

WAVES OF BLUE WASH A FRESH LOOK OVER A TIMELESS DESIGN ON THE TREASURE COAST

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Above: Marble flooring framed with parquet inlays echoes the rich wood accents offered by the entrance door and console in the foyer

A JEWEL BY THE SEA

Perched at the edge of the ocean like a cruise ship ready to sail, Ed and Kathy Napleton's South Palm Beach home faces a horizon where sea and sky come together in a splash of blue. Located in the inner heart of the Treasure Coast just north of the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach hotel in Manalapan, this house rules a coastal niche all to itself. "The views are spectacular," designer Judy Howard says. "The ocean is such an integral part of the home's aura that it led to my choice of blue hues throughout."



Left: Décor by interior designer Judy Howard plays off the intricate honeycomb wood ceiling, wall of arched windows and water views that draw the eyes up and around the great room.

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Right: A candelabra chandelier glows above. Rose Tarlow-Melrose House dining chairs from Holly Hunt wrapped in a Scalamandre plaid. “I kept the palette in the ‘blues’ of nature to focus on the constantly changing southeastern shoreline view,” Howard Says



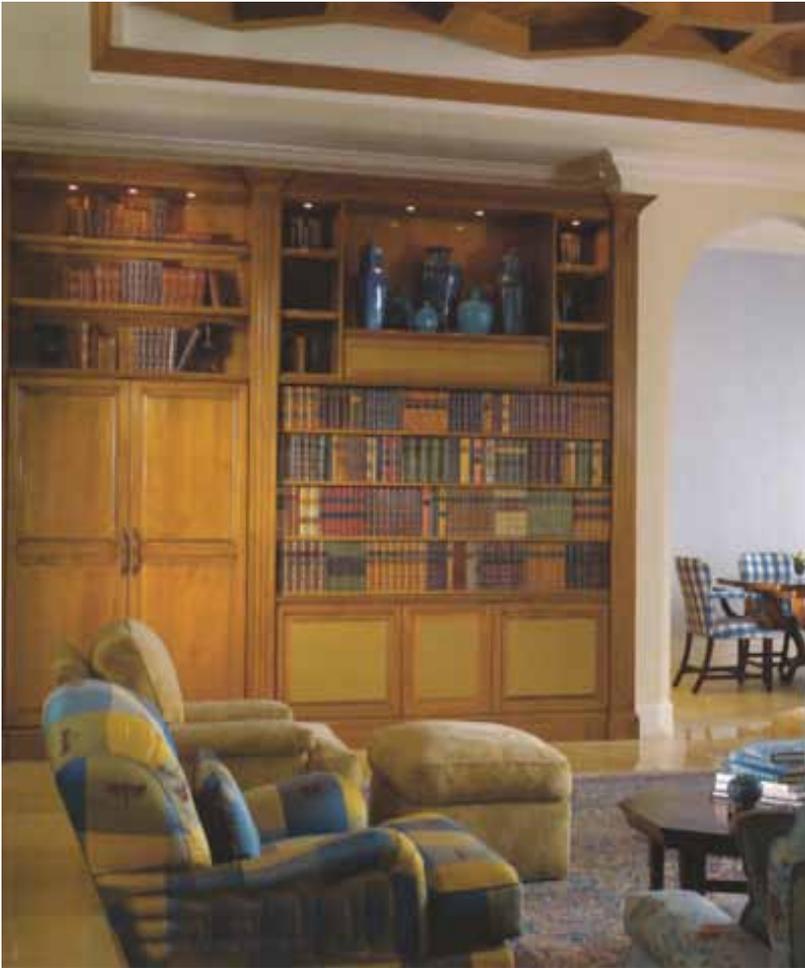


Above: A custom designed backsplash that displays Kathy's penchant for blue-and-white china anchors the kitchen. Glass pendants hang in circles of light above Azul Bahia granite island countertops where guests gather amidst cooling Atlantic breezes.

