



WHERE TIME STANDS STILL

[Andell Inn](#) is a boutique hotel located within Freshfields Village, the vibrant retail and social hub of Kiawah Island, South Carolina. As part of Marriott International, this 100-room inn was totally custom designed by owner Don Semmler and his talented team.

VINTAGE PORCH SWINGS

The team focused on specific design elements inspired by the island's raw natural beauty, rich culture and colorful history. Part of Andell Inn's mission is to support small businesses in the area. The staff is proud of the relationships they've established with many local artists and craftspeople whom they now consider friends. [Vintage Porch Swings](#) is one of those lasting partnerships. The hotel features three exterior swings on the wrap around porches, and they are looking to bring a few more inside for a new guest room experience.

THE CUSTOMER

Andell Inn

Location
Kiawah Island, SC

The Swings
The Eliza
The Hayden
Walnut finish

Textiles
Aloe pillows
Bone mattress cover

Semmler set out to create a distinct lifestyle hotel unlike anything in the Kiawah Island or Charleston area. The inn has a modern aesthetic that's high on warmth and comfort thanks to a soothing color palate, rich textures and its large offering of rotating original art. The result is a sought after hotel that ranks as one of Marriott's top hotels, and was recognized as one of "The South's Best New Hotels" by Southern Living magazine. Semmler and his dedicated team strive to curate amazing experiences, and so far the combination has resulted in one of the highest traveler-rated accommodations on TripAdvisor.

WHAT THEY WANTED

When the hotel was first completed, Semmler wanted to see how people used the space by the pool and on the large wrap-around porches before they completed the outdoor furnishings. His goal was to create social spaces that would delight guests, bring people together and add to their experience at the inn. Semmler insists on working with local craftsman as much as possible. When he learned about Vintage Porch Swings, he was interested. When he met Brent McHenry and the whole McHenry family, he was completely sold.

WHAT THEY CHOSE

Semmler worked with VPS designer Krista McHenry to choose the design of the swings and the textiles that would complement the inn's contemporary feel. They chose two Eliza bed swings facing each other to create a conversation area by the pool and a Hayden for the porch. All swings have crisp off-white mattress covers with Aloe green pillows that echo the bright green of Kiawah's indigenous marsh grass.

THE RESULTS

Semmler says the bed swings are extremely engaging. "People love them so much, I wonder if they're conspiring to sleep in the swings instead of their rooms," he laughs. "I think there's something nostalgic about them," he says. "Maybe they bring us back to a time when there was more time to ponder." Don also believes the swings are an invitation "They're just so comfortable, the movement helps people relax, let their guard down and get authentic. People interact with each other in ways they don't in traditional spaces," he says.



“The swings
are magnetic,
once a guest
experiences
them we see
them there again
and again.”

“I'm expecting at least one marriage proposal out of those swings.”
-DON SEMMLER

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