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Lush plantings and tree canopies illustrate outdoor living at its finest on the patio. Here, the dominant black triangle sculpture cast in bronze by Bruno Romeda and a white circular sculpture by Bob Lorenson exemplifies the family's love for art.



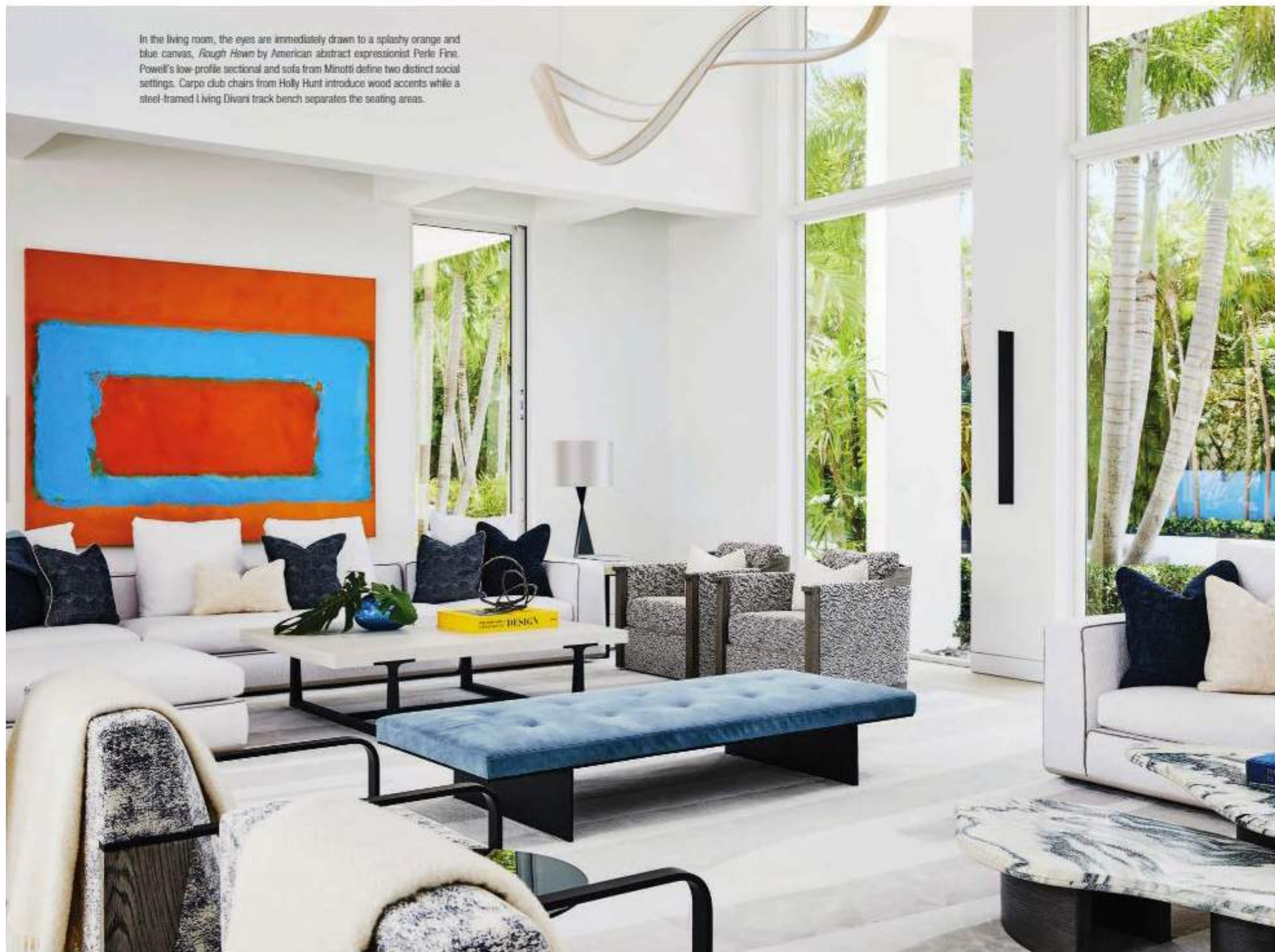
COASTAL MODERN HARMONY

One Talented Design Team Adds Life And Personality To The Interior Spaces Of A Palm Beach Home By Modernizing And Connecting To The Outdoors

