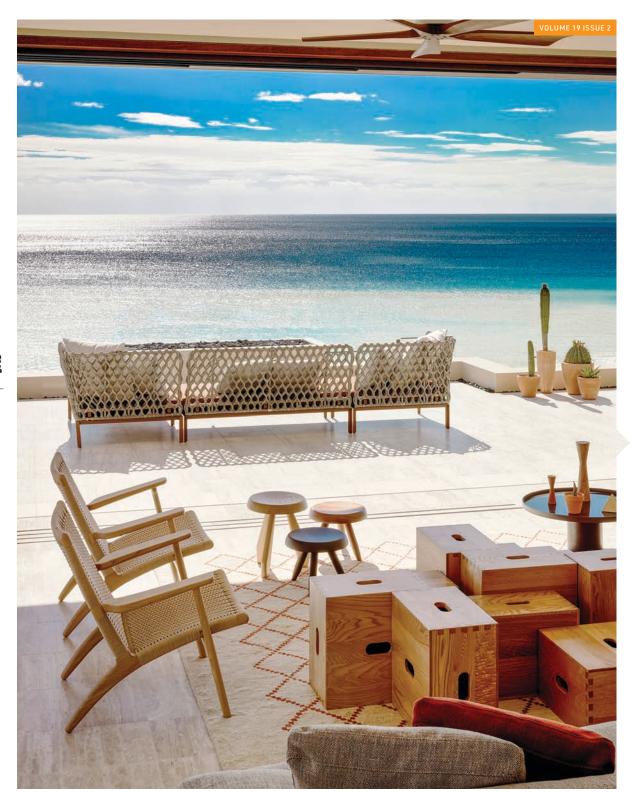




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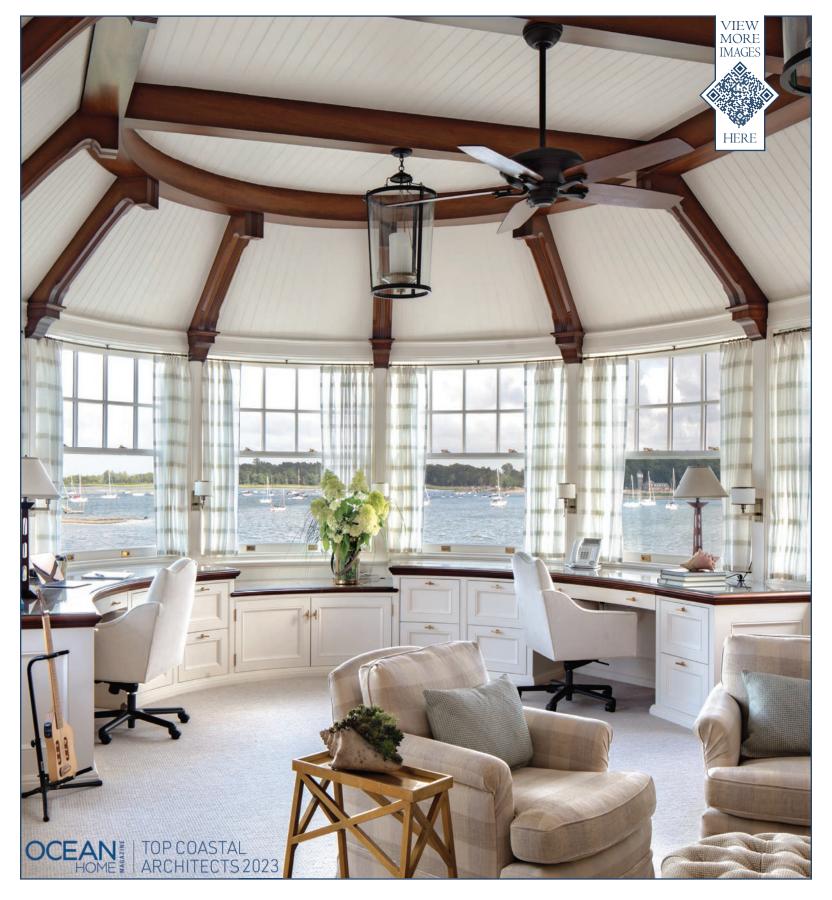
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#### **HAPPY PLACE**

Florida has the largest stock of second homes in the country. This is not surprising given the natural beauty, always-warm temperatures, crystal-clear waters, and long stretches of sandy beaches. Canaveral National Seashore alone has 24 miles of pristine coastal environment-a haven for wildlife and a surf-and-sand playground for visitors. In this issue, we celebrate Florida as a second home destination by showcasing gorgeous projects from talented designers, architects, builders, and art consultants.

Designer Monica Slodarz, principal of The Art of Design, based in Miami, created interiors for a waterfront condo in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to reflect the blue hue of the ocean. Her inspiration for the design was rooted in the coastal surroundings and the desire to create a haven of understated luxury. Organic shapes and textures in the home, such as the gently curved furniture, seashell-inspired décor, and driftwood accents fill the space.

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Designer Tara Cain's Minnesota clients fell in love with Naples, Florida, during a winter getaway-so much so that they had a contract for a 2,600-square-foot condo overlooking the Gulf of Mexico by the time they left to go home. The condo is open and airy with a SoCal coastal vibe and ocean views. The spaces are neutral, textural, airy, and layered with natural materials and finishes. Cain collaborated with Kathy Ganley, who leads the Midwest office of Mason Lane Art Advisory, to dress the condo in artwork. The result is a serene setting with interesting pieces of art at every turn.

