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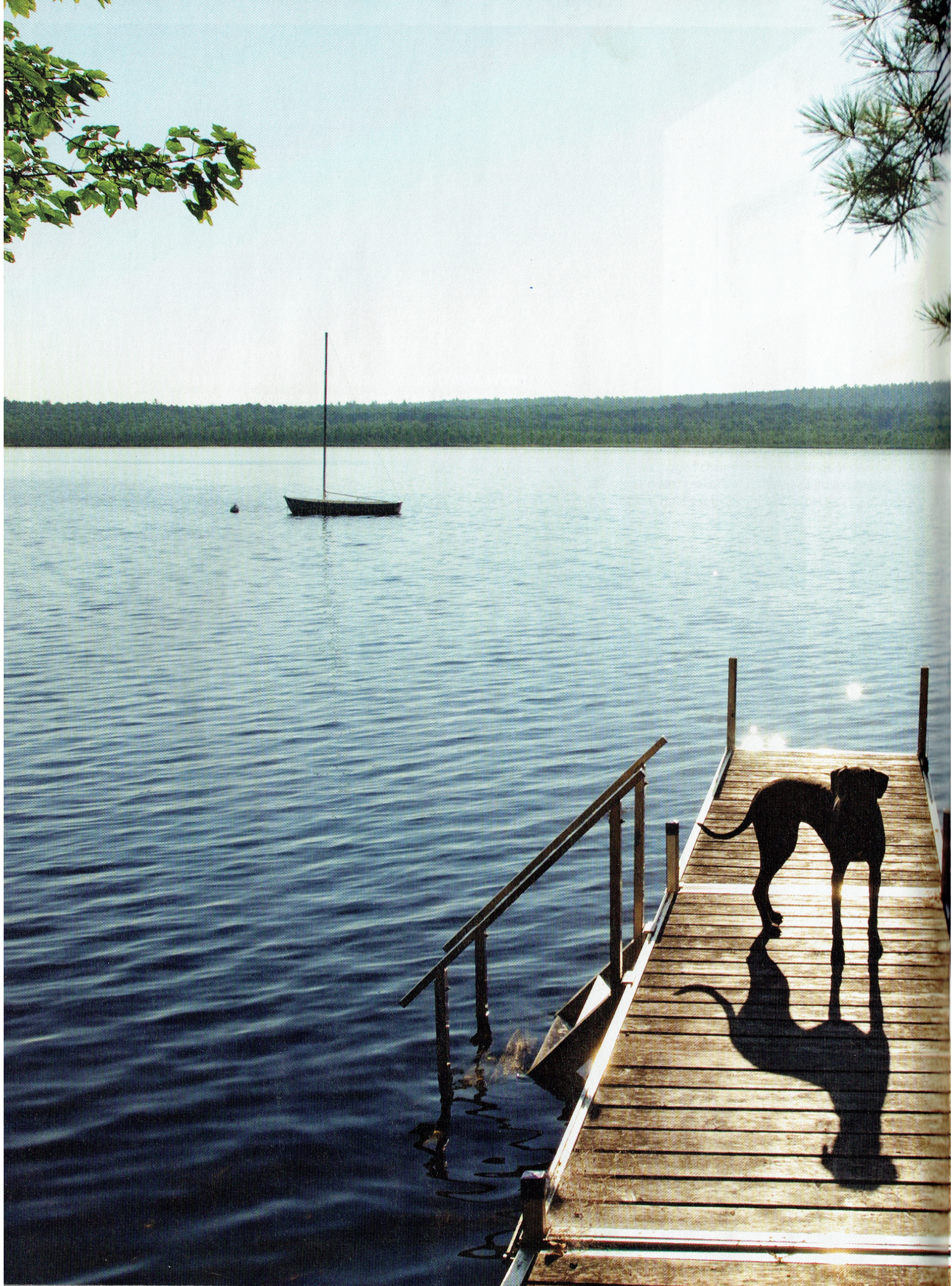
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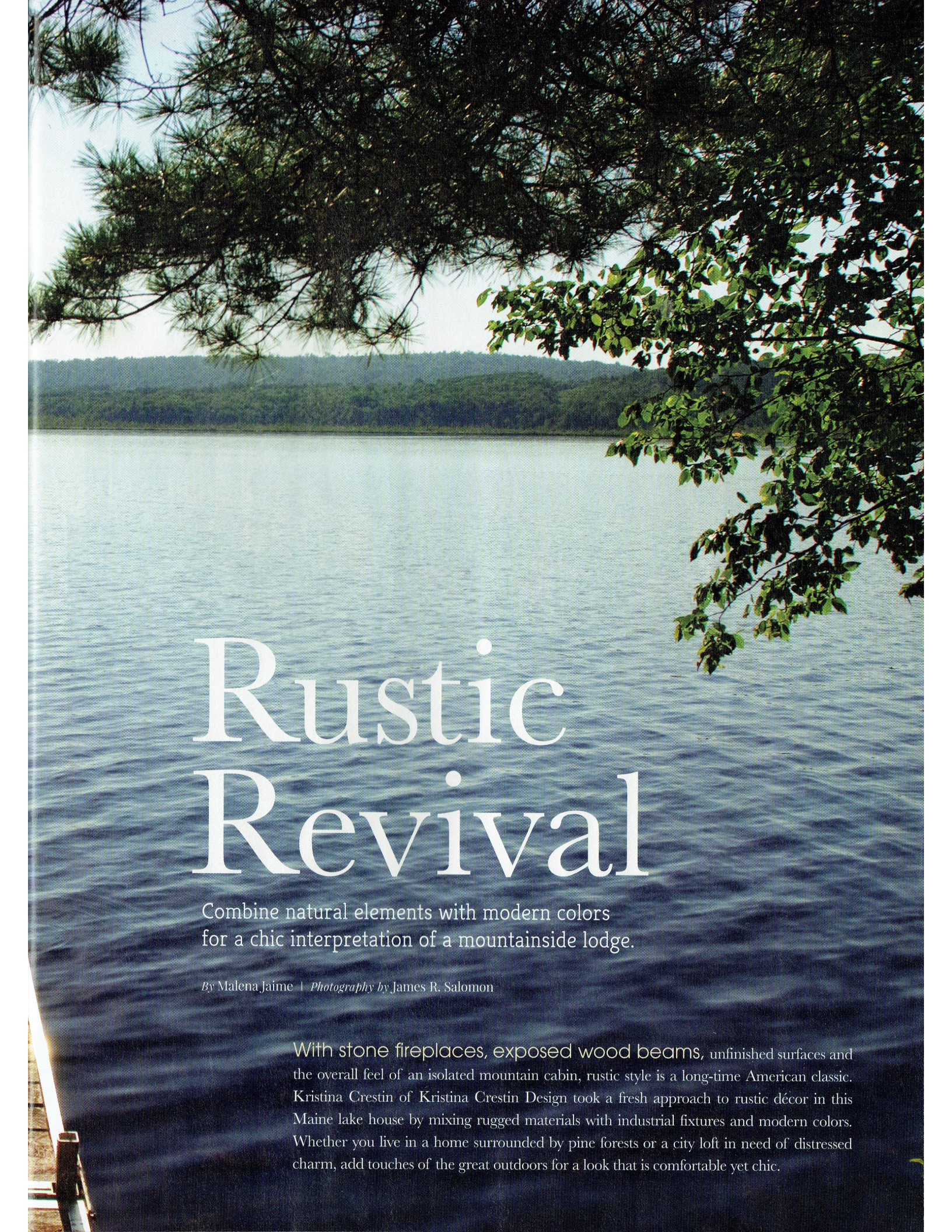
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Rustic Revival

