

# Boca Design

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The open living area incorporates artful lighting and soffits to highlight different spaces and add architectural interest.





Low-level furnishings in the great room provide a clear view to the outdoors.

# UPSIDE TO DOWNSIZED

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hen a Delray Beach couple decided to celebrate a new phase of life by downsizing to a townhome, they turned to designers at P&H Interiors. Lennie and Randy Smith were confident about their choice, because the firm had designed the interior of the single-family

home the couple built previously.

With the last child off to college, the Smiths decided it was time for a change. “We found ourselves with this big house and just the two of us,” Lennie says. “It didn’t make any sense. We travel a lot, and with the townhome, we can just lock the doors and leave.”



A free-standing island finished in white acrylic and textured wood grain laminate with vibrant orange bar stools is the center piece of the kitchen.





A dramatic linear fireplace provides a warm focal point in the master bedroom.

#### A MAJOR PROJECT

The project was to be more than changing the furnishings and fixtures of the existing décor, however. Instead, it involved a complete gutting of the interior. Fortunately, Lennie is a builder and contractor who had been part of the construction of the waterfront community near downtown Delray Beach when it was originally developed. “She knew the structure of the unit,” says P&H President Susan Connor, who completed the project along with designers Vanessa Bugeja and Marisa Courson.

The Smiths already had a strong design concept in mind, and Randy coined the term “contemporustic” to describe their vision of a contemporary and minimalist look combined with specific textures and natural materials. “We wanted it to be open and easy,” Lennie says.

The 2,800-square-foot, two-story townhome has three bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths. The original décor featured an enclosed kitchen that limited views, and a Mediterranean-style décor with columns, soffits, crown molding, niches and arches. “They wanted an open, contemporary great room design instead,” Connor says. “We took the interior down to the studs and totally transformed the space.”

The designers chose a neutral color palette of gray tones accented with bright splashes of orange. Flooring in the main living areas is low maintenance porcelain wood-grain tile, and many of the furnishings are upholstered in high-performance fabrics designed to be stain and fire resistant and easy to clean. Drywall detailing on the ceiling conceals lighting and adds architectural interest.

#### OUT WITH THE OLD

In the foyer, the designers created immediate visual interest by removing a traditional vertical niche and replacing it with three narrow, horizontal niches





The master bath features twin vanities and a double, all-glass shower.

with wood ledges and linear textured wall covering the backs. “They didn’t want any remnants of the old design,” Connor says.

With the first-floor interior walls gone, the designers set about creating three distinctive living areas within the totally open space: kitchen, dining room and great room. “The openness allows for flow when they entertain,” Connor says.

#### KITCHEN AND DINING AREA

The centerpiece of the kitchen is a large, free-standing rectangular island with a white acrylic finish framed in gray wood laminate. Three bar stools have adjustable metal bases and sleek, contemporary orange seats.

Covering the wall behind the island is a backsplash of six-by-twelve tile in a soft gray tone. Cabinetry has the same two finishes as the island: white acrylic framed by gray wood laminate, with the cook top and microwave integrated into the laminate portion.

Adjacent to the kitchen is the dining area, which features a rectangular, live-edge oak table with highly polished stainless legs. Eight clean-lined, comfortable chairs are upholstered in soft gray linen. Above the table is a simple yet dramatic light fixture with multiple pendants. The Smiths are avid sailors, and on the dining room wall hangs a large framed photograph of a scene from the World Cup race. A soffit above houses multiple recessed light fixtures that illuminate the artwork.



Orange painted panels create a playful feel in the guest room.





Outdoor dining and lounge areas offer a place to relax and enjoy the view.

#### THE GREAT ROOM

In a great room designed for easy entertaining, a seating group consisting of a white leather sofa and four chairs with stainless frames and white fabric upholstery provides a fresh, clean contrast to the gray flooring. One pair, rectangular in shape, faces the water outside, while a rounded pair swivels so anyone seated in them can easily turn to see the view.

A polished and honed marble mosaic on one wall adds texture and creates a striking backdrop for a large TV screen. Surrounding the mosaic is a walnut frame that provides storage on the bottom and sides for electronics and other equipment. A two-tiered cocktail table veneered in zebrano rotates 360 degrees for easy access, while an ottoman is finished in bronze metallic vinyl. A shag rug in shades of silver softens the space.

In the powder room, orange wallpaper adds a touch of whimsy. There's also a floating cabinet, a vessel sink and a wall-hung commode.

#### UP THE STAIRS

A marble staircase leading to the bedrooms upstairs is bordered by a glass railing on one side and a metal handrail on the other.

The 28-foot length of the linear master bedroom presented a challenge. To break it up and create balance, the designers attached molding to the ceiling and segmented the wall with architectural detailing. The upholstered headboard with nail head accents is framed in walnut, and a textured chagreen coverlet in

a shade of pearl adds sheen.

