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GLOBAL TRAVEL INFLUENCES INFORM THE REFINED AND SOPHISTICATED INTERIORS OF A NAPLES RESIDENCE

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LEFT: Newly built, this Naples home enchants upon arrival with its elegant Nantucket vibe. Tall and lush tropical landscaping cossets the property in privacy while allowing effortless access to the owner's boat dock along the canal.

RIGHT: Vintage blue and white pottery adorns a round pedestal table in the entrance hall, nodding to the homeowners' penchant for global collectibles and the color blue. Intricate custom millwork, hand-crafted floor tiles, and pendant lighting from Authentic Provence solidify the elegant interior design.





LEFT: Infused with vibrant jewel tones, the dining area takes color cues from the homeowners' abstract artwork. An eye-grabbing Jean-Marc Fray turquoise chandelier plays to the watery blues of Scalamandré's upholstery fabric covering the DeAurora dining chairs. Textured milk glass pieces temper the rich palette while complementing an ornate AKBIK buffet.

RIGHT: The homeowners' penchant for color and pattern shines in the living room with a bird-themed painting over a custom fireplace embellished with decorative tile by Mosaic House. The inlaid mother-of-pearl designs of a hexagon accent table harmonize with coffee table collectibles and a multi-hued Ferrell Mittman sofa.



LOOKING TO FULFILL THEIR EMPTY-NESTER DREAMS after raising five boys in Chicago's northern suburbs, a Midwestern couple set their sights on a new build in Florida. Their chosen destination? An enchanting Naples enclave lined with extravagant waterfront estates along plush boulevards. Beloved for its sense of community, picturesque beaches, and proximity to the deep-water canals, the Gulf Coast locale offered a haven befitting their new chapter in life.

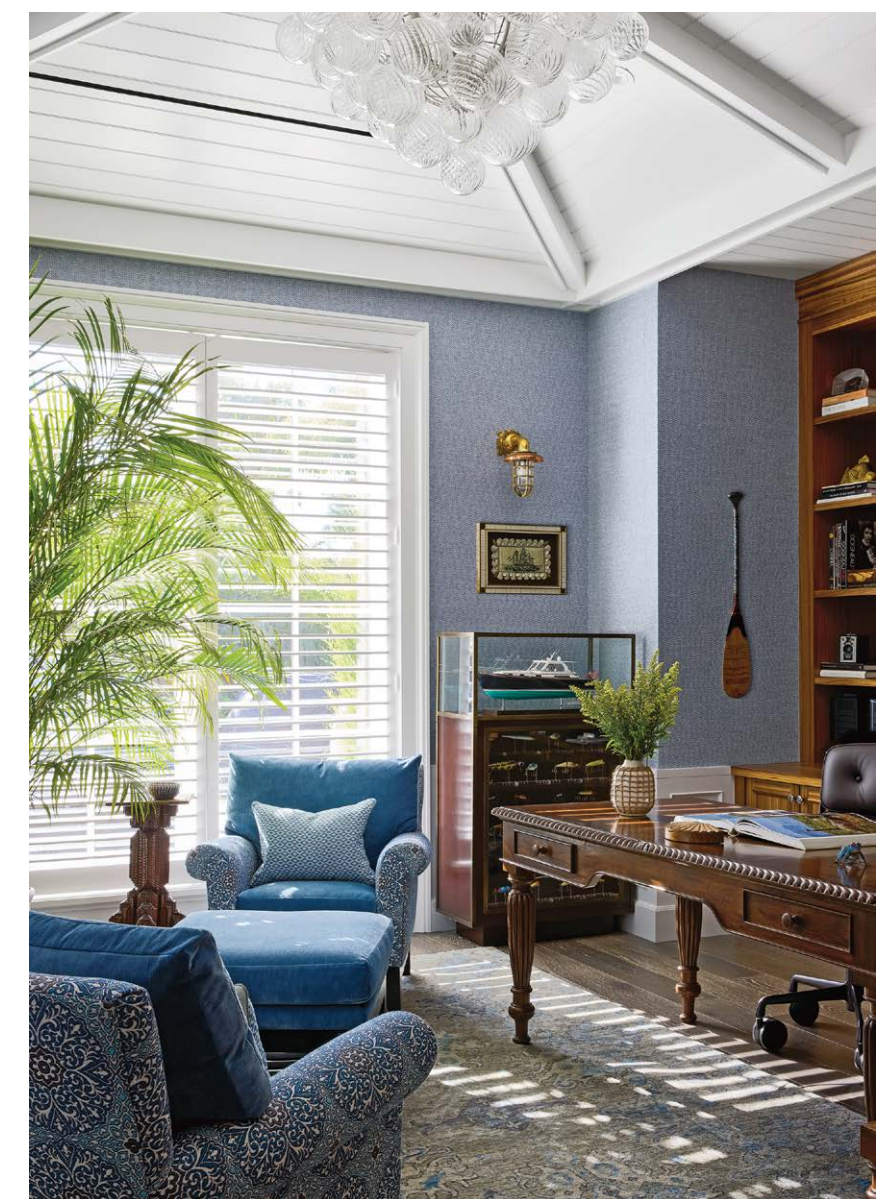
"We are power boaters and wanted to have a dock behind our home with easy access to our boats," says the wife. "One of our greatest joys is cruising the channels and exploring the Southwest Florida waters."

