

Needham Home of the Week: 227 Warren St.

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NEEDHAM—The whimsy and architectural flourishes of the beautiful 1908 Victorian house at 227 Warren St. in Needham have transcended time to be reborn as an expertly restored home outfitted with today's modern conveniences.

Thanks to the careful revitalization of Little Pink Houses owner and Needham contractor Barbara Jones, the four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath house with approximately 1,900 square feet of living space has been given new life, ready to serve as be home to a new owner for the next 100 years.

"We are a 300-year-old town with a history reflected in many of our homes," says Jones. "I believe that in saving smaller older houses in dire need of repair and restoring them, we can help maintain our small town New England character.

"In listing this home for \$799,000, we also provide a more affordable price point for younger families to move into Needham," she says.

From the walkway, the pale green home decked out yellow trim, cedar shingles and maroon accents exude the charm of a bygone era. A lamppost and flagpole stand in front of an inviting wrap-around porch, and the solid front door with a beveled glass window welcomes you inside.

The foyer enjoys abundant light reflecting upon the original fir flooring, stained dark brown to accentuated the dramatic grain. The stairs on the right feature a hand-carved newel post and balusters leading up to the second floor. High ceilings and crown molding retain the historic feel.

The living room on the left boasts a sunny bay window and opens to the dining room where a window seat rests under another bay window. Where once a wall closed off the kitchen, now it is a pass-through flanked by columns, bookshelves and stained glass panels.

The bright and sunny kitchen celebrates modern convenience with a GE stainless steel four-burner gas range with grill, a refrigerator, a Maytag dishwasher and a corner sink. Antique white cabinets and granite counters sit atop the maple hardwood floor. Open shelving



The two-and-a-half-story Victorian house at 227 Warren St. has been completely renovated, and a master bedroom suite was added on the third floor.

and recessed lighting expand the space. A refurbished antique ice-box with a butcher-block top serves as a unique center island. Acknowledging today's lifestyles, there is mudroom off the living room featuring high bead board walls, cubbies, storage and a slate floor. The door accessing the back yard retains the original center doorbell. Next to the mudroom, there is a cheery half bath with a pedestal sink and marble hexagonal floor tiles. Returning through the kitchen to the foyer, you can take the stairs to the second floor where there are three well-proportioned bedrooms with ample closets. A hallway leads past a utility closet that fits a full-sized washer and dryer.

A full bath at back of the house is outfitted with an antique bureau converted to a vanity with a marble top and a tub/shower combination revealing a staggered tile pattern with diamond shaped insets. At the other end of the home, there is a sitting room overlooking a hemlock tree that doubles as a nursery or office.

The home's original floor plan remains primarily intact, except for areas opened up to accommodate more space and light. On the third floor, newly added dormers expanded the living space by 600 square feet to create a private master suite. The master bath features pocket doors to a walk-in shower with pebble tiles, a pedestal sink and a marble display shelf atop aqua penny tile flooring.

Each room reflects or hosts original detailing – an antique mirror here, a crystal chandelier there, cut glass doorknobs, cast iron decorative heating floor vents and brass lighting.

The immaculate basement features walkout access to the lush backyard. Mature trees, including weeping cherry and copper beech, greenery and ivy create a natural wonderland. A shed and lofty barn provide further potential for easy outdoor living.

The home has completely updated electrical and plumbing systems, Carrier gas heat, hot water heater and central air conditioning.

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