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Quintessential Coastal Charm

A MANGROVE BAY HOME OFFERS THE BEST OF EVERYTHING IN THE HEART OF NAPLES

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After deciding condominium living was not for her, this Neapolitan opted for a three-bedroom home in Mangrove Bay. Sited amid a profusion of flora and fauna and next to the 140-acre Gordon Park, the chosen residence is within walking distance of Naples' fun and fabulous Fifth Avenue South.

Because the owner is a fan of Kira Krümm's projects, there was no question whom she would commission to help design the interior—except with a twist. Having worked at an upscale furniture store, she wanted to select and buy all furnishings.

"Although she asked us to work in a way we

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were not accustomed, her persistence inspired us,” explains Krümm, founder and principal interior designer at Koastal Design Group (KDG). “This project was a rare and unique collaboration as we were hired to spearhead the interior design of the home but only consult on the furnishings and decor.”

In all other aspects, KDG acted as a traditional interior firm. The design team helped select the flooring, tile, countertops, and finishes, specifying the cabinetry and designing the kitchen and primary bath. Ceiling, millwork, and feature walls were drawn by the design team that also made recommendations for lighting, flooring, and elevation. Additionally, the designers suggested area rugs and helped determine where to hang artwork.

“It was a great team effort,” states Krümm. “My client found comfort knowing she could utilize our expertise and bounce ideas off us whenever she needed. We assisted with space planning using our CAD files and helped select some of the investment items, such as

the one-of-a-kind pieces from Cocoon Gallery and unique light fixtures.”

Before beginning any project, Krümm consults with her clients to understand how they live. “It’s important a room functions to the homeowner’s lifestyle,” she says. “We inquire to determine what furnishings are needed to support the activities that will be occurring in each space to assure the home is not only aesthetically pleasing but also functional.”

To harmonize with the dwelling’s coastal cottage style, the designer applied a neutral background throughout. Soft, soothing colors bring the interior’s lightly modern coastal transitional style into play. Swathed in natural light with nature’s colorful palette peeking playfully through windows, the great room showcases earthy elements that echo the home’s sense of place, including a driftwood cocktail table, raw wood on the lamps, and a hand-painted fan designed by local artist Kevin O’Brien. A wall of stacked glass doors fuses the home into its surroundings.

In the kitchen, the handmade crystal pendants were worth the splurge and the long wait. Polished nickel strapping on the range hood is a showstopper; a low-





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THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: DUAL SINKS IN THE PRIMARY BATHROOM; A TUB AND CURB-LESS SHOWER IN THE PRIMARY BATHROOM; THE SERENE PRIMARY BEDROOM; THE HOME'S AIRY KITCHEN.



luster metallic plaster between the ceiling beams adds texture and shine.

A live-edge oak dining table steals the limelight in the formal dining space. Overhead, a silver-leaf crystal chandelier hovers from a lowered ceiling, creating an intimate ambiance. "The dining room needed to have impact without detracting from the adjacent great room feature wall," notes Krümm. "We designed the dining room wall with recessed horizontal strips of mirror banded by a subtle decorative finish that is repeated in the adjacent kitchen ceiling; a faux stone finish on other walls adds warmth and connection to the kitchen."



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THE OUTDOOR LIVING AREA IN THIS MANGROVE BAY HOME FEATURES FURNISHINGS AND FINISHES TO WITHSTAND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S TROPICAL CLIMATE.

In the sophisticated primary bedroom suite, ornate chests add a touch of glamour to the simple background colors. In the equally luxurious primary bath, a curb-less shower features a nonslip porcelain tile flooring. "The bedroom is always my favorite space to design because we want to make sure it represents the client," shares Krümm. "It is a very private, personal sanctuary giving us more creative license to do what our clients love—to make them happy."

Cheery and welcoming, the guest bedroom is well-appointed. "When you have guests in Florida, you want them to feel like they are in Florida," notes the designer.

As comfortable outside as it is inside, the home features an outdoor living area that boasts beautiful furnishings and finishes that will tenaciously bear Southwest Florida's tropical climate.

"The entire project was a very enjoyable process for us because we all had one important thing in common: we love design," summarizes Krümm. «



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