

Singular Sanctuary

THE ANTITHESIS OF COOKIE CUTTER, A MODERN BALINESE-STYLE ABODE HEADLINES WARM WOODS AND COOL LIGHTING THAT INTRIGUES



NORM WOGAN

"Design is an intuitive expression of both the client's and my combined aesthetics. I draw inspiration from the architecture of the home, adding subtle details to enhance the interiors as well as creating a warm atmosphere inside and out."

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"This is a serene, tropical modern house with a Florida vernacular. It responds to our environment with large overhangs and deep terraces to provide relief from the sun and afternoon storms," architect Cesar Molina says. "Yet, it's beautifully transparent with sparkling views of the waterway."

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“DEVIATION FROM WHAT IS expected is holistically essential when it comes to design,” Los Angeles-based interior designer Norm Wogan says. While he doesn’t spare ingenuity when it comes to any project, this one was particularly special. He has known the owners for 20 years. They’re like family.

Within the shady suburbia of Bay Harbor Islands, a quaint community separated from Miami’s mainland by a causeway, this home with exquisite views of the Indian Creek golf course is a cross section of Balinese style and contemporary design. And still, it easily incorporates 6,900 square feet of livable space fit for a family with children. “Each piece of furniture is purposeful and comfortable,” the homeowner says. “No space went to waste.”

Entering the home is like walking through a secret garden, or traversing a bridge over calm, tranquil waters. Columns of Ipe wood line the pathway flanked by a koi pond and lush tropical landscape that will only get better with time. “We wanted to create intimate spaces, where with a singular experience, step by step, one seems to pass into a sanctuary,” architect Cesar Molina says. The space spotlights a water fountain feature that can be seen from inside the home in a way that allows the outside to play a vital role in the home’s core essence.

RIGHT: Warmth permeates the living area, where plush sofas in Opuzen’s royal blue velvet and stools cushioned in faux leather shape a hearthside setting. Here, the gunmetal bronze and antique brass of the fireplace texturally play off the Phillip Jeffries wall covering that lines the ceiling enclave.



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"I've always loved working with color and I'm not afraid of using it," Wogan says. "I wanted jewel tones, but not overpowering, and I tried to bring nature's hues inside." In keeping with the warm interior scheme, the fireplace wall in the living area was a must for the homeowner. Made of brass and bronze with a gunmetal finish, the wall is more of an art piece. Deep royal blue hues cross the boundary between inside and out.

White French oak appears to float as it ascends the stairway to watch over the dining area below. As the epicenter of the home, the dining area is outfitted with a stunning custom chandelier that enraptures both designer and homeowner, making its presence in the home an actual must. "I was always mesmerized by this piece. It's so handsome, yet feminine," says the designer referring to the masculinity of the solid brass that combines with the beauty of Murano triangle cylinders cascading in two different sizes to create a layered configuration. "It's a unique, strong statement piece."

LEFT: Paul Ferrante's custom chandelier made of hammered metal with a tinge of antique gold and blown glass canisters hangs from the stairway's ceiling alcove crafted of stained white French oak.

RIGHT: A custom Murano glass chandelier from Mass Beverly sets the stage in the dining area, where Opustone's marble slab perches atop a pair of triangular bases by Euro Metal Art Studio. Dressed in royal blue, Studio Van Den Akker chairs easily seat a party of 10.

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Studio Becker Cabinetry lines the kitchen with white oak uppers in a high-gloss, green-gray finish and warmer ash wood on the base. White oak styles the island topped with leathered fusion quartzite. "It just looks like the earth and water mixing together," Wogan says.

Walnut makes an appearance in a warm and welcoming study, where a custom, LED-illuminated tray ceiling houses a wired light fixture of bronze and brass. "We are all about the lights," Wogan says. "They're the jewelry of a house." With the water fountain and koi pond just beyond the wall of glass, the room is a tranquil space that houses the homeowner's eclectic collection of books and offers a quiet spot to read.

Because the homeowners are kosher, it was essential for the kitchen to house multiple ovens and delineated storage spaces, but not necessarily in a noticeable fashion. The designer wanted the heart of the home to speak volumes ... and that it does.

A light and airy ambience wraps the master bedroom, where the feminine twists and turns of the chandelier's sinuous shape immediately catches the eye. "When I look at it, it reminds me of the most fabulous piece of jewelry," the homeowner says. "I love it."

BELOW: *Cup* by artist Aaron Fink feels right at home set within the study's niche crafted of warm walnut from *Dolce Vita*. A pair of John Pomp leather chairs from Thomas Lavin provide a masculine and comfortable spot to enjoy a good book, while *Arteriors* accent table invites a friendly game of chess.



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Nearby, metallic tones reappear in the master bath. From the brushed leather marble flooring to the Murano glass light fixture fabricated like a canopy of twisted rope, the sandy gold, cream, bronze and beige elements provide shimmer and shine.

Outside entertainment areas embrace the nature of the tropics. A private garden enclave encapsulates a tropical palette in a setting shut off from the main areas. Situated on the second floor, the balcony boasts views of the koi pond just below. And the home's rear panorama brings an infinity pool shimmering with quartzite marble into full view. Beyond, the loggia acts as a transition between inside and out.

