



"The swimming pool is the focal point of the home," interior designer Susan Connor says. Chaise lounges from Lane Venture recline poolside to take in the view of the yard that cantilevers over the Intracoastal Waterway beyond. Custom orange, aqua and yellow surfboards line the loggia wall in reference to the Jovanovski family's theme of colorful outdoor living.

COASTAL AMBIANCE

One Design Team Creates An Indoor-Outdoor Waterfront Home With
A Striking Caribbean Edge In Boca Raton For The Family Of
Professional Hockey Player Ed Jovanovski

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FOR MONTHS, KIRSTIN JOVANSKI SCoured DESIGN MAGAZINES seeking ideas for her dream home overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton's Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club. The wife of professional hockey player Ed Jovanovski wanted to find examples of the Caribbean/British West Indian influence for their 13,000-square-foot home.

Her desire was to create a fun and festive space that could translate to formality when necessary. "I come from a large Florida family ... and now with four children of our own, we wanted a casual and comfortable home with a grand feeling that flows through," Kirstin says.

The foyer's impact resistant doors open to a tableau of vibrant contrasts. The dark wood cabinetry from Emerson et Cie, along with colorful canvases and scattered decorative accents, give the area a look of intimacy. In the adjoining office, a plush Leathercraft chair pulls up to the handcrafted desk from Swaim. Atop are hockey star Ed Jovanovski's gold medals from the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.



"I was involved in the design and architectural detail. I really like the plantation style, and wanted color and energy for our indoor-outdoor life which includes watching the beautiful boat action on the water."

The couple commissioned interior designer Susan Connor along with her team at P&H Interiors to design their two-story home, which took 16 months to complete. They bought the existing house, knocked it down, and rebuilt it totally because the structure was too formal for their tastes. "Kirstin likes the Hamptons beach house used in the ABC-TV drama, *Revenge*, and





wanted lots of dark woodworking, durable floors and painted panels," says Susan Connor, who designed the home with Julie Harris. "Kirstin and Ed's direction was clear. They like color."

Kirstin wanted an overall "beachy" feel but also a sense of vibrancy and whimsy. Using a black and white backdrop infused with bold pops of aqua and coral hues, and an eclectic mix of both sleek and coastal inspired furnishings, the designers created a look that reflects the playful personality of the family. "The interior integrates well with the outdoors," Connor says. "And they love the Florida lifestyle."

After a successful collaboration on the first turnkey residence for the Canadian-bred hockey star and his family in the exclusive Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, the designers challenge was to make this home even better. The owners wanted a large home with a Caribbean edge and coastal feel.

"It had to be functional, family friendly, and full of life and color," says Connor, noting that the family also owns a pet Doberman.

LEFT: Elegant off-white sofas from Kravet pair with Lexington's wood-topped cocktail table and duo wood accent tables from Sherrill Occasional to shape the social grouping in the living room. Here, black-wood marble tile from Marble of the World fashions the fireplace, while Stanton Carpet's white shag area rug grounds the space in comfort.



"The living room backs up to the club room, so together the spaces function like a lounge," Connor says. "Men like to hang in the club room, while women are drawn to the soft and elegant living room."



Utilizing many of Kirstin's ideas, the house, with a clean white exterior, has both a relaxed and sophisticated feel. The mahogany entrance doors open to a stunning foyer. Polished white and silver checkerboard marble flooring shines amidst strong, powerful art and dark wood accents to create a striking contrast.

The foyer flanks the home library that functions as an office for Ed on one side and as computer work stations for the children on the other. Across the way, the relaxed and informal living room is designed for enjoyment. A magnificent custom-designed black-wood, marble tile fireplace dominates the space, where natural light flows through floor-to-ceiling windows. Above the mantle, a strong piece of flamingo art bursts with a coral hue in complement to the sofa's array of accent pillows.

The bar area reflects the lifestyle of a modern men's club with pendant lights hanging over a sleek earth-toned bar that seats five. Custom cabinetry showcases a dozen of Ed's colorful hockey jerseys mounted in neat rows, while several flat-screen televisions and a dark wood billiards table invite fun and games.

ABOVE AND LEFT: In the club room, the bar area is illuminated by antique nickel pendant lighting with seeded glass shades from Visual Comfort. At the sleek, quartered oak bar topped in bamboo marble, Vanguard's leather-clad stools swivel to catch all of the action. Boynton Billiard's Macassar Ebony-framed pool table provides hours of fun, while the Swaim game table offers the perfect spot to ante up or enjoy refreshing cocktails.

"We spend hockey's off season during the summer in Boca Raton because we like boating and playing games on the water," homeowner Kirstin Jovanovski says. "We love the neighborhood and do a lot of entertaining by the pool."



