



A Formal yet Fresh Home That Celebrates Nantucket's

# RICH HISTORY

LEONARDS NEW ENGLAND COMBINES ITS INTERIOR DESIGN EXPERTISE AND FINE FURNISHINGS TO CREATE LUXURIOUS INTERIORS FOR THIS FEDERAL-STYLE HOME.

Known for its historic homes, downtown Nantucket still evokes a stately and prestigious aura worthy of a weary sea captain who has returned from a lucrative journey. So when Cynthia T. Hayes, interior designer, Leonards New England, set out to design and furnish a new in-town Nantucket home "built on one of the most beautiful historical streets in the country," she "wanted to design an interior that was reminiscent of the wealthy sea captain homes that used to comprise this street."

Keeping this vision in mind, Hayes created a more formal interior enhanced by antique furnishings from Leonards, rich window treatments, splendid wall coverings, and luxurious fabrics. "Homes in town on Nantucket typically have a more formal feeling than the cottage feel of many of the Shingle Style homes around the island," she explains. As you move from room to room, you'll discover how this Federal-style home embraces Nantucket's nautical and elegant roots in a fresh way.

**SIGNATURE BEDROOMS** This design strategy comes to life in the home's bedrooms, each of which Hayes "wanted to make special in its own way." The "green bedroom" features Brunschwig & Fils bird toile throughout the space, "making it feel like a wonderful suite that one never wants to leave." It is restful and serene, and the enticing apple green makes a comfortable setting for antique Sheraton tallpost posts resized to standard king and a reproduction tiger maple work stand with a shelf on bottom. The antique gold starburst mirror finishes the inviting look.

Similarly, Scalamandré blue and red fabric set against blue trellis wallpaper welcomes guests to the cozy "red and blue" bedroom. The home's sophistication shines through in the golden bedroom, which features Kingston valance window treatments, Stroheim fabric toile custom duvets, and Kravet stripe fabric. A pair of antique twin beds (circa 1840) with tulip-top posts adds a layer of charm to this luxurious room.

Displaying warm wood tones and colors that embrace the nearby sea, this home emerges as a livable gallery of fine furnishings that beckon you to rest ashore for awhile. ▶



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## RICH FABRICS, WALLS, AND WINDOWS

*Opposite:* This bedroom is fresh as a newly picked apple! With antique Sheraton tallpost posts resized to standard king, the warm-toned bed is complemented by a two-drawer reproduction tiger maple work stand with a shelf on the bottom. Brunswick & Fils fabrics give the room a pleasing and relaxing look. *Above:* Federal, reeded, and draped mahogany tallpost posts (circa 1820) resized to a queen bed work are given a fresh look with the Scalamandré “Gypsy” blue and red fabric, repeated in the window treatment against blue trellis wallpaper. *Left:* The deep-blue walls of this sitting room make a fine backdrop for a few of the homeowners’ favorite pieces of nautical artwork. The blue contrasts beautifully with the white upholstery trimmed in a coordinating blue cord. ▶