

NAPLES SANCTUARY

ONE COUPLE'S FOREVER
HOME IS AN ELEGANT BLEND
OF THEIR COSMOPOLITAN
PAST AND COASTAL PRESENT



LISA
DAVENPORT

"Design is not only about creating experiences but also about generating environments. Environments that set the stage for cherished memories to be made that become our life stories."

AFTER YEARS OF TRAVELING south to care for elderly family members in Naples, a feisty Northeastern couple found themselves falling in love with the town and its way of life. So when the duo retired from their jobs in government and education, they built a four-bedroom, six-bathroom coastal contemporary home where they could spend the rest of their years.

"They are art collectors, and really wanted a place where they could entertain," says designer Lisa Davenport of LDD Interiors. "And this place was built for that. It's one-floor, with barrier-free design and lots of wide-open spaces and great room-to-room flow. It would be great for big New Year's Eve parties."

But as keen as the couple was to forge a fresh start, they still wanted some style reminders of where they had been. They called on Davenport to deliver an interior that fused their urban sensibilities with their new, laid-back lifestyle.

"The couple wanted to bring in glitz and glamour, and a Northern palette," Davenport says. "So it was tricky at times to make sure we were weaving together these styles in a way that worked."

LEFT: "One of the first things the couple told me was 'Please, no gray and white,'" Lisa Davenport says. An espresso-hued wooden front door and window trim imbue the otherwise unadorned front of the almost 4,100-square-foot home with warmer tonal value and character.

INTERIOR DESIGN
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BUILDER SCOTT KISH, KTS HOMES, NAPLES, FL
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The room's brown leather furniture has an iridescence to it, Davenport says, "so it goes from sort of a blah brown to a sexy shimmer, which is a little bit edgy." The reclining sofa's hue complements the inlaid wood in the shellstone floor.



Throughout the home, the color palette looks like it has been plucked from a penthouse in New York City. Earthy browns and taupes mingle with creamy whites and pops of aqua, both grounding the rooms and tying them to the blue skies and nature outside. Stainless steel accents provide a cool, contemporary element, while walnut tabletops and cabinetry warm the spaces and give them a cozy, New England flair. The rooms are all architectural edges and effortless luxury, a blend that seems counterintuitive on paper, but in person makes total sense.

Consider the great room with its easy-but-modern brown leather furniture and clean-lined stainless steel tables that could hold anything from the latest

BELOW: "Powder rooms are places where you can really have fun," Davenport says. She brought the 10-foot-high walls down to earth by installing crown moulding two feet from the ceiling and painting everything above it a rich navy blue. An oversized, scalloped chrome light fixture brings additional weight to the ceiling, while the wallpaper is an intricately sewn mix of banana leaves and crumpled paper.





"This kitchen countertop is the drama queen that has to be the center of attention," Davenport says. "Everything else is a beautiful complement." Two-toned iridescent cabinets, painted glass subway tile backsplashes, and grounding black elements such as bar stools and other fixtures come together to create a glamorous place to sip wine and snack as the main course is being prepared.

Davenport pulled blues from the kitchen island's countertop into the upholstery on the dining room chairs, and the portable bar. A walnut table and chair bases brings warmth to the room, which has a gorgeous view of the outside.



bestseller, to a tray full of cocktails. A twisted wooden sculpture with a high-gloss finish, a turquoise chair, and other collectibles make the room an inviting place to entertain.

Although a mounted flat-screen television is there for an evening of Netflix on the reclining couch, glass doors open to offer easy access to the outdoor pool area and its evening breezes.

"One of the things I find in tropical climates is that people will try to fill every square inch of their pool enclosure with tile and stone," Davenport says. Her solution was to make the area less stark, by bringing in greenery and wood, "so it would feel more New England-like."

Inside, the large kitchen and dining room space is ideally designed for entertaining. A quartzite fusion counter on the kitchen island provides a chic focal point for the space, while comfortable black leather barstools ground the room and offer a comfortable perch for wine-drinking guests.

