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Nathan Turner's Deeply Rooted Ojai Home



After 32 years, a British West Indies-style residence gets reimagined with a color-forward approach rooted in nature and refinement.



A custom angular sofa follows the curves of the coffered ceiling in the living room.

SEA change



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THE PHILOSOPHY

“JMA Interior Design is known for its colorful aesthetic, which celebrates the beauty of nature while creating interiors that feel both calming and uplifting,” says Jackie Armour, founder and creative force behind the firm (jmainteriordesign.com). Originally built in 1989, the British West Indies-style home underwent a full-scale renovation that demonstrates this philosophy, becoming a vacation retreat that honors its coastal setting while embracing unexpected moments of delight.

THE PALETTE

When the clients specifically requested the use of blues, Armour saw an opportunity to chart beyond predictable coastal territory. “Rather than relying on traditional coastal blues, we introduced turquoise and seafoam tones for a fresh, unexpected take,” Armour says of the calm palette evoking sand and sea. With JMA’s Daniel Michaels as the lead designer, the team layered these tones with neutral furnishings and introduced custom

Above: Custom cabinetry in Benjamin Moore Everard blue brings a coastal lean to the kitchen, and a splash of chartreuse gives it a twist. Opposite page: Vibrant Scalamantré wallpaper and Romo drapery fabric in the dining room find balance with the modern silhouettes of the furniture and a sculptural light fixture.

wallpapers throughout the home: a bespoke pattern in the entry, a custom-designed focal point behind the bed in the primary suite, and, for the pièce de résistance, a green Gucci Heron print in the powder room that gives a nod to the home’s Audubon-certified surroundings.

THE SETTING

The landscape and pergola frame sweeping views of the water, marsh and the 7th hole of a Pete Dye-designed championship golf course. “The outdoor design was intentionally kept clean and understated to highlight the expansive views,” Armour says, creating a tranquil and cohesive outdoor experience. “The lanai overlooks a pool and spa with features including automatic chlorination, heating and a saltwater system.”

THE LIFESTYLE

With their primary residence in the Northeast, the owners envisioned their Florida retreat as a place where they could gather and entertain with their friends and



family in vacation mode. “They were a pleasure to work with—open, trusting, and collaborative,” Armour says. The gourmet kitchen became central to this vision, featuring custom cabinetry that conceals a coffee station, a walk-in pantry and a porcelain waterfall island that anchors daily life. In the family room, custom millwork marries function with style, while a flexible floor plan allows the study to convert into a fourth bedroom when the house fills with visitors.

THE DETAILS

The living room’s original coffered ceiling, once painted dark brown, was restored and brightened to a crisp, refreshing white. “We designed a custom angular sofa to complement and reflect its structure,” Armour says of the geometric shape. A custom marble waterfall bar incorporates mirrored details that capture and reflect the outdoor views, bringing the landscape inside. The primary suite serves as the home’s crown jewel, featuring dual walk-in closets and a marble-clad bathroom with a frameless glass shower and dual vanities, fostering a luxurious spalike atmosphere.

THE OUTCOME

“Our goal is simple: that they love their home as much as we do,” Armour says. Walking through the completed space, that mutual affection is palpable. This is coastal design that doesn’t rely on clichés but instead finds its own confident voice, where every carefully chosen detail serves both beauty and the beautiful life unfolding within these walls. “Ultimately, this home reflects the timeless appeal of coastal design,” Armour says, “bringing the serenity of the sea indoors while remaining adaptable and enduring in style.”



From top: The outdoor living space invites the owners to enjoy their Audubon-certified landscape and a Pete Dye-designed golf course; the primary bedroom overlooks golf course views; an acrylic table allows focus on the vibrant art and textiles.



Design Details

Type
House

Location
Jupiter

Design
JMA Interior Design
jmainteriordesign.com

RESOURCES

Cammi Werling Designs
Custom bar in living room, and custom kitchen cabinetry and hood
cammiwerlingdesigns.com

Century Furniture
Bedside tables in the primary bedroom
centuryfurniture.com

Christopher Farr | cloth
Wallcovering and chair fabric in primary bedroom
christopherfarrcloth.com

Grafton Furniture
Custom chairs in primary bedroom and desk area, and custom dining table
graftonfurniture.com

Interlude Home
Desk
interludehome.com

Isobel
Drapery fabric in the primary bedroom
shopisobel.com

Made Goods
Mirror and bowl in the dining room
madegoods.com

Palecek
Light fixture in the dining room
palecek.com

Phillip Jeffries
Wallpaper in desk area
phillipjeffries.com

Top Knobs
Cabinetry hardware in the kitchen
topknobs.com

Vanguard Furniture
Living room sofa and coffee table, and chairs and console in dining room
vanguardfurniture.com

Visual Comfort & Co.
Bedside lamps in the primary bedroom
visualcomfort.com