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Folly Cove

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Principal Nicola Manganello of Nicola's Home believes the landscape is an integral part of a project's overall design, so she designed both this waterfront spec house and its landscape simultaneously.

The goal was to create a family-friendly space with the knowledge that the buyer would most likely be from out-of-state and would enjoy the home during their summers spent in Maine. The palette throughout the home is light, with earth tones and neutral colors marked by moments of pink. Manganello says she finds that pink brings a unique welcoming warmth to a space. Since the house has clean lines, furnishings were brought in to add texture.

The kitchen was located on the water side of the house, but at the last minute, the designer decided to move it to the front of the house. The challenge was that there were two sets of French doors to contend with (the house was already framed with the windows and doors in). It just proves it's never too late to make a major change and reimagine the space.

When designing a home from the ground up, Manganello will often use a rug as the inspiration for the rest of the design. "While it's just one design element, the rug literally and figuratively grounds the room and serves as a foundation for everything that follows," she says. "For clients, it's likely the first thing they see, and it's what they feel on their feet when they walk around their home." And often it represents a significant investment, so it can be a difficult decision to make. "Once that decision is made, the rest of the design starts to flow, allowing me to add and adjust layers that make the space complete." Nicola's Home takes pride in balancing function and beauty and designing comfortable spaces to be enjoyed for years.