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Eco-friendly Exteriors

When building a home, there are many decisions to consider, such as tile, paint color, flooring, countertops, and more. Perhaps one of the most important factors is the exterior of the home, as it makes the home's first impression. Fiber cement is an eco-friendly building material made up of cellulose fiber, sand, silica, Portland cement, and a variety of recycled materials. For homeowners looking to build their dream green home, fiber cement is an option. This material preserves natural resources, eliminates VOC's (also known

as volatile organic compounds), and improves the energy efficiency of a home. Another benefit of using fiber cement is that it is more durable than other building materials. Because of its durability, fiber cement's color doesn't chip so there's no need to reapply paint as often as traditional siding, which also contributes to lower VOC levels.

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Recycled Recliner

In the past few years the concept of going green has become more and more popular for homeowners. They are constantly looking for ways to make their homes eco-friendly and one, often overlooked way to do that is through furniture. The Journey recliner at Coralberry Cottage is manufactured in a variety of green ways. With recycled steel in the springs and soybean-based foam instead of petroleum-based material, this chair leaves a smaller carbon footprint. The wood is sourced from suppliers who are a part of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. SFI is a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable

forest management by combining the perpetual growing and harvesting of trees with the protection of wildlife, plants, soil, and water quality. In addition to the environmentally conscious manufacturer, the chair's covering is an eco-friendly fabric called Brisa. Brisa is a material that is easy to clean and carries the Greenguard Certification, which ensures that a product emits the lowest possible amount of VOC's (volatile organic compounds) into the air.

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Idyllic Dwelling



One Isle of Palms homeowner teamed up with Ryan Butler at SHELTER Custom-Built Living to create a dream home on the water.



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Building a custom home is often a long and daunting process for most homeowners. It requires lots of patience, time, and communication with the people who are working tirelessly to create the most functional home possible for the owners' lifestyle. To Isle of Palms homeowner, Todd, this is where SHELTER Custom-Built Living stood out amongst the crowd.

Todd and Ryan Butler, owner of SHELTER Custom-Built Living, met

through mutual friends and Todd was immediately impressed with Ryan's team of professionals. "It is incredibly important for a homeowner to trust the person they hire to build their house. The lines of communication should always be open and clear. Todd appreciated that about SHELTER's procedures and we decided to move forward," explains Ryan.

It helped the process go fairly smoothly, too, because Todd already had a definite budget and clear vision for the

design of the abode that was to fit onto the lot. "There had been an old house here, but it was long gone by the time Todd bought the lot and he wanted the new structure to fit in with the growing neighborhood," describes Ryan. "So we sat down and discussed the details of his plans for the dwelling." Since the lot faces marshland and the Intracoastal Waterway, Todd wanted a design that was a perfect blend of sophisticated-coastal. Lighter paint colors and tactful placement of ship-lap throughout the interior bring the

(left) The kitchen was designed to blend with the openness of the floor plan, and to look both modern and coastal in fashion, with shaker-style cabinetry, silver hardware, and a multi-faceted tile backsplash to add flare. (above right) The shaker-style wet bar cabinetry color matches the kitchen island color to create a cohesive look. (bottom right) With marine cable railings, the porch is an ideal spot for enjoying an unobstructed view of the marshlands beyond.

coastal vibes with plenty of clean lines that provide that extra polish.

The open floor plan combined with the simplicity of the trim package also conveys an air of modernity that creates a cohesive overall picture. Each area of the home maintains a

