

# Cape Cod Magazine

Todd Cross and Other Fair-Weather Fans

Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket

## PROJECT *Makeover*



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A straw grass cloth engulfs the sterile white walls, providing a cozy feeling. A striped area rug covers the recycled rubber tile floor, and a silk tree adds a little more life to the room. But what reveals the Cape Cod influences of this particular designer is a seashell motif decorating the walls. Douglas Trousdale, an interior designer for Osterville-based Doreve Nicholaeff, came up with the design for this room by putting himself in the position of a future resident.

*A Cape-based designer helps decorate a low-income housing facility in Boston.*

Fourteen of the top designers in New England area each took on the interior design of one room in a new six-story building in South Boston that houses low-income residents. The task, appropriately called Adopt-a-Room, is the latest endeavor by Project Place, a non-profit organization devoted to helping low-income and homeless people in the Boston area.

Each studio is fitted with an extra long twin bed, a bathroom and kitchen with a two-burner stove and an under-the-counter refrigerator. Residents who qualify for such housing must be employed and pay 30 percent of their income as rent, but the design work was entirely free of charge.

Trousdale indeed got lucky with his room assignment. One window provides astounding views of the Boston skyline. "My apartment doesn't look this good," he says.—*Sarah J. Harrington*