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Cape Cod living room ideas – timelessly elegant ways to style your space

Get inspired with these standout Cape Cod living room ideas

Cape Cod living rooms have an enduring appeal, and no wonder – since the British settlers built them in the 17th Century, Cape Cod homes have been the crown jewel of American architecture.

These residences have persisted in popularity, offering a home that's both simple and resistant against inclement weather. But, just because Cape Cod house style is simple in form doesn't mean it is boring. In fact, quite the opposite. There are plenty of ways to decorate a Cape Cod home and, if you're in need for a great place to start, where better place to look than your living room?

For many, the living room is the heart of any home, offering a place to gather with guests, spend quality time with family, or unwind after a particularly long day. And, as the focal point of your home, the living room can lay the groundwork for the rest of your space.

Read on for 10 stand-out Cape Cod living room ideas – and how to get the look in your own home.

1. INCLUDE AMPLE SEATING

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Since the living room is the epicenter of many homes, it's important to have ample space for the entire family – plus a few guests.

This space doubles down on seating, thanks to a set of couches and a few stools. With a palette of subtle neutral hues – plus the occasional woven materials – this living room strikes a nice balance between practical and coastal.

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3. MAKE IT SYMMETRICAL

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Tap into the architecture style's rich, traditional history with some textbook design rules. This space is anchored with a wicker couch, plus symmetrical armchairs, side tables, lamps, and geometrical stools.

6. USE COASTAL BLUES

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Though Cape Cod homes can be found all across the United States of America, they're most common along the sandy beaches of New England.

If you want your Cape Cod living room to pay homage to its beachy roots — without festooning the space in sailboat motifs and artificial seashells — stick with a coastal blue and white color palette.