

THE CONTEMPORARY COTTAGE, LIKE THIS GEORGIAN BAY GEM, IS REDEFINING WATERFRONT STYLE.

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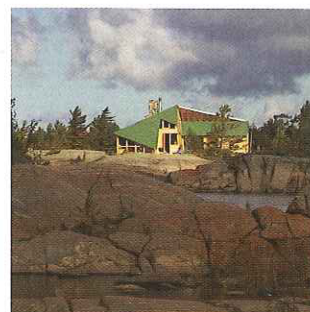
MODERN VISION

SITE SPECIFIC LET NATURE DRIVE THE BUILDING PLAN



CONCEPT: BLEND IN

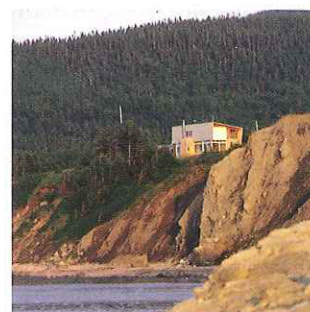
Use earthy colours to create a structure that disappears into its surroundings.
Where: Haliburton, Ont.
Designer: MAFCOHOUSE
Design note: This off-the-grid cabin is anchored to the bedrock using concrete piers in a site-sensitive scheme that adapts to the sloping landscape. Bark-brown aluminum cladding and bronze-coloured reflective glass help camouflage the cabin.



CONCEPT: LAY LOW

Nestle a building into the rocks to create protection from the elements on an exposed site.
Where: Georgian Bay, Ont.
Architect: Adam Thom and Katja Thom, AGATHOM Co.
Design note: An L-shaped layout offers a calm retreat from aggressive winds on this exposed site. The slanted roof also protects the building from the wind.

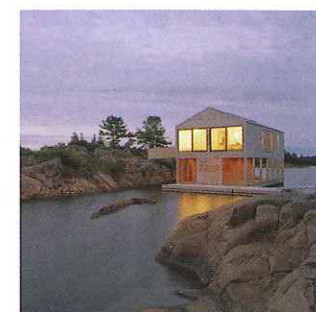
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CONCEPT: RISE ABOVE

Perch a cottage on a hill to make the most of a spectacular view.
Where: Cape Breton, N.S.
Architect: MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects
Design note: Large expanses of glass frame the million-dollar view, while sliding, corrugated-steel barn doors protect against inevitable weather.



CONCEPT: FLOAT ON WATER

Leave the land untouched with a clever houseboat-style approach.
Where: Lake Huron, Ont.
Designers: MOS, New Haven/Cambridge
Design note: A steel platform and pontoon "foundation" — built off-site and towed to the location — allows the clean-lined, one-bedroom cottage to rise and fall with the changing lake level.