



## Making a Sagaponack Spec House Spectacular

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Spec houses, as we know, are sometimes boring and charmless. But when the buyer is an interior designer, as here, the results can be spectacular. New York-based interior designer **Gideon Mendelson** bought this five-bedroom in Sagaponack, and turned it into "a **sophisticated**, cohesive environment with a few very unlikely characters," as he tells *Domaine*. Many of the pieces came from Mendelson's own designs, but all show the signature "**nod to traditionalism**" his New York-based company, the Mendelson Group, is known for.

Above is the dining room, featuring an **Oval Boi Chandelier** from David Weeks Studio and Lorin Marsh Promenade Caned Armchairs. The standard spec house floor of red oak was stained with a hint of olive green to tone down the color. Pops of **chartreuse** continue throughout the house.



The blue living room sports a custom settee upholstered with brown and chartreuse linen, demonstrating Mendelson's love for "marrying **unexpected things**." The Hervé Van Der Straeten mirror on the mantel evokes an "odd kind of Tim Burton effect," according to Mendelsohn, and the **multi-tiered cocktail table** by Lebanese designer Nada Debs is "going to become an icon," he says.



In the family room, club chairs are by Roman Thomas.



In this bamboo-wallpapered bedroom, duvets from Serena & Lily add a pop of **unexpected color**. "My friends come and feel really comfortable," says Mendelson. "Every room gets used, and it's a place everybody wants to come."