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WHAT INTERIOR DESIGN TRENDS WILL DOMINATE THE COMING SEASON?

Clients are moving away from the Mediterranean look and embracing a more contemporary design with classic style. I call it "modern elegance."

WHAT COLOR SCHEMES OR PALETTES ARE COMING INTO THE HOME?

Shades of white are very chic, accented by colors inspired by our tropical environment—beautiful sea and sky blues, citrus colors and shades of green. An important part of color selection is how a color makes you feel when you are in that space. We need to remember that color can easily affect our mood and emotional well-being.

ARE YOU SEEING ANY UNIQUE TRENDS IN FLOORING? IN ACCESSORIES?

Honed stone flooring is still the most popular. It is elegant but less formal than polished stone in addition to being natural and neutral, it is appropriate for our tropical climate. We're also seeing exotic wood floors, especially bamboo, and a mixture of stone and other materials to create patterns and borders. For accessories, metal and glass are both a hit at the moment.

HOW HAS YOUR TASTE OR YOUR DESIGN SENSE EVOLVED SINCE YOU BEGAN?

I am much more aware of the quality of furnishings. The design is what draws me to a

piece, but it is the craftsmanship and detail that I truly appreciate.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE PLACES TO SHOP FOR CLIENTS, BOTH LOCAL AND ELSEWHERE?

One of my favorite places is Bali, Indonesia. They produce high-quality detailed work and use all types of beautiful wood, stone and other natural materials.

WHAT ARE SOME RECENT GREAT FINDS OR PURCHASES?

The greatest finds are free. Nature is a treasure chest of beauty, and we are fortunate to live in a place where we have an abundance of beautiful shells, rocks, gourds, leaves and other natural jewels all around us. Just add natural foliage to simple ceramic or glass vase or bowl and you have an exquisite accessory.

WHAT PART OF THE DESIGN BUDGET WORTH AN ALL-OUT SPLURGE?

Artwork, definitely. We often design an interior around a client's favorite piece, which makes the client a part of the design process and brings special meaning to the space.



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