

Abiding in Awendaw

After living in Summerville, near their daughter and grandchildren, Lonny and Barbara Gordon decided to construct their dream home in their own corner of paradise.

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(left) The Gordons, along with the help of their interior designer, chose a relaxing palette with pops of color, like the soft blue that accents the dining room. (above) The exterior of the house was designed to take advantage of the views in the back and present an open, welcoming aesthetic in the front. (below) Pocket doors conceal this home office.

The curved interior arches, relaxed color palette, and bright sunlight streaming into Lonny and Barbara Gordon's home all create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. That was exactly the goal when they imagined building their dream home to get away from the hustle and bustle of Summerville. After viewing the marsh panoramas from their back deck (or nearly any other room on the first or second floor), it's impossible to believe that they could have chosen another location. "We wanted a home that was inviting and livable for years to come," says Lonny. "Our daughter lives in Charleston as well, and we wanted to be able to stay here in this home for a long time." Their desire to age in place, as well

as work with a reputable team, led the Gordons to Herlong & Associates and Sea Island Builders as their dynamic architect and builder duo.

"It was clear to us that architect Steve Herlong (of Herlong & Associates) and his team, plus builder Jason Fowler (of Sea Island Builders) and his team were the perfect pair for us to work with," explains Lonny. Barbara adds, "Herlong and Sea Island Builders kept us in the loop every step of the way. If I had questions about anything, they never made me feel like what I was asking was silly." Lonny, an engineer, was deeply involved in everything from the drawing board to the very end of the process. "He's picky," Barbara teases. "To be



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included in the initial progression of our home, like the foundation and the structural aspects, was important and also extremely interesting for me," replies Lonny with a knowing smile.

Architect Bronwyn Larkin of Herlong & Associates and Jason joined their considerable experience and talents to oversee the whole project once the plans were completed. From there, building the home was a true collaborative effort by everyone.

"The Gordons and Bronwyn were great to work with. Lonny was on site every day, asking questions and keeping us all on track," Jason adds with a laugh. "To which, Bronwyn supplies, 'Everything went so smoothly because we were able to talk prices in conjunction with ideas and plans during the early stages of each phase of the house.'"

According to Steve, Jason, Bronwyn, and the Gordons, the open communication between them was critical to



(left) Victoria International provided the leathered Dulux Via Island countertop that is one of Barbara's favorite features of the whole home. (right) The sitting room on the second story boasts a magnificent view over one of the waterproof drain-through decks and to the stunning marsh and beyond. (right) Archival Whether Barbara and Lonny are also going on the top deck or snuggling with their grandchildren in the infinity pool, the Gordons have plenty of places to enjoy their private slice of heaven. (right) Jason Fowler of Sea Island Builders.

helping the process move forward efficiently. Everyone at Sea Island Builders and Herlong & Associates are excited to accomplish their goal of providing each client, not only with a beautiful home, but also with continued friendship and trust. ♦

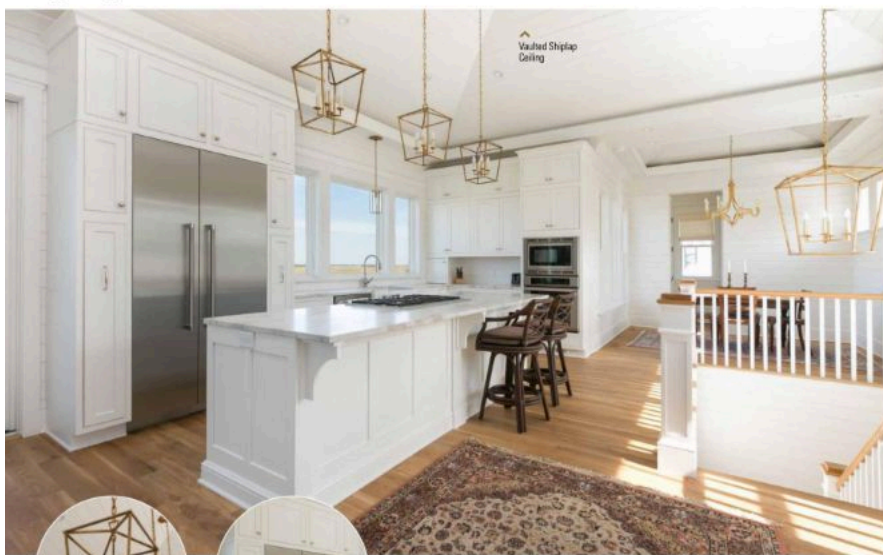
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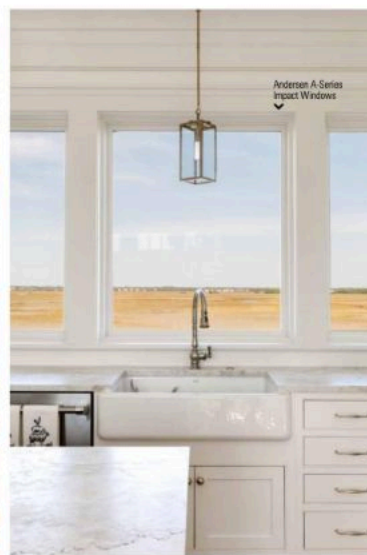
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Project Type: New Construction
Location: Awendaw

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^ Vaulted Shiplap Ceiling



^ Andersen A-Series Impact Windows



Darlana Pendant Lantern
Mix and match your lighting styles with different sizes and finishes.



Cabinets Flush with Appliances
Build a streamlined kitchen by placing appliances flush with your cabinetry.

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Whip up a pièce de résistance in a kitchen like this Sullivan's Island home, which features leathered countertops and oiled, white oak flooring.

When selecting an area rug for your kitchen, aim for a low-pile or flat-weave rug that can pack a colorful punch and be cleaned easily.

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Architect: Swallowtail Architects
Builder: Sea Island Builders
Cabinets: Classic Kitchens of Charleston
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Fixtures: Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery
Lighting: Circo Lighting

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