Combine natural elements with modern colors
for a chic interpretation of a mountainside lodge.

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With stone fireplaces, exposed wood beams, unfinished surfaces and the overall feel of an isolated mountain cabin, rustic style is a long-time American classic. Kristina Crestin of Kristina Crestin Design took a fresh approach to rustic décor in this Maine lake house by mixing rugged materials with industrial fixtures and modern colors. Whether you live in a home surrounded by pine forests or a city loft in need of distressed charm, add touches of the great outdoors for a look that is comfortable yet chic.

MODERN MOUNTAIN DÉCOR

Ditch stuffy lodge accents in place of stylish pieces with rustic flair. A wall display of ceramic animal heads is a friendlier option than traditional taxidermy. Add woodsy imagery through wall art or throw pillows. Industrial details—such as plumbing pipes for bunk-bed rails—update the look.



LOOK TO NATURE

The essence of rustic-style is captured by its surroundings. Draw inspiration for color palettes from the green leaves, yellow-brown hillsides and blue-green lakes outside your window. Play with a range of shades, such as lime-green instead of grass-green, or teal in place of sky-blue, for a contemporary interpretation.





EXPOSED SURFACES

Let natural surfaces be bare such as original brick walls or bare wood beams that accent high ceilings. A stone hearth around a roaring fire sets the cozy rustic look. Turn to granite and cobblestone for exterior detailing, and connect the look to interiors by adding subtle touches in countertops and backsplashes.

UNFINISHED DETAILS

Leave architectural details unfinished for a raw, rough feel. Natural wood adds warmth to a space when used to frame doorways and windows. Avoid laminate for flooring, opting instead for planks of salvaged wood from local resources.

A PINCH OF PATRIOTISM

Give the classic red, white and blue palette a new lift by playing with shades of cherry or tangerine-red, and mixing with sky or slate blue. Add vintage style through classic posters, such as this Red Cross slogan from World War I, or a polished schoolhouse chair. A well-placed ladder or driftwood statement piece will tie American touches with the overall rustic theme.



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