



Carole Freehauf
Design Correspondent, *This Old House*

Carole joins the *This Old House* team this season, and in her role as design correspondent, she will work with project homeowners to conceptualize and implement their design ideas. In many cases, where outside designers are involved, Carole will provide viewers with a narrative of the process.

Carole gained valuable skills throughout her career as a graphic designer and creative director in both Boston and New York City. With an innate design sensibility and a passion for art, Carole began taking on interior design projects, ranging from a 1950s California-style ranch, to the carriage house of an 1880s estate and a circa 1767 cottage on Cape Cod. The 1950s ranch in New Canaan, Conn., was one of Carole's first design projects and encompassed major changes to the kitchen and bathroom. The 1880s carriage house originally functioned as part of a Pelham, N.Y. estate, but was renovated into an official residence in the 1930s. Carole gutted the back of the home, creating a new den, powder room and kitchen, and connected the existing butler's pantry to the kitchen.

With every project, Carole strives to maintain a home's original character and period details. One of her largest scale projects was developing a design concept for a brand-new, 5,000 sq.-ft. Shingle-style home in picturesque Cape Cod. On this same property, the homeowners also had a circa 1767 cottage that was formerly a post office. After it was structurally restored and awarded historical status by the town of Chatham, Carole worked to update the interior design and furnish the cottage, which acts as a guest home for visitors.

Through her designs, Carole adds a sense of balance and serenity to a home's overall environment. Rather than a multitude of themes, she creates thoughtful space with a distinct voice that unfolds from one room to the next. In order to achieve this balance, Carole works closely with the home's architectural footprint and overall structure. Through the years, Carole has also drawn inspiration from her travels abroad.

Carole's company, Carole Freehauf Interior Design, Inc. (CFID), provides design services to a variety of clients in New York and Massachusetts. She is in the process of becoming a Certified Kitchen Designer through the National Kitchen and Bath Association. In recent years, Carole's work has been featured in *Westchester Magazine* and *Cape Cod and Islands Home*.

Carole holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Syracuse University. She lives with her husband Paul and son Dylan in a suburb south of Boston in a townhouse that features an open living space and floor-to-ceiling windows which offer a "treehouse" view of the large pines outside. When she's not busy with *This Old House* or CFID, Carole loves to create designs for her own home and experiment with color schemes, textures, and materials.

