

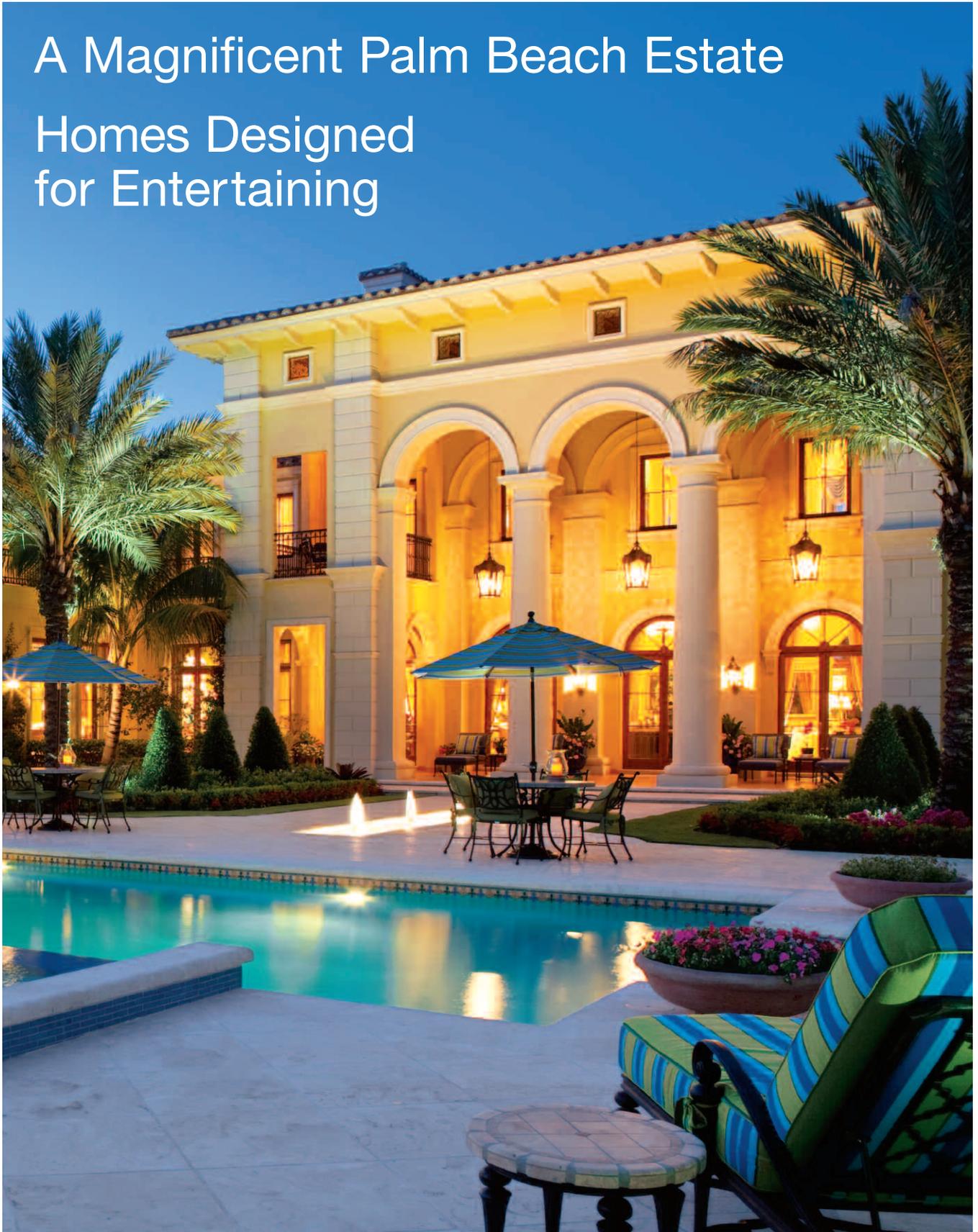
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A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT AND SPACE

Interior Designer Susan Lachance Realizes A Home's True
Potential In Achieving Indoor/Outdoor Harmony While Making
A Statement That Resonates With The Owners' Personalities

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Interior designer Susan Lachance refashioned the foyer with a curved structure of onyx-ledged niches for display. A glass wall encloses the breakfast room, where Scan Design's leather and stainless steel chairs surround a glass-topped table from Campaniello Design Collection. A light fixture adds sculptural beauty.



