

Immaculate rectangles define the contemporary home that combines the spatial illusion of two-story modern Florida design with the convenience of one-story living. Isaacson Landscape Architecture Group continues the theme with exquisitely manicured gardens.



IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

A Two-Year Project Culminates In A Sleek And Livable One-Story Contemporary Home Built To Remain One With Nature

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FROM THE OUTSIDE, THE SOARING RESIDENCE IN EXCLUSIVE Aqualane Shores, near downtown Naples, Fla., could be a contemporary two or three-story head-turner. In a neighborhood of traditional structures, only one or two have embraced the geometry of white rectangles. But the balanced scale and proportioned symmetry have allowed it to tastefully bring the future to bear.

And inside, it is indeed stunning. Arranged on one convenient level, its 10,300 square feet of under-roof living is designed for someone who will stay a long time or someone whose access to water is paramount. Interior designer Tara Bates and her husband, developer James Bates, helped their client from the razing of an existing house to the completion of this Florida-modern residence two years later. Personalized touches like an



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In the dining area, wand-like pendants from Vibia gently illuminate a white glass-topped table and pearl-hued chairs from Ligne Roset. With abstract selections from Art Gallery Modern by lithographer Robyn Denny, the walkway comes alive with primary hues.



option to install an automotive lift in a bay of its three-car garage, and innovative construction which extends the back deck out and over a spring-fed lake are but a few of the unique elements in a home that is about convenience, love of art and a deep affection for nature.

"Designing a contemporary residence with white as the predominant backdrop is not the challenge it may seem — in fact, I find minimalist projects calming," Tara says. "With spare design and decor, the details become all important. Textures and finishes stand out." The attention to balance and decorative character becomes immediately evident from the front door faced with textured Italian porcelain tiles from Oikos Synva and entry flooring of volcanic limestone by Walker Zanger that continues through to the main social spaces.

Bates divided the main living area into two conversation groupings, one focused around the fireplace, the other facing the deck and sparkling fountain that erupts from the lake beyond. With 30-foot-high ceilings edged with clearstory windows,

LEFT: Ligne Roset sofas, a teak cocktail table and Roche Bobois' accent table between Arne Jacobson-style "Egg Chairs" add a solid weight and smooth texture, which hold their own in the living area already outfit with dramatic statements. Narrow floor lamps in white direct the eye upward without obstructing the view.

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light floods onto low-profile sofas covered in a flecked ecru weave. A teak cocktail table sets a casual tone, while "Egg Chairs" in a wool flannel add an ergonomic touch. Beyond the sofa table and brilliant blue vase, four white armchairs covered in soft Elmo leather shape another comfortable grouping.

Balance reigns in the kitchen and dining area that combine spare lines with an explosion of color. Sleek Poggenpohl cabinetry wraps the kitchen in soft gray beach-like hues, while molded island stools provide comfortable perches for kitchen helpers. "I like everything to be hidden ... no clutter," says the designer in reference to the streamlined space.

Without interrupting kitchen conversation, a glass-topped dining table and pearl-colored chairs sit mere steps away. Tara introduced an explosion of color along the gallery-like hallway overlooking the lake. The vivid lithographs from Art Gallery Modern merit more than a perfunctory glance with their abstract complexity.

LEFT: With gray striae kitchen cabinetry from Poggenpohl, clutter is hidden behind doors that additionally house a wine cooler, the refrigerator and double ovens. With ample island space, chefs can move between cook top and sinks with plenty of room for prep.

The master suite, seemingly spare, is an example of efficient design. A “floor chaise” is clad in a tight houndstooth topped with soft leather-covered cushions. A streamlined bed with its Lucite support appears to float from gray wrap-around leather that morphs into delicate bedside stands. At night, for whimsy and convenience, the under parts of the bed are illuminated, emphasizing a dreamy, air-borne illusion.

Both the master and the guest suites have baths streamlined in white. With floating vanities and textured tile wall coverings from Porcelanosa, the true integrity of artisan-crafted construction is vital. Amid the suggestion of waves, the monochromatic bath becomes a sensual space when textures are carefully curated.

In the guest suite, Tara boldly introduces a brilliant, but unsigned work from Art Gallery Modern depicting a tropical island replete with sailboats and sunbathers in gaudy suits. Another suspended bed sports perky blue accent pillows from Clive Daniel Home.

A simple slate reigns in the master suite with its own soaring ceiling. Stainless steel balls hover above the Casa Italia “Wing” bed like intergalactic spheres, while a sunny yellow, unsigned homage to artist Mark Rothko brightly beams.

RIGHT: Blue vases from West Elm add a bold pop of color atop Poggenpohl’s streamlined vanity in the guest bath. A freestanding tub from Porcelanosa offers a perfect place for meditation without interference or external reference. Here, the mind and body come clean.

RIGHT: In the “second master” suite for guests, Tara faced a few sections of the cabinetry from Casa Italia with a gray stone that matches the volcanic color of the flooring. A black-and-white area rug from Kravet accents the float of the bed.



The lanai sits beneath a built-in pergola, while Resysta-faced soffits are angled to accommodate view and sun-intrusion. Made of rice husks, salt and mineral oil, Resysta, here called, "Burma," shapes the deck to blend seamlessly with the volcanic stone at the pool's edge. Casa Italia's chaise lounges recline beneath Tuuci umbrellas.

