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DESIGNER SATOMI YOSHIDA-KATZ, MAKING DESIGN SENSE of COTTAGES, PAY IT FORWARD
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Suburban Renewal

w/ interior designer Satomi Yoshida-Katz

Text by Alice Garbarini Hurley

PROJECT: The best of indoor and outdoor living converge in this Chester, NJ home. This four season patio is awash in natural light and gentle on the environment with ecologically responsible furnishings.

How did you make this little porch green and elegant?

Before there were only mosquito screens but now the room has a serene feel and new insulated windows that save energy. I'm from Japan where spaces are smaller, so I like multipurpose, functional space and furniture, like the nesting tables here, and natural materials, like the teak chaise lounge. The room is gentle on the environment with ecologically responsible furnishings. The rug is made from organic materials and the original mahogany ceiling and floor were restored with reduced environmental impact. And now the family has a four-seasons view of the private garden and wildlife outside — deer, foxes and turkeys.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Charlene and Greg Schofield give Satomi high marks. "The fabrics are really practical and comfortable," says Charlene. "The whole idea was to bring the feeling of the outside into the room, and Satomi listens very carefully. I love my screened porch. I feel like I'm outdoors even in the winter." The little porch is even cozy in December, thanks to a small heating unit. "Someday when we redo our lake home in Michigan, we'd like to engage Satomi there, too," adds Charlene.



The original teak ceiling and floor have been restored, emphasizing the commitment to quality design with reduced environmental impact.



Japanese living, the custom hand-crafted floor lamps evoke the feel of nature, resembling a cascading waterfall and natural bamboo.

With a nod to modern

How does your Japanese background influence your work?

I like very clean architectural lines and elements, and layers that create depth and texture. For this project, I focused on using an earthy palette with tonal accent colors. The "Bubbles" outdoor fabric on the lounge has a pattern that looks a little like Asian pebbles in the rain, and Japanese artist Nori Morimoto created the custom wood and rice paper lamps. I brought some eclectic natural and modern elements of Japan into Chester, New Jersey. The honeybee bolster pillows add a little whimsy.

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BIO:

With elegance and unparalleled attention to detail, International Interior Designer, Satomi Yoshida-Katz, offers design innovations that are once eclectic, captivating and eco-friendly.

"In collaboration with my clients," she says, "I create a reflection of their lifestyle." This collaborative effort allows the client to be the fundamental decision maker and Yoshida-Katz to execute her design vision from conception to completion.

Her artistic pursuits in calligraphy are reflected in her design work through Ma, the Japanese concept of the balance between space and objects. "Every space in our lives has meaning," says Yoshida-Katz.

Satomi Yoshida-Katz, Allied ASID NJ and Metro NYC, Associate IIDA and USGBC

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Satomi's favorite spots for shopping, traveling and getting inspired: **Kyoto, Japan.** Very historic, with unique shopping — for textiles, ceramics and more. I go back to Japan every two years with my husband, Todd, and our two boys, ages 14 and 10, and we usually stay a few weeks. My hometown is Fukuoka; Kyoto is a plane ride away from there. **West Village, NYC.** Lots of fashion boutiques and fine art galleries. I appreciate nature but love culture, too. **Hawaii.** I like the Big Island. Todd is really into hiking and the outdoors, and natural beauty influences me a lot.

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Satomi searched far and wide for clean, crisp accents to spruce up a plain porch in Chester and turn it into an all-seasons retreat. **OUTDOOR FURNITURE:** David Sutherland Showroom, NYC davidsutherlandshowroom.com • **PAINT:** Benjamin Moore (walls) Silken Pine, (trim) White Dove • **ALL UPHOLSTERY - mildew- and UV-resistant Perennials outdoor fabrics; SOFA:** Sea Salt **CHAIR:** Galbraith & Paul Sea Palms in Vellum **CHAISE LOUNGE:** Galbraith & Paul Bubbles in Monterey Bay perennialsfabrics.com • **ACCENT PILLOWS:** John Hutton Textiles B's in Sugar johnhuttontextiles.com • **RUG:** Hand-woven by The Natural Rug Company, thenaturalrugcompany.com



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