



NATURALLY MODERN

With Floor-To-Ceiling Windows And Light Extraordinaire, This Naples Home Exemplifies The Beauty That Emerges When You Let The Outside In

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ABOVE: The Oikos "Synua" front door that works on a pivot system contributes to the home's modern nature. The security door was an absolute must have according to interior designer Tara Bates.

RIGHT: On the rooftop terrace styled with a comfortably chic social grouping, nothing is needed to complete the views of an ever-changing Florida sky, the golf course and the bay beyond — except perhaps a bit of bubbly.

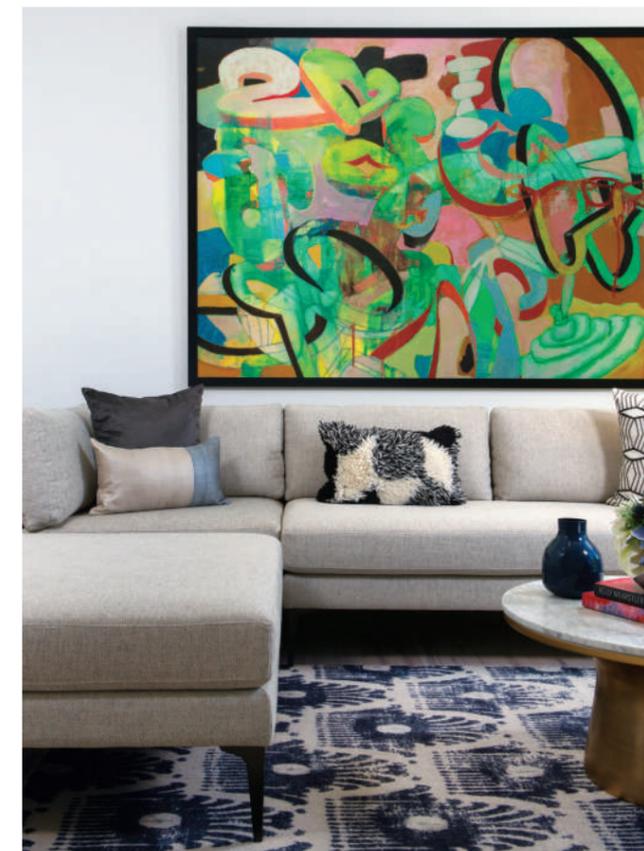


In the dining room, a linear chandelier from Hills Lighting shimmers above a glass-topped table and black leather-clad chairs from J Mark Modern Home. Hanging above the sideboard, local artist Ray Gallo's abstract works, *Artificial Intelligence* and *Machination* respectively, merit more than a perfunctory glance.



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West Elm's gray twill sofa and round, brass-based cocktail table topped in Carrara marble add a solid weight and smooth texture, which hold their own in the family room already outfitted with dramatic statements.



TO OWN AND LIVE IN YOUR DREAM HOME IS ONE THING ... BUT to practically copy and paste it into another stellar location for someone else to enjoy borders on fantasy. Interior designer Tara Bates and her realtor husband James have a habit of doing this. One of their most recent projects, a 6,102-square-foot home, located in The Moorings neighborhood, overlooks the golf and country club of the same name, close to Downtown Naples.

Situated on a generously sized lot, the home is now a primary residence for Donna and Bob Platzer, a couple from New Jersey, who are new to the area. Punctuating a street lined with sidewalks and lush trees, it's a dwelling where living comfortably is the order of the day.

Pulling up to the home, the eyes are immediately drawn to a well-manicured balance. The clean lines of stone pavers outlined and softened with inlaid strips of Zoysia grass lead the way to the entry, while floor-to-ceiling windows offer a nod to one of Bates' must-haves: light in abundance.

With each feature meticulously selected to contribute to the modern and timeless nature of the home, the open-air spiral stairway is a mysterious sculpture that ascends from ground level to the day's blue sky or cloudy sunset. For the Platzers, it leads to the private rooftop terrace — a simple space styled with comfortable, casual furnishings set against nature's own backdrop.

"I like everything to be hidden ... no clutter," says the designer, in reference to the streamlined kitchen. Here, the high-gloss of white Miralis cabinetry juxtaposes with the center island's dark wood grain, and stainless steel appliances from Miele and Bosch.



