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IT DOES NOT HAPPEN often; but when a client and an interior designer not only agree upon but *embolden* each other on a home's redesign, it's kismet.

"We had the same vision. They are adventurous and not afraid of color," says Jackie Armour, principal and owner of JMA Interior Design, of her clients Liz and George Ross. "We provide a beautiful, safe haven for our clients; the COVID-19 pandemic really made that hit home."

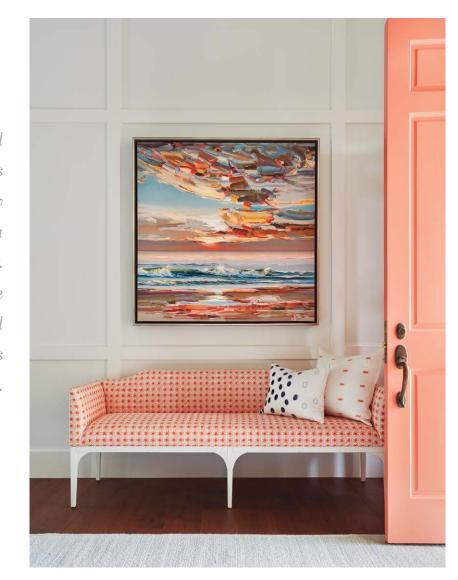
Avid golfers from Rye, New York, the Rosses have vacationed in the Hobe Sound area for many years. Recently they yearned for a larger home to accommodate their evolving lifestyle with their four sons; three in college and one in high school. "My parents have been here in Loblolly since the eighties," explains Liz. "We have a lot of friends from Rye here, and so do the boys."

RIGHT: Dark walnut floors add depth and elevate the home's casual style. A coral red coffee table inspired the home's colorful palette. Central to entertaining is the wet bar that features a beer tap and refrigerator drawers cleverly hidden inside the lower cabinet.





Architectural molding details were added to a new wall that creates a more defined foyer. A Thibaut settee covered in coral fabric complements the bold front door.



The couple started house hunting in the midst of the pandemic. This home in Loblolly—a private golf community in Hobe Sound—was built in 1998. "It was so bad, I walked in and out," Liz says. "But my husband realized the potential, so we bought it in June."

The design plan came together in just two days. The main choices were made, but both Liz and George contributed more ideas, sending photos back and forth to Eden Tepper, a senior designer and project manager who frequently works with Armour.

The Bermuda-style architecture of the 3,000square-foot home and its adjacent 725-square-

RIGHT: The front door was repainted a dazzling coral inside and out, adding a punch of color and offering a preview of the interior color palette.

LEFT: The family room's ceiling and fireplace were covered with shiplap to add dimension and interest to the room's uneven angles. A timeless sisal rug in a geometric pattern adds texture and warmth.





foot guesthouse is a favorite throughout Florida—offering a grand entrance, a symmetrical façade, and classic proportions. "It had great bones, but was too formal," says Armour. "They wanted a different aesthetic from their Colonial home in New York, and bright colors are having a big moment. We're getting a lot of requests for that." Several large interior columns were removed, and a wall was added to define the foyer and create an office for George.

The springboard for the home's signature color story was a single showstopping piece: a coral red coffee table that stands as the centerpiece in the living

ABOVE: The kitchen was a complete renovation by Waterview Kitchens. A contrasting nautical blue island adds saturated color to the all-white space. Gray-veined quartz countertops are durable for an active family. The backsplash was kept simple and the squared-off picture window was enlarged for better views of the lush landscaping.

RIGHT: Since the laundry room is the first room you see when entering from the garage, a bold navy and white China Seas wallpaper is paired with a striped, penny-tile floor chosen by George Ross.



ABOVE: The breakfast room continues the classic blue and white color scheme with crisp window treatments. Indoor/outdoor fabric covers the seats of the painted chairs. The custom light is a reverse blue and white variation of the pendants in the kitchen.





A bold navy blue geometric tone-on-tone grasscloth wallpaper is juxtaposed against a playful curtain fabric print that frames tortoiseshell bamboo blinds in this guesthouse bedroom.



room. Liz found it at a favorite online store, Oomph Home. Classic blue and white stripes, a variety of patterned fabrics, and textured wallpapers add to the home's joyful, easy ambience.

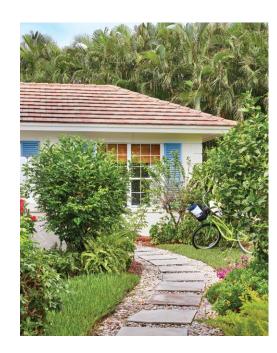
Armour and Tepper designed the custom, periwinkle blue wet bar in the living room. "Finishes take things to another level," Tepper says. "I chose gloss [paint] because it gives modernity and a more playful, unexpected twist."

"Everyone hangs out in the kitchen and there are always friends over for cocktails," Liz says. "[Armour] and her team took care of everything and really listened to what we wanted. When people come over, they're blown away. It's an amazing house to entertain in. It's the first of all my homes where the whole house is to our exact taste, and it's really thought out," she adds.