Stephanie Halfen of SDH Studio Architecture + Design and her husband. Ricardo, of Treo Construction—she's an architect and he's a builder—teamed up for a reinterpretation of a Midcentury Modern house overlooking Sky Lake in Florida just 10 minutes from Miami for a family who love the



outdoors. Alanna Kleiner and Adriana Grauer—dual principals in a firm they call Agsia worked with the architect to create flawless interiors of terra cotta, green hues, and layered textures.

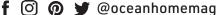
Architect D. Stanley Dixon designs a carefree yet elegant second home for his client on the Atlantic coast of Florida. The interior design has an Old Florida feel with black terrazzo floors and limewashed cypress walls. Colorful art and fabrics promote playful interiors. Inside and out, the eclectic styles of island architecture and interiors create a timeless sense of relaxation, happiness, and ease.

Nancy E. Berry, Editor

D. Stanley Dixon creates an inviting space on the Atlantic coast of Florida.







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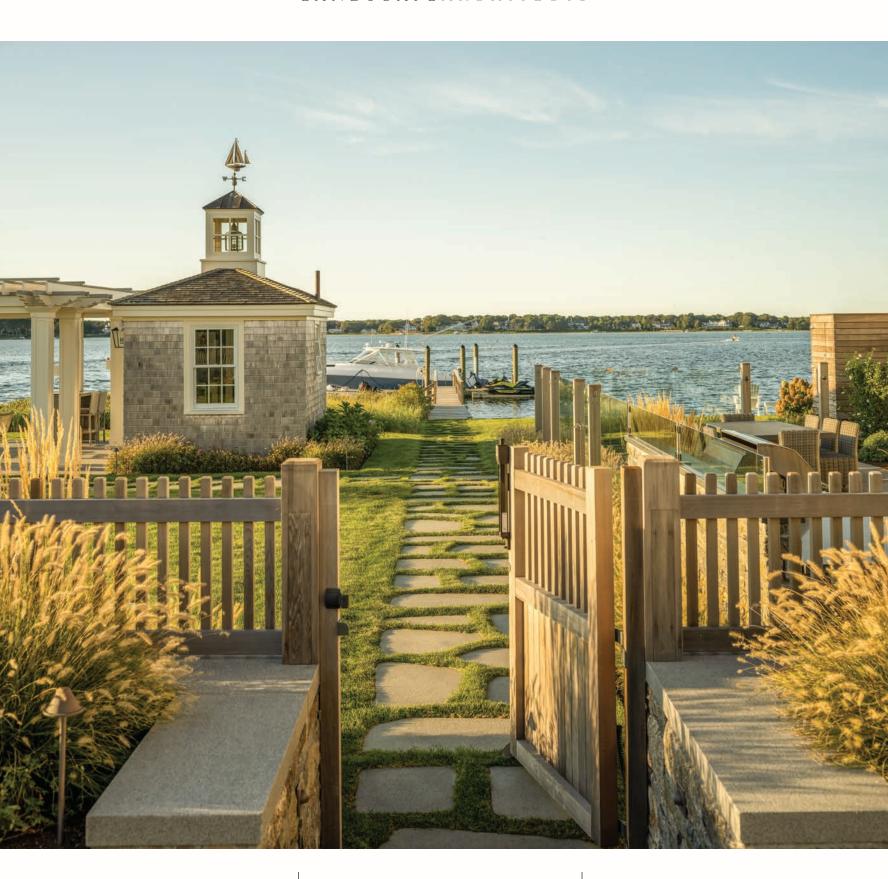
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#### **Good things come, an old Chinese proverb** says, in pairs.

There's the balance between yin and yang. The contrast of salt and pepper. And the possibilities of pen and paper.

Then there's Stephanie Halfen of SDH Studio Architecture + Design and her husband, Ricardo, of Treo Construction (she's an architect; he's a builder) who teamed up for a new home overlooking Sky Lake in Florida.

The interior design team? Alanna Kleiner and Adriana Grauer, dual principals in a firm they call AGSIA.

The clients are a couple who share the Halfens' Venezuelan background and are their close friends to boot.

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Beach. "There are practically no lakes here, and when there is one, alligators are in it," Ricardo says. "This one doesn't connect to the ocean system or salt water: there's no marine life, so people can swim there."

For this outdoorsy couple and their children, living outside was the raison d'etre for their new home. So their architect aimed to bring in views of the lake, integrate inside

with outside. and blur their lines, but make it all functional too. That was no mean feat, given that the lot's shaped like a trapezoid, and the prime view is off to the left.

Stephanie designed one wing of the 4,100-square-foot home with privacy for its bedrooms in mind. Another wing is semiprivate, for the kitchen and family room. The center space is the heart of the

home, designed for living and dining. "They're continually walking around in it, for the views and the landscape," Stephanie says. "It's a house that's very cozy, and at the same time open to the outside."

She achieved that with a center space that rises higher than the two wings, opening up to sky and water. She dropped down the rooflines for the kitchen and bedroom wings,



for a more opaque effect. "The center is more impressive, but it's cozier on the sides where the more intimate areas are," she says.

Her design intent was to reinterpret the midcentury modern style, with flat, double-height rooflines that are slightly sloped but barely noticeable. What is noticeable is a malleable center space for entertaining and big gatherings. "They can open up the inside to the outside and meld them together," Ricardo says. "And there's the patio, pool, dock and lake. It all flows together well."

The drop down from house to lake is a steep 10 feet, so the architect and builder graded it and created descending sections on separate levels. The main approach to the home is on the street level; overlooking the lake at the rear is a lawn, then a pool and deck, and finally the lake.

