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12 Ways of Looking at a Tent



Last summer, 12 interior designers and artists created a series of glamping (a portmanteau of “glamorous” and “camping”) tents at Sandy Pines Campground in Kennebunkport. The designs ran the gamut from nautical to woodsy, globally eclectic to hyper-local, and each one functioned as a miniature showcase of the designer’s talents and aesthetic. So what are you waiting for? [Let’s go glamping!](#)



Wildflower Retreat



Sunny and bright, Nicki Bongiorno's tent is a celebration of blossoms. "Wildflower Retreat's graphic palette of black and white, accented with pops of colorful floral, is inspired by the current lines at the fashion houses of Prada and Yves Saint-Laurent, and is intended as a nod to my mother," Bongiorno says. She chose furniture based on its durability, function, and style, mixing in metal details (like the wire and wood coffee table and the seafoam green double-rocking metal lounge chair) alongside wicker and rattan. "The ebony-limed oak bed that I designed is one of my favorite features," she says. "I love the way the liming process brought out the grain in the wood and how it stands out against the ebony stain." She also notes how this piece created a separate changing and storage area for guests. Alongside the vanity, "these comforts of home are unexpected in a tent," she says. Bongiorno also used succulents purchased at nearby Snug Harbor Farm and perennials from Estabrook's to add a living element to her playful and artistic space.