"Our club room is a definite showcase for Ed and his career," Kirstin says. "We arranged the space for a comfortable walkthrough so we never have to worry about anything when we are home with the family or entertaining a large group of friends."

In fact, entertaining friends and family is one of the primary functions of the low-key, elegant loggia and pool area. With a flat-screen television above a large fireplace, wicker furniture and an aqua area rug covering marble flooring, this indoor-outdoor space is designed for easy South Florida living. "Synthetic woven finishes look natural yet are more durable," Connor says. "And the mosaic-tiled pool — visible from the loggia beyond the white stucco columns — is exquisite."

With entertainment on one end of the house and living on the other, the rooms function well for the Jovanovski family. "They love the water views and enjoy watching the parade of colorful boats buzz by," Connor says. "Kirstin and Ed are pleased that the home feels young, fresh, playful and livable, yet sophisticated and spectacular." And most important, the couple's new home reflects their personal vision of the good life in coastal South Florida.

ABOVE: A natural white and silver travertine limestone fireplace centers the Jovanovski's low-key loggia staged with several distinct areas. Hearthside, Lane Venture's rattan furnishings and Summer Classics' croquet teak cocktail table form a comfortable social grouping atop an aqua-hued area rug from Loloi.

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SOURCES

Rear Exterior

Pool - The Pool People West, Inc., Sunrise, FL
Deck - Marmol, Miami, FL
Chaise lounges - Lane Venture, Atlanta, GA
Occasional tables - Emissary Home, Atlanta, GA
Sunbed - Frontgate, West Chester, OH
Armchairs, barstools, dining table and side chairs - Summer Classics, Montevallo, AL
Cushion fabric - Silverstate, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT

Foyer

Entry doors - Woodmill, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
Cabinetry - Emerson et Cie, High Point, NC
Brown bowls - Mercana Art Decor & Home Furnishings, British Columbia, Canada
Orange bowl - Global Views, Fort Worth, TX
Silver marble floor - Atlantic Stone Source, Pompano Beach, FL
White marble floor - Cavastone Group, Boca Raton, FL
Floral - Verzaal Farm and Supplies, Boynton Beach, FL

Office

Desk - Swaim, High Point, NC
Desk chair - Leathercraft, Inc., Conover, NC
Shelving and cabinetry fabricated by JTS Woodworking, Delray Beach, FL
Wood flooring - C&M Wood Flooring Center, Deerfield Beach, FL
Area rug - Surya, Calhoun, GA
Living Room

Sofas - Kravet, Inc., Bethpage, NY
Solid accent pillow fabric - Fabricut, Inc., Tulsa, OK
Patterned accent pillow fabrics - Robert Allen, Foxboro, MA
Rectangle cocktail table - Lexington Home Brands, Thomasville, NC
Wood cocktail tables - Sherrill Furniture Co., Hickory, NC
Glass-top occasional table - Caracole, Greensboro, NC
Fireplace - Marble of the World, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Floor lamp - Arteriors, Carrollton, TX
Area rug - Stanton Carpet, Syosset, NY
Flooring - C&M Wood Flooring Center, Deerfield Beach, FL

Bar Area

Cabinetry and shelving fabricated by JTS Woodworking, Delray Beach, FL
Countertop - Marmol, Miami, FL
Light pendants - Visual Comfort & Co., Houston, TX
Barstools - Vanguard Furniture, Conover, NC
Carpet - Stanton Carpet, Syosset, NY

Club Room

Billiard table - Pharaoh Mfg., Boynton Billiards, Boynton Beach, FL
Game table - Swaim, High Point, NC
Chairs - Fairfield Chair Co., Lenoir, NC
Inset console fabricated by JTS Woodworking, Delray Beach, FL
Window blinds - Hunter Douglas, Total Window, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Carpet - Stanton Carpet, Syosset, NY

Loggia

Sofa and armchairs - Lane Venture, Atlanta, GA
Accent pillow fabrics - Silverstate, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT
Cocktail and accent table - Summer Classics, Montevallo, AL
Porcelain occasional table - Emissary Home, Atlanta, GA
Fans - Monte Carlo Fans, Beautiful Things Lighting, Coral Springs, FL
Bahama shutters - Zeron's Metal Designers, Inc., Hialeah, FL
Area rug - Loloi Rugs, Dallas, TX
Flooring - Marmol, Miami, FL

Throughout

Recessed lighting - Delcon Electric, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Windows and doors - Pella Windows and Doors, Miami, FL
Marble flooring and loggia fireplace fabricated by Lo Mon Marble, Deerfield Beach, FL
Landscaping - Joe Peterson, Boca Raton, FL ♦

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