



PORT ROYAL RETREAT

THIS NAPLES LUXURY HOME COMBINES WEST INDIES CHARM WITH CALM CONTEMPORARY SOPHISTICATION

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The unique one-acre parcel, with 170 feet of bay frontage situated on scenic Man-of-War Cove in Naples' prestigious Port Royal, offered the perfect setting to build a 9,500-square-foot West Indies-style home with a contemporary transitional twist. The clients desired an Old Florida tropical style, with gracious outdoor spaces and elegant, young-at-heart interiors built with the finest materials. With these factors in mind, the design team of interior designers Lisa Ficarra and Molly Grup, architects Randall Stofft and partner John Cooney, and builder Travis Smith, worked together to create an extraordinary home. An ode to Florida's tropical climate, as well as a nod to the West Indies, the home invites gracious indoor-outdoor living.

The clients gave the team a spectacular palette and a very large site to work with. "West Indies is the style of preference here, but we thought there was a calling for contemporary and transitional as well, so we combined a cleaner contemporary home with West Indies style," Cooney says. The home is equipped with traditional detailing such as a smooth stucco facade, a simulated clay tile roof, and tongue-and-groove soffits with cypress corbels, but that's as far as it goes. "Other elements you'd see in a West Indies home are not found here,"



In the living room, a custom brick fireplace faces a Theodore Alexander sofa upholstered in beige linen and a circular ottoman table with legs covered in brass. Drapery in blue linen by J&B from Jeffrey Michaels. Room to ceiling windows open to reveal wide water views.

"THE HOUSE IS A GREAT BLEND OF UNIQUE DETAILS AND TRANSITIONAL STYLING," BUILDER TRAVIS SMITH SAYS. "THE FLOATING STAIRWAY WITH GLASS RAILINGS IS SPECTACULAR AND THE CEILING DETAILS ARE DISTINCTIVE."



the architect says. On the balcony in the back, for example, Cooney went with aluminum and glass in lieu of traditional pickets. Also, large expanses of glass, rather than proportionally punched window openings, convey a more contemporary flair. Another unique twist, he chose to design the home with large formal rooms, a returning trend, but the limestone flooring throughout suggests the feel of an open floor plan.

The essence of this quality detailing flows through to the inside. Ficarra and Grup let natural textures guide them in creating a simple, elegant interior design. In the living room, a custom stacked-stone accent wall with a ribbon finish contrasts with the dark-stained oak step ceiling. "I designed the fireplace wall to be asymmetrical, so there would be room for the tall sculpture on the right side," Ficarra says. The

furnishings are subtle and soft, but with the addition of some harder edges. Flanking a cocktail table custom designed by Ficarra in quartzite stone supported with metal textured brackets, are Adriana Hoyos armchairs upholstered in beige linen from Kravet and armchairs covered in plush blue-velvet chenille. "I like to use textures and variations of color," the designer says. A metal sculpture from the John-Richard collection adds a curvilinear element to the space. Anchoring the seating area is a hand-knotted, Tibetan area rug in hues of light gray, beige and blue.

In the dining room, architectural detailing is balanced with sophisticated furnishings. The dramatic Hubbard Forge "Cityscape" chandelier illuminates a cross-grain, oak-veneer table and chairs from

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"I LOVED SEEING THIS HOUSE COME TOGETHER WITH ALL THE SPECIAL DETAILING THROUGHOUT THE HOME," INTERIOR DESIGNER LISA FICARRA SAYS. "WE HAD SUCH A GREAT TEAM TO WORK WITH."

Century Furniture. The chairs are covered in a metallic-textured cotton and silk fabric with legs in an espresso walnut finish. A handle of carved wood with a silvery gold metallic finish adds interest on top. Three metal mirrors lend a sculptural feel, while the coffered ceiling, custom designed by Ficarra Design, adds structural interest. "I loved designing the interior detailing of this home with Cooney," Ficarra says. Draperies, in patterned sheer silk by Stroheim & Romanini from Jeffrey Michaels, frame large windows that look out onto the lush garden and add a softer element to the rooms.

