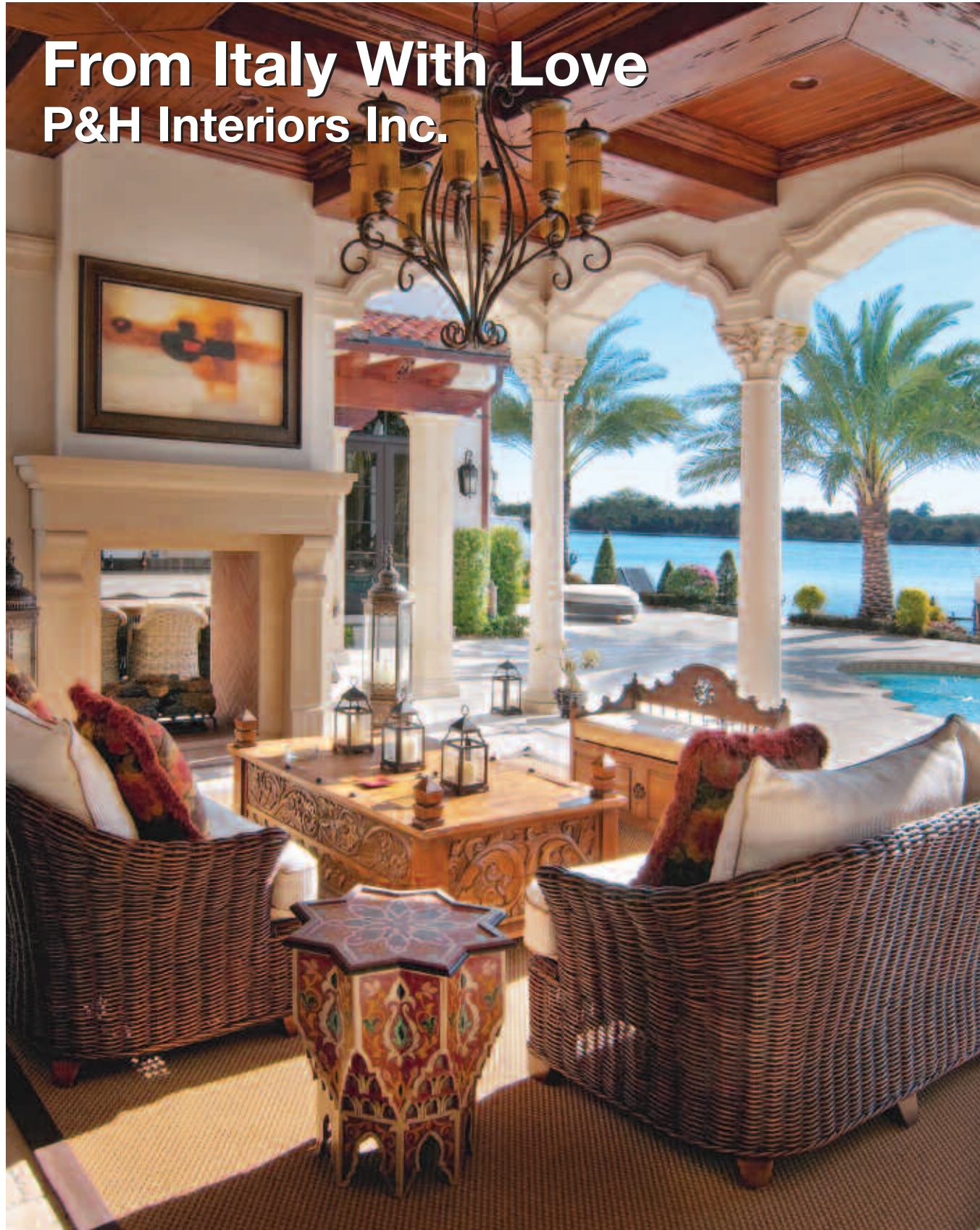


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FROM ITALY, WITH LOVE

Old World Meets New In This Modern Rendition Of
An Italian Villa, And The Result Is Pure Amore

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Architect Krsto Stamatovski stayed true to the simplistic lines of an Italian villa. Sloped rooflines are reminiscent of a hillside, while the symmetry of arches and columns lend a classic, balanced feel.





