

**Location** Spider Lake, Michigan  
**Description** "Howie's Cottage"  
**Product** PolyWhey® Furniture Finish  
**Project** Lankford Design Group, Inc.  
 Jay Merchant Builders, Inc.



Photos by Jacqueline Southby



**CASE STUDY:** During more than 50 years of summering on Spider Lake near Traverse City, MI, one extended family was growing, and as it did, so did the need for more space.

To help update the family's small cottage and add new space, the Lankford Design Group teamed with Jay Merchant Builders to create a summer cottage that compliments the surrounding lake environment and provides a beautiful new home for many more years of making family memories. Vermont Natural Coatings was used on all the cottage's wood surfaces and is extraordinarily pleased to be part of the experience called "Howie's Cottage."

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*"PolyWhey was the perfect fit for our family cottage," said Sarah Wright, family member. "Environmentally safe for our children, pets and surroundings and the right quality and durability to meet the demands of a crowded summer house on the lake."*

*"The idea with Howie's Cottage was to create texture and avoid a formulaic look," said Scott Lankford, owner of Lankford Design Group. "I like designing spaces that create opportunities for life experiences."*