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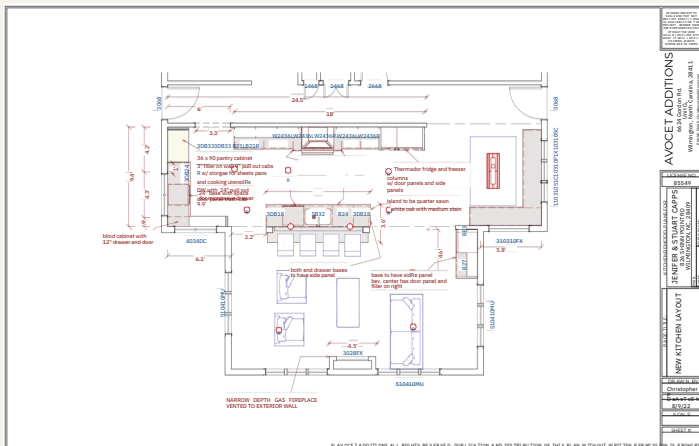
PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

The Reimel Family

Our project spotlight this month is the Reimel Family. This lovely family, who is continually so supportive of our military, came to Avocet to help add some unique, nautical touches to their custom home in Kure Beach. We sourced and created a stunning fireplace mantel and shelves for a wet bar from reclaimed, tobacco-barn, wood from North Carolina. These timbers are massive and dense and are a treasure to build with. Carrying through with a nautical theme, we designed and built a porch & deck railing system from anodized aluminum balusters. The anodized aluminum is used in boat building to resist rust. Trimming it off with a large ground level deck around the pool and plank-style walkways with navigation lights that would make any sailor proud to be on land!

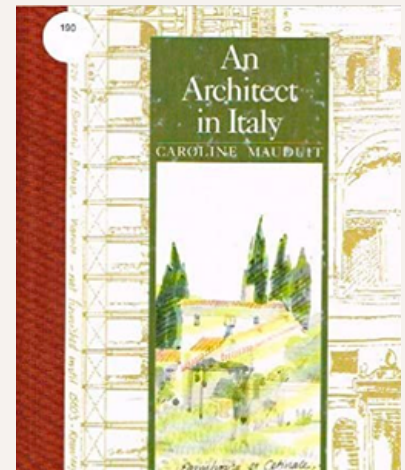


Designer's Corner: Electric Fireplaces



Electric Fireplaces are a cost effective heating solution with virtually no maintenance and have several beautiful design options. In this example you'll see how we helped craft this homeowners vision from our design plans, to rendering to the build. There is a wide variety of options when choosing this heating solution.

Book Review



An Architect in Italy by Caroline Mauduit is a lovely little representation of Italian Architecture with mini history lessons thrown in. It's not very wordy, and contains over 100 watercolor paintings/drawings of buildings in all different regions. Her passion comes through her pen and her enthusiasm is catching! We spotted this gem at the NHC Friends of the Library Book sale at the N.E. Branch for only \$1.00. You may be able to find a copy at www.thriftbooks.com.



BIRD WATCH

Environment North America

Environment North Carolina has big plans for 2023. Here's a look at just a few of the priorities that — with your support — we're working to make progress on in the coming months:

- Put wildlife over waste: Today, 1 in 3 Americans lives in a state with a robust ban on at least one type of single-use plastic. Now, we're calling on corporations to do their part, including working to convince Whole Foods to eliminate single-use plastic packaging.
- Protect our forests: Our forests are being logged at an astonishing rate, often just to produce products like toilet paper. We're calling on Costco to help end the deforestation of the boreal forest by making its Kirkland Signature tissue products from at least 50% recycled material and requiring other brands it sells to make the same change.
- Protect our oceans: We know that when you drill, you spill — and that's why we're continuing our campaign to protect our oceans and coastal ecosystems from new offshore oil and gas drilling in federal waters. We're also working to protect the endangered North Atlantic Right whale through our new campaign calling on Red Lobster to purchase lobster caught with ropeless fishing gear to prevent whale entanglements.
- Promote clean energy: Our country made its largest-ever investment in clean energy and climate change solutions with the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act in 2022. In 2023, we'll continue our work to get the word out and make sure Americans make the most of clean energy incentives for electric vehicles, rooftop solar, heat pumps, electric water heaters and home appliances.

Source: <https://environmentamerica.org/northcarolina/articles/the-best-ways-that-we-can-protect-the-environment-in-2023/>

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This has creative colors for the chilly days of winter. It's good served with crispy chips or crusty Italian bread; also works as a starter for a warm bowl of soup.

In a glass bowl add the following:

- Campari tomatoes, chopped into quarters
- Italian Kalamata olives, pitted, cut in half
- Green onions chopped finely
- Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped coarsely



Add 1/8 cup high quality olive oil and 1/4 cup true Balsamic vinegar.
(Adjust if you make a smaller portion)

Add all ingredients together and allow to marinate for about an hour.

Lucky Local Finds



To make our exact version of Italian Salsa, head downtown to **The Olive Shoppe**. They have a wide variety of true, aged balsamic vinegars which you may sample. You can find them at 311 N. Front Street in The Cotton Exchange. You can also purchase online at www.beacholiveoils.com. Check it out and support a local-worldwide business. Our two favorites are the raspberry and fig versions. Give them a try!