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Welcome to a charming slice of Manasquan, where a family escapes Manhattan's bustle for sun-drenched weekends and leisurely holiday getaways. Their home, masterfully designed by Laura Krey, is a showcase of beach living without a single nautical cliché in sight.

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"Every corner of this home reflects a bespoke touch, ensuring it's as unique as the memories created within."



Strategically located

within walking distance from quaint downtown shops and eateries, this abode stands as a testament to coastal living. After a series of rentals along the Jersey Shore, the family found this gem—a recently renovated nod to its 1950s origins, complete with a sustainable twist that would make any eco-warrior proud. The design brief was clear: laid-back chic meets English countryside, sans the maritime overtones. Laura Krey, acting as both homeowner and designer, spearheaded the transformation with a firm rule: create spaces that foster gathering yet respect the home's existing spirit. The result is a series of intimate nooks and expansive entertaining areas that cater to their son's burgeoning artistry and their myriad visitors.

Challenges were aplenty.

Envision a second floor overrun with bedrooms but starved for bathrooms. The solution was architectural alchemy—merging rooms to birth a junior suite complete with walk-in closets and an extra bath. The garage turned all-season studio, affectionately dubbed "The Studio," required some serious permitting gymnastics but resulted in a multi-purpose marvel. The pièce de résistance? The backyard—an oasis tailored for both grand soirees and intimate family dinners under the stars. This space flaunts a whimsical yet sophisticated pool house that doubles as a guest quarter and an art studio. And while the town might have preferred they demolish the old garage, they opted for the road less traveled (and more environmentally friendly), expanding and winterizing with gusto.

