

# WATER MILL

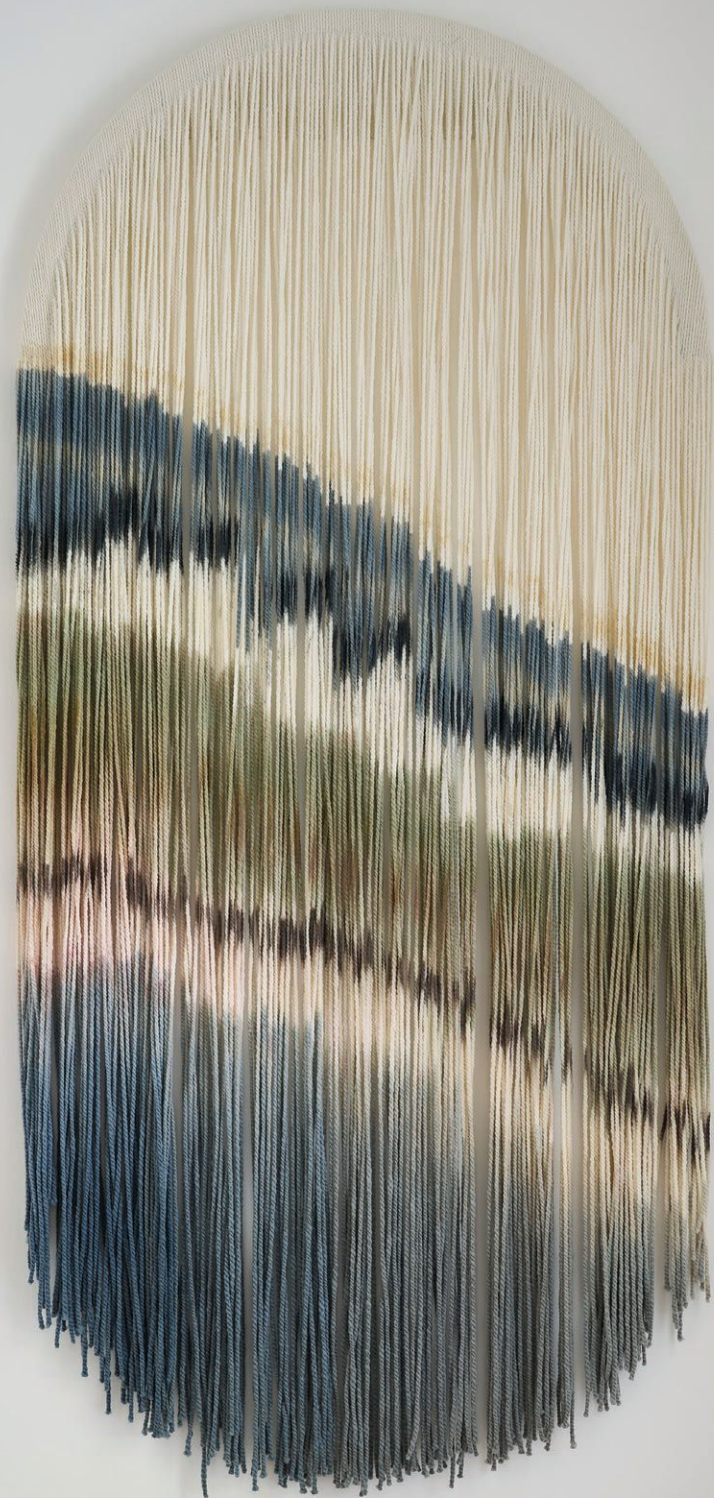
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NYC-BASED INTERIOR DESIGNER VANESSA ROME AND HER EPONYMOUS FIRM CRAFT A LUXURIOUS, RELAXED ABODE IN THE HAMPTONS.

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From left: The home's sprawling grounds; a work by Dallas-based artist Lauren Williams.



From left: A Fayette Studio rug anchors the living room; Porter Teleo wallpaper pairs with the Capped Dome rope pendant by Bone Simple Design.





### **THE CLIENTS**

Seeking a modern, organic aesthetic for their home, a family of four tapped award-winning interior designer Vanessa Rome of Vanessa Rome Interiors to transform their Water Mill abode. As the clients and their two young children live near the ocean, it was a top priority that the home exudes a casual beach feel with a warm, inviting atmosphere.

### **THE PROJECT**

"We started this project during the height of COVID, so we had to be very strategic when measuring and scheduling the various trades," says Rome. "Fortunately, nobody on the team got COVID." Even with the pandemic in full effect, Rome and her team continued working closely with the clients through each step of the process so the family could enjoy their dream home in a timely fashion.

**THE DETAILS**

"I tend to go for a softer, muted palette, whereas this client wanted some colorful elements," Rome adds. "So, we added color with the artwork and in subtle ways such as the blue and white Porter Teleo wallpaper in the dining room, and the muted seafoam and lavender Eskayel wallpaper in the little girl's room... When it came to the outdoor space we decided to play off the turquoise pool water and had a lot of fun with color while pairing it back by adding some teak furniture to offset the colorful rope furniture and fabrics."

**THE CHALLENGES**


"Because the client moved in during the first summer of COVID and remained living there during the next school year, adjustments needed to be made," Rome explains. "Both parents work, and the children needed a quiet space to do their homework. Furniture that was delayed needed to be scheduled while the family was living in their home, which was challenging."

**THE OUTCOME**

Ultimately, Rome created the ideal modern, organic home that her clients imagined. With vibrant artworks, sculptural decor, custom furnishings and contrasting hues, the space is a true Hamptons haven. ■

Clockwise from top: A bathroom with a view; a window seat in the boy's room; "Heart-shaped Gummies" by Julia Stofz hangs in the girl's room. Opposite page: The cozy primary bedroom, appointed with an Artless bed, features chic neutrals and plenty of texture.



A modern bedroom with a large white paper lantern hanging from the ceiling. The walls are light-colored with thin, gold-colored lines. A bed with a light-colored headboard and a fringed blanket is the centerpiece. A white shag rug covers the floor. A window with white curtains is on the left. A nightstand with a lamp is on the right.

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From top: A pair of Designlush's Rest lounge chairs in the living room; Rome contrasts dark hues with pops of color. Opposite page: Patio furniture was sourced from Harbour and Walters Wicker.





## DESIGN DETAILS

### TYPE

Single-family home

### LOCATION

Water Mill

### INTERIOR DESIGN

Vanessa Rome Interiors  
vanessaromeinteriors.com

### ARCHITECTURE

McDonough & Conroy Architects  
mcdonoughconroy.com

### BUILDER

Hamptonbuilder  
hamptonbuilderinc.com

### RESOURCES

#### ARTLESS

Bed in primary bedroom  
artlesscorporation.com

#### ANTHROPOLOGIE

Bed in guest bedroom  
anthropologie.com

#### BONE SIMPLE DESIGN

Lighting in dining room  
bonesimple.com

#### DESIGN WITHIN REACH

Chair in office  
dwr.com

#### EVA'S DESIGN & DECORATING

Curtains and blinds throughout  
evasdecoratingwhiteplains.com

#### HARBOUR

Patio furniture  
shopharbour.com

#### KELLY WEARSTLER

Window fabric in office  
kellywearstler.com

#### SKRAM

Custom desk in office  
skramfurniture.com