



# LIVING WITH FLAVOR

THE OCEANFRONT HOME OF CHEF AND RESTAURATEUR **MARC MURPHY** AND HIS WIFE, PAM, REFLECTS THEIR LOVE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE SERENITY OF BRIDGEHAMPTON. BY KAREN AMSTER-YOUNG  
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Upon arriving at the Bridgehampton home that Marc Murphy shares with his wife, Pam, you can hear the ocean. A colorful collection of surfboards affixed to the side of the house unintentionally adds pops of color to the sand-washed exterior. Salt fills the air, and it's immediately clear that the owners have built a home that is simultaneously serene and inspiring. Only after

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"I love my swings," Pam Murphy says of the Dedon hanging chairs—just one of many outdoor seating areas at her home that offer prime views of the custom pool and nearby Atlantic Ocean.



The home's deck offers vast space for entertaining guests. RIGHT: Pam and Marc Murphy in their Bridgehampton kitchen. BELOW: In an otherwise beachy abode, artful coffee-table books and vivid home accents add bursts of color to the living area.

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ascending the stairs of the expansive deck and entering the house is it apparent that you are visiting the home of a world-renowned chef.

The chef, *Chopped* judge, and restaurateur released his first cookbook, *Season with Authority: Confident Home Cooking*, earlier this year. “It was the right time for the cookbook,” says Murphy, who owns four NYC eateries: Landmarc Time Warner Center and Landmarc Tribeca, as well as Ditch Plains and Kingside. “It is a culmination of my years of cooking, and it was time to share my recipes.”

Clearly in command in the open, airy kitchen, he busily chops and dices fresh produce at his kitchen island, spices readily within reach. On the home's front deck, which is easily accessible from the kitchen, custom-wooden containers are used to grow herbs and vegetables, which the Murphys constantly harvest as they cook for friends and family. “My favorite ‘room’ in the



house is the deck,” Marc says of the space, which boasts two plush swings by Dedon that offer the perfect perch from which to take in views of the custom-pool and the Atlantic Ocean. “I love my swings,” says Pam.

Like their house, the Murphys are open and inviting. The home, decorated from top to bottom by Pam, is undoubtedly a reflection of good taste. “We always have people here,” says Pam. “We wanted to create a home that has plenty of space for people to just sit and relax.”

Pam, who oversees her husband's product development and other projects, clearly is a person who knows what she wants, and she has brought that same attention to detail to the interior of the house. “I didn't use a decorator,” she says. “I found things everywhere, from retail outlets like Restoration Hardware to top designers' [showrooms].”

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Pam Murphy found the letters for their PRAY FOR SURF showpiece at a baby store. LEFT: A neutral color palette dominates the home, except for a few colorful touches, like fresh vegetables grown just outside the kitchen on the deck.

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Inside, neutral colors dominate. The walls and wood-plank ceilings are white, and matching ceiling fans appear almost invisible from below. The blue ocean outside the windows, visible from almost every vantage point, adds a wash of turquoise that blends with the soft blue and white Eskayel fabric that covers the couches in the living room, while plush stools are upholstered in a soft, silver, metallic fabric.

Carefully selected touches, like natural-hued woven pendant lamps hanging above the kitchen island, help bring nature indoors and provide a sense of calm in the room. Small pieces of driftwood and seashells are scattered on many surfaces.

Endless windows throughout the 5,000-square-foot home leave little wall space for art, but the Murphys find personal and creative ways to bring in personal touches and pops of color: Heavy photography and art books are piled on the coffee tables, and a wall in the den has postcard-size images from Pam’s Instagram account arranged in rows like art. “I told my contractor what I wanted to do, and he designed

the display,” she explains. In another room, large block letters lean effortlessly on white shelves above a couch, spelling out PRAY FOR SURF. “I found them in a baby store; I knew I wanted to do something with them,” says Pam, whose husband is an avid surfer. “I bought Marc a surfboard for Father’s Day some years ago. He took lessons and really loves it.”

The block letters are just one of many creative, unexpected touches in the house, which also includes fun photographs of Barbie dolls frolicking on the beach. Turn another corner and a burst of red—artwork featuring just the word BANG—pops into view. Elsewhere, a sun-yellow coral sculpture adorns the coffee table, and a hot-pink shelf sign spells LOVE.

“I just went along with whatever [Pam] said, and I loved everything she did,” says Marc. As the home-stereo system alternates between classical and hip-hop—with a little Taylor Swift mixed in—Pam confesses, “The only thing we disagree about on occasion in the house is the music playing while we cook.” **H**



Marc and Pam Murphy’s home is steps from the beach—ideal for Marc, a surfing enthusiast.