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A circular theme reigns in the family room with accent pillows by Nancy Corzine, drapery fabric from Donghia, a textured area rug from Cameron-Jordan and artwork by Raymond Karpuska. Thayer Coggin chairs join a sofa covered in Rodolph & Hein fabric from Jerry Pair.



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AFTER A SERIES OF FALSE STARTS WITH several design firms, one married couple began to doubt they would ever find the right fit to complete the interior makeover they envisioned for their vacation getaway in Boca Raton, Fla. And so, a good friend advised a call to interior designer Susan Lachance. "From the first meeting, she really listened and understood our objectives," the wife says. "And we knew then she was the right choice."

Lachance's new clients, who maintain a permanent residence in Boston, purchased their first Florida retreat in the exclusive golf course community of Broken Sound, and after living there for about a year, decided to purchase this larger home in the same community. "The decision to buy was based on much more than size alone," the husband says about the property, which includes a three-bedroom main house and a two-story, two-bedroom guest house that extends to nearly 10,000 square feet. "It was more about the great use of space."

ABOVE: Smoky quartz countertops from Galaxy Marble and a mosaic backsplash with Villi glass from Tamiami Tile add contrast to the kitchen's custom-designed white lacquer cabinetry. Sculpted barstools from Carriage House, featuring white leather seats perched on stainless steel, line the bar area. Steel repeats in the room's sleek appliances and a metal accent stripe that runs along the center of the backsplash.

In the living room, Lachance brightened the furniture with Zimmer + Rohde accent pillow fabric from Ammon Hickson and an area rug from Paul Bebble. Highland Court drapery fabric from Duralee opens to reveal a view of the indoor lap pool and water feature.



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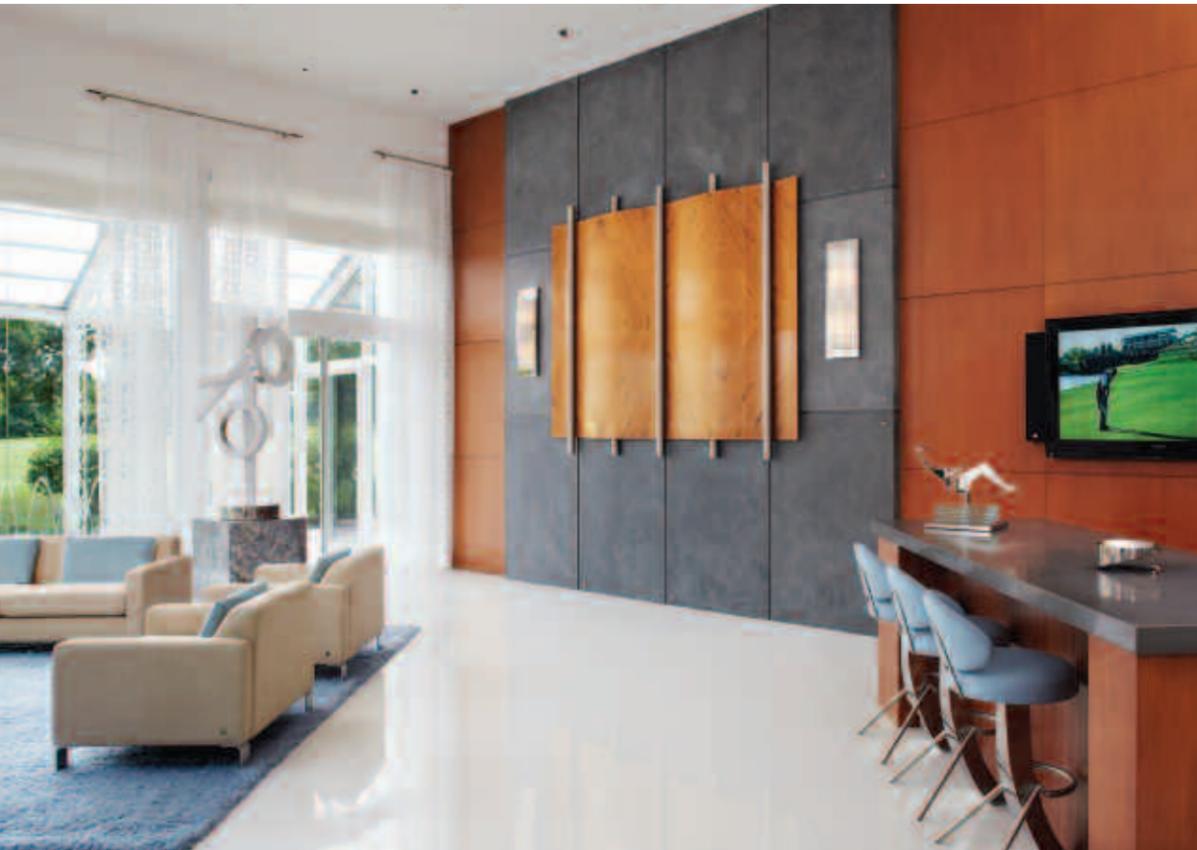


