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AWASH IN A SEA OF CALM

Wide-Open Spaces And Soothing Hues Of The Sea,
Sand And Sky Conspire To Convey Casual Elegance
Throughout This Oceanfront Condominium

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WHEN THE OWNERS OF THIS CONDOMINIUM in Boca Raton first set eyes on the 4,600-square-foot space with its open floor plan and floor-to-ceiling ocean and Intracoastal views, they knew they had a winner.

The owners, a Chicago-based husband and wife whose careers keep them on the go, wanted a weekend getaway that would provide a relaxing retreat from their demanding schedules. This condominium offered an ideal vacation home — and a clean slate. “The original owner hadn’t done any decorating, so we had a fresh palette to work with — white walls, white ceilings and marble floors,” the wife says. “This allowed us a blank canvas with which to devise a casual, contemporary space that seamlessly integrates the ocean beyond.”

LEFT: In the foyer, designer Cindy Ray custom designed the sycamore ceiling treatment to create the look of a ship’s steering wheel. Beyond, a Lucien Rollin rosewood table from The William Switzer Collection and a blue velvet armchair form a welcoming vignette in front of floor-to-ceiling Intracoastal views.

In the living area, a coffered ceiling with cove lighting enlarges the space — as does the archway leading to the family room.





To create the desired ambiance, the couple brought in designer Cindy Ray. "She was instrumental in determining how to bring the ocean inside — we could sit in any room and feel like we're on a boat, or like our home ends where the ocean begins."

Ray began the design process by reconfiguring the existing space. "Although the home has beautiful views, its original layout made you feel like you had to work your way over to them," she says. "I redefined the living area and centered it differently, so upon entering the space the ocean comes into view immediately." She also divided the existing dining area into two separate spaces — an office and a smaller formal dining room. Ray then used sand-colored wood ceilings, doors, wall paneling and cabinetry throughout to keep everything light and open. "I designed the perimeter ceilings, paneling and shelving to frame each space and accentuate the ocean views," she says.

LEFT: Barstools by A. Rudin covered in linen by Zimmer & Rohde pull up to the sycamore-clad bar that edges the living room and kitchen, while a delicate drapery fabric by Rose Tarlow from Holly Hunt offers privacy in the living area without detracting from the view.



The color scheme and materials Ray chose played a crucial role in the cohesive flow between the interior space and the ocean. "The palette consists of sandy hues and light ocean blues accented with chocolate brown," she says. With consummate skill, Ray created an interior that combines overall elegant simplicity, with "surprising elements to add interest," the designer says. "I am a fan of subtle, unexpected twists, as well as clean lines and well-balanced interiors."

ABOVE: A custom-designed sycamore wall unit in the living area forms a backdrop for Christian Liaigre pale sofas and ice-blue leather chairs covered in Kravet's Barbara Barry Collection of fabrics. An occasional table composed of crushed mother-of-pearl adds an eclectic touch, while artwork from Rosenbaum Fine Art provides splashes of color.

The dining room table takes center stage with its unusual composition of Macassar ebony and mahogany. Michael Berman chairs from Donghia complement the setting.



SOURCES

Foyer

Benches - Niedermaier, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL

Chair and sculpture - CindyRay PalmBeach, Palm Beach, FL

Fabric - Pollack & Assoc., Inc., Donghia Showrooms, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Table - The Lucien Rollin Collection, The William Switzer Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Paneled walls and doors - Custom designed by Cindy Ray Interiors, Inc., Palm Beach, FL

Living Area/Kitchen

Sofas and lounge chairs - Christian Liaigre, Holly Hunt Miami, Miami, FL

Fabrics - Kravet Fabrics, Kravet/Mark Biller Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Cocktail table and bar - Custom designed by Cindy Ray Interiors, Inc., Palm Beach, FL

Artwork - Rosenbaum Fine Art, Boca Raton, FL

Occasional tables - CindyRay PalmBeach, Palm Beach, FL

Barstools - A. Rudin, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA

Fabric - Zimmer + Rohde, Jeffrey Michaels & Co., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Pendants - Light Bulbs Unlimited, Boca Raton, FL

Draperies - Rose Tarlow, Holly Hunt Miami, Miami, FL

Area rug - Tai Ping, Paul Bebble & Assoc., Boynton Beach, FL

Dining Room

Table and buffet - Custom designed by Cindy Ray Interiors, Inc., Palm Beach, FL

Chairs - Michael Berman, Ltd., Los Angeles, CA

Fabric - Donghia Furniture/Textiles, Ltd., Donghia Showrooms, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Drapery fabric - Kravet Fabrics, Kravet/Mark Biller Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Family Room

Sofa and chair - A. Rudin, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA

Sofa fabric - Cowtan & Tout, Nessen Showroom, Dania Beach, FL

Chair fabric - Rose Tarlow, Holly Hunt Miami, Miami, FL

Ottoman/cocktail table and accessories - CindyRay PalmBeach, Palm Beach, FL

Nesting tables - Curvet USA, Inc., Corry, PA

Area rug - Stark Carpet Corp., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Throughout

Ceilings and cabinetry - Custom designed and fabricated by Cindy Ray Interiors, Inc., Palm Beach, FL ◆