



It's all in the detail... this handpainted life ring is one of many pieces of maritime memorabilia that has been donated by supporters of the restoration of the Rose Island Lighthouse, reflecting the seafaring heritage of New England's coastal residents.



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Getting the look

1 For well-made New England-style wooden furniture with simple clean lines, try the Garrat range of eight- and 12-drawer chests in dark chestnut or honey birch, from £550, Laura Ashley. 2 For a similar stove to the 19th-century American box heater in the Rose Island Light-house, try Esse.

Wood-Burning Stove, £2,099.

3 Bring vintage American style into any room with hand-hooked woolen rugs with authentic folk art designs, £150, Olde Glory.

4 A Shaker-style dresser lends simple elegance to a kitchen or living room and provides excellent storage. New England Dresser, £796, New England Lifestyle.