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"Projects come down to the details," says interior designer Tara Bates, who works closely with developer-husband James Bates. "Whether it is in the actual construction or in the placement of an accessory, the quality comes out with the little things."

Outside, a 50-foot-long lap pool caches a sunken spa at one end, both lined in shimmering glass tiles. "The swimming pool is remarkable," Tara says. But the property's focus on water doesn't stop there ... it extends beyond. "The owner wanted to feel that the house was a part of the surrounding nature and the lake itself." In order to do that, 248 pilings were driven to support the cantilevered structure that extends out and over the water. A glass balustrade makes sure the view with its fountain and the bespoke arrangement of specially chosen trees is never impeded. The end result: convenience, fantasy, and elegant living.

SOURCES

Front Exterior

Front door - OIKOS Synua, Richlin Interiors, MDC, Estero, FL

Square lights - Bega, Carpinteria, CA

Living Area

Sofas, Egg chairs, cocktail table, armchairs and floor lamps - Ligne Roset, Naples, FL

Round occasional table - Roche Bobois, Aventura, FL

White planters - Silk Tree & Co., Naples, FL

Linier fireplace ribbon - Hot Concepts Fireplaces, Naples, FL

Area rug - Kravet, Naples, FL

Dining Area

Dining table and chairs - Ligne Roset, Naples, FL

Light pendants - Rotalina, VIBIA Lighting, Edison, NJ

Artwork - Art Gallery Modern, West Palm Beach, FL

Centerpiece - Owner's Collection

Hallway

Yellow artwork and hallway artwork - Art Gallery Modern, West Palm Beach, FL

Multi-color artwork at end of hallway - Clive Daniel Home, Naples, FL

Kitchen

Cabinetry and island - Poggenpohl, MDC, Estero, FL

Countertops - Stone Express, Naples, FL

Double ovens - Miele, Mullet's

Appliances, Naples, FL

Barstools - Ligne Roset, Naples, FL

Blue glassware - Saint Tropez Home, Naples, FL

Blue glass sculpture - Clive Daniel Home, Naples, FL

Master Suite

Bed with bedside tables - Casa Italia, MDC, Estero, FL

Yellow accent pillows and circle art above bed - Clive Daniel Home, Naples, FL

Chaise - Ligne Roset, Naples, FL

Artwork above sofa - Art Gallery Modern, West Palm Beach, FL

Area rug - Roche Bobois, Aventura, FL

Master Bath

Vanity - Poggenpohl, MDC, Estero, FL

Linear light fixtures - Eureka, Montreal, QC

Mirrors - Porcelanosa USA, Miami, FL

Guest Suite

Bed and cabinetry - Casa Italia, MDC, Estero, FL

Blue accent pillows - Clive Daniel Home, Naples, FL

Artwork - Art Gallery Modern, West Palm Beach, FL

Blue glass on cabinetry - West Elm, Estero, FL

Area rug - Kravet, Naples, FL

Guest Bath

Tub, mirrors and textured wall covering - Porcelanosa USA, Miami, FL

Vanity - Poggenpohl, MDC, Estero, FL

Linear light fixtures - Eureka, Montreal, QC

Faucets - Graff, Richlin Interiors, MDC, Estero, FL

Blue vases - West Elm, Estero, FL

Lanai/Pool Area

Pool - Cabana Pools of SW Florida, Inc., Fort Myers, FL

Wood deck - Resysta, Chino, CA

Fabricated by Old Naples Builders, Naples, FL

Chaise lounges and armchairs - Casa Italia, MDC, Estero, FL

Accent tables - Jardin de Ville, MDC, Estero, FL

Umbrellas - Tuuci, Jardin de Ville, MDC, Estero, FL

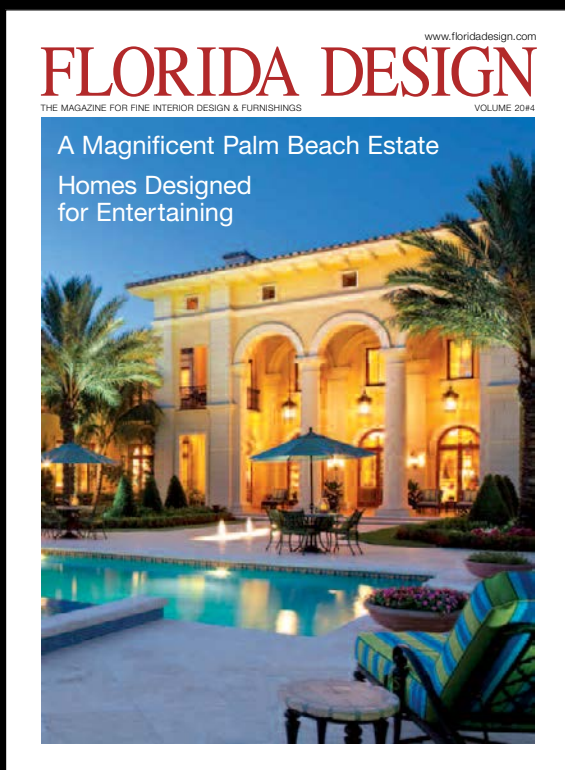
Throughout

Windows and doors - WinDor, Orlando, FL; Kawneer, Norcross, GA; and LaCantina Doors, Oceanside, CA
Flooring - Walker Zanger, Model Tile & Marble, Inc., Naples, FL ♦

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