorporated elements of summertime nostalgia—bunk beds, a nautical theme, cabin-like paneling—without going full "camp," and then created a layout that lends itself to relaxing weekends.

Instead of splurging on refinishing all the home's dated paneled walls, Caillier just repainted them. Farrow & Ball's Down Pipe, a rich slate blue, instantly modernized the



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space. In the open kitchen, it's paired with Off-Black, another dark shade, on the cabinets. Adding a series of sliding doors, meanwhile, connected the cabin—both visually and literally—to its surroundings.

When it came to furnishings, "Budget was always a consideration," Caillier says. She and Rachel trawled flea markets and online auction sites for vintage art and accessories, and sourced much of the furniture from big-box stores—including bunk beds from Ikea, which the duo re-stained themselves. "We spent a whole weekend on just that," Caillier recalls.

The designer selected upholstery in plaids and stripes to lend a sense of coziness. "I love to layer things and I really just wanted the cabin to have that collected feel," she says. "I want you to feel like you can just sit down and grab a blanket and be comfortable." ■

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## BATHROOM

With the addition of a stone top and brass fixtures, this vintage chest got new life as a custom vanity. **Sconces:** vintage. **Curtain:** RH.







**FAMILY ROOM**  
Painted the same color as the walls, existing bookshelves look seamlessly bespoke. **Sofa:** Interior Define. **Table:** Jayson Home. **Armchairs:** Rejuvenation, upholstered in Ralph Lauren plaid. **Art:** vintage.



**BEDROOM**  
Throughout the house, Caillier upgraded big-box pieces with custom and vintage accessories for a more lived-in feel. **Bed frame:** West Elm, with custom headboard in Sandersen fabric. **Pendant:** West Elm. **Nightstand:** vintage. **Art:** Liana Steinmetz. For more details, see Resources.

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## Thinking of Buying a Vacation Home?

Caillier has some tips before you start your search.

- 1. Look Nearby** Just an hour-long ferry ride from their hometown of Tacoma, this house is easy for the two families to get to—so the Cailliers and Krauses go nearly every weekend.
- 2. Consider Accessibility** A hideaway that's too hidden could be tough. Caillier says the hardest part of the reno was getting materials and labor to the secluded isle. Be advised.
- 3. Don't Over-Renovate** Existing '70s wood paneling didn't appeal to either family at first, but once covered in a rich Farrow & Ball blue, it took on a modern look.
- 4. Shop Your Neighbors** A bonus of sourcing vintage furniture, art, and accessories from shops in the area? No shipping costs! Plus, you might make some new friends.

### > ENTRY

This Dutch door faces an identical one in the guesthouse. "In the summer we leave both open" for airflow, says Caillier.  
**Table:** Pottery Barn. **Mirror, vase, and lamp:** vintage.

