

A DELICATE BALANCE



This Renovation Brings A Once Dark And Heavy Mediterranean-Style Home Into Harmony With Its Waterfront Surroundings

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LEFT: A Steinway baby grand piano centers the dramatic yet inviting entry hall, where a stunning stairway crafted by Palm Beach Stairs immediately catches the eye. Strategically placed, a large ottoman from Powell & Bonnell provides extra seating for family and friends to enjoy a repertoire of music.

DURING THE 1990s, MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE RESIDENCES were in high demand. More than a decade later, demand for a simpler and more modern architecture grew as the desire for Old World homes dwindled. "The primary challenge is to transition Mediterranean homes," interior designer Lorraine Rogers-Bolton says.

Nestled along the natural tropical waterway in Admiral's Cove in Jupiter, Fla., the project took Rogers and senior designer Loralie Tumulty nearly 15 months to transition this 9,500-square-foot residence from dark and ornate into an elegant, soft contemporary. "We created all of the interior architectural details to contemporize the home, and give it an earthy and warm yet modern look," Rogers-Bolton says. "We redesigned and resurfaced everything from walls to ceiling."

Upon entry, guests are greeted with an open, graceful, serpentine stairway. The glass, dark walnut wood and lighter African anigre wood on the magnificent structure are accented with polished stainless steel details. The warm wood tones flow in complement to the neutral interior palette of the home, where light is also a key detail throughout.

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Exotic woods continue in the living room, where the owners' Buddha presides in a niche over a hearthside setting shaped with linen-clad sofas and Baker Furniture's wingback chairs. Bloom Lighting's custom chandelier and John-Richard's floor lamp glow in geometric balance with Al Sahara's area rug.



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The plans were designed so that multi-directional light abounds in every area. Establishing a delicate balance between nature’s own and a contemporary scheme, Rogers-Bolton styled the living room to create intimacy. Here, a custom light fixture designed of stainless steel and ivory acrylic elegantly suspends from the 25-foot-high ceiling. Illuminating in every direction, the chandelier brings the ceiling to a more intimate level. Playing with spaces that can carry large pieces, this design team mixes linen-clad sofas with wingback chairs to form a social grouping in proportion to the high ceilings. “We spent endless hours creating the correct backdrop to highlight the precious Buddha heirloom,” Rogers-Bolton says.

Ensnared in stained espresso walnut wood, the chic bar steals the show with its beveled mirror tiles. Lighting in the coffered ceiling can be changed to suit

ABOVE: Tucked neatly between two columns, the elegant bar area makes entertaining fun and easy. Clad in linen-colored leather from Coraggio, the Lily Jack custom barstools were designed to create architectural detail in the furniture. Custom, maple display shelving was designed by Rogers Design Group.

In the dining room, Wired Custom Lighting’s rock crystal and polished nickel chandelier shimmers above the stained mahogany table surrounded by Artistic Frame’s dining chairs. An ebony wood inlay on Marble of the World’s polished flooring adds to the contemporary feel.



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More than just a place to cook, the kitchen is a favorite family gathering spot. A dark, wood divider separates the island's prep station from the dining bar topped in Calacatta marble from UMI. Lily Jack's "Opulent" barstools pull up to the island, while pendants from Bloom Lighting continue the architectural motif.



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"This was a very satisfying project for us since our clients were completely open to new ideas and embraced every concept we brought to the table," Rogers-Bolton says.



each and every mood. Nearby, a textural, metallic mocha wall covering sets the tone for the formal dining room.

A study in contrasts, the kitchen is equipped with an array of state-of-the-art appliances. Crisp white cabinetry, marble countertops and stainless steel accents provide a modern counterpoint to the ebony wood beams and plank flooring that tie the culinary space together. In the adjacent breakfast area, circles of light dance from the nickel and glass chandelier that mimics the glass-topped table with its grommet-studded base.

"This interior scheme is such a visionary departure from the heavy interior the owners once had," Rogers-Bolton says. "Originally it was dark, ornate, and painted gold with stained woodwork ... it went from castle-like to a light, open home to be enjoyed to the fullest."

ABOVE: A picturesque view wraps the casual breakfast area. Hickory Chair provides seating around Kravet's glass-topped table to enjoy early morning fare or midday brunch. Soft light glows from Hammerton's contemporary chandelier, while concealed motorized shades close to control the glare from natural sunlight.

SOURCES

Entry

Stairway and railing - Palm Beach Stairs, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL

Wall sconce - Hammerton, Salt Lake City, UT

Ottoman - Powell & Bonnell, Ontario, Canada

Fabric - Coraggio Textiles, Inc., Dania Beach, FL

Flooring - Marble of World, Palm City, FL

Ceiling treatments - Designed by Rogers Design Group, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fabricated by Building Designs, Inc., Hobe Sound, FL

Living Room

Sofas - Swaim, High Point, NC, and Kravet, Bethpage, NY

Wingback chairs - Baker Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Sofas and chair fabric - Romo, Chagrin Falls, OH

Cocktail table fabricated by Architectural Details and Woodworking, West Palm Beach, FL

Occasional table - Swaim, High Point, NC
Stool - Lily Jack, Inglewood, CA
Table lamp - Porto Romana, Jerry Pair & Assoc., Hollywood, FL

Floor lamp - John-Richard, Greenwood, MS

Chandelier - Bloom Lighting Group, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Drapery fabric - Kravet, Bethpage, NY

Area rug - Al Sahara Rugs, Chicago, IL

Flooring - Marble of World, Palm City, FL

Ceiling treatments - Designed by

Rogers Design Group,

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fabricated by Building Designs, Inc.,

Hobe Sound, FL

Bar Area

Bar, shelving and mirror tile work fabricated by Building Designs, Inc., Hobe Sound, FL

Barstools - R. Jones & Assoc., Inc.,

Dallas, TX

Ceiling treatments - Designed by

Rogers Design Group,

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fabricated by Building Designs, Inc.,

Hobe Sound, FL

Dining Room

Dining table - Swaim, High Point, NC

Chairs - Artistic Frame,

New York, NY

Centerpiece - Nima Oberoi Lunares, www.lunareshome.com

Chandelier - Wired Custom Lighting,

DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Wall covering - Phillip Jeffries,

High Point, NC

Flooring - Marble of World,

Palm City, FL

Ceiling treatments - Designed by

Rogers Design Group,

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fabricated by Building Designs, Inc.,

Hobe Sound, FL

Kitchen

Cabinetry, islands and wood flooring fabricated by Building Designs, Inc., Hobe Sound, FL

Countertops - UMI, Boynton Beach, FL

Counter stools - Lily Jack,

Inglewood, CA

Light pendants - Bloom Lighting Group,

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Ceiling treatments - Designed by

Rogers Design Group,

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fabricated by Building Designs, Inc.,

Hobe Sound, FL

Breakfast Area

Table, chair fabric and

drapery fabric - Kravet,

Bethpage, NY

Side chairs - Hickory Chair,

Hickory, NC

Chandelier - Hammerton,

Salt Lake City, UT

Ceiling treatments - Designed by

Rogers Design Group,

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fabricated by Building Designs, Inc.,

Hobe Sound, FL◆

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