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A CAREFULLY CURATED VACATION HOME IN NAPLES SPEAKS
TO THE POWER OF TRUE COLLABORATION

A view into the dining and living areas reveals a mix of textures and styles layered expertly. Homeowner Theresa Germano found the large glass-front cabinets by Kathy Kuo Home during one of her many shopping trips. Inside are shark teeth, sponges, an alligator jaw, dried starfish, and other eccentric mementos. Freestyle Interiors sourced the dining room table from Tritter Feefer Home Collection and the chairs from Furniture Classics.



After much consideration, large slabs of oak provided the best flooring backdrop for the residence.

RELATIONSHIPS BUILT ON A LOVE for home are nothing new. Such was the case when homeowner Theresa Germano tapped interior designer Faith Fix to spearhead the look of a cozy, two-story new build in Naples, and the two set out on a collaboration in every sense of the word.

“I didn’t think I was going to hire a designer, but there were so many decisions to make,” says Germano who met Fix after a recommendation from her builder. “The profile of the moulding, the little strip that goes between tile and wood, door styles... my husband and I were overwhelmed. We needed somebody to be a sounding board and guide us through the process.”

RIGHT: Sea themes are prevalent in the family room with cushions and art prints featuring ocean life. The chandelier, coffee tables, and sisal area rug add an organic vibe to the space.





Fix was there with answers and advice when needed, and was pleasantly surprised with Germano's input on what she wanted for the 4,200-square-foot vacation home with four bedrooms, four baths, and a powder room. "Theresa has really great design sense," says the Bonita Springs designer. "She brought a lot of solid ideas to the table with inspirational photos and thoughts on the furnishings."

Who can blame Germano for being overzealous? After years of annual visits to Naples with her husband and family and stays in rental homes, the prospect of a permanent place was not taken lightly. By the time Fix was hired, Germano already had a crystal-clear vision of what she wanted—and just as long a list of what she didn't.

LEFT: The homeowners had a collection of Depression-era glass and decided clear glass-front kitchen cabinets would serve as the perfect showcase for it. The kitchen's white marble and cabinetry provide the ideal backdrop for the mostly blue and green vessels.

ABOVE: Designer Faith Fix approved of the on-trend, big-scale mural Germano found online for the powder room.



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LEFT AND BELOW: Upstairs bedrooms define coastal cool with their aqua painted walls and classic white-trimmed windows and doors. Nickel gap ceilings, wicker furnishings and accessories, and decor featuring sea life round out the look.



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To source those special finds, Germano began visiting shops early on in the construction process, guarding her purchases in garages and storage units until they were ready for display. Fix was on hand to offer insight and facilitate matters with showroom appointments and hard-to-reach contacts. One look at the finished residence reveals their tag team approach worked. This is a house of expertly layered vignettes and attention to detail, a place where textures comeingle, ornamentation tells a story, and palette pushes the eye forward. It’s a coastal house in Naples and for Naples, just like its owner envisioned.

As Germano sourced, Fix focused on space planning, executed the kitchen (white, elegant, and inviting), selected wood types for flooring, and suggested ceiling treatments to make rooms more interesting. She also came up with ideas that made



Ten-inch hexagonal tiles from Creative Tile Concepts add a graphic element to the primary bathroom.



ABOVE: The home's coastal feel extends to the loggia with ample seating in the form of rattan furniture.

SOURCES

DINING AREA

Round table – Tritter Feefer Home Collection, LaGrange, GA
 Chairs – Furniture Classics, Norfolk, VA
 Display cabinetry – Kathy Kuo Home, kathykuohome.com
 Chandelier – Pottery Barn, Naples, FL
 Wall sconce – Regina Andrew, High Point, NC
 Sofa back console – Sarreid, Wilson, NC
 Sofa – Rowe Furniture, rowefurniture.com
 Wicker chairs – Furniture Classics, Norfolk, VA

Glass barn-style doors – Suncoast, Fort Myers, FL

FAMILY ROOM

Sofa – Rowe Furniture, rowefurniture.com
 Pillows – Saro Lifestyle, sarostore.com
 Side chair – Furniture Classics, Norfolk, VA
 Cocktail table grouping – CB2, cb2.com
 Wall art of shell grouping – Uttermost, High Point, NC
 Chandelier – Chesterdales, Naples, FL
 Area rug – Uttermost, High Point, NC

KITCHEN

Cabinetry and island designed by Freestyle

Interiors, Bonita Springs, FL, and fabricated by Ruffino Cabinetry, Naples, FL
 Stools – Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.com
 Hanging lighting – Lumens, lumens.com

POWDER ROOM

Decorative sink – Signature Hardware, Fergusons, Naples, FL
 Mirror – Striped Cabana, Naples, FL
 Sconce – Home and Salvage, Naples, FL

PRIMARY BEDROOM

Bed and headboard – Kathy Kuo Home, kathykuohome.com

Table lamp – Summer Classics, Pelham, AL
 Armchair – Lane Venture, Newton, NC
 Cabinet – RH, rh.com

PRIMARY BATHROOM

Tub – Jacuzzi, Fergusons, Naples, FL
 Shower designed by Freestyle Interiors, Bonita Springs, FL
 Flooring – AKDO, Bridgeport, CT

LOGGIA

Sofa and pillows – Lane Venture, Newton, NC
 Armchairs – Lane Venture, Newton, NC
 Cocktail table – East at Main, eastatmain.com

Outdoor kitchen cabinetry designed by Freestyle Interiors, Bonita Springs, FL, and fabricated by Ruffino Cabinetry, Naples, FL

Hood – Raw Urth, Fort Collins, CO
 Sconces – Hinkley, hinkley.com
 Pool design – Architectural Land Design, Naples, FL

THROUGHOUT

Flooring – Legno Bastone, Naples, FL
 Landscape architecture – Architectural Land Design, Naples, FL



ABOVE: The outdoor kitchen's custom vent hood in gunmetal with subtle navy tones is by Raw Urth. Freestyle Interiors designed the cypress cabinetry, and Ruffino Cabinetry fabricated it.

bold statements, such as the industrial-style sliding glass doors that separate the family room from the study, and stopped Germano and her husband from making costly mistakes. “There was a type of travertine we were going to install outside until Faith told us it had turned yellow on one her clients,” says Germano. “Having someone to bounce ideas off of was very reassuring.”

Fix is equally reverential about Germano's involvement. “She really understood I was there to help her realize her vision,” says the designer. “As a professional, you can't ask for much more.”