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## ABODE



OAK FLOORING WARMS THE WHITE AND SOFT-TONED PALETTE OF THE KITCHEN, FAMILY ROOM, AND BEDROOMS (OPPOSITE PAGE).

A small-town feel, daily sunsets, and Naples' laid-back lifestyle—close to shopping, shoreline, and restaurants—lured Eileen and Barry Smith from Florida's East Coast, where they had originally relocated from New Jersey about three years ago. "We love Naples," the mostly retired couple agrees.

Realtor Adam Carriero, who specializes in downtown Naples and waterfront communities at Gulfcoast International Properties Naples, understood what the two wanted and showed them a five-bedroom, 3,868-square-foot home in the Moorings. Located within walking distance from the private, members-only Moorings Beach Park, it was snapped up immediately by the couple.

For the Smiths, the only downside was the Mediterranean style of the Naples residence. To remedy the design aesthetic, Carriero introduced the pair to Kira Krümm, principal interior designer at Koastal Design Group in Naples.

A contemporary coastal design veteran with more than 30 years interior design experience, Krümm drew from her expertise to transform the residence into one more in sync with the location and the Smiths' lifestyle. Brandon Tierney, principal and owner at Sitrine Construction Group on Marco Island, managed and oversaw the six-month makeover.

"It was an extensive renovation," the designer explains. "At first, they wanted a



CONTEMPORARY COASTAL DESIGN COMBINES ISLAND-INSPIRED ELEMENTS SUCH AS PLANTATION SHUTTERS, SOFT HUES, AND WOOD FLOORS WITH MODERN FURNISHINGS AND ACCENTS AND A CLEAN AESTHETIC.

really contemporary look, like their home in Boca, but I worked to influence them on a more coastal lifestyle design. In coastal contemporary, the architecture is coastal, but the furnishings and decor are more contemporary. I softened the design with texture and decorating elements."

The Smiths and Krümm became a team and got to work. "At first, we didn't understand what Kira meant when she talked about bringing the outside in, but now we do," Eileen says. "Everything just flows from the lush green front yard to the airy, earthy, and serene feel of our home."

The chandelier customized for the family room fills the space but doesn't overwhelm it. French doors leading to the outdoor living area sport a sleek look with full-length glass panes. A glass top coffee table with an oak base balances with the European oak flooring. "We searched for the right material

for the media wall and found Italian stone that is not busy or disruptive," Krümm notes. The focal point in the kitchen where the couple cooks healthy food together is the crystal quartzite waterfall island. Light gray wall paint close to white (called Crushed Ice) complements the island and striking white custom cabinetry. Gourmet appliances such as the Viking cooktop and Sub-Zero refrigerator and wine storage endow the chef-worthy space.

"We have two dishwashers, a couple of wine refrigerators, four refrigerator drawers, and a lot of extras," Eileen says, before joking, "Who knew we needed two dishwashers?"

Most furnishings in the casual dining area were imported from Italy. Echoing the adjacent family room coffee table, the dining table features a glass top supported on a wood base, though it is finished in white lacquer. A custom built-in and two lighted kitchen cabinets hold the couple's wine glasses. "We collect wines and wine glasses. LED lighting strips running inside along the sides of the glass cabinets make them glow," Barry says.

"It looks so pretty."

Plantation shutters and a vaulted ceiling with shiplap in the master bedroom set the backdrop for showcasing the contemporary furniture. Silver, metallic, and pewter bedding punctuated with white, satin Euro pillows and a white runner at the foot of the custom king bed invite with luxury.

"I think bedrooms should be sanctuaries where you can get away from it all and relax. This bedroom is very calming, relaxed, and balanced," Krümm says. "That's why I





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EILEEN AND BARRY SMITH EMBRACED THE IDEA OF BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN WHILE REMODELING THEIR MOORINGS HOME. THE OUTDOOR SPACE CONTINUES THE INTERIOR'S CONTEMPORARY COASTAL STYLE.

like neutrals in a bedroom rather than having a lot of bright, stimulating colors. A pop of color can always be added."

Polished concrete countertops forge a contemporary feel in the equally tranquil master bath. To break up the long mirror, Krümm created a thin channel and filled it with silver and pewter glass tile.

The "VIP guest room" was given special attention because the couple's son and girlfriend dwell there when they visit. In addition to a private entrance with a patio overlooking the pool, the suite cloaked in champagne and beige tones features a walk-in closet.

To uplift the attitude of the outdoor living area, dark brown stone was removed from the fireplace surround and replaced with light, neutral stone. Contemporary furniture reflects the style inside. "They spend so much time outdoors, and they are thrilled with it," says Krümm.

Delighted with the results, the couple plans to stay put. "Kira helped shape our home the way we wanted and far exceeded our expectations," Barry says. <<

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