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## Q&A

WITH KIRA KRÜMM



**(ABOVE)** This spacious, relaxed kitchen features open display shelving and a couture chevron backsplash to accentuate the grand scale and coordinate with the white marble countertops. Pops of aqua blue add a simple, playful touch. Cabinetry by Tradewind Designs **(LEFT)** This custom-designed, versatile bed can sleep as a king-sized or separated as two twins. With bedding that combines machine-washable elements with custom accents, this guest bedroom is ready to welcome visitors. **(OPPOSITE)** Custom closet system by California Closets, Kira Krümm Koastal Kollektion.

I love the look of open shelving as an alternative to closed-off cabinetry. What are some tips on creating a beautiful, de-cluttered, open shelf look in my kitchen?

Start with picking the right space for the open shelves and consider it a focal point, like a work of art. Color and composition are key. Consider adding a beautiful, fun backsplash or keep the wall simple and crisp. Then gather the right pieces to display or treat yourself to something new. Arrange the display items by necessity, in a way that is functional for you. Stick to a simple color palette, two or three colors, and avoid pairing too many patterns – be selective on what you choose to display. An easy rule of thumb when de-cluttering any area of your home: if you use it once a week, keep it out; if you only use it a few times a month, store it in a cabinet.

What are some new ideas for creating functional, stylish accommodations for my overnight guests in my beach house?

For most of us, living in Southwest Florida means having lots of vacationing house guests. Preparing to welcome visitors can be a challenge, especially if you're on the go, or out of town. Recently, a client from Canada wanted to create guest bedrooms that could accommodate the various friends and family who would be visiting her new vacation beach house. With limited space in the two guest rooms, we designed custom headboards for beds that could be utilized as either one king-sized or pulled apart as two twin beds, depending on need.

We also considered livability and use when designing the bedding and opted for a combination of washable and custom pieces. We paired soft machine-washable cotton quilts and pillow shams with custom-made decorative pillows to coordinate with the décor.

I love condo living in Florida but closet space is limited. How can we maximize storage space?

You can utilize storage space effectively by working with your designer and a good closet manufacturer to customize your closets. One of the great things about living in Florida is the gorgeous year round warm weather, which means we do not have to crowd our closets with bulky sweaters or coats. Nonetheless, seasonal residents need to make room for storing luggage, and a deep top shelf can be the perfect solution. Closets can be customized to fit your needs, and features as simple as a double-hang for clothing and internal drawer dividers can save space and keep you organized.



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