Located within an easy walk to the beach and just a short bike ride away from Naples' central district, the property encompasses 9,225 square feet, comprising a spacious lanai with a pool and tiered pool deck. The west view faces a protected wildlife preserve, providing lush landscape screening between the adjacent homes and a sense of privacy the homeowners' liken to being on a deserted Caribbean island.

After teaming up with their long-time interior designers, Martin Horner, who designed their multiple Chicago residences, two boats, and the family's beloved Bay Harbor, Michigan getaway, the couple dove in without hesitation.



Rich blue accents define the kitchen with Urban Electric's two-toned pendant lighting and patterned counter stools from Kravet. A herringbone-patterned backsplash from Artistic Tile complements the sleek white kitchen cabinetry, and a meticulously crafted dark-stained island from Ruffino Cabinetry.



“They’re the kind of clients every designer dreams of working with,” says Horner. “There is so much trust between us, and we feed off each other’s ideas; there’s a lot of collaboration and freedom to bring in new concepts.”

The couple’s decidedly un-Floridian aesthetic emphasizes seamless indoor/outdoor living with an absence of pastels, nautical motifs, and other regional design notions. Instead, the interiors embrace a love for global travel, collecting, maximalist patterns, and all things blue. Impactful punches of fuchsia, plum, terra cotta, teal, and green temper the palette, nodding to an oceanside eclecticism inspired by the couple’s many trips and admiration of global handcrafts. Intricately detailed custom millwork creates focal-point display areas highlighting a mélange of collectibles—from a world-class trove of tramp art to an impressive cache of milk glass and vintage blue and white pottery. Layered

