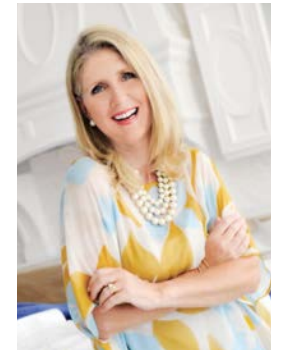


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*"My initial inspiration for this project
was derived from my clients' passion
for art, love for the color purple and
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Organic and casually elegant, the sculptural light fixture "Work of Art" from Aqua Creations illuminates the foyer. Its soft and sheer lavender fabric casts an airy ambiance in artistic complement to the cantilevered stairway backed by a wall of interlocking woven wood crafted by SFE Hardwood.



RELOCATING TO NORTH MIAMI was a dream come true for homeowners Mr. & Mrs. B. After deciding on a full gut renovation for their 5,700-square-foot home, the couple commissioned interior designer Dawn Causa to fulfill their aesthetic visions. Although the project took nearly two years, it was a labor of love for both the designer and the owners.

Architectural integrity immediately prevails upon entry. Here, a cantilevered stairway exudes the true essence of ultimate modernism as stainless steel railings, glass panels and gray wood treads step up to a wall of interlocking woven wood — a personal favorite of Mr. B's.

LEFT AND ABOVE: Missoni's hex-shaped velvet pouf displays all the hues of the rainbow in a finely striped pattern, while British artist Damien Hirst's *Minaret* presents a modern twist to a vintage kaleidoscope pattern that circles color around the intimate living area. Across the space and making quite a statement, E.G. Cody's oversized mirror edged in white shagreen captures the whimsical spirit of Porta Romana's iconic "Duck Feet" lamp shaded in lavender ostrich feathers.

An abundance of textural dimension in a unique hybrid of gray and beige pairs with the high sheen of polished porcelain that grounds the foyer and living area in glistening reflection. Sharing the space, modified barrel chairs ergonomically designed for comfort join a gray velvet settee with dark gunmetal arms that speak to the dark bronze and stainless steel hex shape of mini, two-tone accent tables. Opposite the pouf of color, a white credenza takes on an unprecedented casual elegance with a fusion of three elements — white matte wood, silver leaf and glossy white lacquer for the concave draw handles. “I love mixing finishes, the more the merrier,” Causa says.

An interplay of interactive furnishings unfolds in the dining area and lounge area beyond. Modern pieces are paired with nature as a live-edge wood dining table in a custom gray finish and polished chrome base casts a dramatic effect. Brno chairs sport a classic contemporary style that is renewed with the lavender sheen of a textured weave. Color translates a sense of excitement as a monoprint collage with an engraved embossment of hand-dyed paper represents words and phrases with insightful meanings. “I needed something big with plenty of color,” the designer says.

RIGHT: Cornered on an acrylic base, *Four Foot Companion*, one of artist Brian Donnelly’s (aka KAWS) hybrid cartoon characters, presides over the dining area. A live-edge Guanacaste wood table from Doro Designs sits center stage, while artist Mel Bochner’s embossed collage of color — a select piece from one of the owners’ favorite haunts, the Rosenfeld Gallery — provides a powerful focal point.

“We have a natural flow from space to space,” the homeowner says. The home’s open footprint delivers extraordinary movement with energetic pops of color and textures that create a cheerful and unforgettable synergy.



Sleek and svelte, a black glass-topped side table is design ingenuity at its best with an upholstered base that integrates with the sofa, both from JAB Anstoetz. Artist Chun Kwang Young's *Aggregation 09* dots the back wall with illusion as tiny pieces of paper are torn up and applied in place of paint to create depth and dimension. Artist proofs by Banksy, *Nola Orange Rain* and *No Ball Games* add dollops of color.



Thinking outside the box, circular ottomans act as cocktail tables and provide extra seating in the family room. Here, supple fabrics are layered in a lush and inviting fashion with color being an important factor. Atop a sumptuous velvet-clad sofa, accent pillows in an animal hide print are striped in purple with a subtle hint of orange to create an impromptu look that is expressive. “There is a psychology of color, it is inspiring and creates conversation,” the designer says.

Contrast and variety present a clean minimalistic setting in the kitchen that announces a sense of innovation and integrity. Upper cabinets have a matte finish with an embossed wavy texture while base cabinetry and the island impress in a glossy white finish. A wall of dark gray cabinetry boasts a striking coarseness from carved wood that plays off the lustrous, slab of dark charcoal quartz set beneath a stunning duo of LED island hoods. “The kitchen is the heart of the home and one of my favorite places,” Mrs. B. says.



ABOVE RIGHT: Accolades to the designer for selecting Futuro Futuro's impressive LED range hoods that appear to float above the kitchen island. Eggersmann cabinetry wraps the culinary space styled for entertaining as barstools from Addison House complete the contemporary vibe.

RIGHT: Armani Casa's pearlized champagne hue dresses the chairs that flank Minotti's elliptical black marble cocktail table in the lounge and bar area — a great perch to bask in the water views. *Butterflies*, a box of artificial beauties by artist Michael Olsen comes to life in a 3D perspective.





Reminiscent of a five-star spa, the master bath exudes a clean and crisp ambience. MTI's freestanding tub from Farrey's embraces the view of the glimmering bay.



One of Mrs. B's favorite spaces is the master closet — her pride and joy. A “his and her” island sparkles with amethyst quartz chips while the drum light fixture from Wired Custom Lighting glitters with crystal spheres that cascade from its center.

