

The influence of West Indies architecture is apparent in the home's exterior design by Kukuk Architecture & Design. Built by A. Vernon Allen Builder, the front exterior features Kerf corner columns, decorative rafter tails and beams together with Bahamian blue shutters.

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A WEST INDIES BEAUTY IN THE EXCLUSIVE LUXURY NEIGHBORHOOD OF PORT ROYAL DELIGHTS ITS NEW OWNERS AND ITS COMMUNITY

Nestled within the private neighborhood of Port Royal in Naples, there is an enclave named Little Harbour that features 32 beautiful homes on 25 acres. A gated, single-family residential community, this picturesque oasis exemplifies the Naples luxury home industry at its most exclusive and serene. When the team of architects Jon Kukuk and Claudio Almeida joined forces with builders Ryan Bensen and Evan Weaver, and interior designer Wendy Berry, the creative effort of this joint venture was nothing short of spectacular. "This home reflects a balance between traditional and

THE DINING ROOM IS STYLISH WITH A TABLE FROM CENTURY FURNITURE EDGED WITH HICKORY CHAIR'S SOPHISTICATED CHAIRS. AN EXPANSE OF BLEACHED-BLACK WALNUT FLOORING FROM LEGNO BASTONE WARMS THE SPACE.



In the living room created with cream and blue hues, a sofa from the W Home Collection and blue armchairs clad in a geometric pattern from Century Furniture form a social grouping around a shell reef fireplace. Photography by Maggie Barry, Spokane, WA.

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transitional style strongly influenced by West Indies architecture," Kukk says. "The simple layout gives the homeowner privacy from the street and maximizes the water views from the back of the home," he says.

According to the homeowner, the whole experience of creating this beautiful, comfortable home was pleasurable. "Kukk and his team were very professional," he says. "Jon's engaging personality and ability to collaborate with all involved helped to streamline the entire project."

The open layout of this 5,000-square-foot home is one that many owners desire today. With large windows, 18-foot sliding doors, and eight double French doors, the views are always front and center.

Due to a large amount of glass facing south, the house has a bright airy feel throughout and conveys the essence of a seaside retreat. "Intricate cypress wood details such as kerf corner columns, decorative rafter tails and beams together with Bahamian blue shutters, balance the white exterior of the house," Almeida says.

Only top quality construction is evident throughout the home thanks to the project management of builders Ryan Benson and Evan Weaver. The extensive details, materials, and systems within the house include a whole house water filtration system, Sub-Zero, Wolf, Bosch, and Miele appliances and Harmon Hinge doors. Concrete construction throughout provides the most solid foundation to manage Florida's

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Spectacular water views can be enjoyed from the family room through wide sliding glass doors. A casual seating arrangement of custom sofas and armchairs create the perfect space for family and friends to socialize. Above, an E.F. Chapman lantern from Visual Comfort illuminates the space.



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elements. The windows are hurricane rated and fully waterproofed, and the rear terraces are enclosed with automated shutters and screens.

A consistent visual throughout the home is the stunning, bleached-black walnut wood flooring. "The designer requested a Legno Bastone floor which is created and fabricated to age gracefully, and requires the least amount of maintenance," Legno Bastone owner Tiffany Guido says. "It is fabricated by the hands of European artisans from French white oak."

Energy efficiency was also a top consideration. "The fully enclosed attic, insulated glass and professionally engineered mechanical systems all achieve that goal," Benson says. "We were fortunate to be able to construct this home with a client who appreciated quality and style, and to work with a design team that was second to none," he says.

This was the first time builders Benson and Weaver had collaborated with interior designer Berry, and they achieved results that made both of their companies proud. There were several meetings with both teams. They worked side-by-side with the architects combining the exterior details with the interior styling to create a cohesive design. "The



A RELAXING SPA-LIKE RETREAT, THE MASTER BATH FEATURES A FREESTANDING TUB AND A CAST IRON STOOL IN ANTIQUE BRONZE. ABOVE, A LARGE, BRONZE-GOLD IRON PENDANT FROM CURREY & CO., WARMS THE SPACE.



directives were to keep the interior design 'beach casual,' while maintaining a modern yet transitional space," the designer says.

