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# Humble cottage becomes chic retreat

**M**urray Brasseur, an investment banker, and his wife, Bonnie, loved the location of their '50s-era cedar cottage, but their family had outgrown it. They wanted a little more luxury and a permanent lakeside home. Architect John Hix expanded their living space and dramatically changed the look of the cottage with a pavilion-style entranceway and a walk-through to the lake. Lattice screens camouflage the division between the old cottage and new construction. Bonnie is a great cook and host; Hix designed an open-plan kitchen/dining area, featuring open overhang shelving for easy entertaining. Bold decorative columns punctuate the dining room, furnished with an old, Canadian Duncan Phyfe table revived with white lacquer. The room steps down to the wicker-furnished vista walkway. ●



CHIC



Pavilion-style entrance



*Relaxing on the lake-view deck: Murray and Bonnie with kids Nicki and Jeremy.*



Easy-entertaining kitchen



Dining room: a step down to walkway

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