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Nautical-Inspired Architecture And A Modern Open Plan Give Way To A Breezy Indoor-Outdoor Lifestyle In This Delray Beach Waterfront Home



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ABOVE: The home's exterior is created with bright white stucco and a nautical-inspired privacy wall with a porthole. Sliding glass doors stack into a pocket to connect the interior to the exterior. "Once the slider is moved into a pocket there is no barrier between inside and outside. It's one contiguous space," architect Jeffrey Silberstein says.



A leather-clad sectional from Pavilion is arranged around a fire pit in slate gray. Beyond, in the sleek kitchen, a veined Calacatta marble backsplash and a waterfall-edge island created in Caesarstone add dramatic contrast.

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WHEN FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS RANDY AND LENNIE SMITH decided to downsize, they eventually found their dream home on the Intracoastal Waterway in Delray Beach, Fla. "First we sold our large home and then purchased a townhouse which was too small," the wife says. "Finally, we found the perfect home."

In 2014, the couple commissioned award-winning architect Jeffrey Silberstein to create their waterfront home for them, and interior designer Susan Connor, who had previously worked on two residences for the Smiths, to style the interiors. Connor embraced the

home's architecture. "We wanted to be very minimalistic in our design approach and keep the focal point on the stunning views outside," she says. The design team's aim was to create a sleek, cool, modern living environment that would give the owners an open entertainment area. "We never had a home designed for us that was this modern," the wife says.

Completed in 2017, the inviting 4,200-square-foot residence features an expansive patio that overlooks the Intracoastal Waterway and a custom pool with a water feature



In the dining area, circular “haloed” pendants from Élan Lighting recall the exterior’s porthole details. Custom metallic wall panels separate the living and dining areas. “They act as an architectural visual separator,” interior designer Susan Connor says.

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Decorative wall art from Viz Art Glass adds interest and movement to a sitting area by the entry. Four Bernhardt club chairs, in position for conversation, rest atop a striped Surya area rug in neutral tones.



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that wraps around one side of the home. “We wanted to create the feeling that you’re outside all of the time,” Silberstein says. “Because there is glass everywhere, it was important to find a way to add separation and lend privacy from the neighbors next door. So, we created a tall angled wall with a porthole that resembles a ship’s prow.”

The great room flows out towards an expansive furnished patio. A leather-clad sectional framed in silvery metal and a square glass-topped game table surrounded by cushioned chairs, are perfect for conversation and casual dining alfresco. “When you do an open plan like this you want everything else to disappear — the glass railing on the grand stairway or even the kitchen,” the architect says. “This kitchen appears more like furniture with rift cut, dark-oak panel cabinets and no visible pulls.”

The great rooms’ dining and living areas continue with the nautical motif. Dining chairs from Nuevo wrapped in a gray hue feature nautical-inspired, polished stainless bases that edge a glass-topped table. Beyond, Connor formed separate TV and living areas arranged with clean-lined, low-profile leather sofas and a pair of swivel armchairs clad in a tone-on-tone, raised textural geometric pattern from Lazar. Polished stainless steel-topped cocktail tables recall the porthole on the home’s facade.

A small sitting area near the entry of the home conveys a more landlocked vibe. Here, Connor used iron as her metal, both in a twig-like, multi-armed chandelier and in Bernhardt’s four elegant club chairs created with curved-back frames.

The tranquil master bedroom looks out onto the waterway from a private balcony. Flanking a leather-clad bed dressed in linens from Kravet, a glass-based bedside lamp from Visual Comfort adds ambient light without visual weight.



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Likened to a cruise ship, the master bedroom suite enjoys stunning water views from a glass balcony railing. A textured dark gray feature wall contrasts with a tufted leather platform bed in white, and a pair of armchairs in faux Mongolian lamb add a touch of glam. "For this room, the couple wanted something sleek that worked with the rest of the home's design, but also something comfortable and dramatic," Connor says.

The airy master bath offers scenic garden views. A floating vanity created in a Madagascar ebony veneer and a freestanding vessel tub convey a tranquil ambiance.

"The home works well for us," the wife says. "It's modern but not cold — it has softness in furnishings and warmth in the wood flooring." Three years in the making, this home is perfect for a couple who loves to entertain or to just relax at home.

RIGHT: The sleek master bath is a minimalist spa-like space. A floating vanity crafted in a Madagascar ebony veneer from Distinctive Millwork topped with glossy white Caesarstone counters incorporates a makeup niche. A Momeni area rug from P&H Interiors adds warmth atop Calacatta marble flooring from Heritage.



SOURCES

Pool Area

Pool and Jacuzzi - Pooltek of the Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach, FL

Lounge chairs - Pavilion Furniture, Miami, FL

Decking - Architectural Precast, West Palm Beach, FL

Patio Area

Sectional - Pavilion Furniture, Miami, FL

Yellow-and-white striped accent pillow fabric - Silverstate Fabrics, Salt Lake City, UT

Cocktail table - Sunpan Imports, Toronto, Canada

Dining table - Moe's Home Collection, Kent, WA

Dining chairs - Nuevo, Design Concept Solutions, Miami, FL

Kitchen

Island, cabinetry and white panels - Distinctive Millwork, Boca Raton, FL

Barstools - Nuevo, Design Concept Solutions, Miami, FL

Countertops - Caesarstone, Pompano Beach, FL

Marble wall - Statuario Marble, Pompano Beach, FL

Stairway and railings - Custom designed by South Florida Stairs, Boynton Beach, FL

Dining Area

Dining table - Moe's Home Collection, Kent, WA
Dining chairs - Nuevo, Design Concept Solutions, Miami, FL

Pendants - Élan Lighting, New York, NY

Wall panels - Custom designed by Interlam, Mount Airy, NC

Fabricated by Furniture Concepts, Pompano Beach, FL

Artwork - ArtSpex, Miami, FL

Living Area

Sofas - NS Leather, Boca Raton, FL

Accent pillow fabrics - Romo, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Armchairs - Lazar, Siler City, NC

Small cocktail tables - Nuevo,

Design Concept Solutions, Miami, FL
Shelf under TV fabricated by Furniture Concepts, Pompano Beach, FL

Area rug - Stanton Carpet, Syosset, NY

Flooring - Heritage Flooring, Boynton Beach, FL

Sitting Area

Chairs - Bernhardt Furniture, Lenoir, NC
Cocktail table - Zuo Modern, Miami, FL

Art - Viz Art Glass, San Leandro, CA

Light fixture - Avenue Lighting, Chatsworth, CA

Area rug - Surya, White, GA

Master Bedroom

Bed - Shading Source, Boynton Beach, FL

Bedding - Kravet, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL, and Fabricut, Tulsa, OK

Striped accent pillow fabric - Stout, Colmar, PA

Bedside table - Worlds Away, Memphis, TN

Lamp - Visual Comfort, Boca Raton, FL

Chairs - Vanguard Furniture, High Point, NC

Accent table - Sunpan Imports, Toronto, Canada

Chandelier - PLC Lighting, Chatsworth, CA

Area rug - Couristan, Inc., Fort Lee, NJ

Flooring - Heritage Flooring, Boynton Beach, FL

Master Bath

Cabinetry and shelving - Custom designed by Distinctive Millwork, Boca Raton, FL

Countertops - Caesarstone, Pompano Beach, FL

Tub - Blu Bathworks, Miller's Elegant Hardware, Boca Raton, FL

Mirror - Custom designed by American Insulated Glass, Boca Raton, FL

Lighting - Beach Lighting, Sunrise, FL
Flooring - Heritage Flooring, Boynton Beach, FL ◆

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