The descent from house to lake is designed as an enjoyable passage, with five platforms along the way. "They make the transition smooth," Stephanie says. "Then, when you're in the lake, there's a very nice feeling of going up and down the whole circulation."

Inside, Kleiner and Grauer used restraint as they worked with the architecture, the fixtures, and the furnishings, taking care to focus on the view of the lake and bring its darker tones inside. "There are natural



colors like terra cotta and greens, layered with a lot of textures," Kleiner says. "The leather in the furniture is in natural colors, heavily textured, warm, and comfortable for the Miami weather."

Interior spaces inside are narrow and tall, she says. To deal with high ceilings in the great room, the interior designers used accents with vertical lighting to bring them down to human scale. The kitchen and dining area are separated by a floor-to-ceiling partition, though there is a good flow between the two.

Along with using slabs of stone and limestone-like tile, the interior designers wrapped much of the kitchen in a manufactured wood that ties it all together. An engineered wood product, it's three-quarters of an inch of white oak, layered like plywood and then installed as tongue and groove. "It's five millimeters on the back," Ricardo says.

The new home is sited in a neighborhood that's steadily upgrading its stock of about 40 homes built back in the 1970s. It's the third that Kleiner and Grauer have updated on the lake. "They're getting renovated, from traditional developers' houses to personalized, upgraded homes," Kleiner says. "Most are getting redone."

Here, the two interior designers worked hand in hand with the architect, builder, and clients for a flawless design and presentation. "It's hard to separate the architecture from the interior," she says. "It's very blended."

That's because good things so often come in pairs.  $\*$ 





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-Karen Wolf, founder and principal, K+Co Living



#### **QUIET COASTAL**

A New Jersey-based interior designer places her own spin on a kitchen and dining space for a family in Short Hills with a look that's both layered and effortless.

BY JENNIE NUNN / STYLED BY KAREN WOLF

- 1. Layton Upholstered Dining Chair, Pottery Barn. "The Layton has just the right shape to fit into almost any setting. Perfectly proportioned, the ivory linen and grey oak offer a casual ease that works beautifully in this bridge eating space between the kitchen and Great Room."
- 2. Barclay Butera's
  Malibu Rockpoint
  Rectangular Dining
  Table, Lexington
  Furniture. "With two
  leaves it seats an
  extended family, and
  it's just the right shade
  of natural oak to work
  with any wood tones."
- 3. Eva Large Round Vase in Cream, Arhaus. "It's the ideal vessel for florals to be themselves. The justwide-enough mouth with a slight scallop and ample base has the right height and width for branches to fall into place naturally."
- 4. Chapman & Myers
  Antigua Medium Drum
  Chandelier in Polished
  Nickel and Natural
  Abaca, Visual Comfort
  & Co. "I love how the
  structured but natural
  form adds a formality to
  the relaxed vibe."

- 5. "Chantilly Lace"
  OC-65, Benjamin
  Moore. "It's our 'goto' white with no
  undertones. It absorbs
  the energy around
  it like sunshine and
  natural light."
- 6. Blair Shaker Style in White Maple, Omega Cabinetry. "The client was look-

ing for a classic design that will stand the test of time and also not limit design decisions in the open kitchen to Great Room."

7. Bronson Glass Wide Pendant in Pewter, Palecek.

"A subtle nod to the home's coastal location, these handsome pendants feature a handblown rippled glass shade accented with wrapped grey cane matting."

- 8. Kitchen Vessel and Cutting Board, Karen Wolf's collection. One of a kind.
- 9. Portmore White 3-by-8-inch Glazed Ceramic Subway Wall Tile, TileBar. "We selected Zellige tiles because of the variance in the glaze that provides a subtle

level of tone and texture to the backsplash."

10. Calacutta Valentin Quartz, MSI. "This quartz selection is particularly beautiful. It has a warm, bright white undertone and subtle taupe veining that has a very realistic pattern. It looks like it belongs to a space rather than jumping out at you."

11. Charley Counter Stool V67-CS, Vanguard Furniture, in Jerome Castle fabric. "Sturdy but stylish, these swivel counter stools needed to have a long life. They are hand-joined and upholstered in North Carolina by one of the most reputable furniture companies in the industry." 12. Pre-finished White Oak Flooring in Oxnard, Brentwood Hills Flooring. "Not too orange, dark, light, or coastal, this wide-plank oak floor works as the perfect base for the room's wood tones and textures to bounce off of."



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"What I love about this home is that it reminds me of my childhood



#### **ISLAND DREAMING**

Borrowing from a palette of calming blues and wood tones, a Newport Beach-based interior designer creates a tranquil living room for a couple and their growing family with practical and durable furnishings and fabrics. BY JENNIE NUNN / STYLED BY JODI FLEMING

For interior designer Jodi Fleming, founder of eponymous design firm in Newport Beach, a recent design for a couple and their expanding family felt very close to home. "I grew up on Lido Isle so this project was very special to me," explains Fleming. "I selected pieces that are simple and clean and allowed the view to be the focus of the room."

The busy couple, now empty nesters-who divide time between Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Newport Beachneeded to have a space that reflected their affinity for the ocean with sturdy and functional fabrics and accessories. "They enjoy spending days on their sailboat while they are in town," says Fleming. "They have a growing family and a new grandchild so practicality was important when selecting materials. Using performance textiles in high-traffic areas is key to creating durable pieces."

