

ON THE WATERFRONT

A Waterfront Home In Admirals Cove Is
Styled As A Vacation Retreat With Relaxed,
Light And Sophisticated Interiors

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The glass-enclosed porch with scenic water views is the perfect space for lounging in clean-lined Vanguard leather armchairs from Judith Norman. A pair of chrome cocktail tables by Swaim tops a Calvin Klein Collection area rug that grounds the space in style.

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BELOW: Descending a custom-designed stairway stained in walnut with stainless railings, *Ultra Blue*, an abstract piece by artist Gisela Colon, hangs on the wall, while *Volcano Queen*, a metal sculpture by Alex Kveton, poses in a corner at the bottom.



In the dining area, a backdrop of large art glasswork suspends from a cutout in the wall. Commissioned from Artglass Palm Beach, it adds contrast against white leather and wood chairs that border a glass and chrome table by Aquarius.

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For a pair of empty nesters living in St. Louis, Mo., the lure of the residential golf community of Admirals Cove in Jupiter, Fla., proved irresistible. The couple chose the established luxury development because of its waterfront access and various amenities that center on golf and recreation.

When the opportunity arose to purchase this 2,500-square-foot vacation home on the waterfront, the couple decided to acquire it even though they knew a major renovation lay ahead. The split-level residence had not been upgraded since it was first built in the 1980s.

Interior designer Donna Amerino, and partner Mike Maloney, took on the job of transforming a house that was dark and outdated. Maloney, a master designer, began drawing up floor plans, while Amerino searched for furnishings and textiles. “We wanted to make the home lighter,” she says.

Other than gutting the old layout and taking down extraneous walls, the waterfront porch, flushed with natural light and a view of the Intracoastal Waterway, was fully enclosed and integrated into the home. “We call it the five o’clock room,” Amerino says, referring to the now elegantly



Brueton's navy blue chaise in the living area provides a comfortable place to relax. Glass horse head sculptures rest regally atop the custom-designed, cantilevered fireplace crafted by Fireside Distributors.

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appointed former porch, where the couple enjoys cocktails with friends before dinner. Separating the porch and living area is a vent-free cantilevered fireplace — an architecturally designed, multi-dimensional feature wall that incorporates the fireplace, TV and audio sound system. Created with Carpathian burl wood, “it lends a more open feel to the space,” the designer says.

A floating stairway in the foyer conveys a dramatic effect. “One of the critical design features was to improve the builder-grade stairway,” the husband says. To achieve this, the team created a design that twists and flows like a piece of sculpture.

In the dining area, Constantini leather and wood chairs surround an Aquarius sculpted glass and chrome table from Judith Norman. Nearby, custom-designed, massive 18-foot-high Carpathian burl wood twin towers, the focal point of the entire space, lend architectural beauty, and function as niches for sculptures by artist Don Frost and additional storage. To complete the design, a suspended wood and stainless steel backlit architectural element floats between the towers.

Steps into the living area, the designers paired contemporary elegance with everyday comfort without detracting from the views or cluttering the home. Clean-lined and luxurious

Metallic accents in the kitchen lend a sleek, contemporary feel with custom, silver-veneered cabinetry from Grand Illusions of the Palm Beaches and Nuevo's leather barstools based in chrome. A linear light fixture from Light Bulbs Unlimited illuminates a breakfast bar topped in striated blue marble.

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Abstract artwork and sculpture are displayed throughout the home, from a metal sculpture near the stairway to a large, painted glass creation in the dining area. "We've enjoyed collecting art for many years," the husband says.



furnishings by Brueton, that include a leather sofa, armchairs and a reflective chrome cocktail table, ensure that the decor is lean and sophisticated.

Having a state-of-the-art kitchen was a high priority for the owners. Extensive soffit work and custom-designed track lighting set the tone along with metallic, silver-veneered wood cabinetry. Exotic blue marble from Marble of the World, used throuout the space, provided the designers with the blue, white and silver palette for the home. "The colors are serene but in an upscale way," Amerino says.

In the breakfast area, marble flooring shimmers beneath a round pedestal table bordered by stylish chairs that convey the impression of delicate lace.

When the home was complete, the designers had created something that was part New York City style, part upscale Miami Beach chic ... but definitely not a typical Jupiter home. "This home is spectacular," the husband says. "It is a place where we can totally relax ... it's contemporary, but not sterile."

ABOVE: Sunlight fills the breakfast area, where white, signature "Caprice" chairs from Loewenstein surround a chrome and glass-topped pedestal table. On the wall, *Synergy*, an abstract piece by artist Gudrun Newman, enhances the neutral space with color.

SOURCES

Porch

Armchairs - Vanguard, Judith Norman
Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Cocktail tables - Swaim, Judith Norman
Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Sculptures - Sciarrino Antiques,
Brooklyn, NY

Lighting and ceiling treatment - Custom designed
by Integrative Designs, Inc., Boca Raton, FL

Area rug - Calvin Klein Collection,
Carpet Designs Unlimited,
Delray Beach, FL

Stairway/Foyer

Stairway - Custom designed by Integrative
Designs Inc., Boca Raton, FL

Fabricated by South Florida Stairs, Inc.,
Lantana, FL

Artwork and sculpture - MAC Fine Art,
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Dining Area

Dining table - Aquarius, Judith Norman
Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Dining chairs - Constantini, Judith Norman
Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Artwork - Artglass Palm Beach, Inc.,
West Palm Beach, FL

Storage towers - Custom designed by
Integrative Designs, Inc., Boca Raton, FL

Sculpture - MAC Fine Art, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Wall sconces - Studio Italia,
Light Bulbs Unlimited,
Boca Raton, FL

Area rug - Stanton, Carpet Designs
Unlimited, Delray Beach, FL

Living Area

Sofa, armchairs, cocktail table and
accent table - Brueton, E.G. Cody,
DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Recliner - E.G. Cody, DCOTA,
Dania Beach, FL

Floral arrangement - Lux-Art,
Sarasota, FL

TV cabinet and fireplace - Custom
designed by Integrative
Designs, Inc., Boca Raton, FL

TV cabinet fabricated by Grand
Illusions, West Palm Beach, FL

Fireplace fabricated by Fireside
Distributors, Inc., Lake Park, FL

Sculptures on cocktail
table - Global Views, Dallas, TX

Sculpture on cabinetry window
niche - MAC Fine Art,
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Ceiling treatment and recessed
lighting - Custom designed by
Integrative Designs, Inc.,
Boca Raton, FL

Area rug - Carpet Designs Unlimited,
Delray Beach, FL

Kitchen

Cabinetry - Grand Illusions of the Palm
Beaches, West Palm Beach, FL

Ceiling treatment - Custom designed
by Integrative Designs, Inc.,
Boca Raton, FL

Countertops, breakfast bar and
backsplash - Marble of the World,
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Bowl on countertop - Island City
Traders, Wilton Manors, FL

Hood, refrigerator and
stove - Ferguson, Boca Raton, FL

Barstools - Nuevo, Judith Norman
Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Light fixture - Light Bulbs Unlimited,
Boca Raton, FL

Breakfast Area

Table - Nuevo, Judith Norman
Showroom, DCOTA,
Dania Beach, FL

Chairs - Loewenstein, Inc.,
Pompano Beach, FL

Artwork - MAC Fine Art, Fort
Lauderdale, FL

Throughout

Electro Art - West Palm Beach, FL

Flooring - Nature of Marble,
Delray Beach, FL

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