Looking for a home with lots of space for casual entertaining and an indoor/outdoor harmony, the couple felt that the open floor plan and abundance of floor-to-ceiling glass seemed to capture everything they loved about a Florida getaway. The home’s only drawback was its somewhat dated interiors. “The original decor was contemporary, but the interpretation lacked the style and drama that the new owners desired,” Lachance says.

A total makeover resulted in a celebration of light and space, comfort and serenity. Smooth surfaces are countered by geometric elements and an overall sensitivity to light and shadows. Throughout, white flooring of gleaming glass tile from Coverings Etc signifies the owners’ penchant for clean lines, with blue, gold and deep wood tones adding warmth and interest while referencing the indoor/outdoor theme.

ABOVE: A custom-sized table from Bon Vivant centers the dining room, surrounded by imported chairs from Italy’s Costantini Pietro. Zaneen’s contemporary light fixture from Interior-Deluxe features glass pendants, a look that is continued on the table with candlesticks from Michael O.

Cherry-wood panels overlaid with floor-to-ceiling panels in a faux-stone finish of Venetian plaster form an artistic wall installation in the living room next to a sculpture by Karpuska.



At the entrance, double glass doors open onto the foyer, where Lachance blurred spaces via the addition of a curved glass wall that provides a see-through enclosure for the breakfast room and affords views through to the adjoining family room and outdoor vistas. The family room's conversation grouping includes a sofa from the owners' previous home, now re-clad in a warm gold chenille and paired with two, low-slung lounge chairs. "Our starting points here were the drapery and pillow fabrics," Lachance says. "The patterns establish a coherency, with playful circular shapes used to link all the elements together in a subtle way so that it all fits like a puzzle."

Steps away lies the newly remodeled kitchen, which Lachance redesigned with custom white lacquer cabinetry, quartz countertops and a mosaic backsplash. The installation of a suspended bridge soffit adds a striking architectural element.

In the generous-sized living room, the seating area, which fronts a view of the indoor lap pool, includes a sofa and lounge chairs that Lachance reupholstered in cream-toned suede and updated with accent pillows in ice blue chenille. Blue hues

RIGHT: Lachance turned an entire gallery wall into one large piece of floor-to-ceiling art, commissioning a ripple effect pattern carved out of foam and made of fiberglass and plaster. Geometric artwork on the far wall, also by Karpuska, echoes the circles found in the design.