Fleming also integrated colors and timeless elements from the adjacent waterfront to further accentuate and compliment the views. "The interior needed to relate to the materials, details, and overall attitude of the architecture which in this case was a clean and enduring look," adds Fleming. "We wanted the space to welcome the beautiful Newport Harbor views, and embrace the textures and colors of the exterior landscape. The clients appreciated wellmade uncomplicated designs, especially pieces that could stand the test of time. They wanted a home that was inviting with shades of blue and warm wood tones."

- 1. Custom End Table, Jodi Fleming Design, jodiflemingdesign.com.
- 2. Custom Sofa, Jodi Fleming Design, jodiflemingdesign.com.
- 3. Suspended iron coffee table with wood top, Formations,

formationsusa.com.

- 4. Single-tier chandelier design, Jodi Fleming Design, jodiflemingdesign. com. Fabricated by ADG Lighting, adglighting.com.
- 5. "Chantilly Lace" OC-65 by Benjamin Moore, benjaminmoore.com.

- 6. Custom ottomans by Jodi Fleming Design in leather by Rose Tarlow, jodiflemingdesign.com and rosetarlow.com.
- 7. Aurora table lamp, Formations. formationsusa.com.
- 8. Bastille Console, Formations, formationsusa.com.
- 9. Herringbone brick fireplace liner, Mason-Lite, mason-lite.com.
- 10. Courtens Lounge Chair 5994 by Gregorius Pineo in Fortuny fabric, gregoriuspineo.com.







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Using nature as her guide, designer Monica Slodarz created interiors for a waterfront condo in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, that drink in the views, breathe in the gentle ocean breezes, and reflect the blue-hued beauty of the softly lapping ocean waves.

The condo, for a family with three young and vivacious children, is meant to be a lively yet tranquil retreat as well as a repository for a substantial collection of colorful and edgy contemporary art.

To give the art top billing, Slodarz, the principal of Miami-based The Art of Design, created a neutral backdrop that showcases the works as if they are on display in an avant-garde gallery.

"Our sources of inspiration were deeply rooted in the coastal surroundings and the desire to create a haven of serenity and understated luxury," Slodarz says. "The fluidity of the ocean influenced the use of organic shapes and textures in the home, such as the gently curved furniture, seashell-inspired décor, and driftwood accents."

The subtle color palette—whites, creams, and soft grays—was selected to amplify and reflect the natural light, making the scenery center stage.

"In a beachfront setting, where sunlight is



abundant, these colors make the interior spaces feel brighter, more welcoming, and reduce the need for artificial light during daylight hours," she says. "The palette also creates a sense of openness that complements the wide, unobstructed vistas of the sea and sky."

She adds that the "interior becomes a canvas that accentuates, rather than competes with, the outdoor views."

Clockwise from top left, The kitchen is a study in serenity and simplicity, The dining room table, circular with a white marble top, complements the kitchen and the main living area. In a corner of the main living space, colorful contemporary artwork pops. A gray sectional takes a seat in the family room in front of the flat-screen TV, which is positioned like a piece of art.





Those views led Slodarz to overlay a palette of soft blues, sandy neutrals, and hints of seafoam green to the spaces. "The azure waters and the rhythm of the waves served as a constant muse," she says. "The palette reflects and complements the beauty of the surroundings. "The materials, too, were selected to accentuate the indoor-outdoor flow of the spaces, creating what Slodarz calls the look and feel of "timeless elegance." She used a variety of natural materials, including stone, to bring pattern, texture and a sense of luxurious ease to the spaces. The floors, cabinetry, and furniture are made of warm-toned woods, including oak and teak; the draperies, upholstery, and bedding are linen and cotton; and wicker and rattan pieces add a touch of coastal charm.

The organic nature of the décor is aptly il-





lustrated in the main living space, where a wall of windows highlights a curvaceous sofa whose bulbous white boucle upholstery is as luscious as a marshmallow. Its sultry shape is echoed in the circular coffee table, whose wedged pie-like leaves are clad in natural rattan, another nod to nature.

The opposite wall is dominated by two large artworks that bring pops of color to the serene setting.

In the dining room, the curves continue. The dining table, topped by a slab of white marble that matches that of the adjoining kitchen island, is circular. The chairs, upholstered in the same white boucle as the living room sofa, have back rests that look like soft clouds of cotton.

The scene is illuminated by a Calder-style

mobile pendant, a dynamic piece that sways slightly to catch the eye.

The kitchen, elegant and efficient, is a study in white that's punctuated by subtle accents of black in the sleek bar stools and the veins of the marble.

The most challenging part of the project, Slodarz says, was "finding the right balance between providing privacy, blocking the view of an old building next door to the south of the apartment, and maximizing the natural light coming from the exterior wall that was all glass. This required thoughtful spatial planning, the strategic placement of custom built-in furniture, and the use of innovative shading solutions that could be adjusted according to the time of day and privacy requirements." \*







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## **DAWN DESIGN**

ROSEMARY HALLGARTEN DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM THE GODDESS AURORA FOR HER NEW LINE OF TEXTILES.

BY NANCY A. RUHLING

"Designing, for me, is an emotional process," says Rosemary Hallgarten. "It's all about feeling."

That's a very astute comment considering that the British-born designer's rugs and textiles are so tactile and textural that you can't help but reach out and touch them, even if you view them only in

Hallgarten, who established her eponymous company a little over two decades ago, creates two collections each year. Her to-the-trade designs are sold in showrooms around the country.

photographs in the pages of a magazine.

