

IN FULL VIEW

A couple's revamped master suite makes the most of the outdoors.

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The Problem

Seeking a relaxing retreat for their DC-based family, a pair of Brown University alums were thrilled to snag a shingle-style manse along the Newport waterfront. Its one flaw? The master bedroom, where over-size windows—and stunning ocean views—took a back seat to dark wood floors, an overly ornate fireplace, and a washed-out color palette.

The Solution

To create a more inviting sanctuary that kept the water panoramas front and center, Digs Design Company's Jocelyn Chiappone focused the redesign on simple furnishings and finishes that wouldn't compete with the tranquil landscape. She began with a palette of lavender hues, chosen for their "very soft and soothing" nature, she says. Next, she swapped the over-the-top hearth for a more modern fireplace decked out in blue- and purple-toned Azul Celeste marble. Her final touch? A variety of textures that add visual interest and coziness (think: a Phillip Jeffries grasscloth wallcovering and a thick, custom wool carpet). "The room has a nice, crisp summer feel and a quiet sophistication to it," Chiappone says. "It's not every day you do a purple bedroom, but it came out very soft and pretty."

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