The clubroom's custom-designed bar is accented with leaded-glass panels from McMow Art Glass. A Sterling billiard table from Boynton Billiards sparks friendly competition, illuminated by a light fixture from Fine Art Lamps. A sofa covered in Highland Court chenille from Duralee anchors the seating area over an area rug from Stanton Carpet.

WHEN IT'S LOVE, YOU JUST KNOW. THAT WAS THE CASE when the lady of this particular house met her husband; she knew from their first date that she would marry him. The same happened when she first laid eyes on this magnificent Fort Lauderdale, Fla., property overlooking Sunrise Bay. And although at the time, only a third of a structure stood upon it and the lawn was overgrown, she saw its potential and fell head over heels. Despite her husband declaring her "a bit crazy" (they'd nearly completed the final work on their current residence several blocks away), she simply knew she had to live there.

Architect Krsto Stamatovski joined interior designers Susan Connor, Julie Harris and Marisa Courson, who the couple had already enlisted for their previous residence, and the team set to work on creating a home that would celebrate the couple's ardor for villas along the Italian countryside. "We have an appreciation for many things beautiful, but chose the Italian feel because it's what we're comfortable with," says the wife, who frequently travels to Italy with her Roman husband.

Pinpointing a design direction was easy: they wanted an Old World feel. But re-interpreting it for modern-day living presented a challenge. "They desired a



home that was influenced by the past without pretending to recreate it," Stamatovski says. To ensure the home's authenticity, the architect worked strictly with natural materials, such as stone for the balustrades, windowsills and surrounds, and handmade clay tiles for the roof.

And then, just as the main house was nearing completion, the owners acquired the adjoining property — and their house went from stately to sprawling, with an additional area that allocates a space to entertain guests. An enormous clubroom features rich fabrics and neutral colors, enabling family and friends to gather in a refined, comfortable setting. The seating is ample, from a classic sofa and two leather-backed lounge chairs, to a pair of club chairs and two caramel-leather footstools. A Mediterranean-style area rug lies beneath a wood and marble cocktail table, completing the welcoming space, while a bar and billiard table

RIGHT: A glimmering crystal chandelier shines down upon the master bedroom's suede bed. Custom damask bedding from Kravet is enhanced by an array of decorative pillows in lavish silks and velvets. Hickory White's wood bedside tables trimmed in gold house a pair of gilded lamps.



Intricately laid glass mosaic tiles placed over crema marfil marble from Marble of the World beautifully adorns the master bath. The ornate floor detail might be mistaken for an opulent rug, while the resplendent, geometric wall inset could easily bedeck a palace.



The favorite part of the family compound is its glorious outdoor loggia, which seamlessly connects the two wings. "We essentially live outdoors," the owner says. "The kids have a blast out on the bay, friends pull up with their boats ... we don't really ever like to leave!"

allow for fun and games. "We softened some of the elements of a European villa to embody the livability of a modern American home," Connor says. Harris and Courson introduce a rustic feel with a maple wood-beamed ceiling with a walnut stain, faux-painted with scrollwork.

Over in the main wing, a splendid shift occurs. "The master suite serves as an opulent sanctuary apart from the rest of the home," says Connor, whose generous use of golden-toned fabrics makes this entire master bedroom appear dusted with the precious metal.

Here, Connor draped the ceiling in gold-colored silk and wrapped formal cornices in damask, adding swags, jabots and a tassel fringe for softness. Leather-upholstered panels on the headboard wall create a more masculine focal point. Open the hand-carved mahogany doors leading to the master bath and it's like stumbling upon a treasure trove. Crema marfil marble glosses the floors and walls, while the barrel ceiling gleams with bronzed faux finish. Delicate light fixtures augment the room's freestanding copper tub.

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Outside, the transition is effortless. "We followed our concept of comfortable, livable furnishings from the interior to outdoors," Connor says of the loggia, which is like a living room with the added benefit of water and sky. "We continued many of the same materials from the interior, like the stone flooring and beamed ceilings, and let the architecture and views do the rest," Harris elaborates.

Classic architecture, the use of authentic materials and the owners' relaxed attitude can only mean this house will mature gracefully, and keep getting better as time goes by. Kind of reminds us of love itself.

