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The parlor's quiet conversational seating area is in front of a picture window with an expansive view of the Intracoastal Waterway. Between the two comfortable chairs, a coastal imprinted ceramic lamp with shell detailed tassel and tapered silk shade sits atop a round drum table with cane detail and storage. Striated soft aqua grasscloth walls and palm print cornices with nailhead trim add color and a tropical touch.

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CREATIVE KEY WEST COASTAL

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A Key West vibe is established in the living room through architectural details, such as the custom designed painted fretwork of the staircase banister and the recessed tray ceiling, which is highlighted by the application of turquoise grasscloth and palm leaf belt paddle fans. An abstract watercolor rug anchors the seating area's woven rattan swivel chairs, handpainted case goods and overstuffed, comfortable sofas accented with brushed nickel nailhead trim and custom palm leaf pillows.

This lovely coastal home features spectacular water views from every room and an eclectic “Key West meets British Colonial” décor to match. Following the real estate closing, the owners reached out to their “Go To Designer” Jen Kravchuk of Decker Ross Interiors to enlist her help on the large scale project. Having previously worked on their various properties, including a vacation home in Key West, Jen knew that they had impeccable taste and trusted her design capabilities. An intimate knowledge of their preferences and lifestyle informed her decisions on both the creative and practical aspects of this waterfront property. Since this was a specially designed new build, Kravchuk was able to collaborate with the owners and contractor during the initial layout, design and construction phase of the project. Unique architectural touches and details can be ►



A circular inset over the breakfast area features a tableau design with a hand rubbed pewter finish, accentuated by the contrasting ceiling paint color. This decorative element is enhanced by a vintage-style beaded glass chandelier with tropical leaf detailing to light the cherry table and chairs below. Floor-to-ceiling custom tropical leaf linen draperies tie in the home's colorful design palette.



The fresh, light and airy kitchen is at the center of the main living level. Pale citrine walls are offset by a bold turquoise center island containing a prep sink and an eclectic cluster of uniquely shaped vintage mercury glass pendants. The custom mosaic backsplash repeats the citrus and aqua color palette and is visually interrupted by a chevron patterned subway tile inset. Cleverly designed custom cabinetry disguises the back wall's refrigerator and pantry. The woven rattan framed swivel barstools offer a Key West flair.



Designer Jen Kravchuk satisfied her client's love of purple by incorporating it into the master bedroom bedding ensemble and window treatments. The British Colonial style low poster bed, featuring a padded woven rattan headboard insert, is flanked by opalescent capiz shell lamps. A large art silk rug brings softness and a light contrast to the room's dark elements. The custom ceiling detail reflects the established circular design motif, while custom functional blackout draperies keep Intra-coastal sunrises at bay.

found throughout, including a fretwork stair banister, oversized baseboards and crown molding, recessed tray ceilings, authentic hardwood floors and custom finishes. Her design plan for this expansive house allowed each room to have its own individual characteristics and ambience, while maintaining some common unifying elements throughout. This was accomplished through the creative use of color, finishes, art, accessories and lighting.

The designer's expertise in combining various patterns and contrasting textures is quite evident in this project. The use of woven furniture pieces provides a tropical accent and variation in texture to the other selected furnishings. Beautiful designer window treatments in dramatic and bold patterns offer a "one-of-a-kind" quality to many of the new home's vast windows.

The waterfront location informed the color palette, which

includes various shades of blues, greens and soft yellows, along with some fun pops of color. Overall, the home has a colorful Coastal Key West design aesthetic with definite British Colonial/West Indies influences. Jen incorporated an interesting mix of warm wood tones and rattan accents combined with painted furniture pieces. Selected lighting and fans add a vintage feel. The homeowners could not be more pleased with the outcome of their designer's latest efforts and plan to enjoy their fabulously unique and comfortable home for many years to come. ■■■

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