Nightstands with drawers for storage are walnut with a black nickel finish, while polished chrome lamps have white linen shades. Behind the night stands are long vertical mirrors, which are also framed in walnut.

On the opposite wall, a dramatic linear fireplace and a large TV screen are framed in walnut. A chagreen wall covering creates continuity with the bed coverlet, and a large photo of one of the Smiths' favorite ports-of-call adds a splash of color. French doors lead to a balcony overlooking the patio, and fabric valences above the doors conceal motorized shades. Wall-to-wall carpeting covers the floor.

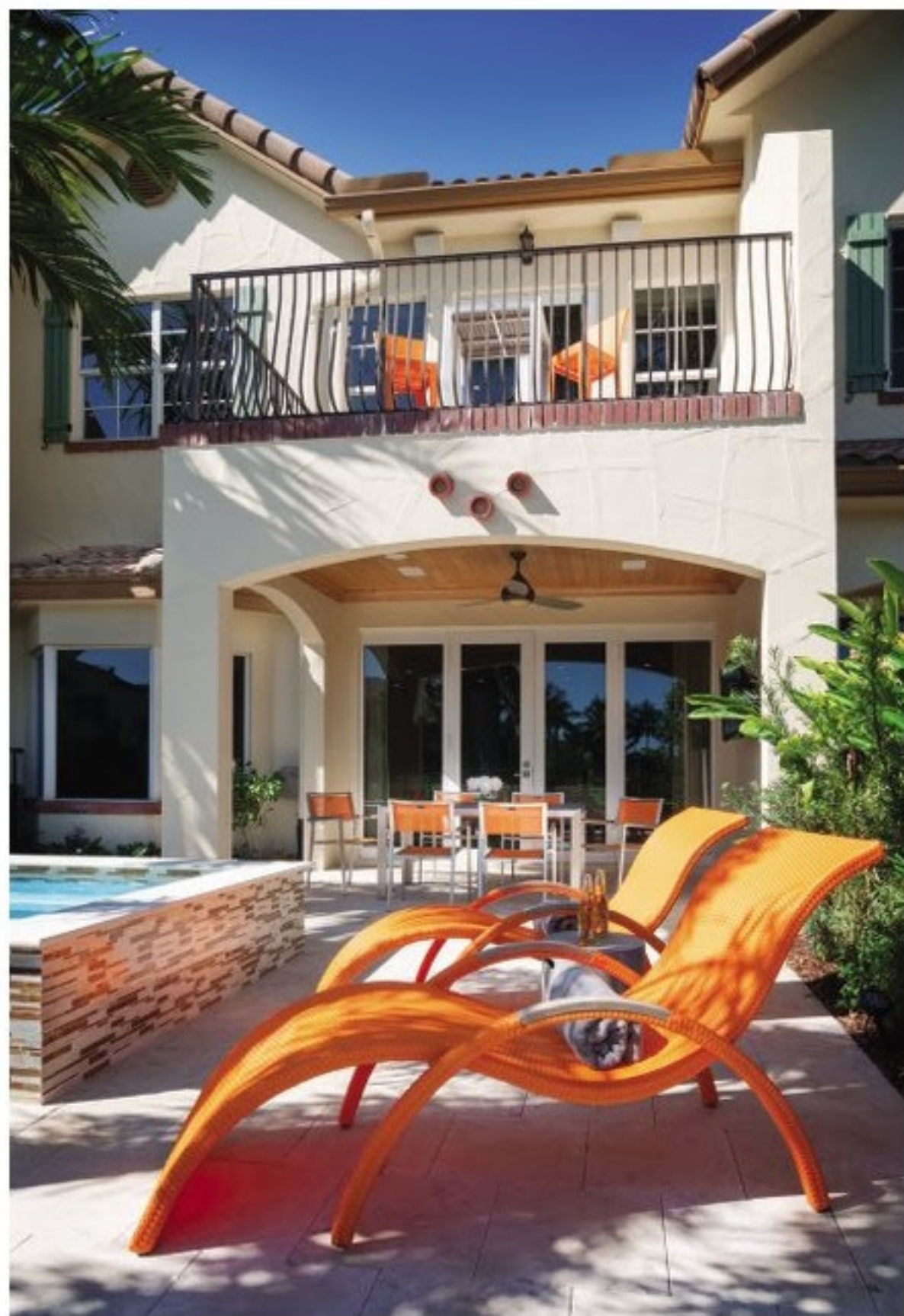
In the master bath, wave-patterned porcelain tiles add texture and movement to the walls. Twin acrylic vanities with black granite countertops flank an all-glass double shower. Mirrors are framed in matching granite, and a free-standing tub is tucked into a niche. Flooring is polished gray marble.

#### A PLAYFUL GUEST ROOM

Horizontal panels painted orange and framed with white molding behind the bed in the guest room, along with an accent chair upholstered in high performance orange fabric, create a playful feel. To temper the bright color, additional framed panels are painted different shades of gray.

