



HOUSE IN EAST HAMPTON, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Architects: Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc.

Location: East Hampton, Long Island, NY

Completion: 1990

This is a summer house designed to satisfy the desires and needs of a family of four including two children. It is secluded within a beautiful woods in the sandy soil of East Hampton Long Island.

On the outside the house refers to the Shingle Style resort architecture of that area in its generous scale, ample porch, double-hung sash and, of course, its abundance of natural cedar shingles. Because there is no dominant view from this location the house is almost the same all around; it is rather like a pavilion without distinctions between back and front or particular accommodation for a front entrance. Its sloping roof forms predominate, creating a feeling of shelter among the trees. These dominant forms plus the big window on the east side create a big scale that contrasts with the variety of smaller elements, sometimes circumstantially located within the composition - windows, doors, porch, etc., around the base of the house.



On the ground floor inside, the spaces look into the woods all around. Downstairs the space flows around a central core containing fireplace and stairs -- and up into the floors above. The bedrooms beneath the sloping roofs have an attic-like feel. The small bedrooms for the children on the third floor contain built-in furniture rather like that in cabins of a boat -- conforming to an exterior-driven form.





