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## A Geodesic Dome Shines With a Light and Bright Makeover

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**A cheerful, modern update takes a geodesic dome home from dark and outdated to open and airy.**

Located on a picturesque lakefront setting in the Berkshire town of Becket, Massachusetts, this 2,567 square-foot building has been revamped into an ideal holiday home for a Boston couple and their friends and family.

Originally built in the 1980s, the home was outdated with wall-to-wall carpeting, small living areas, dark wood paneling, and heating and electrical issues. Local firm Jess Cooney Interiors led the nine-month renovation of the entire house—including the master loft, living areas, basement rooms, and an extensive kitchen remodel.



Nestled into its lakefront setting, the wood shingle–clad exterior remains intact. The owners are currently building an outdoor deck and installing new landscaping.

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*Photo Categories: exterior, house building type, shingles roof material*



Comfortable yet elegant seating fills the open living space. Large, triangular windows provide views to the lake while filling the interior with daylight. A new in-floor radiant heating system warms the open and airy living spaces.

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**An open plan combines the cooking, dining, and living spaces. A color palette of natural woods, soft blues, creamy whites, and rust tones ties the spaces together.**

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Jess Cooney Interiors left the original shingle-wrapped shell and windows intact, and proceeded to strip away and reconfigure the interior to maximize space. The renovation takes advantage of the home's self-supporting domed structure, which provides column-free interiors with tall ceilings. Light-filled open spaces for family gatherings balance with private spaces for friends and family to stay—all under one simple roof.



**By reconfiguring the main areas, the designer was able to incorporate a mudroom area with custom bamboo built-ins.**

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**The main dining area includes a long wooden table created by a local maker. Leather chairs and a wood bench provide plenty of seating for family gatherings.**

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Smooth limestone tiles clad the fireplace, which is topped with an oak mantle. A small seating area with two wood ottomans is arranged adjacent to the fireplace, which opens up to the larger living area.

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*Photo Categories: living room, bench, standard layout fireplace, chair, coffee tables, rug floors, medium hardwood floors*

Lounging, cooking, and dining spaces are located on the main level, where vaulted ceilings and lots of windows provide a bright area for entertaining. The kitchen is the star of the show, blending bamboo accents with gray cabinets and quartz countertops. The smart reconfiguration created a gourmet kitchen with plenty of prep space, high-end appliances, and a walk-in pantry.



In the kitchen, flat slab cabinetry is finished with gray-blue paint and quartz countertops. A new pantry located behind the kitchen holds the refrigerator, microwave, and pantry shelving.



**Custom cabinetry in a soft blue hue picks up the gray wash of the bamboo accents, which also balance the wood floors.**

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**A picture window provides views to the lakefront setting from the kitchen sink. Large glass pendants from Simon Pearce Woodstock hang atop the open work surface.**

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**In a smaller dining setting, reupholstered midcentury chairs surround a custom-built round dining table.**

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Throughout the home, a soft color palette of blues, rust tones, and creams combines the modern lines of the space with the rustic feel of the Berkshire setting. A wide-plank wood floor extends throughout, further emphasizing the open concept of the space.



In the living room, a blue-gray velvet sofa is paired with a live-edge walnut coffee table and two marine-blue armchairs over an oval area rug.

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The home's bathrooms incorporate pops of color with fun tile work and hues of forest green, teal, and oyster.





