



LOWCOUNTRY STYLE

One of our best-selling plans ever, this Aiken, South Carolina, home by Georgia-based Our Town Plans combines comfort and classic architecture

You could say traditional architecture is in Suzanne Stern's blood. Her father, Jim Strickland, is the founding partner of the award-winning architectural firm Historical Concepts. (You can see the firm's work on pages 38 and 66.) She believes her love for vernacular architecture combined with her practical design tendencies allows her to create plans that are familiar yet contemporary and livable. Though she often collaborates with her father's firm, Stern now designs under her own company, Our Town Plans. One such collaboration led to this home—New Tideland Haven, which has become one of the most popular plans *Southern Living* offers. "The layout really resonates with people," Stern says. "Being a single-level plan means that it's more accessible. The house's design allows people to envision it at the beach, lake, river, mountain, or farm—basically anywhere." Join us for the full tour.

Living for the Weekend

Sheltered by deep roof overhangs, the wraparound porch is "very generous and livable," says designer Suzanne Stern of Our Town Plans. On three sides of the home, it has entrances from the entry, living room, dining room, and master bedroom—making it perfect for year-round entertaining.

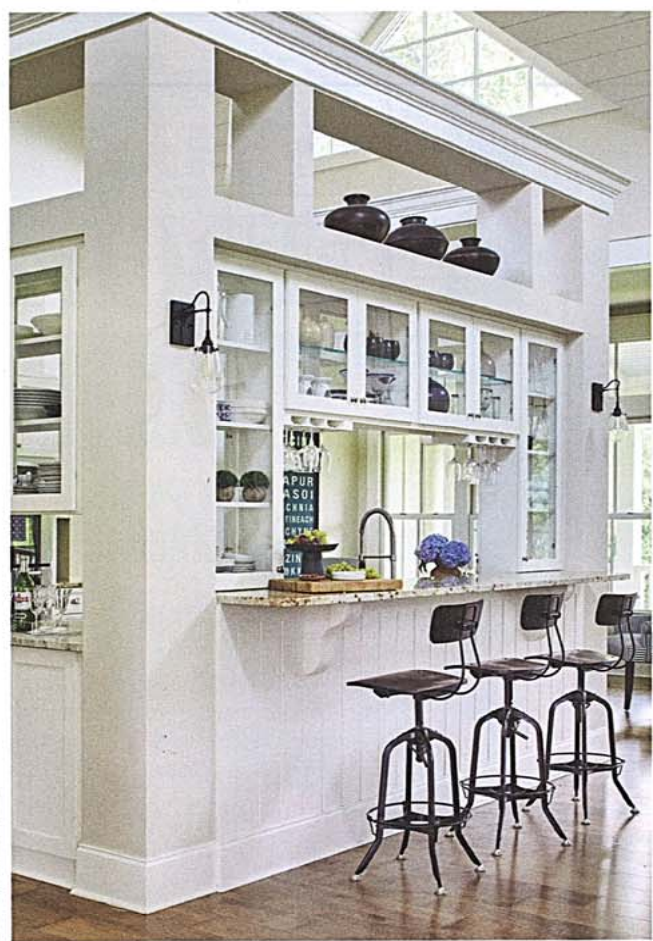


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Mix It Up

An iron and wood dining table is ready for a crowd in the dining room, which is nestled into a bay window—giving it the feel of an enclosed porch. Transom windows accentuate the space's tall ceilings.



KITCHEN
 Double-sided glass-front cabinets surround the central kitchen and create what Stern calls a "kitchen in a box." The use of wood on the walls and ceilings, simple yet thoughtful trimwork, and interior transoms above the windows and doors are all details that create a classic, open, and light-filled interior.

LIVING ROOM
 "The triangular dormer windows (shown below and on the front exterior) that open to the great room are one of this home's most distinctive features," says Stern. "This plan is not any one pure style. Perhaps that's a reason so many people like it. It's a casual cottage with Lowcountry influences."





MASTER BEDROOM

A pair of French doors in the bedroom lead to a private, outdoor screened porch. All three bedrooms in this house are tucked away behind the main living areas, giving them a real sense of privacy despite the entire house being on one single level.



New Tideland Haven

PLAN #1824

2,622 SQUARE FEET

This home stuns with a grand wraparound porch featuring an outdoor fireplace and three bedrooms on a single level.

DESIGNED BY:
Our Town Plans

BEDROOMS: 3

BATHS: 3 full, 1 half