Just steps inside the home, the main social areas open to a multitude of sensory delights. In the dining room, abstract art lines the walls with bold color, flames dance in the glass gas fireplace, and a stunning glass stairway framed in chrome draws the eye up and around the space.

Abstract art makes another commanding appearance in the family room, a space where patterns and textures meet. The restoration area rug boasts classic colors in complement to accent pillows that top the deep-seated sofa clad in gray twill.

Balance reappears in the kitchen, where high-gloss lacquered cabinetry lines the wall. Above, a dropped ceiling mimics the dark-gray wood center island topped in white Corian.

If the kitchen is spotless and minimal, the living room is a rich portal of blue with more than a handful of ocean shades. The sky's tones, accompanied by the turquoise pool waters, seem to pour through the window. Bates intended for the blue to have its day, visible in the navy restoration area rug that anchors the clean-lined conversation grouping. "You have the outdoors coming into the house as well," the designer says.



With its large, button-tufted headboard, KMP Furniture's oversized bed provides a serene focal point in the master bedroom, where a soft glow tinkers from Hills Lighting's delicate pendant fixture.



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"You get the beautiful view of the pool and the golf course beyond. Everything from the outside is basically inside."

The master bath is no exception with the pool and lush landscaping on view through a wall of glass. Chances are, that when soaking in the Wyndham Collection tub, your gaze will stream up to the effervescent chandelier that bubbles above.

Just beyond in the master bedroom, a simple slate prevails as wide-plank Hickory wood flooring sweeps through the space. Here, the home's minimalist interior scheme continues with an oversized bed featuring a large, button-tufted gray linen headboard that dominates the private setting.

Looking from the outside in, the home is a work of glass finely lit with tiny lights. "Geometry takes precedence with an interfacing of glass and brilliant white rectangular surfaces that continue the fluidity found throughout the project," the designer says. "It's a fascinating rhythm that brings a certain order when the boundaries between outside and in are blurred."

LEFT: In the master bath, a freestanding deep-soaking tub with its Kohler waterfall faucet creates spa-like surroundings to say the least. If the framed lush tropical view of outside doesn't give it away, the tranquil sitting area just might.

SOURCES

Front Exterior

Wall sconces - Hills Lighting & Barstools, Bonita Springs, FL

Garage doors - Garage Doors of Naples, Naples, FL

Stone pavers - Commercial Concrete Systems, Inc., Naples, FL

Spiral stairway - Conceptual Design Builders, Naples, FL

Rooftop Terrace

Sofa, armchairs and occasional tables - City Furniture, Naples, FL

Planters - CB2, Miami Beach, FL

Flooring - Resysta, RSE Distributors, Doral, FL

Dining Room

Dining table, chairs, sideboard and accessories - J Mark Modern Home, Naples, FL

Artwork above fireplace - Z Gallerie, Naples, FL

Artwork above sideboard - Ray Gallo, Naples, FL

Centerpiece - Clive Daniel Home, Naples, FL

Light fixture - Hills Lighting & Barstools, Bonita Springs, FL

Fireplace - Fireplace & Gas Services, Orlando, FL

Stairway - Conceptual Design Builders, Naples, FL

Railing - Safezone LLC, Naples, FL

Family Room

Sofa, cocktail table and area rug - West Elm, Estero, FL

Abstract artwork - Z Gallerie, Naples, FL

Kitchen

Cabinetry and island - Miralis, MDC, Estero, FL

Countertops - Gulf Coast Solid Tops & Marble, Inc., Naples, FL

Cooktop - Miele, Princeton, NJ

Ovens and hood - Bosch, Farmington Hills, MI

Lit ceiling treatment above island - Old Naples Builders, Inc., Naples, FL

Living Room

Sofa and black accent pillows - KMP Furniture, Miami, FL

Armchair - J Mark Modern Home, Naples, FL

Cocktail table and occasional table - Casa Italia, MDC, Estero, FL

Glass accessories on cocktail table - Clive Daniel Home, Naples, FL

Floor lamp - Ligne Roset, Naples, FL

Artwork - Ray Gallo, Naples, FL

Area rug - Designers' Rug Center, Naples, FL

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Master Bath

Tub - Bath Trends, Doral, FL

Faucet - Kohler, Ferguson, Naples, FL

Shower enclosure - Shoreline Custom Glass, Naples, FL

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Light fixture - Hills Lighting, Bonita Springs, FL

Vanity - Miralis, MDC, Estero, FL

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