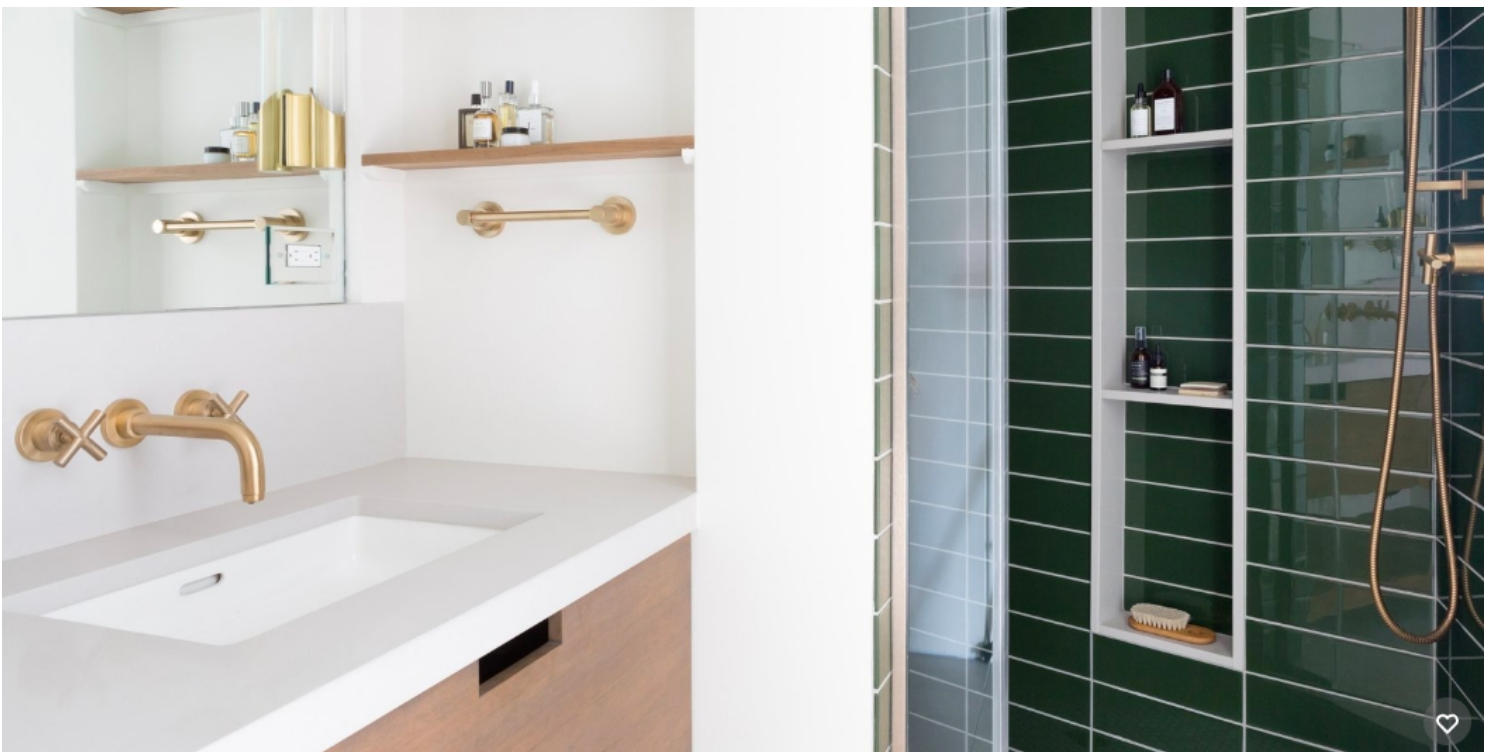
The main floor bathroom was reduced in size to accommodate the new kitchen pantry. The three-quarter bath includes a custom floating walnut slab vanity, dark blue linen-textured tiles, and chrome accents.

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Geometric teal Gotham Swiss Cross tiles by Ann Sacks add playfulness and color to the basement bath.

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**In the master bath, a custom teak vanity is accented by matching floating shelves and satin bronze fixtures. Dark green tiles from Ann Sacks add a deep, rich hue to the master retreat.**

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Upstairs, a cool open area contains the master suite, complete with a dressing room and serene bath retreat. An open metal railing, a hexagonal skylight, and a side window brightly illuminate the lofted space. At the center of the plan, a spiral staircase with new treads connects all three levels of the light-filled domed space.



**The master bedroom includes tall vaulted ceilings, a slate bed frame, teak nightstands, and two comfy swivel chairs.**

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**At the railing, glass panels have replaced portions of the sheetrock to provide unobstructed views outward to the lake from bed.**

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The spiral staircase has been revamped with new wood stair treads that tie in with the wood floors.

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