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COASTAL CHARM

THIS LUXURY, COASTAL OASIS EVOKES EASY-GOING ELEGANCE AND A WHISPER OF NANTUCKET STYLE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF OLDE NAPLES

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Looks can be deceiving. Such is the case with this beach cottage-inspired entry porch that leads into a 5,234-square-foot luxury coastal home. “We wanted to create a charming New England-style beach house appeal from the curbside,” says designer Melissa Raucci of the turnkey house located in the heart of Olde Naples a few blocks off the Gulf of Mexico.

ABOVE: Cement and stucco clapboard, along with shingle details plus a custom-beam design in the eaves, set the stage for an inviting and charming entry into the unexpectedly large home in the heart of Olde Naples. Custom Bevolo wall lanterns cast a welcoming glow over the front porch set with a teak wood bench from MP Interiors.

LOCAL ARTIST RENEE REY'S SOFT WATERCOLORS ON WOOD FROM PATINA COLLECTION ARE ARTFULLY DISPLAYED IN THE MASTER BATH. HERE, MTI'S DEEP SOAKING TUB FROM FERGUSON OVERLOOKS GARDEN VIEWS WHILE A FAUX-FUR STOOL WITH ITS LUCITE LEGS APPEARS TO FLOAT IN THE SPA-LIKE SPACE.



Lee Industries' armchairs provide for relaxation in the master bedroom, where a king-sized bed anchors the space and a soft, sexy glow emanates from Oly Studio's "Klemm" chandelier. An abstract art piece, *Tides Edge*, continues the coastal theme.



A relaxing aura with a hint of sexiness wraps the master suite. The master bath's soaking tub atop reflective white, Thassos porcelain flooring shapes a spa-like setting, where a hand-cut crystal chandelier is pure decadence. In the bedroom, over-sized bedside tables in a soft silhouette pair with a sumptuous upholstered bed. At its foot, ottomans in watercolor tones tie the decor to the pool outside.

Stepping onto the loggia, a porcelain tile fireplace in a bleached wood finish warms the open-air social spaces. "It's glassed-in and see-through, so the alfresco feel is captured from all angles," the designer says.

THE LOGGIA OFFERS THE PERFECT SPOT FOR OPEN-AIR ENTERTAINING DURING FLORIDA'S BREEZY DAYS AND SULTRY NIGHTS. "THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN THAT FRESH AND SEAMLESS FEEL OF LIVING INSIDE AND OUTSIDE AT THE SAME TIME," RAUCCI SAYS.



SOURCES

FRONT EXTERIOR

Bench - MP Interiors, MDC, Estero, FL
 Accent pillows - Lily Pulitzer, Chatham, MA
 Wall lanterns - Bevolo, Gas Lighting, New Orleans, LA

LIVING AREA

Sofas - Bernhardt, Hickory, NC
 Print accent pillows - Laura Park Designs, Charlotte, NC
 Solid accent pillows - Ryan Studio, Mobile, AL
 Armchairs - Custom Slipcovered, MDC, Estero, FL
 Cocktail table - Serena & Lily, Sausalito, CA
 Round occasional table - Dovetail Furniture, High Point, NC

Oval accent table - Regina Andrew Design, Alison Craig Home Furnishings, Naples, FL
 Chandelier - Currey & Company, Atlanta, GA
 Area rug - Nourison, Abbey Carpet & Floor, Naples, FL

KITCHEN

Cabinetry and island - Soho Kitchens and Design, Naples, FL
 Countertops and backsplash - Rain Forest Marble & Granite, Inc., Naples, FL
 Counter stools - Farmhouse Tractor Swivel Stool, Design Lab MN, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
 Pendant light fixtures - Serena & Lily, Sausalito, CA

Hood - Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery, Naples, FL

Cooktop and double oven - Wolf, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery, Naples, FL

DINING ROOM

Table - MH2G, Miami, FL
 Wingback host chairs - Home Fashion Upholstery, Naples, FL
 Fabric - Kravet Fabric, Bethpage, NY
 Side chairs - Dovetail Furniture, High Point, NC
 Candelabra - Cyan Design, Atlanta, GA
 Wet bar and cabinetry - Soho Kitchens and Design, Naples, FL
 Chandelier - Jonathan Adler, Miami, FL

MASTER BATH

Tub - MTI, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery, Naples, FL
 Faucet - Delta Faucet Company, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen and Lighting Gallery, Naples, FL
 Stool - Etsy, etsy.com
 Artwork - Patina Collection, Naples, FL
 Chandelier - Joe Nye, Visual Comfort & Co., Houston, TX
 Flooring - Coastal Home, Naples, FL

MASTER BEDROOM

Bed and cabinet - Alison Craig Home Furnishings, Naples, FL
 Accent pillows - Lili Allesandra, San Antonio, TX
 Artwork - Uttermost, Atlanta, GA