The home's coastal chic vibe is best illustrated in the design of the spectacular kitchen, dining room, and family room spaces, which are central to the home and most dramatic in regard to the finish details. The kitchen cabinetry features Shaker-style uppers and slated wood bases, which keep the overall style casual yet still elegant.

The master bath's tile juxtaposed with built-in wood cabinetry is one of Berry's favorite design details, as is the pool's mosaic tile. All these elements play off the water views and capitalize on the homeowners' affinity for cool, beachy colors on the inside and out.

Contemporary and Bermudian are the only two architectural styles accepted in Little Harbour's stringent architectural code. The design team worked closely together to follow these guidelines. With a 5,000-square-foot maximum under air limit for homes in Little Harbour, the layout had to be efficient. The final result was a huge success, illustrating just how rewarding it was for all involved in the project. "Everyone worked closely with us to understand our style of living and our tastes which resulted in this beautiful home," the owner says.

LEFT: In the master bedroom sitting area, Hickory Chair's armchairs and ottoman in a serene light blue checkerboard patterned fabric, offer a tranquil place to relax near French doors that open to the pool area.



A hanging light shade from Wired Custom Lighting casts a soft glow above W Home Collections's custom upholstered bed and chaise clad in Schumaker fabric. An area rug in cream and seafoam hues from F.J. Kashanian Rugs, grounds the space in comfort.

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A SPACIOUS OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE WITH SEPARATE DINING AND LIVING AREAS
PROVIDE CASUAL LUXURY BENEATH A RICH CYPRESS WOOD CEILING.

The pool area is a serene space where weathered teak chaises and concrete stools from Made Goods, perfect for resting beverages, add luxurious outdoor ambiance to this stunning waterfront home.



SOURCES

FOYER/LIVING AREA

Sofa - Custom designed by W Home Collection, Chagrin Falls, OH
Armchairs - Century Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Table lamps - Visual Comfort Lighting, New York, NY
Chandelier - Charles Edwards, London, England
Area rug - The Rug Company, Miami, FL

DINING ROOM

Dining table - Century Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Dining chairs - Hickory Chair Furniture Co., Hickory, NC
Chandelier - Custom-designed by W Home Collection, Chagrin Falls, OH

FAMILY ROOM

Sectional, armchairs, cocktail table and area rug - Custom designed by W Home Collection, Chagrin Falls, OH
Chair fabric - Kravet, Inc., Bethpage, NY
Table lamps - Arteriors, Carrollton, TX
Console table - Lillian August, New York, NY
Occasional table - Ralph Lauren Home, New York, NY

Lantern - E. F. Chapman, Visual Comfort Lighting, New York, NY

KITCHEN

Cabinetry - Traditional Cabinetry, Brainerd, MN
Backsplash - Artistic Tile, New York, NY
Pendants - Custom designed by W Home Collection, Chagrin Falls, OH
Counter stools - Lee Industries, Conover, NC
Counter stool fabric - Duralee, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Wallcovering - Phillip Jeffries, Fairfield, NJ

MASTER BATH

Sconces - Hammerton, Salt Lake City, UT
Stool - Global Views, High Point, NC
Pendant - Currey and Co., Atlanta, GA

MASTER BEDROOM/SITTING AREA

Armchairs and ottoman - Hickory Chair Furniture Co., Hickory, NC
Bed, chaise and chandelier - Custom designed by W Home Collection, Chagrin Falls, OH
Chaise fabric - Schumacher, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Shams - Jim Thompson Fabrics, Atlanta, GA
Bedside chests - Century Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Chandelier - Wired Custom Lighting, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Area rug - F.J. Kashanian Rugs, High Point, NC

Wallcovering - John Rosselli & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

LOGGIA

Sofa, armchairs and dining table - Restoration Hardware, West Palm Beach, FL
Dining chairs - Sunbrella, Kingsley-Bate, Manassas, VA

POOL AREA

Chaise lounges - Restoration Hardware, West Palm Beach, FL
Umbrella - The Wasserstrom Company, Columbus, OH
Stools - Made Goods, City of Industry, CA

THROUGHOUT

Flooring - Legno Bastone, Naples, FL **N**