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Interior designer Nina Liddle's new Nantucket boutique takes flight.

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**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:** Birdie by Nina Liddle Design on Washington Street in Nantucket opened its doors in April. Interior designer and shop owner Nina Liddle perches on custom chairs upholstered in a Peter Dunham Textiles performance fabric.



Nina Liddle had dreamt of opening her own store for decades, long before she launched her eponymous interior design firm on Nantucket in 2007. And when she dove into the world of residential design, she constantly came across brands and artisans she could envision in her shop: lacquered furniture from London, pottery from France and South Africa, ceramic lamps from Brooklyn. Last year, when space became available on Washington Street just a stone's throw from the iconic Handlebar cafe, she decided it was time for her vision to become reality.



The one missing piece? A name.

That dilemma was solved during lunch with a group of designer friends in Philadelphia last fall. Liddle mentioned her childhood nickname was Birdie, and someone quipped that she'd just found the name for her new store. It stuck, and Birdie by Nina Liddle Design opened its doors at the end of April.

The shop, which has drawn comparisons to the beloved and now-shuttered Trillium boutique, features Kravet and Lee Jofa upholstery, Fermoie lampshades, private label furniture, a custom pillow program, and artwork by Blythe Harris and Mary Maguire alongside clothing, jewelry, handbags, and skincare. "I emailed my design clients and asked them what they thought was missing on Nantucket,"



says Liddle, who's been living on island year-round for more than thirty years. "The overwhelming response was 'things you don't see everywhere else.' "

Aside from those unique labels and makers, Birdie showcases Liddle's own style. "I love my design work, but I was looking for a way to challenge myself creatively," she says. "Not every home I design is an expression of me, but this space is." *Birdie by Nina Liddle Design, Nantucket, Mass.,* [ninaliddledesign.com](http://ninaliddledesign.com)



**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:** A private label sofa covered in Perennials performance fabric and topped with pillows by Serena Dugan Studio sits near a vintage rattan étagère. Custom shelving painted Farrow & Ball Yeabridge Green, Liddle's signature color, displays pillows from Christopher Farr Cloth, Serena Dugan Studio, and Penny Morrison. The shop features a smattering of vintage objects including these oyster plates and opaline goblets, both from France.