



When a couple from New York decided to build a Southern getaway in Georgia's Reynolds Lake Oconee, they sought out the talents of residential designer William T. Baker to design the retreat for gathering with their grown children and grandchildren. Baker, whose projects at the luxury property are numerous, took on the enviable site, a peninsula encompassing three lots with 180-degrees of lakefront. The clients, being native New Englanders, desired a house in their familiar

vernacular, like a Nantucket house in a more hospitable climate. "They had a wonderful vision for a house where their children and grandchildren could enjoy the outdoors, with a pool overlooking the lake and two docks for boats and jet skis," says Baker.

The house immediately announces itself as a Dutch Colonial with its front-facing gambrel roof and pillared front porch. To the side, a garage is cleverly disguised as an outbuilding. "That's where we brought the magic," he says. "We try to make garages an enhancement to the house, with the cars entering through a concealed motor