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The McKinley Bungalow serves as a beach house that travelers can rent in lieu of a hotel.





From left: The husband-and-wife duo lounges on the porch of their rentable and buyable space; organic, relaxed minimalism is infused into the couple's aesthetic.



TRADING SPACES

Interior designer Robert McKinley and his wife, Kate Nauta, transform a seemingly ordinary home into a shoppable sanctuary.

by ALICIA BRUNKER

At first glance, McKinley Bungalow (mckinleybungalow.com), a four-bedroom, ranch-style home located behind a stretch of seagrass and flowering trees, resembles its Montauk neighbors, but indoors a distinctive spirit is uncovered. Interior designer Robert McKinley—who's crafted offbeat identities through decor for East End establishments The Surf Lodge and Ruschmeyer's—has

created a new concept in the Hamptons that elevates the traditional Airbnb rental.

After nearly a year of renovations, McKinley and his wife, Kate Nauta, have transformed an average Hamptons home into a curated residence for rent, where nearly everything, including the house itself, is for sale. Under one roof, the couple put together an assortment of appliances, bedding, furniture and fixtures from their favorite brands, including Wright,

Hem and Rejuvenation. "You can try the entire home before you buy it," remarks McKinley. "The whole concept was to create this approachable luxury, lifestyle-driven space. We weren't upholstering furniture in expensive leathers or Loro Piana fabrics."

Instead McKinley and Nauta were inspired by their laid-back surroundings in Montauk, where they met and eventually married in 2014. "To me, Montauk is just so connected to the ocean and this wild, rugged coastline," says McKinley. "The bungalow is like our dream beach house that embodies our collected, well-traveled aesthetic." Treasures from the couple's trips abroad can be found in just about every corner of the house. In the kitchen, a ceramic lemon sculpture they discovered during their honeymoon in Capri, Italy, hangs above the breakfast nook, while a collage of vacation photos, captured by their photographer friend Scott Rudin, is on view in the living room.

No matter where their travels take them, the East End will always be home, says McKinley: "We really put our feet in Montauk and planted ourselves."

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Clockwise from top: Treasures from the couple's travels nestled around an open hearth create a fresh, folksy vibe; delightful color pops enliven the bungalow's kitchen; a minimalistic futon highlights an open living room; refined wooden chairs, table and candlestick holders set in front of a colorful landscape tapestry epitomize McKinley's distinct style.



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