



LAKE SIDE LUXURY

A NEW BUILD ON THE SHORES OF LAKE COMO EMBODIES ELEGANT COASTAL LIVING IN ONE COUPLE’S WINTER RETREAT

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When New Jersey residents Bill and Elaine Thompson decided to build a family vacation retreat on Lake Como in the Sorrento community of Miromar Lakes, Fla., they commissioned interior designer Arlynn McDaniel to bring their visions for a Floridian winter retreat to fruition.

“Two words come to mind: light and functionality,” says Elaine, in reference to the first conversation she and her husband had with architect Alberto Abad, who created the 5,537-square-foot lakefront house with builder Mike Soule. “We wanted ample glass to provide multiple sources of natural light and to connect with the lake views,” the homeowner says. “As for functionality, because of the one-story floor plan, it was important to establish appropriate social and private spaces that were separate, yet could come together for entertaining. That’s why the idea of a gallery was so appealing.”

A colonnaded gallery serves as a foyer opening onto the main living space, and also a hallway that runs left to the master suite and right to the guest wing. Thasos marble flooring with mother-of-pearl inlays grounds the space, where McDaniel added symmetry with repeat furnishings and accessories, such as triple crystal chandeliers shaded in linen.

ABOVE: Tufted blue-velvet benches from Jessica Charles line the gallery hall, where wall sconces from Crystorama cast a layer of ambient light. The large floral artwork in the foreground is a custom commission from Freestyle Interiors.

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A Kravet cocktail ottoman in ice-blue leather centers the owners’ sofas in the formal living room, where a pair of stools by Noir Trading provides additional perches for guests. Two burled walnut chests from John-Richard offer a visual weight to the mostly white room, while twig lamps by Cyan Design add a sculptural twist.



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"We added spatial definition in the dining area with overhead lighting," interior designer Arlynn McDaniel says. Light fixtures from Currey & Company shimmer above a glass-topped table with its sinuous Bernhardt base, while host banquettes from Vanguard Furniture add a whimsical touch wrapped in a playful pattern.

RIGHT: The interior palette shifts from white to sandy tones in the great room, where Restoration Hardware's lantern-style linear pendant exudes an Old World flair in the casual dining area and rich walnut accents flow throughout the familial space.

BELOW: Goguen's crisp white cabinetry lines the kitchen, where counter stools pull up to a dark walnut island topped in Pompeii Quartz from Stonexpress. A trio of Gabby's shaded "Casey" pendants casts a soft glow around the heart of the home.



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Century Furniture's creamy hue sofa pairs with CR Laine's leather-clad lounge chair and tufted cocktail ottoman to shape a cozy conversation grouping in the family room.

"Though this house is definitely transitional in style, it has a lot of classic elements, including extensive trim and moldings," says McDaniel, who designed the paneled fireplace feature wall in the combined living and dining area. "The fireplace captures attention, serving as a focal point without consuming the space."

The aim was to create subtle sophistication in the more formal spaces styled for entertaining. "We wanted a lot of white, with ice blue tones, in the main area," the homeowner says. "But, first and foremost, we wanted the house to be warm and inviting."

Perfect for large parties or small gatherings, the formal living and dining rooms not only provide ample seating hearthside and at the dining table, but the furnishings are user-friendly and comfortable. There

are roll-armed white sofas upholstered in a resilient Sunbrella fabric; a tufted, leather-clad ottoman; an easy-to-maintain, glass-topped dining table on a double-pedestal base; and slipcovered dining chairs in a tone-on-tone stripe with contrasting trim. Even the host and hostess banquettes don't take themselves too seriously with their playful zebra print and chrome nailhead trim.

"We went warmer in the kitchen and great room," McDaniel says. "It's a more casual area. We pulled in darker metal in the light fixtures and we also did our nailhead trim in a bronze, instead of chrome, on both the counter stools and dining chairs." Rich walnut defines the open area from above, while wide plank walnut wood flooring grounds the open space in warmth.



A touch of glam goes a long way in the master bedroom with its contemporary chrome four-poster bed from Vanguard dressed in custom silks and linens. Clear crystal lighting from Wildwood Lamps shimmers atop bedside chests from Century Furniture.

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McDaniel also custom-designed a TV feature wall and console in stained wood with open shelving and closed storage. On one side, accordion sliding glass doors open onto the patio and pool area for casual lakefront gatherings. On the other side, the space connects back to the gallery hall, creating a circular flow between the social areas throughout the house.

