



SEA change

Rosie Stanton's captivating coastal home has evolved over the years to become this dreamy New England-style retreat

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EXTERIOR

As well as being close to a beautiful beach, this New England-style home has its own swimming pool. Try Daals for similar grey sun loungers and an outdoor sofa

HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

Renovated
1980s bungalow

ROOMS Kitchen-
diner/living area,
snug, utility room,
five bedrooms,
four bathrooms

LOCATION
Isle of Wight



DINING AREA

The chunky timber table is perfect for convivial meals.

Solid rustic pine square leg dining table, Made In The Cellar. Jade dining chairs in Light Beige/Natural, Dusk. The large metal Trapeze pendant, Cox & Cox, is similar. Metal Coastal Birds wall art, Dunelm

KITCHEN

The pendants and wall lamps bring an industrial edge.

Chilcomb cabinetry by Howdens is similar. Island in Stiffkey Blue, Farrow & Ball. Silvester bar stools, Laura James. Try the Brooklyn range of lights for this look, Industville





It was a family gathering on the Isle of Wight that led Rosie Stanton and her brother, Edward, to purchase this house in St Lawrence, just outside Ventnor. 'We used to come to the Isle of Wight when we were children because our dad was a keen yachtsman, but we'd never really visited the south of the island,' recounts Rosie. 'This area has its own microclimate and there are some wonderful beaches — the house is situated just above one of them, Steephill Cove. When we saw it, we fell in love.'

Rosie and Edward run a property company together, and the sibling duo decided to purchase the house as a holiday let. 'We also loved the idea of being able to use it for our own family gatherings,' explains Rosie, who is based in west London with her husband,

Innes Willingale, one-year-old daughter, Bonnie, and cockapoo, Basil.

Other than its captivating ocean views, one of the big draws of the property was that most of the hard work had been done: the previous owners had extensively refurbished it back in 2014, transforming it from a 1980s bungalow into a New England-style, five-bedroom home complete with a swimming pool. 'It needed redecorating but we didn't make any changes to the layout. We loved the open-plan kitchen and living space as well as the separate snug, all of which open on to the terrace,' Rosie comments.

The project took longer than anticipated because Rosie quickly learnt that finding tradespeople on the island at short notice was a challenge. 'I also realised that a lot of companies



won't deliver to the Isle of Wight, which makes things complicated when you are furnishing a house from scratch,' she says. 'In the end, I had quite a few deliveries sent to a shipping company, which then arranged transportation.'

At one point last spring, Rosie, Innes and Bonnie decamped to the house so that they could be on site to oversee the works, with Innes rolling up his sleeves to help. 'To begin with, we only had an inflatable mattress and two stools,' laughs Rosie, who has always been passionate about interior design. 'It's been a hobby of mine for years and I have loved refurbishing our London home. I used quite strong, moody colours in our house but for this place, we felt it needed to be airy. We went for neutral tones mixed with blues to reflect the surroundings.'

Rosie discovered local interiors companies including XV Stripes Interiors, who supplied coastal-inspired wallpapers for two of the bedrooms. 'One of the papers was bespoke colour matched to a greeny-blue shade,' says Rosie, who has introduced texture to each room with chunky rugs, tactile linens and pieces made from natural timbers or rattan.

Paintings and wall art that reflect the island's rich maritime heritage further tie the house to its setting, creating an aesthetic that is both grounded and calm. 'It feels like a little haven,' says Rosie. 'We are really looking forward to enjoying the house and discovering more of the local area.'

Marisol is available to rent through Boutique Retreats, boutique-retreats.co.uk; @isleofwightholidayhome



SITTING AREA
Blue and cream tones contribute to the relaxing ambience.

Hampshire sofas, Dusk. Sahar mango wood floor lamp, Nkuku. Wall art; glass coffee table, both El and Ro Interiors





GARDEN SITTING AREA
A sofa and rug create the sense of an outdoor room.

Calababus outdoor sofa; ottoman; coffee table, all Daals. Rug, Rugs.co.uk

HALLWAY
The painting reflects the island's seafaring heritage.

Painting by Jacquie Turner. Richmond wall-mounted coat rack, The Range. Try Jessica natural linen armchair, Rose & Grey

**‘I WANTED THE INTERIORS TO FEEL REALLY LIGHT AND AIRY
- AND TRULY CONNECTED TO THE LANDSCAPE’**



BEDROOM
Maritime life is captured in an intricate wallpaper and custom printed lampshades. Cowes Mural wallpaper; lamps with Cowes Mural shades, XV Stripes Interiors

MAIN BATHROOM

The bath is positioned for a breathtaking view. The nautical ladder shelves, Dunelm, are similar. Try the Gio Brown Gloss marble-effect tiles, Victorian Plumbing

BEDROOM

Quirky table lamps and heron prints add playful touches to this space.

Emillius rattan pendant, Habitat. Upholstered beds, Beds 'r' Us. Table lamp, El and Ro Interiors. Natural raffia lampshade, Graham and Green. Set of three heron prints, Beach House Art