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WHEN PREVIOUS CLIENTS OF DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE firm Workshop/APD asked principal Andrew Kotchen to "update" the interior of their 10,000-square-foot Palm Beach home, the project turned out to be a full interior renovation. The firm had also recently renovated the couple's Nantucket home and was pleased to do the same in Palm Beach. In studying the one-story home, originally built in 1988, Kotchen and his

In the living room, the eyes are immediately drawn to a splashy orange and blue canvas, *Rough Hewn* by American abstract expressionist Perle Fine. Powell's low-profile sectional and sofa from Minotti define two distinct social settings. Carpo club chairs from Holly Hunt introduce wood accents while a steel-framed Living Divani track bench separates the seating areas.



team wanted to celebrate the home's beautiful bones while modernizing the interior and connecting it to the exterior. The home, which Kotchen describes as a "well-proportioned white modernism," had dark wood interiors and moldings that the design team paired back to a more streamlined contemporary look to harmonize with its original architecture. "My intention was to give the interior spaces more life and create a tranquil atmosphere framed by the home's landscaped, courtyard views," he says.

Step inside, where Kotchen's team brought a comfortable yet refined aesthetic to the home using a palette of white, beige, a range of blues — about 30 shades — and gold tones with a focus on layering natural textures to reinforce the coastal modern feel. Throughout, Workshop/APD's team opted for European white oak flooring, black accents, stones, wood tones, and a great deal of decorative and recessed LED lighting to highlight the couple's art collection and breakup the home's boxy feel.

The design team created a sophisticated entry to set a visual stage for a relaxed environment with wonderful views of gardens filled with sculpture, an expansive patio and the pool beyond. One of the home's biggest design challenges was the sheer enormity of the natural, light-filled living room that is perfect for frequent entertaining as well as family relaxation. This little-used space easily transformed into a social hub by creating vignettes that are

"We set out to create beautiful, functional spaces that were more in keeping with our clients' lifestyle," interior designer Michael Ellison says. "Each room is luxurious, textural and sophisticated, but also meant to support indoor-outdoor fun."

intimate yet engage with each other. "We also wanted an open circular feel in this room, and were conscious of the flow and the indoor-outdoor circulation that is accessible through the pocket glass doors," he says.

Now the home's rooms feel open and alive, thoughtfully flowing into each other and the outdoor living spaces. The idea for the dining room was to connect to the outside entry courtyard. A dreamy artistic focal piece by contemporary American painter Ross Bleckner was acquired for the space and sets off the room's decor with highlights that pop against a dark background, picking up the trim of the Mondrian-inspired "Omamond" cabinetry designed by Davide Tagliabue.

The design team created a masterpiece of design and function in the eat-in kitchen with the introduction of three unique, sculptural islands made of polished Cristallo quartzite. For the family, each island serves a different purpose: one for entertaining, another for prep, and a third for serving. "Both husband and wife like to cook, and they have children and a new grandchild who come to visit often," Kotchen says.

Visual interest is heightened in the dining room with David Weeks' three-tiered asymmetrical chandelier. Robicara's expansive dining table topped in natural wire brushed oak and based in bronze centers "Brava" dining chairs from Holy Hunt. Perennials' Tibetan knot area rug with waves running through brings in more outdoor inspiration.





Style is central to this serene entry space created and curated by the designers. Strategically positioned to overlook garden views, stacked gray benches from Baker tuck quietly beneath the circular M2L "Clay" table — a perfect union of beauty and harmonious proportions.

With an emphasis on natural lighting, a towering column and architectural illusions command attention in the kitchen. "Like the rest of the home, the interior epitomizes a relaxed, modern take on luxury living in Palm Beach," interior designer Andrew Kotchen says.



In the master bedroom, a custom-framed Hermès scarf in the soft baby blue, green, pink and red — a personal favorite of the wife — inspired the design and color palette. Similarly, a pair of earrings the wife wore to an early meeting with the designers inspired the stunning light pendants above the bedside tables. "The client is very fashionable, and while she wanted a clean modern look for the bedroom, she was excited for the space to reflect her passions," residential design director Michael Ellison says. Just outside, the home's patio incorporates comfortable and stylish social spaces amid the existing landscaping.