“Susan has great insight and superb vision,” the wife says. “Once we discussed our lifestyle needs and color preferences, she came back with a design that was perfect in every way.”



Clean lines and glossy surfaces counter warm wood and tactile elements in the master bedroom. A custom-designed stainless steel bench faces a wall of honey-toned zebra wood. A window treatment features three tones of sheer purple linen.

repeat in a plush area rug and barstools that pull up to the cherry-wood bar. Clean lines define the nearby dining room, where a custom-sized ebony and stainless steel table pairs with ebony-framed chairs with Ultrasuede seats.

Lachance opened the gallery by replacing the walls with a floor-to-ceiling expanse of glass. The barrel skylight ceiling lets in light, while planters alive with natural vegetation are embedded into the flooring.

The wife's penchant for the color purple cued the master bedroom scheme. A luxurious area rug provides textural interest beneath the bed, while the upholstered headboard clad in sculpted chenille becomes artwork for the space.

And the result? “Every time we enter this house we are reminded of how much we love this place,” the wife says. “It's a warm, family-friendly home yet makes a statement that is uniquely and personally our own.”

The extensive interior renovation extended to include a redesign of the black granite pool and landscaping. The pool deck, which separates the main house from the guest house, features stone embedded with grass strips for interest. Chaises from OUTstanding Furniture add a pop of color and a resort-like ambiance.



SOURCES

Foyer

Entrance doors fabricated by Coral Bay Builders, Coral Springs, FL
Shelving fabricated by Hamlin Woodworks, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
Floor planters in foyer - Michael O, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Floor planters outside of entrance doors - OUTstanding Furniture, Pompano Beach, FL

Sculpture on pedestal - Karen Lynne Gallery, Boca Raton, FL

Breakfast Room

Glass wall - Custom designed by Susan Lachance Interior Design, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Fabricated by Coral Bay Builders, Coral Springs, FL
Dining chairs - Scan Design, Hollywood, FL
Table - Campaniello Design Collection, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Light fixture - Fusion Art Glass, Seaside, FL

Family Room

Columns, console, game table and desk fabricated by Hamlin Woodworks, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
Game chairs - Costantini Pietro, Italy
Fabric - Duralee, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Sofa fabric - Rodolph & Hein, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Lounge chairs - Thayer Coggin, High Point, NC
Cocktail table - Bruetno Industries, E.G. Cody, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Accent table - Astoria Imports + Compass Originals, Pompano Beach, FL
Floor lamp - Sigure Design, North Miami, FL
Floor planters and sculpture on game table - Michael O, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Artwork above sofa - Raymond Karpuska Studio, Boca Raton, FL
Circle-patterned drapery fabric - Donghia Showrooms, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Kitchen
Appliances - House of Appliances, Delray Beach, FL

Cabinetry and bar - Custom designed by Susan Lachance Interior Design, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Cabinetry and bar fabricated by Craft Master Kitchens, Inc., Jupiter, FL
Front of bar fabricated by Alene Lewis, Inc., Miami, FL
Countertop fabricated by Galaxy Marble, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL
Stools - Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Living Room
Sofa and lounge chairs - Owners' Collection

Wall paneling - Custom designed by Susan Lachance Interior Design, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
Wall paneling, installation on wall paneling and bar fabricated by Hamlin Woodworks, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
Wall paneling faux finished by Mural Art by Walcutt, Boca Raton, FL
Bar countertop fabrication and pedestal - Galaxy Marble, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL
Sculpture on pedestal - Raymond Karpuska Studio, Boca Raton, FL