RIGHT: Artemide's white glass “Dioscuri” luminaires cast circles of light around the daughter's room, where Whiteline Modern Living's white lacquered bed and bedside chests appear to float in the spirit of Miami's modern aesthetic. Phillip Jeffries' larger-than-life floral backdrop, Missoni's zigzag patterned body pillow and Loloi's shag area rug continue the celebration of color.



Designed to make a grand statement, the daughter's room is colored with soft shades of plum on a repetitive oversized flower pattern and the rich, amethyst hue of the luxurious shag area rug. With simplicity in mind, the room becomes magical as feminine white sheers drench the space with sunlight. “They are very dreamy and wispy and add a little texture,” Causa says.

In the one area that eschews color, the look of marble has ultimate presence as white porcelain tile with striations of gray veins canvases the couple's closet and master bath. With that, the white quartz shower adds interest grounded in a patterned mosaic.

Whether it is a dip in the pool or dining alfresco, there is no better place to relax and unwind than outdoors on the patio. Not only designed to withstand the elements of the tropics, furnishings are attractive and comfortable with thick cushions framed in powder-coated gray metal. Aqua hues draw the eye across the pool and to the water's edge, where gently curved daybeds swathe the body, soothe the soul and suggest a little color goes a long way.



ABOVE AND RIGHT: Fully loaded, the summer kitchen gives a new meaning to outdoor entertaining with Alfresco's grill from Monark. The overhang not only adds movement to complete the architectural structure of the home, but it provides much needed respite from the tropical sun. Here, comfortable boxy seating from Restoration Hardware pairs with the light and airy circular forms of Clima Home's ensemble of metal wire tables. Surrounded by oversized porcelain pavers, the lagoon colored pool is a smooth transition to the bay.



SOURCES

ENTRY FOYER

Front door - Last Chance Glass, Coconut Creek, FL
Stairway - The Stair Company, Margate, FL
Railing - JC Iron Ornamental Work, West Palm Beach, FL
Wood wall treatment - SFE Hardwood Flooring & Mouldings, Dania Beach, FL
Lavendar floor lamp - Aqua Creations, Aqua Gallery, New York, NY
LIVING AREA
Artwork - Sothebys, London, UK
Sofa, barrel chairs and occasional tables - Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Sofa fabric - Brentano, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Barrel chair fabric - Pollack and Associates, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Striped pouf - Missoni, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Credenza - Shine by S.H.O., LDC, Laguna Niguel, CA
Ostrich feather lamp - Porta Romana, Jerry Pair, Hollywood, FL
Mirror - E.G. Cody, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
"Vandal Gummy" sculpture - WhlsBe, Art Miami, Miami, FL
DINING AREA
Table - Doro Designs, Miami, FL
Chairs - Artistic Frame, Jeffrey Michaels, Hollywood, FL
Fabric - Zinc Textiles, Romo, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Acrylic pedestal and wall art - Rosenfeld Gallery, Miami, FL
Sculpture on pedestal - Art Life Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

LOUNGE AND BAR AREA

Lounge chairs - Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Fabric - Armani Casa by Rubelli, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Cocktail table - Minotti Miami, Miami, FL
Accessories on cocktail table - Alexander Lamont, Jerry Pair, Hollywood, FL
Artwork - Michael Olsen, London, UK
Barstools - E.G. Cody, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
FAMILY ROOM
Sectional sofa and side table - JAB Anstoetz, Carriage House, Miami, FL
Fabric - Link Outdoor, Jeffrey Michaels, Hollywood, FL

Cocktail ottomans - Della Robbia, Judith Norman, Hollywood, FL
Large artwork - Rosenfeld Gallery, Miami, FL
Small artwork - Pictures on Walls, London, UK
Sculptural piece - Judith Norman, Hollywood, FL
Area rug - Loloi Rugs, Dallas, TX
KITCHEN
Cabinetry and island - Eggersmann USA, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Countertops - Cambria USA, S&T Marble & Granite, Inc., Miami, FL
Counter stools - Addison House, Miami, FL
LED island hoods - Futuro Futuro, Air Forte, Inc., Hallandale, FL
MASTER BATH AND CLOSET
Tub - MTI Baths, Farrey's Lighting and Bath, North Miami, FL
Vanity - Custom Millwork of Florida, Hollywood, FL

Shower enclosure and closets - Mirrors & Closets of Florida, Hollywood, FL
Light fixtures - Wired Custom Lighting, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Wall covering and flooring - Cavastone Group, Boca Raton, FL
Cabinetry top - Cambria USA, S&T Marble & Granite, Inc., Miami, FL
DAUGHTER'S ROOM
Bed and bedside chests - Whiteline Modern Living, Miami, FL
Body pillow - R&D Contract Window Coverings, Hialeah, FL
Fabric - Missoni, Addison House, Miami, FL
Table lamps - Artemide, Lumens, Sacramento, CA
Wall covering - Phillip Jeffries, Fairfield, NJ
Frog sculpture - Jerry Pair, Hollywood, FL
Drapery fabric - Duralee, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Area rug - Loloi Rugs, Dallas, TX
Wood flooring - SFE Hardwood Flooring & Mouldings, Dania Beach, FL
PATIO AND POOL AREA
Pool - Outdoor Miami, Inc., Miami, FL
Grill - Alfresco, Monark Premium Appliance, Pompano Beach, FL
Sofas and armchairs - Restoration Hardware, Aventura, FL
Cocktail table and occasional tables - Clima Home, Miami, FL
Aqua daybeds and chaise lounges - Restoration Hardware, Aventura, FL
Planters - Best Cut Landscaping, Miami, FL
THROUGHOUT
Home automation system - Elite Audio Design, Inc., Miami, FL