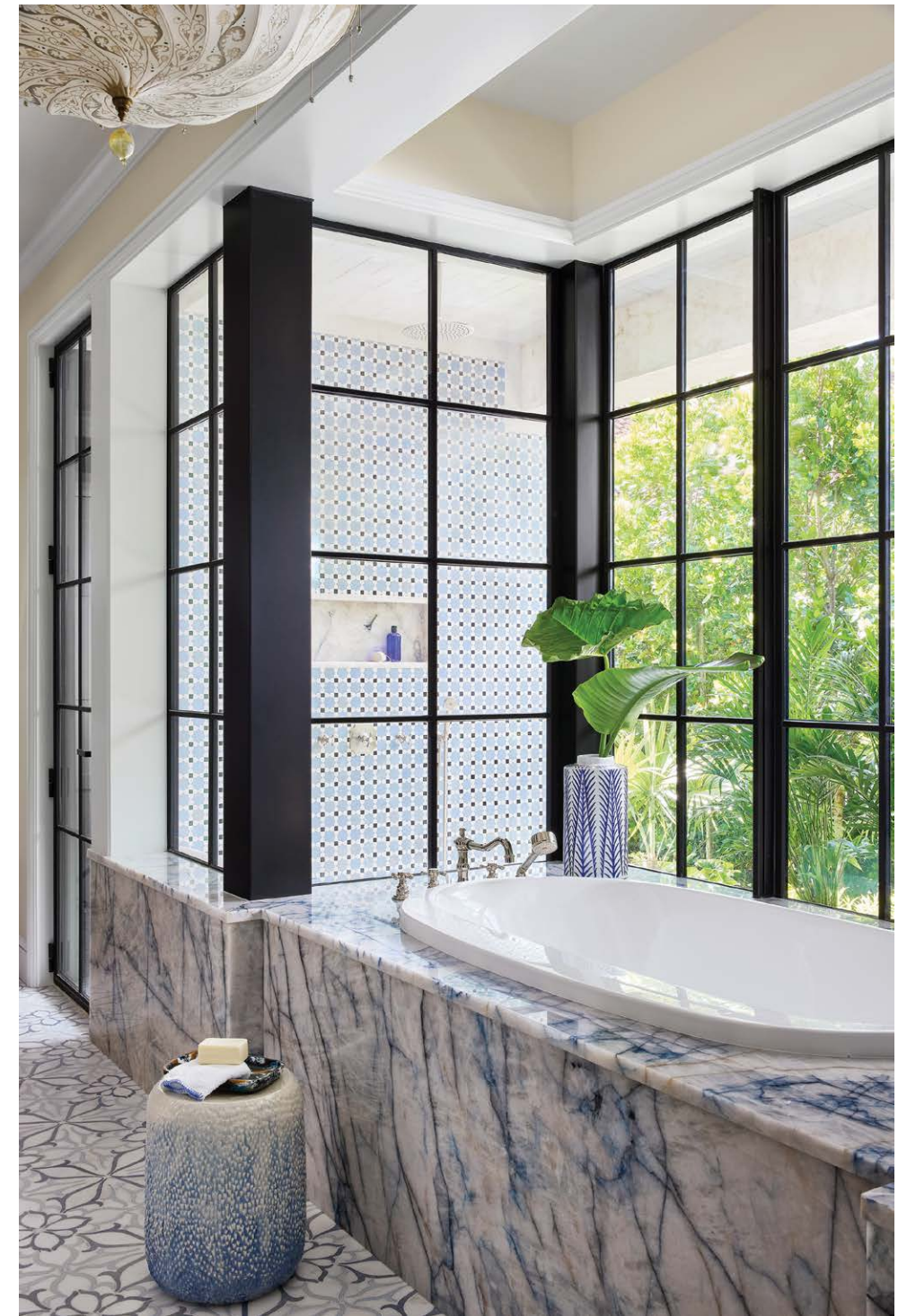
ABOVE RIGHT: Natural sunlight and tropical landscape views infuse visual energy into the breakfast nook, along with a well-balanced layering of texture, pattern, and shape. Refreshing blues breathe life into the neutral palette with patterned chairs and crystal table accents crowned with a Bone Simple Design dome pendant light.

RIGHT: A custom ceiling design creates height and drama in the study, along with a bubble chandelier from Visual Comfort. The dark wood stain of a desk from The Raj Company contrasts with white millwork, light blue walls, and patterned club chairs accented with solid blue cushions and ottomans.



LEFT: A textured Shirr area rug anchors the primary bedroom in plush elegance. A patterned wallpaper backdrop highlights the rich wood patina of a bed from The Golden Triangle, a textured woven bench from Kathy Kuo Home, and Holly Hunt's intricately crafted nightstands.

BELOW: A stunning marble tub embellished with vibrant blue veining brings a dramatic touch to the primary bathroom. Luxurious flooring from Ruben Sorhegui Tile and a Fortuny chandelier infuse chic accents into this spa-like retreat.



patterns and texture appear everywhere in a skillful balance of fabrics, custom rugs, inlaid mother-of-pearl furnishings, hand-crafted floor tiles, fireplace surrounds, heavily veined marbles, backsplashes, and a dynamic kitchen island.

"We love the color blue, hence the name of our home, Blue Haven," notes the wife. "It is our connection to both water and sky and blends with the contemporary style of our home—a sophisticated Nantucket look combining the island's unspoiled nature with the Florida lifestyle. We are also decorative maximalists who love an eclectic mix of fabrics, patterns, and colors."

In response to the couple's well-defined tastes, Horner reimagined many of their Chicago

furnishings to suit the new Florida abode. "It was an interesting challenge to take earthy colors, cozy textures, and dark wood tones and translate them to a different environment," says the designer. "We had to get creative with dark furniture pieces and did a lot of reupholstering to transition them from the gray-skied, cozy-heavy Midwest to lighter, brighter Florida."

That upbeat color vibe extends to the outdoors, where clearly defined dining, cooking, and relaxing zones translate through architectural elements and landscaping. The same emphasis on color and pattern applies, with alfresco areas bursting with vibrance starring the color blue, tying outdoor living experiences to the sea, sky, and adjacent interiors.

With a second floor designated primarily for visiting family and guests, the homeowners intentionally designed that part of the residence to draw their sons—some already building nests of their own—like magnets for frequent get-togethers and boating adventures.