Inspired by the ocean panorama, Howard dipped her creative brush into a sea of blues from pale sky tones to deep sapphires. Warming the cool blues with burnished woods, luxurious fabrics, and furnishings with red and gold accents, Howard's uncluttered, clean design gives traditional a dashing update. "The design is 21st-century edited traditional," Howard says. "This home is less formal and has room for a lot of movement. The Napleton's have a large family and like to host dinners and parties."

As longtime visitors to the area, the Napletons decided to build a new home after falling in love with this beachfront property. "When you open the front door," Kathy says, "you look straight at the shoreline view from the entrance. It's as though the ocean is at our door."

Beyond the foyer, undressed arched windows frame a dazzling seascape in the great room. Here, an antique oriental carpet in blue and gold anchors a grouping of four chairs garbed in lustrous fabrics. Two club chairs in Bergamo fabric boast embroidered butterflies on blue-and-gold silk plaid, while cotton and wool chenille in soft gold dresses the lounge chairs.



Above: In the great room a custom-designed maple wall unit holds a collection of antique English books, their soft leather bindings displaying a prism of color.

An archway from the great room opens onto the dining area graced with bay windows that frame an ocean vista. Howard fashioned this space with a brass-inlaid table ringed by eight chairs in a bold blue-and-ivory plaid, portraying a crisp appearance against pale blue walls.

Steps away, a carefully planned kitchen becomes party central for a family that enjoys entertaining. “I love to cook – most of the time,” Kathy says. And when she cooks, guests gather a pair of granite-topped islands and comfortable wood barstools

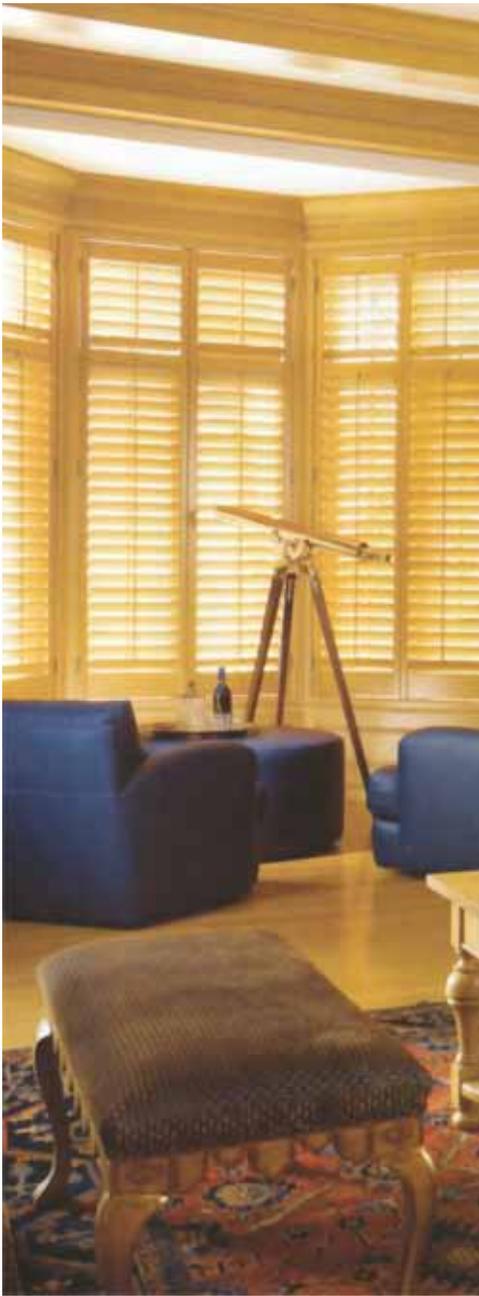
Howard created a styling home that more than satisfied the Napleton’s desire for “a comfortable and functional atmosphere that is easy to run and easy to live in,” she says.