Her newest launch, which she christened Aurora after the Roman goddess of the dawn, in comfort-cocoon hues of chocolate, cognac, blue-gray, and olive-green, draws its inspiration from summer's waning light, the Baroque era, and the cathedral-like domed ceilings that held her eye during a recent trip to Puglia in Italy's high-heeled boot.

"I always like to combine the ancient with the new," she says, adding that Aurora "bumps up the sense of texture, warmth, and coziness."

When you see Aurora, which Hallgarten says "speaks to a sense of Italy and its rich decorative history," you can't help but feel transported to the ancient towns of Puglia, where sunlight plays hide-and-seek in the arch of every wall and the curve of every doorway.

Hallgarten's Ombre Glacier rug, whose

organic pattern appears to cascade over its wool base, features what she calls a "shimmer" of gold highlighting the high-pile silk that mimics the light. The contrast of flat wool and high-pile silk in the Glacier series becomes a warm embrace that invites you to wrap yourself in luxury. "That's the feeling I want to create—they are soft and comfortable enough to wear," she says. Her Ombre Arch



rugs, designed to complement curved furniture, are defined by a subtle, oh-so-soft-to-the-touch arch pattern.

Some of Hallgarten's designs, such as Shiitake, skillfully create textural landscapes through the gradation of a single solid color.

When she's designing, Hallgarten always starts with contrasting textures and materials—undyed alpaca fibers, sheep shearling, and brushed baby alpaca fibers—and builds her big ideas upon "little thoughts."

She makes sketches, and then produces samples until "everything comes together," a process she likens to blending all the ingredients together much as a pastry chef does when baking a complex cake.

Long before sustainability was de rigueur in the fashion and design worlds, Hallgarten embraced it, commissioning craftspeople from Peru, Nepal, Brazil, and Turkey to bring her creations to life.

"When I started my company in 2001, I wasn't thinking about sustainability per se," she says. "I wanted to do something that no one else was doing. I fell in love with Peru and its history and its rich traditions. I saw it as a challenge to take the skills of these craftspeople, who were making traditional-





style products for tourists, and translate their skills and designs to create a wider audience to keep them working."

Feeling the hand of the artisan at work is what makes Hallgarten's designs so special. It is, she says, "the difference between an oil or acrylic painting and a print—the print doesn't have soul."

In addition to supporting indigenous cultures, Hallgarten uses sustainable materials, including Peruvian alpaca fibers (the fleece has many colors), Tibetan wool (Himalayan sheep grow one of the more luxurious wools in the world), Tibetan cactus, nettles, and hemp (featured in her Botanical Collection), and Brazilian cotton, wool, rustic silk, banana, leather, jute, and sisal (no Amazon rainforests were harmed).

Hallgarten is a second-generation

craftsperson. Her mother, Gloria Finn, turned the paintings of Milton Avery, Theodoros Stamos, Hans Mueller, and Anni Albers into floor coverings.

Early in her career, Hallgarten focused on jewelry; her first rugs, Falling Leaf, were inspired by her original creations. "Jewelry and rugs and textiles all have texture," she says. "I've always loved chain mail, and it led me to jewelry. But I wanted to design something softer and to play with color." Hallgarten, who is based in Connecticut, keeps in close contact with the artisans in her fold, visiting them often; she's worked with many of them for decades.

"Everything I do comes from passion," she says, adding that she creates designs that "are what I want in my own home. I feel lucky that I can keep on doing it." \*







alfway between Los Cabos and Cabos San Lucas, atop a four-story residential building peering out to Santa Maria Cove, lies a portable jewel-box paradise.

Not that the penthouse itself can be moved, of course. No this is a 5,000-square-foot, five-bedroom idyll that heartily embraces the Italian concept of *mobili*. That is, its walls stand still, but its high-style furnishings are flexible. They're ready to move at the drop of a hat.

"It cultivates a sense of looseness and ease, but it's still elegant," says architect Abigail Turin, cofounder of the international firm of Kallos Turin. "It fits with coastal living because it gives you the feeling of being easy and relaxed, not formal."

Turin and her cofounder Stephania Kallos met while working in the London office of rockstar architect David Chipperfield. From him, they learned how to collaborate with architects around the globe. "His model was to work all over the world, but without offices all over the world," she says. "That became our model. We've worked in Austria, France, and South America with architects of record who've become our collaborators."

After a year with Chipperfield, Turin moved to New York and remodeled four floors of Gordon Bunshaft's groundbreaking 1952 Lever House, while Kallos remained in London. They formed their own firm in 2003; Turin is now based in San Francisco, and Kallos remains in England.

"We started out by faxing sketches back and forth, when that wasn't being done much—it was before the pandemic," Turin says. "Today, Stephania is still in London, and we work remotely."

The firm's Cabo penthouse is the product of a wide and deep understanding of the minimalism the firm embraces. Here, Turin worked overtime to blend modern and local languages in a way that's fresh, elegant, and spirited. It is at once of its place, and new in its presentation.

She started with her own take on what it really means to have a vacation house at the tip of the Baja peninsula. Her first statement came from Le Corbusier's Tabouret Wood Boxes from the 1940s, the Swiss architect's definition of flexibility itself. "There are little handles on two sides so you can pick them up and move them," she says. "They can be used as side tables or benches or stools and can be easily reassembled."

In pursuit of chic and simple versatility, Turin then took aim at other furnishings that could be easily moved and realigned, for the feeling of freedom that's inherent with travel and a laid-back sentiment. The best case in point might be a bar in the living area that's actually a Poltrona Frau steamer trunk in disguise. "It's an elegant but informal reconfiguration," she says.