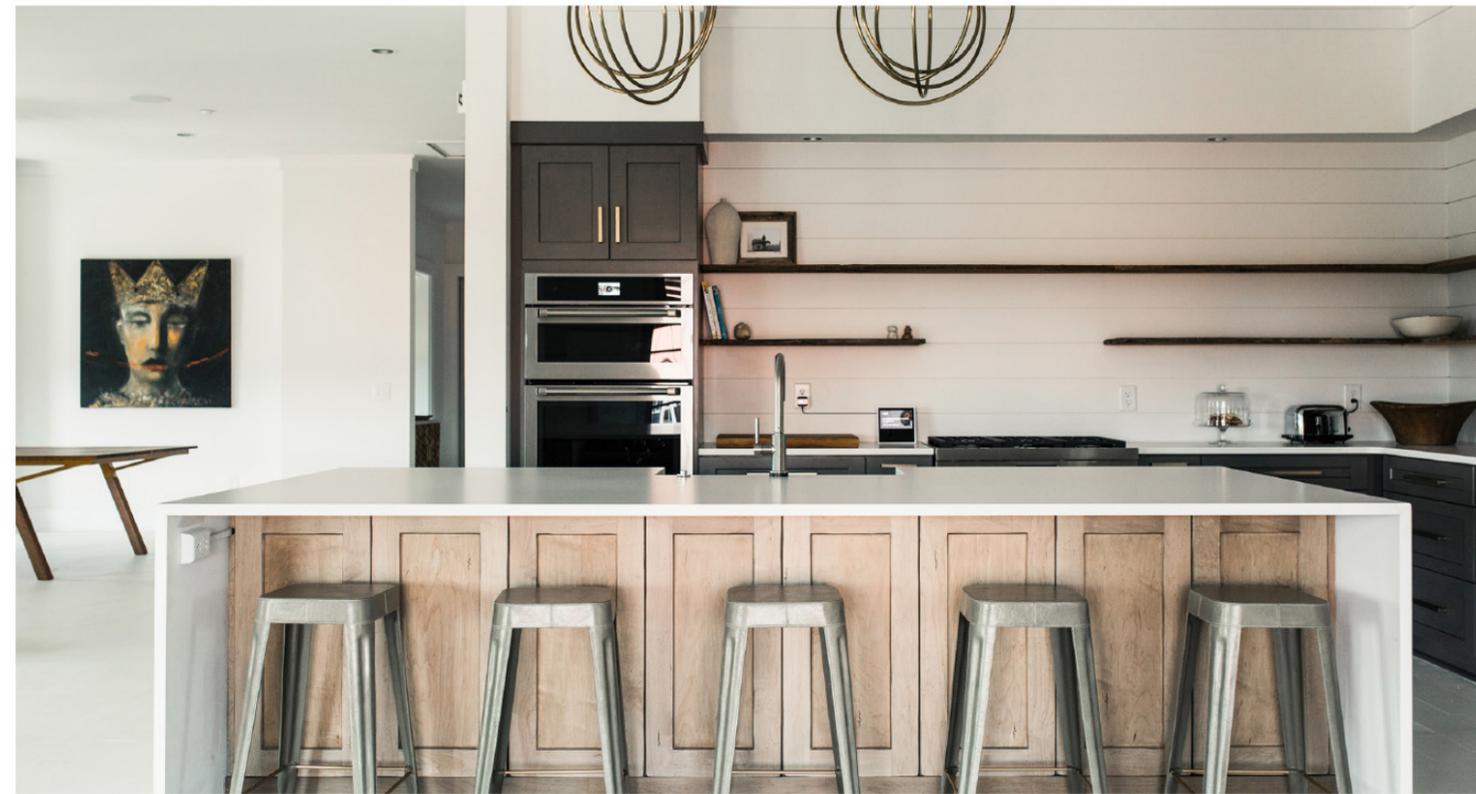
simply adorned background with light, coastal colors that are embellished here and there with warm barnwood accents. The kitchen, in particular, brings a wow-factor with white elegance and a multi-textured tile backsplash that adds to the room without overwhelming the eye with

too much color or pattern.

Both Ryan and Todd agree, though, that the back of the house is one of their favorite spots to spend time. "The back porches overlook the marsh and the Intracoastal Waterway, and there's also a Live Oak that



(above left) The double sliding doors were a special recommendation from the SHELTER design team to help draw the eye toward the view at the back of the house. (bottom left) A spacious master bathroom is a key element for luxurious living. (right) Aqua Blue Pools designed and installed the elegant pool in the backyard. (inset) Kecia Heyward and Ryan Butler of SHELTER Custom-Built Living.



we preserved to keep that old Charleston charm. It's such a great spot to relax and enjoy the scenery," says Ryan.

Working with Todd on his island home was one of many enjoyable experiences for Ryan and his team at SHELTER Custom-Built Living, partly because communication and trust was prevalent, and partly because with each project Ryan is building someone's dream home as well as living his own dream. ❖

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Whole-Home Remodel

These Isle of Palms homeowners worked with SHELTER Custom-Built Living to completely update their out-of-date beach house to a modern, resort-like paradise.

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Choosing a builder that fits your personality, who keeps the lines of communication open with you, and who understands how to work with your budget are all key elements to making the building process go smoothly.



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- Fixtures by Moluf's • Hardscaping and Landscaping by High Marsh Landscaping Contractors • Building Materials by Buck Lumber Builder & Building Supply





Cabana Addition

A modern metal and wood cabana like the one in this Daniel Island backyard provides year-round entertainment and shade for relaxing.

INSPIRATION FEATURES:

- Metal Cabana Frame • Slatted Wooden Sliding Doors for Privacy • Ipe Flooring
- Home Built by SHELTER Custom-Built Living • Cabana Built by Lowcountry Iron & Woodworks • Building Materials by Buck Lumber & Building Supply

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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(803) 655-5653

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Professional Architect Advice

These homeowners consulted a licensed architect to help them remodel their kitchen workspace to fit their home and lifestyle.

INSPIRATION FEATURES:

- Textured Bead Glass in Upper Cabinet Doors • Modern Hood • Tile Backsplash Provides Movement • Multi-Level Island for Seating, Storage, and Entertaining
- Architecture by Spivey Architecture

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Ideal Closet Organization

A closet makeover is a great remodel project that will pay for itself both in time saved and when the time comes to sell the house.

INSPIRATION FEATURES:

- “Chocolate Pear” Melamine System
- Pull-Out Ironing Board • Hidden Hampers
- Specialized Hooks for “Next Day Display”
- Closet System by Closet Factory

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Fiber Cement Exterior

Create a strong and fashionable exterior on your home, like these Mt. Pleasant homeowners, by consulting an expert on fiber cement siding.

INSPIRATION FEATURES:

- Fiber Cement Siding • Withstands Sea Salt Air and Humidity • Custom Shiplap Style
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