Cedar-Shingle Shelter Island Cottage with Married Extension



COTTAGE ON SHELTER ISLAND Shelter Island, NY, USA by Workstead

When Nick Gavin, a Manhattan-based real estate agent, acquired this cedar-shingle-clad cottage on Shelter Island, New York, from the late interior designer Melvin Dwork, the 1700-square-foot (158-square-meter) one-bedroom home functioned as a private retreat for the then single Gavin. But after meeting and marrying model Katrin Thormann and expanding the family with their daughter Greta, Gavin called on New York firm Workstead, based in Brooklyn and Hudson, to update the existing house to better accommodate them.

Connected by a glass breezeway, the home and pavilion feature high pine-paneled church-style ceilings, interior shutters, and plenty of light. The pavilion functions as the main bedroom, with a bathroom up a set of stairs split on either side of a long corridor, French doors, and tall windows. The original home, with an expanded kitchen, a sunroom furnished with a day bed, and beautiful millwork, retains Dwork's lagoon-green tiled floors and two black-painted louvers above the living room windows between the fireplace. Outside, a pool and landscaping tie it all together.