But she gives all credit to her design team. "You have to trust them," she says. "They understand the vision better than you."

LEFT: A deeper blue was chosen for George's office cabinets to complement a Phillip Jeffries grasscloth wallpaper. The chandelier's drum shade is banded with navy leather above a burled maple desk. Blue and white curtains feature an over-scaled Moroccan-style print that looks hand-embroidered. The rug is wall-towall seagrass.

Just beyond the pool, a walkway leads to a 725-square-foot guesthouse that features two bedrooms, one bathroom, and a kitchenette.



RIGHT: An outdoor wicker sofa was reupholstered in a bright coral. The outdoor coffee table, with its Moroccan vibe, launched the decor in the Ianai. Ceramic elephant side tables add a touch of whimsy. A rounded profile gives these rattan chairs a modern feel. Eden and Liz spotted the cheeky green stool covered in synthetic "golf grass" during a shopping trip.



### SOURCES

LIVING ROOM Sofa - Lee Industries, Pineapples, Palms, Etc., Jupiter, FL

Fabric - Perennials, David Sutherland Showroom, Dania Beach, FL

Trim - Schumacher, Dania Beach, FL Pillows - Pineapples, Palms, Etc., Jupiter, FL and Eccentricities, Jupiter, FL

Chairs - Lee Industries, Pineapples, Palms, Etc., Jupiter, FL

Pillows - Eccentricities, Jupiter, FL Armchairs - Redford House, DBG, Jupiter, FL Fabric - Quadrille, Dania Beach, FL Cocktail table – Oomph Home, Greenwich, CT Drink table - Pineapples, Palms, Etc., Jupiter, FL Side table - Palecek, DBG, Jupiter, FL Table lamp - Pineapples, Palms, Etc., Jupiter, FL Wet bar design - Jupiter Millwork, Inc., Jupiter, FL Fabricated by Decorators Factory Outlet, West Palm Beach, FL

Drapery fabric - Hable, Athens, GA Drapery trim – Schumacher, Dania Beach, FL Area rug - Jack Walsh Carpets & Rugs, West Palm Beach, FL

# FAMILY ROOM

Sofa - Lee Industries, Pineapples, Palms, Etc.,

Fabric - Perennials, David Sutherland, Dania Beach, FL Club Chairs - Lee Industries, Pineapples Palms Etc.,

Fabric - Schumacher, Dania Beach, FL Cocktail Table - Lee Industries, Pineapples, Palms, Etc., Jupiter, FL

Artwork - Onessimo Fine Art Gallery, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fireplace designed by JMA Interior Design, Jupiter, FL

Fabricated by Mansoukis Construction, Hobe Sound, FL

Mirror - Made Goods, City of Industry, CA Area rug – Jack Walsh Carpets & Rugs, West Palm Beach FL

Love seat - Thibaut, DBG, Jupiter FL

Fabric - Quadrille, Dania Beach, FL Pillows - Fine Linens, Tequesta, FL Artwork - Onessimo Fine Art Gallery, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

## BREAKFAST ROOM

Table and chairs – Lexington, DBG, Jupiter, FL Fabric - Quadrille, Dania Beach, FL Pendant lighting - Coleen & Company, Long Beach, CA Window treatment fabric - Schumacher, Dania Beach, FL Fabricated by Decorators Factory Outlet, West Palm Beach, FL

## **KITCHEN**

Cabinetry designed and fabricated by Waterview Kitchens, Tequesta, FL

Island designed and fabricated by Waterview

Kitchens, Tequesta, FL

Counter stools - Lexington Home, DBG Jupiter, FL Counter stools fabric - Link, Jeffrey Michaels Showroom, Hollywood, FL

Pendant light - Coleen & Company, Long Beach, CA LAUNDRY ROOM

Wall coverings – Quadrille, Dania Beach, FL Light - Visual Comfort, DBG, Jupiter, FL Flooring - Ceramic Matrix, West Palm Beach, FL **OFFICE** 

Desk - Made Goods, City of Industry, CA Chair - Hancock and Moore, DBG, Jupiter, FL Ottoman - Lee Industries, Pineapples, Palms, Etc., Jupiter, FL

Lighting - Visual Comfort, DBG, Jupiter, FL

Drapery fabric - Cowtan & Tout, Dania Beach, FL **GUEST BEDROOM** 

Bed - Redford House, DBG, Jupiter, FL Bedding - Fine Linens, Tequesta, FL Bench - Thibaut, DBG, Jupiter, FL Drapery fabric - Quadrille, Dania Beach, FL Window treatment - Horizon Window Fashion, Waukegan, IL

Sofa and wicker chairs - Kingsley Bate, Manassas, VA Cocktail table - Oomph Home, Greenwich, CT Ottoman and ceramic elephant tables - Eccentricities, Jupiter, FL

Area rug - Dash & Albert, Annie Selke Co., Pittsfield, MA