Her eclectic material palette reflects a neargenius sense of possibilities, with help from artisans who ply the craftsmanship of the region. A low table in the living area came from a slab of wood salvaged from a tree that fell







nearby. Terracotta planters were traditional and locally sourced, handmade rugs were woven at a nearby mill, and handcrafted furnishings were created by local makers.

A mosaic of handmade tiles on the wall of the dining area came from Fireclay Tile in California. Floors are all travertine marble, and the woods for the living area are a mix of raw, natural, and ebonized oak, along with walnut. "The entry hall wall is terracottacolored, with hat hooks that are all different kinds of woods," she says.

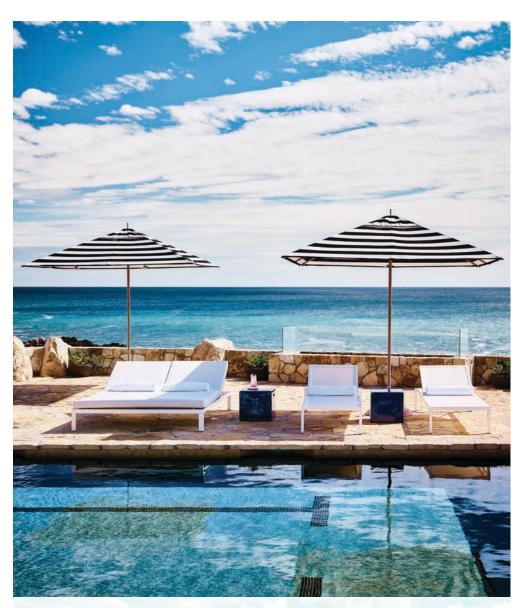
Besides breathtaking views of Santa Maria Cove above unseen single family homes below, the penthouse looks out also to the desert and hills of Baja's wilderness. Other developments there—erected behind gates and walls—seek to create a lush, non-native tropical environment that's essentially a wannabe reality.

But here, the developers and their architects wanted to preserve, protect, and promote the existing landscape, like cacti and succulents, rather than look to foreign plant materials that gobble up precious water. So the color palette at Maraville Resort is olive green and terracotta from the nearby flora, with pops of red from cactus flowers.

"The color palette works well there; it plays around with vibrant jolts," Turin says. "It's the same as the artisanal work, with hot shots of color."

It's a motif and a melody that extend even to the open-air deck that overlooks the cove, where sea and sky merge into shades of blue. "It's a stone's throw from the water, but way above it," Turin says.

Inside, it may be portable, but outside this penthouse is at one with nature. •











# TARA CAIN'S CLIENTS SO ENJOYED THEIR THREE-MONTH WINTER ESCAPE TO NAPLES, FLORIDA,

that by the time they headed back to their Minnesota home on Lake Minnetonka, they had a contract for a 2,600-square-foot condo overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Construction began within months, and by Christmas the couple, who have two twenty-something kids, were again soaking in the sun. "We

touched every space to make it feel more elevated," Cain says.

The designer encouraged the couple to fashion the getaway in a style different from their traditional Twin Cities home. The condo is open and airy with a coastal vibe and ocean views at every turn. "It feels more

SoCal than Florida," Cain says. "The spaces are neutral, textural, airy, and layered with natural materials and finishes."

Entry is into a tiny space that Cain defined with a trio of Allied Maker grooved wooden flush-mount light fixtures that have presence overhead. White oak flooring installed in a



herringbone pattern spreads underfoot throughout, for a sophisticated but not formal or fussy look. The walls are painted Benjamin Moore Chantilly Lace, making the entire space bright, white, and light.

Although the team removed the wall between the kitchen and living area to create a unified great room, there is a 32-inch-wide portion that provides some separation between the entry and the main event. As such, rather than declaring its presence full force up front, the ocean view is partially obscured, resulting in a more gradual unfolding. That small slice of the bright-blue view pulls you in. "You naturally gravitate

Top right, Tara Cain (left) collaborates with art consultant Kathy Ganley (right) on most of her design projects.

Bottom right, A mixed media artwork by Maura Segal from Addison Gallery in Delray Beach, Florida, hangs in the living room.







toward the windows and sliders to the lanai," Cain explains.

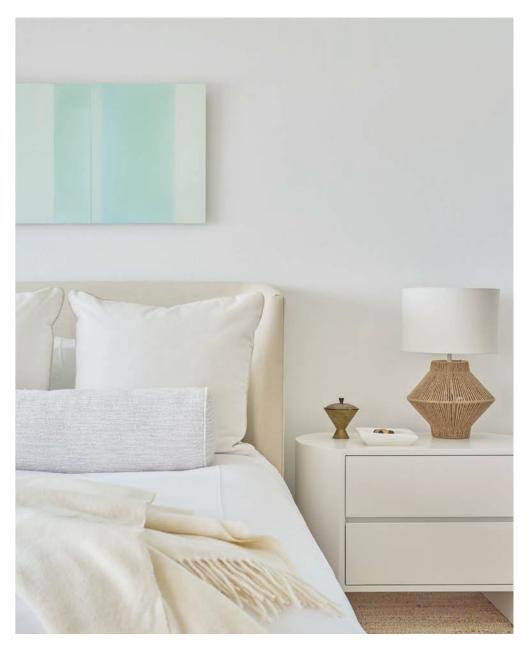
The wall, which Cain paneled along with other walls for a cohesive, elevated effect, presents the first opportunity for artwork: a whitewashed pine sculpture by Caprice Pierucci. The elongated, three-dimensional, lacy twist of wood has the look of a vertebra that might have washed up on the beach. "As you walk around it, you see different shapes and shadows depending on where you stand and the time of day," says Kathy Ganley, who leads the Midwest office of Mason Lane Art Advisory.