Bedside tables - Lillian August, MDC, Estero, FL
 Table lamps - Visual Comfort & Co., Houston, TX
 Chandelier - Oly Studio, New York, NY
 Stools - MP Interiors, MDC, Estero, FL
 Armchairs - Lee Industries, Conover, NC
 Area rug - Couristan, Abbey Carpet & Floor, Naples, FL

LOGGIA

Sofa - Sunbrella, Glen Raven, NC
 Armchairs, dining table and side chairs - MH2G, Miami, FL
 Cocktail table - Custom designed by VIV Homes, Naples, FL
 Fireplace - Montigo USA, Ferndale, WA
 Hood and Wolf grill - Wolf, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen and Lighting Gallery, Naples, FL
 Fans - Minka-Aire, Corona, CA
 Chaise lounges - Ledge Lounger, Brookshire, TX
 Wall lanterns - Bevolo, Gas Lighting, New Orleans, LA

THROUGHOUT

Millwork and molding - Smith & DeShields, Naples, FL
 Glasswork and mirrors - Fixin' Windows, Naples, FL
 Wood flooring - Legno Bastone, Naples Flooring Company, Naples, FL
 Installation by D Squared Construction, Fort Myers, FL **N**

WHERE THE LIVING IS EASY

ARTFUL AND INNOVATIVE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS AND DESIGN DETAILS MAKE THIS CONTEMPORARY WATERFRONT SHOWPIECE A PLACE TO CALL HOME



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LEFT: The striking custom stairway, designed by Alex Thies and fabricated by Potter homes, lends a waterfall effect and features a powder-coated aluminum railing with stainless steel cable to lend a contemporary look.

Some people want their designers to create show places, but for interior designers Faith Fix and Alex Thies, their mission is to design for real people who want a comfortable place to live. "But it just so happens that our designs are also very beautiful," Fix says. When their clients came to Bonita Springs looking for a vacation home to enjoy with their grown children and grandchildren, they were fortunate enough to view this "playful" contemporary house on Bonita Beach that Thies had designed for the original homeowners. They fell in love with it and made the owners an offer they could not refuse.

RIGHT: "I wanted people to say 'wow' from the minute they saw this house," interior designer Alex Thies says. From the frosted-glass garage doors to the curved elements juxtaposed with cool linear lines, to the natural wood and stone accents, this home is a stunning creation.



THE MASTER BATH EXUDES TRANQUILITY CREATED WITH SIMPLE CLEAN LINES AND A DASH OF GLAM IN ELAN LIGHTINGS SPECTACULAR CHANDELIER. A EUROGLIDE DOOR IN THE CUSTOM SHOWER IS SEAMLESS AND A TUB WITH A MATTE FINISH ENJOYS WATER VIEWS THROUGH A SCENIC WINDOW.



creamy leather bed from Theodore Alexander dressed in neutral linens. The ceiling treatment, custom designed by Thies, adds geometric interest and does not detract from the view.

In the master bath, a glamorous brushed chandelier extends from the ceiling to illuminate built-in walnut cabinetry. Hartmann & Forbes' grass cloth wallcovering from Jeffrey Michaels adds warmth and an organic element.

The owners enjoy a stunning sunset from the loggia while gazing across the infinity pool. Whether dining alfresco at the Kingsley Bate dining ensemble or seated in armchairs to enjoy the warmth of the fireplace, it's time to relax and share tales of the day. Like all areas of this magnificent home, the loggia provides Thies' clients with a comfortable space to call home.



The loggia is furnished like an outdoor living space. A woven wicker armchair and ottoman with teak touches, and a Kingsley Bates dining ensemble with stainless steel chair frames provide stylish comfort.

Bedside tables - Robert James Collection, Chula Vista, CA
Loveseats and cocktail ottoman - Vanguard Furniture, Conover, NC
Lamps - Regina Andrew, Riverview, MI
Draperies Fabricated by Suncoast Window Fashions, Naples, FL
Area rug - Loloi Rugs, Dallas, TX
MASTER BATH
Tub - MTI Bath, Ferguson, Naples, FL

Wallcovering - Hartmann & Forbes, Jeffrey Michaels, Hollywood, FL
Chandelier - Custom designed by Ean Lighting, Lighting First, Naples, FL
Flooring - Happy Floors, Bella Tile, Naples, FL
SUMMER KITCHEN/LOGGIA
Dining table and chairs - Kingsley Bates, Manassas, VA
Sofa and armchair - Lloyd Flanders, Menominee, MI
Flooring - Demarco Tile, Naples, FL

Fireplace and brick wall fabricated by Potter Ho, Naples, FL
THROUGHOUT
Cabinetry and shelving - Distinctive Kitchen S, Naples, FL
Countertops - SunMac Stone Specialists, Fort, Naples, FL
Flooring - Real Wood Floors, Naples, FL
Cabinetry, ceiling treatment and draperies - C, designed by Freestyle Interiors, Bonita Springs