The bed frame is upholstered in charcoal fabric, and the tailored coverlet is made from bamboo. Polished nickel lamps with white shades top rectangular wood night stands, and a black





Marble decking and linear mosaic glass tile cladding the spa create casual elegance on the patio, while orange furnishings add splashes of color.

and silver accent table with a base formed from rings adds visual interest. A gray textured carpet covers the floor, and operable linen draperies hang at the windows from decorative rods.

The guest bathroom has walnut cabinetry and marble countertops. A ringed sculpture complements the accent table in the bedroom.

The third bedroom is a home office that is decorated in similar neutral colors. On the wall hangs a collection of photographs of sailboats the Smiths have owned, all with the same name: Happy Together.

## OUTDOORS

Marble decking and linear mosaic glass tile cladding the spa add casual elegance to the patio. Orange chairs surround a table with a slatted wood top, and graceful orange chaises offer a place to relax and enjoy the view.

The design is just what the Smiths had hoped it would be. “We were thrilled,” Lennie says. “We knew exactly what we were looking for, and they really executed it well. It’s a great location, and we love coming home to the house and the cleanness of the design.” □

## SOURCE LIST

### LIVING ROOM

**Area Rug:** Creative Designs in Carpet, Pompano Beach

**Custom Sofa:** Design NS Leather Furniture; Boca Raton

**Sofa Pillows:** Vanguard Furniture

**Sofa Side Table:** Regina Andrew

**Swivel Chairs:** Vanguard Furniture

**Club Table:** Regina Andrew

**Cocktail Table:** Lexington Furniture

**Cube Ottoman:** Lazar Industries

**Occasional Chairs:** Vanguard Furniture

**Round Side Table:** Sunpan Modern Home

**Drapery Fabric for Panels:** Maxwell Fabrics

**Drapery Hardware:** United Supply Company

**Drapery Fabrication:** Custom Window Treatments Inc., Fort Lauderdale

**Built-In Wall Unit:** Furniture Concepts, Pompano Beach

**Split Face Stone Detail Within Wall Unit:** Daltile

### KITCHEN

**Adjustable Barstools:** Johnston Casuals Furniture

**Cabinetry:** Canam Cabinet Corp, Boca Raton

**Counter:** MS International Inc., Deerfield Beach

**Tile Backsplash:** Daltile

**Plumbing:** European Sink Outlet, Pompano Beach

### DINING ROOM

**Dining Table:** Nuevo Living

**Arm Chairs:** Canadel Inc.

**Window Treatment Valance Fabric:** Maxwell Fabrics

**Window Treatment Valance Fabrication:** Custom Window Treatments Inc., Fort Lauderdale

**Artwork:** ArtSpex, Miami

**Ceiling Fixture:** Restoration Hardware

### MASTER BEDROOM

**Carpet:** Masland Carpets

**Upholstered Bed:** Vanguard Furniture

**Bedding- Coverlet and Euro Shams:** Wildcat Territory

**Custom Monogram Pillow for Bedding:** Legacy Home

**Wallcovering on Headboard Wall & Inset on TV Wall:** Ralph Lauren

**Wallcovering Installation:** Wall Styling by Michael

**Nightstands:** Hickory White

**Table Lamps:** George Kovacs by Minka Group

**Occasional Chair:** Lazar Industries

**Round Side Table:** Zuo Modern

**Floor Lamp:** Nuevo Living

**Artwork:** ArtSpex, Miami

**Window Treatment Valance Fabric:** JF Fabrics

**Window Treatment Valance Fabrication:** Custom Window Treatments Inc., Fort Lauderdale

**Custom woodwork on TV and bed walls:** Furniture Concepts, Pompano Beach

**Fireplace:** Yosemite Home Décor, Fresno, CA

### MASTER BATHROOM

**Wallcovering:** Seabrook

**Wallcovering Installation:** Wall Styling by Michael

**Cabinetry:** Canam Cabinet Corp, Boca Raton

**Counters:** Caesarstone

**Wall Tile:** Porcelanosa, Pompano Beach

**Floor Tile:** Marble of the World, Fort Lauderdale

**Plumbing:** European Sink Outlet, Pompano Beach

### BEDROOM 2

**Carpet:** Masland Carpets

**Upholstered Bed:** Lazar Industries

**Bedding- Quilted Coverlet:** Home-source International

**Bedding - Euro Shams:** Pine Cone Hill

**Nightstands:** Harden Furniture

**Table Lamps:** George Kovacs by Minka Group

**Accent Chair:** Lazar Industries

**Side Table:** Vanguard Furniture

**Drapery Fabric for Panels:** Stout Fabrics

**Drapery Hardware:** United Supply Company

**Drapery Fabrication:** Custom Window Treatment Inc., Fort Lauderdale

### OUTDOOR

**Patio furnishings:** Kanna Collection, Broward Design Center, Fort Lauderdale and Sklar Furnishings, Boca Raton

**Spa:** Concept Pools