Left: Brunschwig & Fils floral wraps the powder room walls to accentuate a gold Sherle Wagner sink



Right: In the reading area, blue-and-white china gleams from an antique vasselier from Mike Bell Antiques.



ART, BOOKS AND LIGHT FILL THIS PALM BEACH HOME IN THE HEART OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S TREASURE COAST

Blue keynotes a cozy reading vignette wedged between the kitchen and the dining area. Kathy's prized collection of an antique French vasselier centered by jaunty blue denim wing chairs.

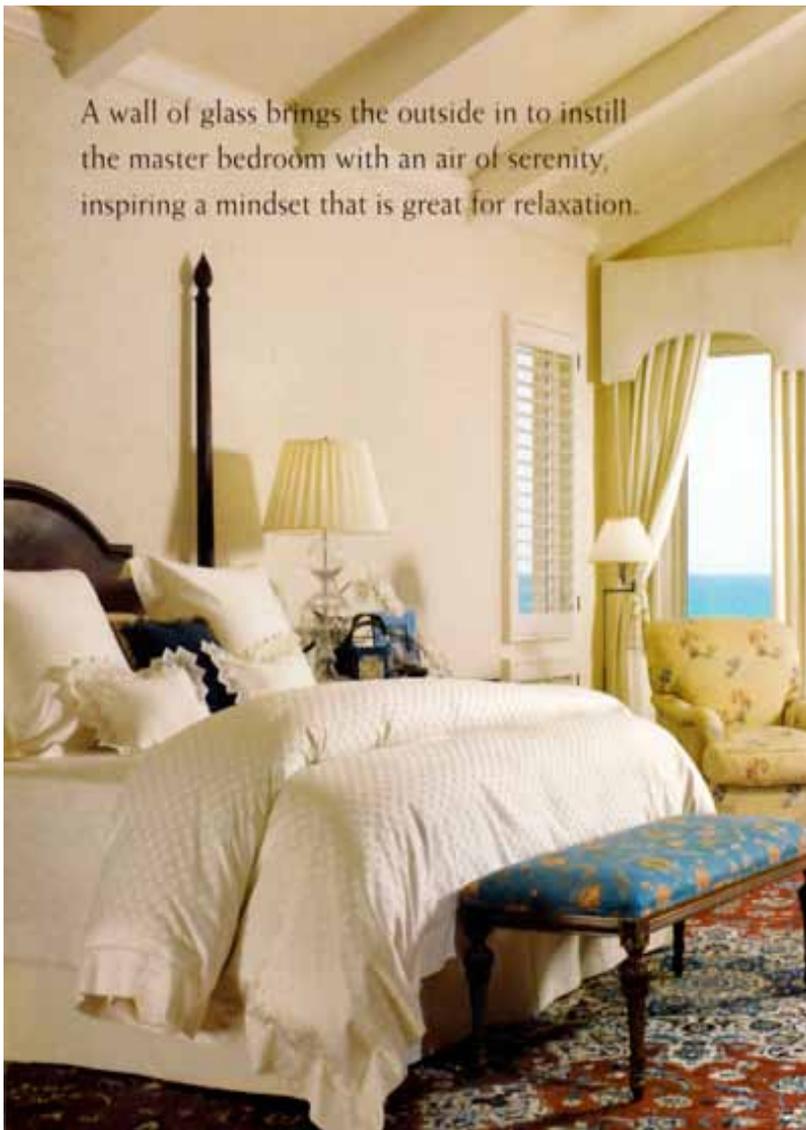
Even the study – a handsome maple-paneled lair overlooking the beach and lavished with a sapphire sofa and suede-covered chairs – was planned for both business and pleasure with computers, wine racks, and a bar within custom-designed cabinetry. “My husband uses the study to conduct business,” Kathy says. “But it’s such an alluring room – we often entertain guests there as well.”