Given carte blanche, the designers were able to reimagine a home where the clients had lived for 15 years. With a beautiful interior theme that echoes the well-appointed outdoor living area, the homeowners still have their expansive home and are thrilled that they now use all of it daily. "The residence offers a unique perspective on the ways architecture, interiors and landscape can coordinate in this beautiful coastal climate," Kotchen says.

ABOVE: Custom pivoting glass panels in the kitchen create an architectural visual while bringing together rooms and allowing abundant natural lighting to flow through. Park Place stools from Avenue Road pull up to one of three islands, while Sub-Zero and Miele appliances make entertaining effortless and fun.

above: The niche in the master bedroom bumps out to the pool, where an acrylic Gallotti & Radice "Air Desk" integrates visually with the outdoors. Nearby, a white linen-clad sofa from Restoration Hardware and Holly Hunt's chic concrete side table shape a cozy vignette. A pair of rock crystal, Art Deco lamps from Circa Lighting shimmer atop the custom white oak and shagreen dresser.



SOURCES

Near Exterior

Dining table, chairs and chaise lounges - Janus et Cie, New York, NY
 Accent tables - Dedon, New York, NY
 White and black sculptures - Owners' Collection
Living Room
 Sofas - Minotti, New York, NY
 Club chairs, cocktail table, sofa fabric and bench fabric - Holly Hunt, New York, NY
 Chair fabric and ombre throw - Holland & Sherry, New York, NY

Bench - Living Divani, West Out East, New York, NY
 Occasional table - Liaigre, New York, NY
 Table lamp - Angela Brown, New York, NY
 Artwork - Owners' Collection
 Metal lounge chairs - Dennis Miller, New York, NY
 Fabric - Lauren Hwang, New York, NY
 Links and pompon throw - Bameys, New York, NY
 Freeform marble cocktail tables - Custom designed by Workshop/APD, New York, NY
 Fabricated by Inner Gaze Furniture Design, New York, NY

Chandelier - Todd Miller Antiques, New York, NY
 Area rug - Perennials, New York, NY
 Flooring - Absolute Hardwood Flooring, West Palm Beach, FL
Dining Room
 Dining table - Robicaro, Miami Beach, FL
 Dining chairs - Holly Hunt, New York, NY
 Fabric - Holland & Sherry, New York, NY
 Centerpieces - Guaxs, One of a Kind, Miami, FL

Cabinetry - 1st Dibs, New York, NY
 Artwork and grand piano - Owners' Collection
 Chandelier - David Weeks Studio, New York, NY
 Area rug - Perennials, New York, NY
 Flooring - Absolute Hardwood Flooring, West Palm Beach, FL
Entry
 Circular table - M2S, New York, NY
 Stools - Baker, NYC, New York, NY
 Fabric - Lauren Hwang, Inc., New York, NY
 Vases - Guaxs, One of a Kind, Miami, FL

Kitchen
 Counter stools - Avenue Road, New York, NY
 Light fixture - Holly Hunt, New York, NY
 Vases - Guaxs, One of a Kind, Miami, FL
 Glass panels - Fowlers Sheet Metal, West Palm Beach, FL
 Flooring - Absolute Hardwood Flooring, West Palm Beach, FL
Master Bedroom
 Bed - Custom designed by Workshop/APD, New York, NY

Fabricated by Naula, Brooklyn, NY
 Bedside chests - Atelier Gary Lee, Chicago, IL
 Light pendants - The Future Perfect, New York, NY
 Chest - Sentient Furniture, Brooklyn, NY
 Table lamps - Circa Lighting, NYC, New York, NY
 Framed Hermès scarf - Owners' Collection
 Sofa - HH, New York, NY
 Cocktail table - Holly Hunt, New York, NY
 Acrylic desk - Jules Seltzer, Beverly Hills, CA
 Desk chair - Cassoni, Miami, FL
 Desk lamp - 1st Dibs, New York, NY
 Carpet - Aronson's, New York, NY