





# LIGHTHOUSES NORTH

Around the year 2000, Eric created a series of four popular lighthouse paintings, each one dedicated to one of the four seasons, to commemorate the inseparable relationship shared between folk art and lighthouses. Re-released in a new format we are glad to bring back Eric's lighthouse series. The Lighthouses North features the historic and beautiful Portland Head Lighthouse of Cape Elizabeth, and the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse at Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina. Enjoy these paintings of classic Americana lighthouses and wonderful seasonal scenes. Let your light shine.

1. Lighthouses have to be a certain height depending on how close they are to the shore. Shorter one will be on a cliff, while taller ones are built near the shore.
2. The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was constructed in 1803, but was rebuilt between 1868-1870 with black and white striped painted on the outside.
3. The Cape lighthouse was first lit on December 1, 1870.
4. The Cape lighthouse is the tallest brick lighthouse in the USA. It's like climbing a 12-story building.
5. The different colors and patterns painted on lighthouses help marines and sailors identify where they are in the daytime.
6. John Smeaton designed the iconic lighthouse in 1759 that many builders use today. Because of its interlocking blocks of stone instead of wood, the lighthouse can withstand powerful winds and waves.
7. The world's oldest and still operational lighthouse is the Tower of Hercules, which resides in Spain's La Coruna harbor.
8. The Portland Head Lighthouse of Cape Elizabeth resides in Maine.
9. The Portland lighthouse was built in 1789 and was first lit on January 10, 1791.
10. A lighthouse source of light is called an "optic" where a powerful lens magnifies light, which can be seen over 20 miles away.
11. The first known lighthouse was in Egypt called Pharos of Alexandria—300 BC.
12. There are more lighthouses in the United States than any other country.
13. Michigan is home to more than 115 lighthouses, seeing that it sits along the Great Lakes.
14. The first lighthouse to be built in America was the Little Brewster in 1716 located in Boston.