

PARADISE FOUND

NESTLED AT THE TAIL END OF THE FLORIDA KEYS, A SPRAWLING VACATION RETREAT IS EVERYTHING AN OUTDOORS-LOVING FAMILY ENVISIONED

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WITH FIVE KIDS, FIVE DOGS, a large extended family, and numerous friends always in tow, Tampa retirees Lori and Michael Kosloske had long dreamed about a Florida Keys vacation home that would accommodate their gregarious group. In 2015, they began to put that dream into action when they snapped up two adjoining oceanfront lots in Key Haven, a high-end community about a mile east of Key West. “I call them ‘perfectly imperfect’ due to the oddly shaped peninsula and setbacks,” says Lori. “We are surrounded by the ocean on three sides, and we knew we had [plenty of design and construction] challenges ahead of us for sure.”

Before even envisioning the exterior, Lori knew who she would turn to for aesthetic matters inside: “Megan Newman and Sandy Moore of Accentrics Interiors are fabulous in every way,” she says. “We have been [collaborating] for almost 15 years on countless projects. I wouldn’t work with anyone else.”

Confident with that part of the equation, the couple then reached out to architects William P. Horn and Joe Scarpelli for the build-out of their five-bedroom, six-bath home

ABOVE: Stretching nearly 190 feet along the water, Lori and Michael Kosloske’s Florida Keys vacation home makes boaters and jet skiers stop their engines for a lingering look. “It’s creating its own history as a Key West landmark,” says interior designer Sandy Moore.

RIGHT: The pool adjoins a lazy river, which flows under the home. Lucas Lagoons created and executed the design for the pool, planters, and an elevated hot tub wrapped in limestone and artificial rock. Landscape architect Evan Bell from Ecoscapes in Key West put the finishing touches on the exterior with his landscape design.



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in paradise. Their directive? “We spend as much time outside as we do inside, so I wanted my vision of modern coastal high design flowing throughout,” says Lori. “My husband, Mike, is a fun, active guy, and he had a list of outdoor activities he wanted incorporated, so the vision for the exterior was a blend [of both of our choices.]” As the planning continued and the wish list grew, the Kosloskes purchased a third lot in 2017, upping the ante on the dream home even further.

Fast-forward to 2022 and the completed joint effort resulted in 6,400 square feet of interior space and 2,000 square feet in the form of covered porches topped with standing seam metal roofs and the very latest in hurricane-proofing technology. “We tried to keep things as modern and clean as possible,” says Horn about his firm’s approach to the architecture. “This house is a more Floridian traditional beachfront house, with modern features... and lots of glass.”

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ABOVE: Varying ceiling heights in the home not only play with the light in wonderful ways, but also help delineate spaces. “The living room was a big deal to [the wife, Lori],” says architect Joe Scarpelli. “She was really interested in getting the ceilings as high as possible.” Comprised of hand-blown glass bubbles, the light fixture is by Apparatus Studio.



Immediately inside the front door, guests encounter hints of what’s to come, from the golden chandelier and harlequin patterned marble floor to the hexagonal wood table. Horsehair-trimmed stools covered in velvet and brass inspire conversation. “The mother and daughter both ride horses,” says interior designer Sandy Moore, “so those pieces were a nice little touch for them.”

RIGHT: The dining room features antiqued mirrors on the walls, which highlight the vellum and embossed brass cabinet by designer Julian Chichester.

BELOW: The design team craftily framed out separate spaces by changing the direction of the floor tiles, as seen here between the bar cart and bar stools.



everything, including velvet-covered sofas from Italy and fabrics from all around the world. “Plus,” reveals Newman, “Lori definitely wanted gold touches throughout the entire house.” Those precious choices are not indicative of the homeowners’ way of living in any way, however. “They were not worried about sandy feet on the floor or wet swimsuits on the furniture,” says Newman. “Lori lives life to the fullest. If there’s a spill on a cushion, she’ll just have it replaced.”

Because the main floor is mostly an open area, the design team worked extra hard to help define spaces. Large area rugs help anchor furniture groupings, and Newman and

Moore incorporated custom light fixtures from high-end design houses to complement one another across the open space.