SOURCES

Rear Exterior

Roofing - Zion Tile Corp., Miami, FL
Columns, railings and planters - European Ornaments, West Palm Beach, FL
Pool - AAA Custom Pools, Inc., Jupiter, FL
Daybed - Lane Venture, Inc., Conover, NC
Light fixtures - Savoy House, Atlanta, GA
Flooring - Stone Connection, Inc., Coconut Creek, FL

Clubroom

Beamed ceiling, wall paneling, bar and stained glasswork - Custom designed by P&H Interiors, Inc., Coral Springs, FL
Ceiling, wall paneling and bar fabricated and installed by Furniture Concepts 2000, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL
Stained glasswork fabricated by McMow Art Glass, Inc., Lake Worth, FL
Stencil work fabricated by Colonial Decorators, Delray Beach, FL
Countertop fabricated by Triple D Marble and Granite, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Sofa and striped lounge chairs - Bentley Churchill, Inc., High Point, NC
Cocktail table, barstools and game chairs - Italmont Furniture, Sun Valley, CA
Sofa, barstool and leather bar panel fabrics - Duralee Fabrics & Fine Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Bar panel fabricated and installed by Custom Window Treatments, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Club chairs - TCS Design, Inc., Hickory, NC
Accent pillow and drapery fabrics - Kravet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Lounge and club chair fabrics, and pillow fringe - Robert Allen Fabrics, Robert Allen I Beacon Hill, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Occasional tables between lounge and club chairs - Maitland-Smith, High Point, NC
Game table - Hekmen/Woodmark, Zeeland, MI

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Ottomans - Pearson Co., High Point, NC
Billiard table - Sterling, Boynton Billiards, Boynton Beach, FL
Light fixture over billiard table - Fine Art Lamps, Beautiful Things Lighting & Accessories, Coral Springs, FL
Flooring - Stone Connection, Inc., Coconut Creek, FL
Master Bath
Entrance door - Flori-Door, Inc., Orlando, FL
Faux-finished ceiling fabricated by Finishes With Finesse, Inc., Wilton Manors, FL
Large wall tiling and flooring - Marble of the World, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Decorative wall tiling - Ceramic Matrix, Delray Beach, FL
Mosaic area rug - Custom designed by P&H Interiors, Inc., Coral Springs, FL
Fabricated by B.B. Mosaics, Inc., Plantation, FL
Tub - Robert Kuo, Ann Sacks, Miami, FL
Chandelier and wall sconces - Troy Lighting, Beautiful Things Lighting & Accessories, Coral Springs, FL
Master Bedroom
Draped ceiling fabric - Robert Allen Fabrics, Robert Allen I Beacon Hill, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Headboard wall fabric - Design NS, Boca Raton, FL
Bed - Artifacts International, Chula Vista, CA
Bed covering - Kravet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Draped ceiling, headboard and bed covering fabricated and installed by Custom Window Treatments, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Bedside tables - Hickory White, Hickory, NC
Flooring - C&M Wood Floors, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL
Loggia
Ceiling - Ouro Custom Woodwork, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL
Fireplace - Francois & Co., Winter Park, FL
Sofas - Barlow Tyrie, Inc., Moorestown, NJ
Fringe - Kravet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Light fixture - Troy Lighting, Beautiful Things Lighting & Accessories, Coral Springs, FL
Flooring - Stone Connection, Inc., Coconut Creek, FL
Mosaic inset fabricated by B.B. Mosaics, Inc., Plantation, FL
Throughout
Millwork and molding - Ouro Custom Woodwork, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL
Windows and doors - Weather Shield Mfg., Inc., Medford, WI
Recessed lighting - WAC Lighting, Energize Electrical Contractors, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Drapery cornices and welts - Artmark Fabrics Co., Frazer, PA
Tassel fringe and jabot fabrics - Fabricut, Jeffrey Michaels, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Drapery swags and rosettes - Kashmir Fabrics, Dallas, TX
Draperies fabricated and installed by Custom Window Treatments, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Rugs - Stanton Carpet Corp., Syosset, NY
Fabricated by Creative Designs in Carpet, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL ♦