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PALERMO PENTHOUSE

Situated in the prestigious Colony Golf & Bay Club community in Bonita Springs, Florida, The Palermo is an elegant luxury tower designed to maximize the joy of coastal living. The Palermo's 7,100 square foot penthouse residence offers magnificent panoramic views of the inter-coastal waterways of the Gulf of Mexico. Kira Krümm Interior Design was engaged to transform this spectacular penthouse space into a tranquil haven that radiates sophisticated simplicity.

The penthouse's original design reflected the client's previous lifestyle and home in Texas. Although the husband seemed quite comfortable in these surroundings, the wife desired an interior that was a reflection of their new life together in Southwest Florida. She wanted to strip away the ornamentation and traditional feel of their previous style and create an environment that was more chic, contemporary and new.

Kira Krümm Interior Design was asked to work with existing prominent features such as the stair rail, fireplace, millwork, doors and flooring, all of which would be modified to suit the new design concept. Existing traditional backgrounds required updating. The initial concept evolved into a transitional style that would be elegant while radiating the serenity of coastal living.

"Balance and harmony were my goal," said Kira Krümm. "We approached the backgrounds in neutrals and introduced color and texture in accents. We also chose to depict light subtle tones and recommended a calming peaceful palette to exude elegance and not to distract from the incredible views of the Gulf."

As the clients continued to reside in the space during the extensive renovation, many of the existing furnishings and much of the décor were replaced with stylish new designs. When completed, both the husband and wife were thrilled with their spectacular new interior. With its luminous and soothing neutral color palette and modern design details, the Palermo penthouse now conveys coastal sophistication. A unique contrast of neutral yet luxurious textures and materials, such as crystal, leather, stone, driftwood and linen, combine to add to the space's opulent appeal. These natural hues and materials are complemented





by vivid blues and golds introduced in the large contemporary paintings and décor accents. Rich creams and plush fabrics, splashes of deep blue and silver, and radiant accessories enhance the elegant allure of the Palermo penthouse. The renovated space exudes Florida's tropical appeal and epitomizes the Kira Krümm aesthetic.

"I recognize a movement towards simplicity and seek a clean look that is void of clutter and ornamentation," Krümm states. "People are looking at their homes as sanctuaries, not showplaces and are realizing how greatly our interior environments impact our quality of life."

The Palermo penthouse's grand salon radiates the chic and inviting ambiance the clients desired. In the grand salon, traditional elements of the fireplace, such as Corinthian capitals, the keystone pediment and fluted columns, were dismantled and replaced with cleaner details. Mirrored walls were added to flank the fireplace and accentuate the impressive scale of the salon while adding depth and dimension to the space. Cathedral ceilings and a reflective backdrop enhance the salon's grand scale. Sumptuous creams, rich fabrics, deep blue and silver accents, and dazzling accessories all speak to a level of luxurious comfort that is the essence of sophistication. Transitional style columns frame the fireplace and accentuate the elegance of the sitting area. A whimsical crystal chandelier is the focal point of this space and creates a sense of opulent allure. Striking glass accessories and hand-painted platinum railings compliment the chandelier. Wing chairs in a creamy leather add a contemporary flair to the grand salon.

Adjacent to the grand salon, the formal dining area is illuminated by recessed ceiling lighting and an exquisitely designed crystal chandelier. The glass tabletop is adorned with exotic, neutral accessories and accompanies eight high back chairs in coordinating silver and sand-toned fabrics. The artwork introduces a vibrant splash of indigo to compliment the exterior coastal landscape. Stone travertine floors in a soothing sand tone highlight the delicate attention to finishes and details that are found throughout the residence. Saturated in neutral creams with subtle blue accents, the grand salon and formal dining area speak to a coastal lifestyle that is reserved for those with discerning sensibilities.



A textured silver-grey sectional sofa accented with coordinating pillows and a charcoal leather ottoman gives the family room an inviting warmth. Custom cabinetry in a soft neutral tone frames the entertainment center. Modern accessories add a stylish flair to the space.



Overlooking Florida's brilliant coastal landscape, the breakfast area is a chic, yet casual space to enjoy. A rounded custom designed banquette with cream fabric and charcoal leather seat frame the view and compliment the black pearl table top.







Black granite countertops and accents of silver throughout the kitchen give a bit of modern panache to this space. Luxurious stone floors in a cool neutral and crisp white cabinetry add style and elegance.





A soothing, radiant glow draws visitors into the study. A striking black and white photograph by Clyde Butcher of driftwood on a sandy beach illuminates the space and sets a tranquil tone. The textured linen sofa and chair in silver-bronze with a coordinating ottoman/coffee table combination make this space the perfect place to unwind. The creamy neutral hue of the custom built-in shelving and desk area provides practicality and style for the study. A soft-textured ottoman with removable silver tray serves as a coffee table for added functionality.

A second guest lower penthouse bedroom is embraced by balance and duality that capture the feminine, restful qualities characteristic to the Eastern philosophy of Yin. Rich shades of grey and metallic accents are reminiscent of silver capiz shells that inspired Krümm's vision for the Yin Room. The artwork is by abstract painter, Terry Krümm, Ms. Krümm's father.







Draped in a blanket of luminous cream, the master bedroom is elegant and serene. The plush, custom headboard and bedding is in layers of sheer and solid silver and sand-toned fabrics. The coordinating artwork and accessories add modern coastal flair to this timeless retreat. Two chairs in the master sitting room feature stylish curves and a soft, pillow back in a creamy sheen fabric. A silver-hued geometric pattern on the ottomans accentuates the elegance of the master bedroom.

"I approach designs artistically and conceptually, considering balance and composition when making selections," said Krümm. "As with many of our designs, The Palermo penthouse reflects the balance of ethereal, coastal elements and urban sophistication with a strong focus on duality between soft, textured, organic elements and hard, clean lined architectural materials. As is typically the case, success relied greatly on our relationship with the client. Trust was built throughout the design process, and a harmonious synergy developed between our clients and our team as the project evolved. The end result was worth the time and investment, not only for the aesthetic outcome, but for the strong bond established while achieving our goals together."

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