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FARMHOUSE ELEGANCE The clean, contemporary look of this staircase points to the home's unique blend of modern and rustic styles.



Rustic chic

Combine sun-bleached wood with modern white walls, and – voilà – you've got a contemporary farmhouse in Newport Beach.

BY HEATHER SKYLER

JASON KIEWER, PARTNER and general counsel of Trumark Companies, says he and his wife have always appreciated the clean lines of a modern house blended with the coziness and comfort of a rustic farmhouse. With the help of Eric Olsen Design, a firm that specializes in high-end custom residential work, they achieved their modern farmhouse look in Newport Beach.

Designer Eric Olsen says the home is meant to blend in to the traditional Cape Cod style prevalent in the port streets of Newport Beach, but the modern farmhouse details add a twist.

"It has a clean, simple palette with attention to subtle detailing of warm, organic materials," he says.

To achieve the same look in your home, Olsen suggests that the homeowner stick to a consistent choice of materials

WHITE • WOOD • FIRE • COZY The distressed-leather chair, gorgeous fireplace and wooden-wheeled table all come together to create a feeling of comfort.

+ **Cape Cod** was a style of lighthouse architecture that originated on Cape Cod, Mass., during the early 1800s.



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throughout the house. Notice how almost every room features a combination of white modern details and beach-washed wood.

In addition to being consistent, he advises to not skimp on quality.

“Quality makes a huge difference when the design is clean, and there aren’t fussy details to distract the eye. Keep things simple – simple is good, but that means the details become more important.”

The juxtaposition of warm wood and white makes the space feel relaxed and tactile, but how can you insert a burst of color?

“Use a monochromatic base, then provide color with accents such as art, pillows, fabrics, etcetera,” Olsen says.

Kliewer, who lives in the house with his wife and two young children, says his favorite space is the outdoor deck.

“We love to entertain friends for wine parties by the outdoor firewall or have Saturday evening paleo dinners, and my son and I love to play catch in the backyard.”

With the timeless feel of the design, Kliewer and his family should have many years of enjoyment ahead of them.

1. POPS OF COLOR are created with the planters against the windows and flowers on the table. The mirror creates an illusion of extra space and adds depth to the room. **2. THE KITCHEN** is open and modern, and the bar stools tucked under the counter allow for more space. **3. A WINDOW NOOK** provides the perfect spot for morning coffee or a quick breakfast with the kids before work.