Outside, builder, designers, and architect did right by Mike’s aforementioned list of leisure musts. A waterside bocce court ensures no afternoons need to be spent indoors. A pier was constructed just in time for the homeowners’ new boat. And on the west end of the property, a tennis court reveals the family’s love for the game. Amenities for miniature golf, sand volleyball, and basketball games are also part of the alfresco equation. Arguably, one of the most intriguing features on property is the elevated



An outdoor living room reveals furniture from Restoration Hardware, with the exception of the wicker stools by Palecek. A stained cypress ceiling crowns the space.



hot tub that sits 20 feet up from the ground in a nook of its own. “You can sit up there and relax with a glass of Champagne and enjoy the beautiful view,” says Lori, “or watch the kids jumping off from the cliff into the pool.” This wet perch, as well as the ground-level pool with its swim-up bar and the lazy river that runs underneath the house (a plus of having to raise the structure to adhere to flood zone regulations) were customized by the geniuses at Lucas Lagoons, a Sarasota-based pool designer that may sound familiar to cable TV watchers thanks to the show *Insane Pools: Off the Deep End*. “We call my husband the captain of fun,” says Lori, “so naturally we needed the [most fun house] in the Keys for him.”

And fun is what this home is all about.

ABOVE: Details abound everywhere on property, including the outdoor dining room, where the bar top was made from fossils millions of years old sourced from Wyoming’s Green River. The furniture is from

RIGHT: Steps lead to the prime alfresco spot on the property: a hot tub that sits 20 feet above the ground floor and makes the most of the footprint’s ocean view.





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LEFT: Nothing says vacation home like a bocce court by the water... or the dock for a new boat that arrived just in time for the house’s unveiling.

BELOW: Time outdoors is a must for both inhabitants and guests alike. In addition to a tennis court, the property also boasts a miniature golf course, a white sand volleyball court, and a half-court for basketball.



SOURCES

LIVING ROOM

Sofas – Passerini, LLC, Jupiter, FL
 Fabric – Osborne and Little, Ammon Hickson, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
 Club chairs – Hickory Chair, Hickory, NC
 Cocktail table – Old Biscayne, Americus, GA
 Decorative chairs – Accentrics Interiors, Tampa, FL
 Bubble chandelier – Apparatus, R. Hughes, ADAC, Atlanta, GA
 Drapery – Romo Black Edition, The Romo Group, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

ENTRY

Entry table – Old Biscayne, Americus, GA

Stools – R. Hughes/Konekt, ADAC, Atlanta, GA
 White decorative vases – Global Views, Dallas, TX
 Chandelier – Wired Custom Lighting, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Flooring designed by Accentrics Interiors, Tampa, FL, and fabricated by Casale Design Source, Tampa, FL

KITCHEN AREA

Cabinetry designed by Accentrics Interiors, Tampa, FL, and fabricated by Hansen & Bringle Cabinetry, Key West, FL
 Counter stools – Baker Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
 Hanging pendants – Visual Comfort Lighting, Houston, TX

DINING AREA

Table – Old Biscayne, Americus, GA
 Chairs – Baker Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
 Buffet – Julian Chichester, ADAC, Atlanta, GA
 Table lamp – Mr. Brown Home, High Point, NC
 Bart cart – Owner’s collection
 Chandelier – R. Hughes, Fisher Weisman, ADAC, Atlanta, GA

OUTDOOR LIVING ROOM

Sofa – Restoration Hardware, Tampa, FL
 Club chairs – Restoration Hardware, Tampa, FL
 Wicker stools – Palecek, ADAC, Atlanta, GA
 Side table – Restoration Hardware, Tampa, FL
 Fire pit – Restoration Hardware, Tampa, FL
 Wall sconce – Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights,

New Orleans, LA
 Area rug – Whitaker Rugs, Charleston, SC

OUTDOOR DINING ROOM

Table – Brown Jordan, Miami, FL
 Chairs – Brown Jordan, Miami, FL
 Bar counter – Green River Stone Company, Fly Creek, NY
 Bar stools – Brown Jordan, Miami, FL
 Wall sconce – Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights, New Orleans, LA

THROUGHOUT

Builder – DL Porter Constructors, Inc., Sarasota, FL
 Ceiling details designed by Accentrics Interiors, Tampa, FL
 Flooring – Casale Design Source, Tampa, FL