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After before the location: Easton, NH Nine years ago, when Toy Garfield was invited to a neighbor's party in his small New Hampshire town, he says he walked through the front door, looked around, and thought: These people are living in my house. Full of character and great light, the small clapboard house had what Garfield calls good bones. Fate smiled at him several months later when the owner, an artist, decided to rent the three-story house. Toy moved out, and when the owner finally decided to put the house on the market, she and her then new husband, Doug, knew they had to buy it. The front porch, made 7 feet more to align with the addition, commands a graceful view over the front yard, redolent with the fragrance of many lilac shrubs. Built in 1952, the house was set up to suit the needs of the previous owner, who lived alone. The master bedroom and kitchen were located on the first floor, with a large living room open to the second floor where friends were entertained, using a dumbwaiter to transport meals between the kitchen and the upstairs space. A third floor, divided into bedrooms served as a storage room in the attic. Although they immediately upgraded the bathrooms and set up a small kindergarten for their new baby, the Garfields decided not to embark on major renovations until they had lived in the house for a few years. It seemed like the best way to decide what they really wanted to change. They thought about waiting at least five years before making major structural changes. Meanwhile, Toy read scores of shelter magazines, tearing up examples of interiors he liked and those who didn't. The result was a make book and a non-book, both proved very useful once the work began. Having worked in the retail sector most of his career (he is now with the catalogue company, Garnet Hill), Toy knew that he often gets more than you want with images than in words. He had read horror stories in magazines about people who were unable to communicate what they wanted to their builder or architect, and ended up with expensive misunderstandings, he explains. Before a generous window in the kitchen replaces what was once the front door. The owners changed the main entrance to the far end of the house so it opens up to the new addition. The Garfields met with a local architect, but ultimately decided to work directly with contractor Steve Chardon of Chardon Construction in nearby Franconia, New Hampshire. I knew I could figure out what we needed without an architect, Toy explains. We hired Steve and started the process with a kind of think tank on weekends - he would come on Sunday mornings to have coffee and brainstorm with us at the of the kitchen. We had years of living in space and all the magazines to show it. Steve had a CAD [computer-aided design] system, and used it to show us on screen shortly after how our ideas ideas Visually. It was a great way to work together. A new kitchen and a living room on the ground floor were at the top of your wish list. We wanted to make an addition to the house without it seeming obviously new and out of sync with the original structure, toy says. The first floor extension to get the living room added created an uncomfortable roof. To remedy the problem, Chardon suggested that they expand upwards to include an additional room on the second floor. I thought it would double the money, but it wasn't true, says Toy. The base of the ground floor constitutes most of the expenditure. Thus, the Garfields decided to review the plans and build a master bedroom and bathe over the new living room. The former master bedroom on the first floor became the family room. Located on the opposite side of the kitchen from the living room, it's the perfect place for four-year-old dodge to play while adults cook and hang out nearby. For the new kitchen, a sheet of magazine tears he had saved from years earlier served as a visual guide. It showed a spacious kitchen with a central island, a dining area and a half-wall with panels separating the food space from the living room beyond. I thought the [half wall] was a great way to split two rooms, says Toy. We had the page engraved on the wall; workers loved it. If Steve didn't happen to be there, they knew exactly what it was supposed to look like. We have used it as a guide to match the mouldings, the carpentry —everything. With the addition, they extended the front porch and moved the main entrance from its original, central location towards the end of the house. A new mud with tiled earth (the rest of the house has Vermont maple land) joins the new main entrance. Sliding, sunny pocket doors saved from the second floor frame a space where the family pulls coats, gardening tools, skis and toys. A corner with windows in the lobby was built next to the mud room to fit an old-style favorite bench that Toy bought some years ago. I wanted the flexibility of a piece of furniture instead of something built in, explains Toy. Someday I might want to replace this bank with a table. While most of the renovation is now complete, Toy's magazine's notebook of ideas and tear sheets continues to grow. My house is very much like a cottage in so many ways. It's casual and easy to maintain. I've always loved England and are inspired by English interiors. There is not much formality about me, and I think this is reflected in our home. Lately, he has collected ideas for painting colors and accessories. The next big project consists of landscaping with a lot of colour and texture, but this four or five more years from now, he laughs. The Garfields' four-year-old son, Dodge, plays on an old-style bench in the lobby next to the mud, where storage containers keep toys and footwear tidy. Dodge Dodge's Room Painted Toy cutting out paper stars to see where I would place them on the walls, and then stenciling the shapes into blue and yellow. This content is created and maintained by a third party, and imported into this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and content similar to piano.io With the growing popularity of adventure travel, more and more people are taking their vacations to the extreme. An adventure trip can be anything from a sailing trip or a bike tour, but most importantly, it is about exploring and enjoying the natural beauty of the planet. Adventure travel can be an extremely satisfying and transformative experience, but no adventure trip is the same and there's a lot to keep in mind before booking. 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