

# Cape Charm

## WHAT MAKES A CAPE HOUSE A CAPE HOUSE?

There are some things, some little iconic details that make our homes in this region instantly recognizable. Sometimes it is an architectural element, a certain range of colors or choice of shrub—think hydrangea. And sometimes, it is a unique experience that will live in the recess of our mind for our entire lives, like a refreshing outdoor shower after a hot, sandy day at the beach. While there are endless choices of what defines your Cape house, we have chosen to highlight a few we think are invaluable.

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### ADIRONDACK CHAIRS

A drive down MacArthur Boulevard in Bourne will undoubtedly have you turning your head as you pass the rainbow regiment of brightly colored Adirondack Chairs at Paine's Patio. Available in over 15 colors, there is sure to be a shade for any home.

Built to last and hand-crafted in New England and designed to hold up to all kinds of adverse weather conditions for decades. Paine's Patio Adirondacks hold a 20 year warranty and never need to be painted! Customers concerned about the environment can feel confident they have made the right decision.



### OUTDOOR SHOWER

Guests have called and they are coming to the Cape in a week. How will your existing bathrooms handle all of the extra traffic? No need to wait for your builder to get around to building an outdoor shower, Walpole woodworkers sells shower enclosure kits in classic cedar or fuss-free AZEK.



### QUARTERBOARDS

What originally graced the hulls of ships, now brings a certain kitschy-quality to casual interiors and shingled exteriors. Chatham Sign Shop handcrafts house number signs, with or without carved and gilded wooden motifs such as catboats, seashells and Nantucket Baskets. They also specialize in magnificent family name signs that signal to your guests they have arrived!



### NEVER ENOUGH SEATING

Seaport Shutter in Brewster offers Custom Adirondack Chairs - handmade from kiln dried western red cedar. The ergonomics of the chair have not changed since the company was founded in 1992. With a nine inch arm rest, barrel backrest, and sloped seat, it is a luxurious place to relax with your laptop, favorite book or cocktail. Don't forget the Child's Adirondack for little ones or the Senior Adirondack with a flat seat, making it easier to get in and out of the chair. Choose a paint color from the Seaport Palette or pick a color from any paint manufacturer. The talented group of craftsmen can carve a motif into the back of the chair or on the bottom rail, perhaps one that matches your custom mahogany screen and storm door from Seaport Shutter.

Complete the look with their handcrafted Architecturally Correct shutters, also available with carved designs. The products reflect your family's personality and style—your home will be forever transformed.



### PADDLE BOARD OR LOUNGE AROUND

With the popularity of Stand Up Paddleboard, a Cape house is not complete with the water toys. But how do you get it to the beach, and how much does it weigh? No need to worry anymore, EMG International USA has an inflatable version that allows anyone, with any vehicle transport, inflate and enjoy the splendors of paddle boarding.

Perhaps you are lucky enough to have a waterfront location, but no dock? EMG to the rescue again. Their inflatable dock is perfect for sunning and lounging and even sets up alongside your boat at anchorage for additional space.



### COASTAL-INSPIRED LIGHTING

Nauset Lantern has been crafting onion lamps and colonial fixtures for decades. The unique Onion style features an oval, globe-like shape and is most commonly crafted in copper. The more traditional styles are inspired by the early-American architecture found throughout New England. Whether they are featured outside on lampposts, as sconces, or inside for a novel approach, their impact and subtle style set the stage for your Cape Cod home.