



Van Courtland Blue (HC-145), Benjamin Moore

Decorator's White (CC-20), Benjamin Moore



A cast-iron stove looks right at home in this airy Danish living room



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# Making Waves

Jennifer Koper's advice for a bright but cosy nautical cottage.



Before



**Q** We plan to whitewash the panelling in our waterside cabin, then add colour for a beachy look. Will a wood stove work with nautical decor? — **M.O.**, *Fredericton*

**A** Absolutely! As in the Inspiration shot, a wood stove will be a nice balance to the coastal elements. But first things first! To turn your rustic cabin into a breezy retreat, whitewashing the wood walls is a great idea. I'd suggest a soft, greyed white like Decorator's White by Benjamin Moore. Paint out the brick chimney in white, too, so it blends in. Then, update the flooring with a tough laminate that looks like pale beech — just the right amount of contrast against the walls.

Your next move is to replace the brick hearth (it's a tripping hazard and impedes flow) with 24"-sq. slate tile edged in quarter-round or a thin piece of black sheet metal. Add another piece of metal behind the stove

to keep the brick from getting sooty.

To open up the space, rearrange the furniture. Place the sofa under the short window; for safety, pull it 10" away from the baseboard heater. Move the two chairs (they have a nautical vibe!) where the sofa was so they look out the big window to the lake. Swap the blanket on the sofa for a washable cotton slipcover in an ivory tone, and add colour and texture with throw pillows in beachy blue with jute trim. Slide a greyed basket in beside the sofa or fireplace to hold blankets or kindling, and opt for a wood coffee table, like this reclaimed-pine one (its drawers can stash playing cards and matches). To inject more warmth, lay a striped cotton rug, and for a hit of colour, paint the inside of the door in Van Courtland Blue by Benjamin Moore.

1. **Pillow**, Pier 1 Imports.
2. **Rug**, Dash & Albert.
3. **Kähler vase**, Trouva.
4. **Slate tile**, Ceragres.
5. **TrafficMaster floor**,

- The Home Depot.
6. **Coffee table**, Wicker Emporium.
7. **Wicker basket**, Bacon Basketware.