"I love every single space," the homeowner says. "Every room is specific to what we needed and wanted, all thanks to Norm. He is literally a genius. He was able to pick out what I wanted, combine it with what my husband wanted and make magic."

A spa-like extension of the tranquil bed chamber, the master bath is characterized by Creative Environment's brushed leathers marble flooring and a stone water-jet area rug anchoring Wetstyle's deep-soak tub.



ABOVE: "The homeowners wanted the water view to be the focal point in the master bedroom," interior designer Norm Wogan says. "An entire mirror wall framed in leather is designed to reflect water views around the space." In perfect complement, Wired Custom Lighting's crystal chandelier separates white light into a circling spectrum of color.

RIGHT: "I wanted this intimate space to feel like an outdoor, green and cozy area off the master bath that is only for the husband and wife," Wogan says. B&B Italia furnishes the garden balcony, where the couple shares private time and their morning coffee.



SOURCES

ENTRY

Koi pond, door and stairway fabricated by Authentic Construction, Miami, FL
Stairway treads - Opustone, Miami, FL

LIVING AREA

Sofas and stools - Custom upholstered by Felix Upholstery, Los Angeles, CA
Fabric - Opuzen, Thomas Lavin, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Cocktail table - Marcelino Cabinets, Los Angeles, CA
Fireplace surround, wall treatment and ceiling treatment - Custom designed by Wogan Design, Los Angeles, CA
Antique brass wall treatment and fireplace surround - Dolce Vita, Italy
Ceiling treatment - Phillip Jeffries, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Fabricated by Fabien Rocca, Miami, FL
Drapery fabric - Armani Casa, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Area rug - Martin Patrick Evan Carpets, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA

STAIRWAY

Stairway and ceiling treatment - Custom designed by Wogan Design, Los Angeles, CA
Treads, flooring and ceiling treatment - Perfec Floors, Los Angeles, CA
Stairway and railing fabricated by Laisy Martinez, Miami, FL
Chandelier - Paul Ferrante, Los Angeles, CA

DINING AREA

Tabletop - Opustone, Miami, FL
Base - Euro Metal Art Studio, Riverside, CA
Dining chairs - Studio Van Den Akker, Los Angeles, CA
Fabric - Opuzen, Thomas Lavin, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Murano glass chandelier - Mass Beverly, Los Angeles, CA
Centerpiece vases - Arteriors, Los Angeles, CA

KITCHEN

Cabinetry - Studio Becker, Coral Gables, FL
Leathered quartzite island and table - Opustone, Miami, FL
Countertops - Caesarstone, Miami, FL
Backsplash - Creative Environments, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Island, countertops and backsplash fabricated by Authentic Construction, Miami, FL
Light fixture - Wired Custom Lighting, Los Angeles, CA
Counter stools and side chairs - Studio Van Den Akker, Los Angeles, CA
Double ovens and cooktop - Wolf, Sub-Zero Group, Madison, WI
Refrigerator - Sub-Zero, Madison, WI
Venetian plaster ceiling treatment - Custom designed by Wogan Design, Los Angeles, CA; fabricated by Charles Falarara, Miami, FL
Flooring - Rockmill, Los Angeles, CA

STUDY

Sofa - Custom upholstered by Felix Custom Upholstery, Los Angeles, CA
Fabric - Pollack, Donghia, Inc., Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Armchairs - John Pomp, Thomas Lavin, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Occasional table - Arteriors, Los Angeles, CA
Desk, cabinetry, shelving and walnut wall treatment - Dolce Vita, Italy
Desk chair - Studio Van Den Akker, Los Angeles, CA
Light fixture - Wired Custom Lighting, Los Angeles, CA
Venetian plaster ceiling treatment fabricated by Charles Falarara, Miami, FL
Area rug - Stark Carpets, Los Angeles, CA

MASTER BEDROOM

Bed and leather headboard, bench and armchair - Custom upholstered by Felix Custom Upholstery, Los Angeles, CA
Leather-framed mirror wall fabricated by Authentic Construction, Miami, FL
Bench and armchair fabrics, and accent table - Holly Hunt, Los Angeles, CA
Bedside chests - Marcelino Cabinets, Los Angeles, CA
Table lamps - Foundry Lighting, Los Angeles, CA
Chandelier - Wired Custom Lighting, Los Angeles, CA
Drapery fabric - Pindler & Pindler, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Area rug - Martin Patrick Evan Carpets, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA
Balcony furnishings - Great Outdoor, Holly Hunt, Los Angeles, CA

MASTER BATH

Vanity - Dolce Vita, Italy
Stool - Williams-Sonoma, Miami, FL
Tub - Wetstyle, Quebec, Canada
Light fixture - Bec Brittain, Long Island City, NY
Flooring - Creative Environments, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA

GARDEN BALCONY

Furnishings - B&B Italia, Diva Group, Los Angeles, CA

LOGGIA/POOL AREA

Pool fabricated by Authentic Construction, Miami, FL
Furnishings - Great Outdoors, Holly Hunt, Los Angeles, CA

THROUGHOUT

Limestone flooring - Rockmill, Los Angeles, CA

Holly Hunt styles the open-air social spaces, where the interior limestone flooring flows out to the loggia and pool area with a variation of texture. In this case, it is grooved and hammered to avoid slipping.



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