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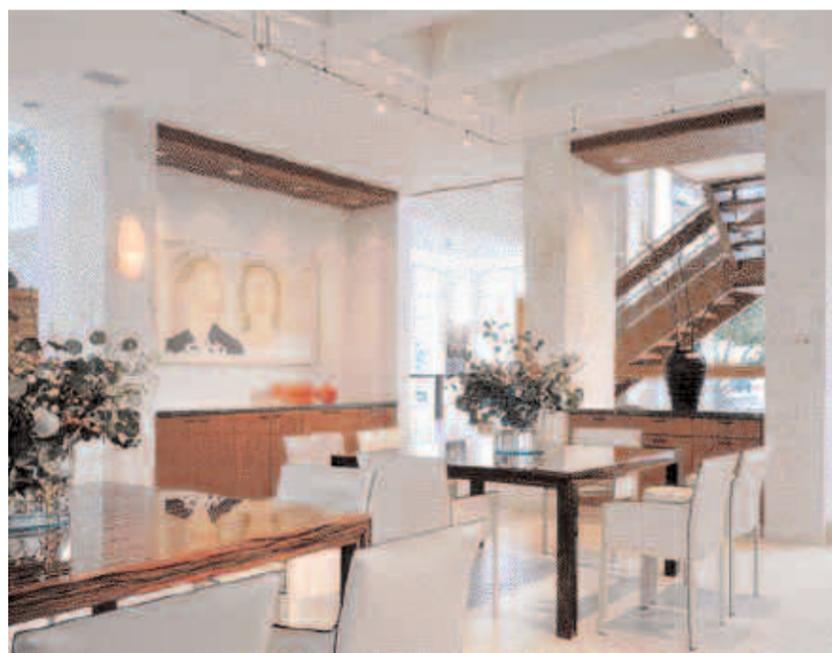
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Barstools, candlesticks on cocktail table
and silver accessories on bar - Michael O,
DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Floor lamp - Carriage House, DCOTA,
Dania Beach, FL

Sculpture on pedestal - Raymond
Karpuska Studio, Boca Raton, FL
Drapery fabric - Highland Court, Duralee,
DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Area rug - Paul Bebble & Assoc.,
Jupiter, FL

Dining Room

Table - Bon Vivant Custom Woodworking,
Miami, FL

Chairs - Costantini Pietro, Italy
Light fixture - Zaneen, Interior-Deluxe,
Euro Lights & Electric Group, Inc.,
Tarpon Springs, FL

Gallery

Glass doors and planters - Custom
designed by Susan Lachance Interior
Design, Inc., Boca Raton, FL

Glass doors fabricated by Coral Bay
Builders, Coral Springs, FL

Planters fabricated by Coverings Etc, Inc.,
Boca Raton, FL

Wall covering fabricated by Daddona
Studios, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL

Artwork - Raymond Karpuska Studio,
Boca Raton, FL

Master Bedroom

Wood wall paneling, console and
bedside chests fabricated by Hamlin
Woodworks, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL

Upholstered wall behind bed fabricated
by Drapery Castle, Boynton Beach, FL

Bed, bench, lounge chairs and
ottomans - New Design Furniture
Manufacturing, Inc., Lauderdale Lakes, FL

Upholstered wall and bed fabric, dark
accent pillow fabric and light drapery
fabric - Kravet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Bed covering - Rodolph & Hein, Jeffrey
Michaels & Co., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Occasional table between lounge
chairs - Intrex Furniture, Inc., Brooklyn, NY

Pendants - Hampstead Lighting,
Tucker, GA

Sculpture on occasional table - Michael O,
DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Area rug - Wendy Clark Designs,
Boca Raton, FL

Rear Exterior/Pool Area

Chaises and daybed - OUTstanding
Furniture, Pompano Beach, FL

Cushion fabrics - Appearance LLC,
Miami Beach, FL

Accent pillow fabric - Duralee, DCOTA,
Dania Beach, FL

Lap tables - Skyline Design, Miami, FL

Throughout

Builder - Coral Bay Builders,
Coral Springs, FL

Landscaping - Tucker Design Build, Inc.,
Boca Raton, FL

Millwork and molding - Hamlin

Woodworks, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL

Flooring - Coverings Etc, Inc.,

Boca Raton, FL ♦