

# YOUR HOME<sup>®</sup>



NEW KITCHEN  
**TRENDS**

HOME TECHNOLOGY  
GET THE LOOK  
DELICIOUS COLORS



(RIGHT) Overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, this fully renovated luxury condominium features a modernized kitchen with alabaster slab cabinetry and paneled appliances. Hidden LED accent lighting illuminates the dramatic charcoal and white granite. A Mosaic glass and metal accent wall steals the show in this urban-transitional beachfront retreat. (BELOW) Reclaimed elm wood credenza with antiqued mirrored panels, available from the Kira Krümm Koastal Kollektion (OPPOSITE) This single-family home showcases a “cottage-coastal” kitchen with transitional, recessed cabinet doors and brushed, white oak flooring, exotic quartzite countertops and exposed stainless steel appliances. Under-cabinet LED lighting and mother of pearl glass tile backsplash add warmth.



# Designer Q & A LOOKING AHEAD

“WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST ‘NEW’ TRENDS IN DESIGN?”

I always say it is better to be an innovator than an imitator; it is okay to recognize trends, but your home should be a reflection of your style and draw inspiration from aspects of your unique life, including your natural surroundings. Many design “trends” have been inspired by the coastal environment - incorporating treasures from the sea, using light, natural “driftwood” finishes, and allowing colors from nature to influence interior color schemes. In 2015, I look forward to exploring new organic materials and less refined finishes and expect to see innovations in flooring material and furniture using reclaimed wood. Regardless of the latest trends, an experienced designer can help you discover your own style.



## "DO YOU SEE THE TREND TOWARDS LESS HEAVY, MORE CONTEMPORARY DESIGN CONTINUING IN 2015?"

In recent years, there has definitely been a shift away from the opulent, "formal" lifestyle, and more towards simplicity in the home, creating interior environments that reflect a chic, coastal lifestyle. However, many homeowners are forced to compromise with some of the older existing architectural details when updating their homes today. There are ways to bring your home into the modern age through new technological innovations such as audio visual features and LED lighting. Refreshing an outdated, heavy traditional interior with lighter, more modern elements requires some compromise, but with the innovation and expertise of an experienced Designer, the results can be exceptional.

## "WILL WE SEE SIGNIFICANT DESIGN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND CONDOS?"

Yes, although there are notable differences between homes and condos, in general there is a strong movement towards transitional style in residential design. I see that single-family homes are adopting a more transitional "cottage-coastal" style, blending old with new. Condominium interiors, while mostly transitional, tend to be more euro-contemporary, with cleaner lines, functioning mostly as vacation retreats. These "concrete boxes" can be renovated and stripped of old elements and without having to consider the architectural style of the building like a single-family home would.



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