“TRANSITIONAL IN STYLE WITH CLASSIC ELEMENTS, THIS VACATION RETREAT IS PURE COASTAL LUXURY — BUT COMFORTABLE AND NOT OVER-THE-TOP,” INTERIOR DESIGNER ARLYNN MCDANIEL SAYS.



SOURCES

GALLERY HALL

Benches - Jessica Charles, High Point, NC
 Artwork above bench - Freestyle Interiors, Bonita Springs, FL
 Chandelier - Owners' Collection
 Wall sconce - Crystorama, Westbury, NY

LIVING ROOM

Sofas - Owners' Collection
 Cocktail ottoman - Kravet Furniture, Bethpage, NY
 White accent table - Mobital, Laval, Quebec, Canada
 Stools - Noir Trading, Inc., Gardena, CA
 Fabric - Kravet, Bethpage, NY
 Chests - John-Richard Collection, Greenwood, MS
 Table lamps on chests - Cyan Design, Fort Worth, TX
 Chandelier - Currey & Company, Atlanta, GA
 Area rug - Distinctive Carpets & Rugs, Denver, NC

DINING ROOM

Table base - Bernhardt, High Point, FL
 Side chairs - CR Laine, Hickory, NC
 Fabric - Century Furniture, Hickory, NC
 Host chairs - Vanguard Furniture, Conover, NC
 Fabric - Lacefield Designs, Atlanta, GA
 Centerpiece vases - Silk Designs, Fort Myers, FL
 Chandelier - Currey & Company, Atlanta, GA
 Wall sconces - Crystorama, Westbury, NY

KITCHEN

Cabinetry - Goguen's Kitchen Company, Fort Myers, FL
 Countertops - Stonexpress, Inc., Naples, FL
 Counter stools - Owners' Collection
 Fabric - Century Furniture, Hickory, NC
 Pendant light fixtures - Gabby, Montevallo, AL

CASUAL DINING AREA

Table - Old Biscayne Designs, Americus, GA
 Chairs - Vanguard Furniture, Conover, NC
 Light fixture - Restoration Hardware, Portland, TN

FAMILY ROOM

Sofa - Century Furniture, Hickory, NC
 Lounge chair and cocktail ottoman - CR Laine, Hickory, NC
 Sofa table - Vanguard Furniture, Conover, NC
 Occasional table - Theodore Alexander, High Point, NC
 Table lamp - John-Richard Collection, Greenwood, MS
 Media cabinetry - Goguen's Kitchen Company, Fort Myers, FL
 Fan - Lighting First, Bonita Springs, FL
 Ceiling treatment - Gulfshore Homes, Bonita Springs, FL
 Drapery fabric - Romo, Chagrin Falls, OH
 Area rug - Abbey Carpet & Floor, Naples, FL

MASTER BEDROOM

Bed - Vanguard Furniture, Conover, NC
 Bench - Gabby, Montevallo, AL
 Bedside chests, bench fabric, armchairs and ottoman - Century Furniture, Hickory, NC
 Ottoman fabric - Robert Allen, Foxboro, MA
 Table lamps - Wildwood Lamps & Accents, Rocky Mount, NC
 Mirrors - Gulfshore Homes, Bonita Springs, FL
 Chandelier - Currey & Company, Atlanta, GA
 Patio firepit - Grate Fireplace & Outdoor Living, Fort Myers, FL

MASTER BATH

Tub - Victoria + Albert, Ferguson, Naples, FL
 Chandelier - John-Richard Collection, Greenwood, MS
 Drapery fabric - Kravet, Bethpage, NY

THROUGHOUT

Flooring - Bella Tile & Marble, Naples, FL **N**

The home's private spaces are equally thought-out. In the spacious master bedroom, a contemporary chrome four-poster bed, with a tufted headboard, adds an instant touch of glamour, along with traditional bedding in cream-and-gold silks and linens. An intimate sitting area offers a serene spot to relax and enjoy the incredible lake view. Nearby, paneled doors open onto a freestanding tub and luxurious sheers that part to reveal one of the best views in the house.

"Nothing is overdone or underdone ... it's perfect," the homeowner says. "It's our special winter retreat, a place we can invite our family and friends to enjoy the warm Florida weather."

ABOVE: Wrapped in walls of white and floored in Thassos marble, the master bath — with its shimmering sheers by Kravet and a Victoria + Albert tub from Ferguson — exudes the serenity of a private retreat.