Left: The study – meant for business and pleasure – plays host to small social gatherings. A plush custom-designed sofa and Nancy Corzine armchairs in suede from an intimate seating arrangement.



Right: A strong conservative design in the study emanates the aura of a genuine gentleman's den. Here, custom-designed maple shelving and plantation shutters features simplistic carved ornamentation. Berman Rosetti lounge chairs covered in a Cowtan & Tout floral that resonates against a stunning ocean backdrop.



Left: A wall of glass brings the outside in to instill the master bedroom with an air of serenity, inspiring a mindset that is great for relaxation.

Set beneath a vaulted ceiling, the expansive master bedroom exudes serenity. With the color scheme taken from an antique oriental carpet that Ed found in China, an unexpected palette of soft golds and rich reds imbue the space with an ethereal feel. Here, the sitting area affords relaxation in lavish lounge chairs covered in a Cowtan & Tout floral that resonates against a stunning ocean backdrop.

“We wanted functionality mixed with comfort. It’s such a warm inviting home; we love every room in the house,” Kathy says. “All you see is water, no sand – only water. It’s like being on a ship to sea.”

SOURCES

FOYER

- Console - Designer Imports International, Brian Austin Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Mirror - Friedman Brothers Decorative Mirrors, Medley, FL
- Stairway railing - Custom designed by J/Howard Design, Inc., Delray Beach, FL
- Great Room
- Sofa - Nancy Corzine, Nessen Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Camel back armchairs - John Rosselli, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Plaid club chairs - Rose Tarlow-Melrose House Furniture, Holly Hunt Chicago, The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
- Shelving/entertainment unit - Custom designed by J/Howard Design, Inc., Delray Beach, FL
- Cocktail table - New Classics Creations, Turner Greenberg Assoc., Dania Beach, FL
- Occasional table and lamp - Baker Knapp & Tubbs, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Coffered ceiling tray - Custom designed by Randall Stofft Architects, Delray Beach, FL
- Table - Emanuel Morez, Inc., Turner Greenberg Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Chairs - Rose Tarlow-Melrose House Furniture, Holly Hunt Chicago, The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
- Chandelier - J.F. Chen, Holly Hunt Chicago, The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
- Kitchen
- Cabinetry and island - Custom designed by J/Howard Design, Inc., Delray Beach, FL
- Fabricated by Irpinia Kitchens, Boca Raton, FL
- Marble countertops - Keys Granite, Orlando, FL
- Barstools - Emanuel Morez, Inc., Turner Greenberg Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Pendants - Hudson Valley Lighting, Capitol Lighting, Boca Raton, FL
- Powder Room
- Chest - Ebano Soberon, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Sink - Sherle Wagner International, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Mirror - Friedman Brothers Decorative Mirrors, Medley, FL
- Wall covering - Brunschwig & Fils, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

READING AREA

- Wing chairs - Victoria Hagan, Holly Hunt Chicago, The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
- Ottoman - Charles Miller, Turner Greenberg Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Vasselier - Mike Bell Antiques & Reproductions, The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
- Study
- Sofa and cabinetry/millwork - Custom designed by J/Howard Design, Inc., Delray Beach, FL
- Armchairs - Nancy Corzine, Nessen Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Bench - Michael Taylor Designs, Turner Greenberg Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Cocktail table - Fremarc Furniture, JanisV and Associates, Hollywood, FL
- Plantation shutters - Accent Shutters, West Palm Beach, FL

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MASTER BEDROOM

- Bed - New Classics Creations, Turner Greenberg Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
- Bed coverings - Sferra, ThreadCount, Miami Beach, FL
- Draperies and cornice - Associated Interior Design, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
- Millwork - Custom designed by J/Howard Design, Inc., Delray Beach, FL
- Ceilings, windows and doors - Custom designed by Randall Stofft Architects, Delray Beach, FL Fabricated by Courchene Development Corp., Boca Raton, FL