



with freezing conditions. This led him to follow the vernacular New England style, but with a twist, putting a Dutch hip roof on the main residence and cupola on the pool house.

A NOD TO THE NAUTICAL

Courtney and Paul had long admired interior designer Suzanne Kasler's work. 'It's unfussy and approachable, which is the look we wanted,' says Courtney. As with the architecture, Courtney was inspired by the local style for the interiors. 'New England homes have a seafaring feel because of the historic connection with ocean so it seemed fitting to respond to that. But, rather than plump for navy, we worked with more unusual blues, like teal, periwinkle and aqua.'

Courtney also loves floral patterns, china collections and antique furniture, and much of the last two came from Paul's mother. 'After she passed away, we inherited many of her best-loved items,' says Courtney. 'When I see them in my home, I feel the memories of her life, and they're more than just pretty pieces, they're what gives this home a heart.'

HALLWAY

'When the architectural elements are so strong, they create visual interest without the need for extra decoration,' say Suzanne. 'The neutral tones of the wood floors and seagrass runners help to make the space feel open.' **Star lantern** in Aged Iron, \$839, Circa Lighting, circa Lighting.com. **Garniture lamp**, from \$6,080 for two, Christopher Spitzmiller, christopherspitzmiller.com.

DINING AREA

Courtney is not a fan of the kitchen-diner. 'Time with family and friends is precious; when I sit down to dinner I don't want be distracted by dirty dishes,' she says.

However, the opening behind the banquette goes some way to creating an open-plan feel. The table was a bespoke piece made from southern yellow pine reclaimed from the beams and rafters of the Vanderbilt family stable in Portsmouth. 'It's unique and full of history,' says Courtney. **Curtains and banquette upholstered** in Raoul Textiles Kashmir, Delft collection, £390.40m, Turnell & Gigon, turnellandgigon.com. **Custom dining table**, Jeff Soderbergh, jeffsoderbergh.com.