“I love the way the house feels relaxed even though all the furnishings are so beautiful,” adds Horner. “It makes everything feel effortless, like you’re on vacation every day. Who wouldn’t love that?”

BELOW: Equipped with a Lynx pizza oven and grill backdropped with a statement backsplash from Mid America Tile, the alfresco kitchen area makes seamless indoor/outdoor living a breeze. A Gloster dining table harmonizes with chairs from Williams-Sonoma and Serena and Lily.



SOURCES

ENTRY

Table – Etsy, [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com)
Pendant lighting – Authentic Provence, West Palm Beach, FL

DINING ROOM

Table – Homeowners’ collection
Chairs – DeAurora, [deaurora.com](https://www.deaurora.com)
Fabric – Osborne & Little, [osborneandlittle.com](https://www.osborneandlittle.com), and Scalamantré, [scalamantré.com](https://www.scalamantré.com)
Buffet – AKBIK Furniture & Design, [akbik.com](https://www.akbik.com)
Chandelier – Jean-Marc Fray, [jeanmarcfray.com](https://www.jeanmarcfray.com)

LIVING ROOM

Sofa – Ferrell Mittman, [ferrellmittman.com](https://www.ferrellmittman.com)
Chair and hexagon table – Homeowners’ collection
Fireplace designed by Soucie Horner, [souciehorner.com](https://www.souciehorner.com)
Fireplace tile by Mosaic House, [mosaicchse.com](https://www.mosaicchse.com)
Sconces – The Urban Electric Co., [urbanelectric.com](https://www.urbanelectric.com)
Wall cabinetry – Ruffino Cabinetry, Naples, FL
KITCHEN
Cabinetry and island – Ruffino Cabinetry, Naples, FL
Backsplash – Artistic Tile, [artistictile.com](https://www.artistictile.com)

Stools – Kravet Design, [kravet.com](https://www.kravet.com)
Pendant lighting – The Urban Electric Co., [urbanelectric.com](https://www.urbanelectric.com)
BREAKFAST AREA
Table and chairs custom designed by Soucie Horner, [souciehorner.com](https://www.souciehorner.com)
Pendant – Bone Simple Design, [bonesimple.com](https://www.bonesimple.com)
OFFICE
Desk – The Raj Company, [therajcompany.com](https://www.therajcompany.com)
Club chairs – Homeowners’ collection
Bubble chandelier – Visual Comfort & Co., [visualcomfort.com](https://www.visualcomfort.com)

PRIMARY BEDROOM

Bed – The Golden Triangle, [goldentriangle.biz](https://www.goldentriangle.biz)
Bench – Kathy Kuo Home, [kathykuohome.com](https://www.kathykuohome.com)
Night tables – Holly Hunt, [hollyhunt.com](https://www.hollyhunt.com)
Chandelier – Arteriors, [arteriorshome.com](https://www.arteriorshome.com)
Lounge, chair, tables, and lamps – Homeowners’ collection
Area rug – Shiir, [shiirugs.com](https://www.shiirugs.com)
PRIMARY BATHROOM
Marble tub – UMI Stone, Naples, FL
Flooring – Ruben Sorhegui Tile, Naples, FL
Chandelier – Fortuny, [fortuny.us](https://www.fortuny.us)

OUTSIDE KITCHEN

Pizza oven, hood, and oven – Lynx, [lynxgrills.com](https://www.lynxgrills.com)
Backsplash – Mid America Tile, [louisville-tile.com](https://www.louisville-tile.com)
Table – Gloster, [gloster.com](https://www.gloster.com)
Chairs – Williams-Sonoma, [williams-sonoma.com](https://www.williams-sonoma.com), and Serena & Lily, [serenaandlily.com](https://www.serenaandlily.com)
EXTERIOR
Outside seating – Janus et Cie, [janusetcie.com](https://www.janusetcie.com), Tuuci, [tuuci.com](https://www.tuuci.com)
Vondom, [vondom.com](https://www.vondom.com), Palecek, [palecek.com](https://www.palecek.com), and RH, [rh.com](https://www.rh.com)
THROUGHOUT
Millwork – Ruffino Cabinetry, Naples, FL

ABOVE: The dwelling’s multi-tiered pool patio allows endless opportunities for intimate and large gatherings. Composing the heart of the home, the courtyard-style space provides an open-air living room outfitted with furnishings from Janus et Cie, Palecek, RH, Vondom, and Tuuci.