The master bedroom is a large open space with expansive views of Man-of-War Cove. A triple-slip tray ceiling, fabricated by BCB Homes, hovers above a custom-upholstered headboard in a textured fabric and upholstered silk bedding by Ann Gish. El Victor armchairs in a stylized animal-skin print and an Adriana Hoyos bench in textured linen, add contemporary flair to the space.

When the home was completed, the clients were delighted. "It was built to appeal to a very high-end sophisticated buyer," Smith says. "We were confident that Ficarra and Cooney, who are both very passionate about what they do, would design something that they would love."

ARMCHAIR: In the dining room, local artist Eric C. Calabrese created an abstract painting that creates a focal point for the space. A white sculpture accents a carved buffet and a centerpiece of arched metallic bowls adds another sculptural element.

WINE: A wine room in the dining room, designed by Ficarra and Grup, accommodates 500 bottles. It is all glass with stainless steel cabling to hold the bottles. "It's light and dramatic, and the wine bottles appear to be floating," interior designer Molly Grup says.



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The sophisticated master bedroom features an upholstered bed custom designed by Ficarra Design and flanked by bedside chests in a rich, warm wood from Century Furniture. A hand-knotted area rug from Abbey Carpet in a geometric pattern adds soft touches of blue, gray, off-white and taupe hues, and grounds the space in comfort.

SHIMMERING WITH METALLIC THREADS, THE MASTER BEDROOM'S WINDOWS ARE DRAPE IN OFF-WHITE SILK FROM COWTAN & TOUT THAT OPEN UP TO VIEWS OF THE MAN-OF-WAR COVE JUST STEPS OUTSIDE.

SOURCES

EXTERIOR POOL/PATIO AREA

Pool and tile - Custom designed by Architectural Land Design, Naples, FL

Lounge chairs - Summer Classics, High Point, NC

Sectional, fire pit and decking - BCB Homes, Naples, FL

Patterned accent pillows - Schumacher, DCOTA, Dana Beach, FL

Solid accent pillows - Elaine Smith, Lake Park, FL

Armchairs - Theodore Alexander, High Point, NC

Small stool - Treasures, Atlanta, GA

LIVING ROOM

Sofa, accent pillows and blue armchairs - Theodore Alexander, High Point, NC

Benches - Adriana Hoyos, Miami, FL

Fabric - Kravet Fabrics, Naples, FL

Cocktail table - Custom designed by Ficarra Design and Ed Koehler Design, Naples, FL

Fabricated by BCB Homes, Naples, FL

Buffet - El Victor, High Point, NC

Accent table - Century Furniture, DCOTA, Dana Beach, FL

Sofa table - Lilian August, High Point, NC

Fireplace and ceiling treatment - Custom designed by Ficarra Design, Naples, FL

Fireplace stone by Ruben Sorregallo Tito, Naples, FL

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Staircase - Phillips Collection, High Point, NC

Fan-like sculpture, artwork and chandelier - John Richard, High Point, NC

Drapery fabric - J&B, Jeffrey Michaels, DCOTA, Dana Beach, FL

Area rug - Designer Rug Center, Naples, FL

STAIRWALKWAY AREA

Stairway and railing - BCB Homes, Naples, FL

Armchairs - Near, California, CA

Dining table - Interlude, High Point, NC

Dining table and chairs - Century Furniture, DCOTA, Dana Beach, FL

Chair fabric - Kravet Fabrics, Naples, FL

Artwork - Art 41, Naples, FL

Ceiling treatment - Custom designed by Ficarra Design, Naples, FL

Fabricated by BCB Homes, Naples, FL

Buffet - El Victor, High Point, NC

Sculpture on console, bowl and mirrors - John Richard, High Point, NC

Chandelier - Hubbard Forge, Caskilton, VT

Wine holder - BCB Homes, Naples, FL

Draperies - Cover Up Designs, Naples, FL

Drapery fabric - Stroheim & Romanini, Jeffrey Michaels, DCOTA, Dana Beach, FL

MASTER BEDROOM

Bed, headboard and ceiling - Custom designed by Ficarra Design, Naples, FL

Bedside chests and cabinet - Century Furniture, DCOTA, Dana Beach, FL

Lamps - Artisans Home, High Point, NC

Area rug - Designer Rug Center, Naples, FL

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