A comfy sectional in chalk-colored performance fabric sits atop a Stark rug made from natural fibers, hugging a pair of faux bois resin coffee tables with fossilized shell tops. The juxtaposition of forms and finishes renders the monochromatic area interesting. A skinny, white oak floating console with caned insets inconspicuously anchors the television on the main wall, to which Cain also added paneling. White pleated linen sconces subtly dress up the vignette and hint at the finely reeded white oak wet bar beside it.



An organic sculpture made from pine with a white latex paint wash from Walker Fine Art in Denver, a focal point from the entry, foreshadows the look and feel of the overall design.

Opposite page, To ensure her clients had a cozy spot (with captivating views of the Gulf of Mexico) to comfortably entertain in their Naples condo, Tara Cain designed a banquette that seats eight to ten.



In the primary bedroom, a mixed media piece from Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Connecticut, mimics the saturated tones of the ocean. Opposite from top left, In the primary bathroom, a sculptural soaking tub from Signature Hardware sits between his-and-her white oak vanities. The tone-on-tone scheme in the primary bedroom is soft and serene. A rhythmic abstract artwork by Alexander Jowett hangs in a guest bedroom. Adding French doors on one end of the primary bath pulls in light from the window and provides an ocean view from the tub.

The kitchen and dining areas stretch along the wall behind the sectional. Cain nestled into the corner a U-shaped banquette sporting marine-grade faux leather cushions with channeled backs. While the side wall boasts a picture window with an unobstructed ocean view, the back wall is held by a quietly compelling artwork by Lilian Crum. The piece features calligraphic markings made with sumi ink on paper that floats in a white wood frame. "The organic marks mimic the movement of the water outside," Ganley observes.

To the left, a custom steel and glass shelf bridges the banquette with the kitchen, providing graphic contrast and display space without heaviness. White cabinetry does its job without encroaching upon the space visually; the quartzite countertops invigorate and tie it to the wet bar. Rattan pendants and leather stools at the island enhance the coastal tableau. "That things are durable and hardworking is especially important in a vacation home," Cain says. "Leather looks even better as it patinas."

A small abstract painting with a muted palette by Joanna Cutri is an intimate touch at the island, best taken in up close. "The owner was intrigued by Cutri's work, so we found a spot for this," Ganley shares. "She wanted work by female artists; this is a conversation piece that fits in well with the collection."

Three bedrooms with king-sized beds, en suite baths, and a shared lanai ensure comfort for friends and family. The primary suite, with its commanding view and spalike bath—now suffused with light thanks to a second set of doors from the bedroom—provides respite for the owners.

The home's sole spot of color, an artwork of tinted polymer poured on aluminum panel by Susan English, hangs over the bed. "The husband asked for some color in the bedroom, so we gave it to him in ocean hues," Ganley says. In talking about the procurement of art pieces, she and Cain note that the clear vision and collaboration contributed to the project's success. "I like to bring the right people together to make the magic," Cain concludes. \*











# IN ARCHITECTURE,

mystery can be a powerful tool—creating memorable spaces and eliciting memorable emotions. This house we designed on the Atlantic coast of Florida, provides a wonderful example. You experience it long before you even lay eyes on it. A long, serpentine driveway-flanked by lush and mature sea grapes, royal palms, and ficus hedges-keeps guests from seeing too far ahead as it twists and bends. They arrive in a gravel courtyard, surprised to find a relatively demure facade that defies any distinct categorization, yet encourages curiosity for what lies beyond. The approach is a feast for the senses: the scent of brine and misty salt spray from the ocean waves in the distance, the crunch of pea gravel underfoot and the rustle of tropical foliage in the wind. These subtle gestures sweep you away.



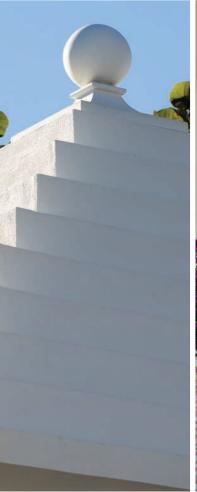




Opposite page, clockwise from top, The house is adorned with a series of fanciful, scalloped gables and large, ocean-facing windows; A stepped ziggurat roof reminiscent of a Bermudan buttery caps the entry pavilion; Our firm designed the entry's Moroccan-inspired lanterns. The open-air pavilion functions as a defacto foyer.

This page, top to bottom, The pool's water features produce a resplendent, relaxing sound that wafts across the property. The residence acts as a barrier to the Atlantic, protecting the pool and courtyard from the wind and salty air. Activities and gatherings often spill down the terraced lawn; The loggia hosts long lunches by the pool, afternoon naps, evening cocktails, and even perches for playing games.







My client, with whom I had collaborated previously on her primary residence, grew up spending her winters in Florida. Those fond memories drew her to create an escape here for her young family. She purchased a 1970s ranch-style home on two acres of the same coast she collected seashells on as a child. With her primary home being a bit more formal, she wanted something carefree—but still elegant—and a place to express her love of unabashed color and pattern.

