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# Perfect Perch

A vintage porch becomes a cozy haven on the water

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For many years, designer Annie Elliott has enjoyed time at her family's getaway in St. Michaels, Maryland, nestled along San Domingo Creek. "My husband's grandfather, a naval architect, built the house in the 1960s," Elliott recounts. "He and his wife chose the site because it gets such good wind; the point is ideal for sailing."

Over time, the mid-century dwelling was expanded to include a second story, a first-floor primary bedroom and a sunroom with double-height windows. Elliott decorated the interiors with furniture and fabrics in a muted palette of whites, earthy oranges and light blues that reflects the home's provenance.

The clean-lined, warm aesthetic spills out to the large side porch, reached from the sunroom via a rustic pine door. The outdoor area's poured-concrete floor and framework remain unchanged, but Elliott adds color when entertaining with vintage rugs; lightweight and minimal painted-aluminum chairs from Woodard keep the focus on the view. Says the designer, "The house faces southwest, so no matter how muggy the day, there is always a breeze on the porch."

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