

THE LUXURY OF HOME



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THE HAMPTONS

The coastal communities in Long Island that comprise the Hamptons have long been identified with architectural elegance, a Gatsby-esque sense of style and a members-only level of affluence. While the region's celebrity cachet and reputation as an exclusive summer escape remain as pronounced as ever, there are residential opportunities in pockets from Westhampton Beach and Sag Harbor to Montauk and Amagansett.



BRUCE D. NAGEL ARCHITECT

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHIP FORELLI



This classic shingle-style estate on the bay in Bridgehampton features oversized windows that bring the outside in.



"I strive to functionally satisfy my client's detailed needs and to give them something more, something that only architecture can give them."

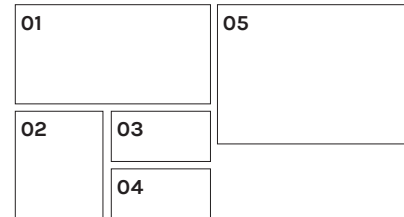
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The insights that connect him to luxury clients in the Hamptons and all over the world inspire Bruce Nagel to produce masterful works of residential architecture that stand the test of time.

He's served as the guest critic and juror at prestigious architecture schools on the campuses of Columbia, Yale and Harvard (where he received his master's degree from that university's Graduate School of Design).

He's been honored year after year after year by print publications and industry peers. As his renown is so widespread, he's been commissioned to design commercial and residential projects from New York and Las Vegas to California and Abu Dhabi. But ask Bruce Nagel what inspires him to put pencil to paper, and the award-winning architect doesn't hesitate. "People are passionate about their homes, and it's that passion that I really love," says Nagel, whose namesake firm is based

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CAPTIONS & CREDITS

01.The area's indigenous farm buildings inform this Bridgehampton compound. **02.**A contemporary stairway made of steel and wood adds modern elegance to a 10,000-square-foot home in Southampton. **03.**The renovation and additions to this East Hampton home turned an ordinary property into a contemporary glass masterpiece. **04.**An open and bright interior expresses this family's Hamptons lifestyle. **05.**This classic shingle-style cottage estate in Westhampton encompasses 25,000 square feet.

01.Chip Forelli **02.**Rich Faron **03.**Eric Striffler
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in East Quogue. "I try to make sure that every house I do is unique—and it takes a client's interaction to create that uniqueness. The idea is to try to find a way to take my talents and deliver a product that represents their desires, their vision and their dreams." Time and again, Nagel has realized those dreams for A-list clients from coast to coast, producing original works that vary in size, scope and backdrop—each one tailored perfectly to the client's lifestyle. His portfolio includes quaint townhouses, picturesque beach houses and sprawling estates in the Hamptons, where his reputation for one-of-a-kind masterpieces is unmatched. "Ultimately, no matter how large or how small my residential projects are, or what type, or where they are located, I strive to have happy clients who like their homes and use them well," he says.

STRAIGHT TALK

Nagel will design a luxury residence on all levels, from its site and general layout to the selection of paint colors, fabrics and furnishings. While he prefers to provide full services to his clients, he will offer limited services suited to particular projects. Part of what attracts clients to Nagel is his ability to communicate so effectively, to draw insights out of clients that prove invaluable as the design journey unfolds. It's a process that begins from the earliest discussions; Nagel asks his clients to pen a detail-rich narrative about their dream home and how they hope to experience it. "I'm trying to learn more about them as people instead of just learning what their needs are," he says. "Needs are one thing, feelings and comfort and attitude are better, because I want to add a color or a flavor to what they are trying to achieve."

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