The original layout was a rambling, onestory plan with a weathered wood-clad exterior, cypress walls, and terrazzo floors that were pleasantly cool to bare feet-Old Florida touchstones that both the client and I loved. She astutely lived in the house for a couple of winter seasons to get a better understanding of the space before embarking on the renovation, which eventually became a complete transformation. Collectively, we thought about what the house could be and conclusively landed on a vernacular that draws inspiration from coastal locations around the world, including Bermuda, Greece, and Morocco. The mélange of architectural details includes stepped ziggurats, scalloped gables, extensive courtyards and loggias, and even Chippendale fretwork screens evocative of British colonial design. The consistency of materials and color allowed the disparate shapes and forms to work in unison.

Once inside the louvered entrance, a large exterior pavilion takes the place of a traditional foyer. A long outdoor passageway connects the main house to the pool house surrounded by a lush courtyard, which becomes an extension of the house, designed for entertaining and gathering. A loggia guides you to the entrance hall, which frames postcard-worthy views of the beach. The various wings of the house allow us to produce a series of intimate conversation and lounging areas. Even when the house is full of guests, there's always a cozy spot where one can steal away for a bit of privacy. The interior design of the house maintains the Old Florida feel with black terrazzo floors and limewashed cypress walls. Colorful art and fabrics promote a





joyful and playful atmosphere. Inside and out, the eclectic styles of island architecture and interiors prevail to create a timeless sense of relaxation, happiness, and ease.

There is a nostalgic quality to this home. Its mystery and eclectic beauty harken back to the imaginative and playful naïveté of childhood.

Top, The entry hall encapsulates our client's love of glamour, color, and a bit of humor. Black terrazzo floors run throughout much of the house. Interior designer (and my wife) Shannon Dixon and I collaborated on the interiors.

Bottom, The family starts every day with breakfast around the stainless steel kitchen island. The diagonal louvered doors and crenelated tops of the kitchen cabinets evoke fanciful design elements found throughout the Caribbean.







■ DESTINATION: MEXICO

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all ages, such as the recent concert series with A-list Latin artists like Ricky Martin and Luis Miguel."

Mayakoba offers an array of amenities like world-class restaurants, a LIV golf course, high-design spas, and multiple pools. And while I thoroughly enjoy the indulgences of spas, beach clubs, and lounging on daybeds, my Mayakoba favorites are centered around the natural beauty of the property's many outdoor amenities.

I love the simple joy of grabbing one of the many beach cruisers available and pedaling around the resort, kayaking through the lagoons nestled in the mangroves, or whizzing around the shores on a sea scooter. The experience is almost dreamlike—one moment you're enveloped in the lushness of the jungle, and the next, you're feeling the sand between your toes.

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The beach is your backyard. This Brant Point waterfront property has private beach access and outstanding water views. A calm water beach is yours to enjoy boating, swimming, or just gazing at the mesmerizing views. An inviting and comfortable home with classic style. Gracious entry into large foyer with beautiful formal staircase. To the left is a lovely office and den with comfortable seating area and fireplace. The living room at the rear of the home has a fireplace surrounded by built-ins and access to a furnished sun porch and the private deck beyond. Adjacent is the beautiful dining room with French doors to the deck facing the harbor. The kitchen has a breakfast nook with built in seating, granite countertops and high-end appliances. There is access from the kitchen to a private covered porch with shaded seating al fresco. The first floor also has a side entrance that leads to a single bedroom that doubles as the laundry room and has a full bath. The second floor has a large stairway landing providing access to four bedrooms. In the front is a single bedroom en-suite. In the center of the second floor is a wing with a king bedroom and a twin bedroom that share a private bath. To the rear is the primary suite with oversized private bath and access to balcony. The third floor is a twin bedroom, private balcony, and private bath. One step off the back deck, and your toes are in the sand.



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### AQUA DREAMS, CASA DEL MAR

### George Town, Exuma, The Bahamas

Aqua Dreams is professionally designed & furnished in a coastal theme. The 4 bed, 4 bath main house leads out to a covered patio and pool area just steps from a powder-soft, white sand beach. A I bed, I ½ bath guest cottage with kitchen, outdoor spa and laundry room completes the property. Constructed in GigaCrete to withstand Cat 5 hurricanes, including the Bermuda style roofs. Located close to Exuma's International Airport and Sandals Emerald Bay with Greq Norman-designed golf course and Marina. MLS #47357

### CASA DEL MAR, POOL VILLA 2

### Exuma & Exuma Cays, The Bahamas

Contemporary Villa with pool & private beach access. Casa del Mar is located just 5 minutes from the Exuma International Airport on a pristine beach that is unmatched anywhere on Exuma. The Villa features 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and 2 half baths. There is a landscaped courtyard with pool, fully equipped outdoor kitchen with gas BBQ and two outdoor showers. The property has an excellent rental history. MLS #50234





### THE BENJAMIN PROPERTY

### Queens Highway, Exuma & Exuma Cays

9.872 acres of prime beach front property located conveniently between Exuma's International Airport and Sandals Emerald Bay Resort. With 784 feet on the shoreline this parcel of land is ideal for development as a small luxury boutique hotel, an estate property or as a residential income-producing property. The land is open-zoning. Amazing investment opportunity! www.thebahamasmls.com - MLS #45217

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This spacious 5 bedroom, 5.5 bath oasis is the perfect second home. The luxurious master bedroom has 24' vaulted ceilings and a stairwell up to a private beachfront view balcony. The villa features an outstanding outdoor living space with infinity pool overlooking the ocean and soft outdoor seating. The infinity edge pool has a sun shelf and walk around ledge for little ones and seating. MLS #53136.





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