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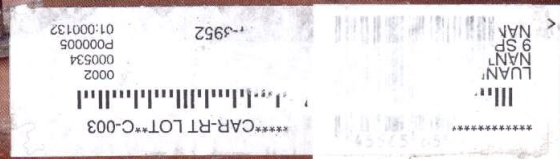
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Her ultimate goal is to sell the end result of her labors; however, Allen lives in the house during its evolution and designs its features and interiors to her own taste. "I build every house as if I could live in it for a long, long time," she explains.

Hunky Dory is L-shaped, modest in size, and one and a half stories. Shed dormers on either side of its street-facing gable add a dose of space and light to the upstairs level, which consists of an office area, master bedroom, and master bath. Downstairs, the home's layout stretches from a formal dining room off the front entry to a long, rectangular kitchen open to a living room on the home's garden side.

Allen collaborates with an architectural designer on her newly built houses, but this renovation involved mainly cosmetic changes. "I touched every surface on the inside," she says, adding that the kitchen and two and a half baths were stripped and their surfaces redone. "I reworked the furniture layouts and the general feel from yellows and greens to earth tones, greys, and creamy whites."

The narrow galley-style kitchen represented the home's biggest hurdle to modern living. After the elimination of a wall partitioning off a hallway, the area gained more floor space. Allen worked closely with Hoff Woodworking on Nantucket to design the handcrafted cabinets. She departed from her preference for white painted cabinets by opting for Benjamin Moore's Stonington Grey as a darker complement to the grey island furniture piece purchased at a local flower shop.



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