"These are some of the most comfortable barstools," Davenport says. "One of the clients said that the chairs had to pass the 'fanny test,' meaning



they had to be a place where you would feel comfortable sitting all evening at that counter. And they passed. They have just the right amount of cushion and pitch.”

Cool blue hues from the kitchen countertop were pulled into the dining room, and a contemporary walnut table and chairs and simple black light fixture combined to provide an elegant place to enjoy a meal.

The main house has one comfortable master suite, and two guest rooms with en suite baths. As a practical matter, there is a casita that Davenport said could eventually be used as a caretaker’s quarters.

After eighteen months of work, Davenport was ready for the reveal. The style was her signature cashmere and blue jeans, she said, or a considered mix of polished and rustic, refined and easy, organic and chic.

“It’s not ultra contemporary, it’s not traditional,” she explains. “It’s a little bit country and a little bit rock and roll.”

The clients loved what they saw.

“As they looked at everything, all the details, it was really rewarding for me to see the looks on their faces,” Davenport says. “After all, it is their forever home.”

LEFT: Overstuffed pillows, comfortable patterned linens, an upholstered headboard and plush chairs provide a welcome retreat at the end of a day, or a dreamlike space for breakfast in bed. Sculptural side tables and a visually arresting étagère infuse the space with crisp lines and angles. A wallpapered accent wall behind the bed offers dimension and depth.

Davenport created a master bathroom with a view, by placing freestanding cabinetry featuring side-by-side sinks in front of an expanse of windows. She strategically hung mirrors so the homeowners can see both themselves and the view beyond.





ABOVE: Davenport brought in wood around the fire-pit, and added green spaces to make the area more natural. An outdoor kitchen and dining area, and a poolside shower make this a great space to while away the afternoon.

SOURCES
FRONT EXTERIOR
Front door – Millwork 360, Tampa, FL
Sconces – Hubbardton Forge, Wallingford, VT
LIVING ROOM
Sofa and club chairs – Natuzzi Italia, Naples, FL
Blue occasional chair – Natuzzi Italia, Naples FL
Round cocktail tables – Four Hands, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Stacked sofa tables – Regina Andrew Design, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL

Arc lamp – Uttermost, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Table lamps – John Richards, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Wall sculpture – Maha Twist, Renee Diauer
Deer sculptures – Babcocks, Waynesboro, VA
Area rug – Abbey Carpet, Naples, FL
POWDER ROOM
Cabinetry – Raymond Design Studio, Naples, FL
Wall coverings – Casamance, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Ceiling fixture – Visual Comfort, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Sconces – Visual Comfort, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Glass vessel – Kohler, Naples Plumbing Studio, Naples, FL

KITCHEN
Cabinetry and island – Raymond Design Studio, Naples, FL
Island stools – Casa Italia Showroom, Naples, FL
Hanging pendants – Hubbardton Forge, Wallingford, VT
DINING ROOMN
Dining table – Teracea USA, Miami, FL
Dining chairs – Casa Italia,Casa Italia Showroom, Naples, FL
Chandelier – Hubbardton Forge, Wallingford, VT
Bar – Lexington, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL

MASTER BEDROOM
Bed – Custom designed by LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Fabricated by Eastern Accents, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Headboard – Lexington, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Club chairs and ottoman – Lexington, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Pedestal table – Arteriors, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Bedside chests and cabinet – Theodore Alexander, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Bedside lamps – Currey & Co., LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Etagere – Theodore Alexander, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL

Area rug – Company C, LDD Interiors, Naples, FL
Flooring – Real Wood Floors Showroom, Naples, FL
MASTER BATH
Cabinetry – Raymond Design Studio, Naples, FL
Countertop – Naples Stoneworks, Naples, FL
Mirrors – Coastal Home Design, Naples, FL
LOGGIA AND POOL AREA
Dining table, lounge and chairs – KB Patio, Naples, FL
Pool – KTS Group, Naples, FL
Fabricated by G2 Aquatics, Naples, FL
Wooden deck – KTS Homes, Naples, FL