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IN SANIBEL ISLAND, A HOUSE RENOVATION LEANS INTO TROPICAL STYLE WITH VIBRANT COLOR MOMENTS AND SOPHISTICATED BEACH HOUSE VIBES



ABOVE: With a stunning view of the water, the loggia is a favorite place to gather. Designer Denise Fogarty chose beachy furnishings like the wicker chairs and ottomans by Kingsley Bate with decorative pillows from Hive Home, Gift & Garden in Palm Beach.

LEFT: In the home's two-story great room, clever style touches include fringe trim on the Vanguard Furniture sofas, bright pink fabric upholstery on the club chairs, and a lattice pattern on the pillows that recalls the design of the upstairs railing.

AFTER HURRICANE IAN SWEEPED THROUGH Sanibel Island in 2022, a couple from Missouri whose long-time vacation home was destroyed by the storm hired Denise Fogarty to oversee the design as they rebuilt the four-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bath house. Fogarty knew the couple from St. Louis—her eponymous firm has offices there as well as in Naples—and, most importantly, the couple trusted the designer to keep the essence of the original house while updating its look.

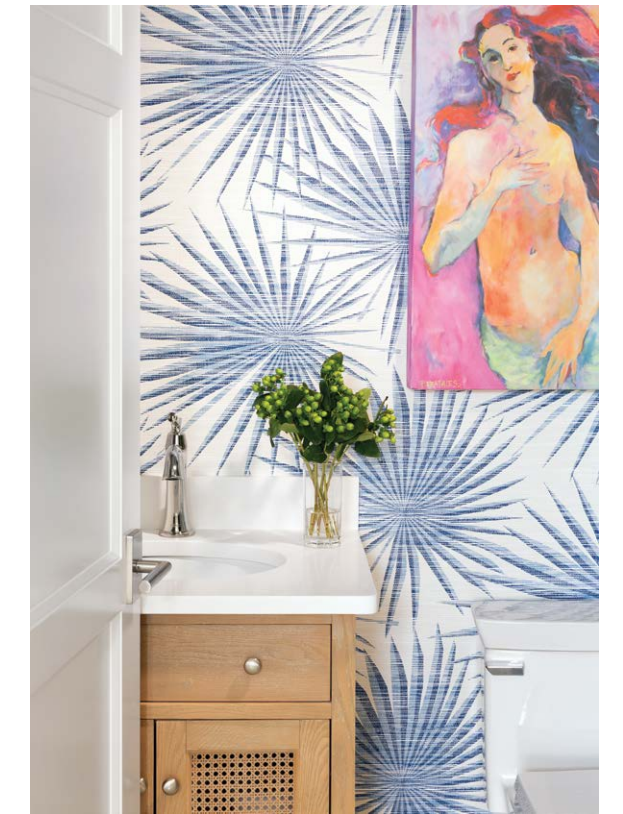
“Even though the residence was built over 30 years ago, it had a really workable floor plan,” says Fogarty. “I offered a few tweaks, like moving the laundry room and turning that space into a pantry.” Fogarty also reworked the entry and suggested moving a few windows and sliders to create better circulation patterns and more symmetrical layouts.

As Fogarty and the wife talked through the decor, the designer suggested new schemes to update the guest bedrooms. “The family has always known these as the coral room, the



LEFT: In the kitchen, Fogarty recommended adding windows for more natural light and extending the island to increase surface area and seating. As the yin to the white counters and cabinets' yang, the designer chose a rich navy for the Villa and House counter stools and table chairs. A navy beaded chandelier from Currey & Company hangs over part of the island.

RIGHT: Behind a Pottery Barn vanity, blue palm fronds on the Thibaut wallpaper introduce tropical punch in the powder room.



RIGHT: The Currey & Company Bismarkia chandelier was one of the first items Fogarty and the wife found when shopping together at High Point in North Carolina. It now crowns the dining area above a table by Sarried and chairs by Designmaster Furniture.

purple room, and the pink room due to the color of their walls," says Fogarty. "We decided to keep the names, but not drench the rooms in those colors as they'd once been. Instead, we chose colorful headboards and repeated the color in the fabric."

One place where Fogarty wholeheartedly endorsed color saturation was in the small den. "If it's just the two of you in a great big house, you need a cozy spot to have a glass of wine or watch TV," she says. "The wife is always up for some fun, so I said, 'How about some pink grass-cloth in here?'" With the den ensconced in color and texture, Fogarty repeated the dusty pink shade in the great room's club chairs, which sit just outside the den.

For the kitchen, the homeowner came to Fogarty with photos and ideas, and the designer helped her figure out the layout changes and materials to achieve that vision. "We did all new



In the “coral guest bedroom,” so named because in the pre-renovated house the walls were painted coral, the homeowners agreed that it was time for a more subtle take on the color. Throw pillows in a fabric by Thibaut and lacquered headboards by David Francis shine in the signature coral, while turquoise bed linens provide a refreshing contrast.



windows above the sink,” she says. “And we made the island longer with a dropdown table at the end for dining.” Early on, the duo found a Schumacher fabric with whimsically embroidered sea creatures and decided it would be perfect for the valances. Picking up on the blue in the fabric, Fogarty choose navy for the blue lacquered counter stools and a beaded chandelier.

For the primary bedroom, which wasn’t pre-designated with a color theme, Fogarty and the wife again found a fabric they loved—this time by Brunschwig & Fils—and liberally used it for both the headboard and drapes. “We still needed a few fabrics, so we went to the International Design Source in Naples,” says Fogarty. “We found that main fabric, plus the animal print for the chair and the fabric we still needed for the pink bedroom.”

Fogarty credits the friendship she and the couple developed for success of the project. “The wife has great taste, and she’s really taught herself a lot about design,” she says. “Her goal was to make the house classy, not Crayola-ish, and we succeeded.”

LEFT: In the “purple guest bedroom,” the bench is covered in a Thibaut fabric, with green serving as the accent to the purple notes.



In the foyer, the design team indulged the wife’s love of seashells with a shell-encrusted mirror that sits above a chest from Modern History Home. The two white-washed oak wing chairs are by Sarreid. Just beyond the entry is a cozy snug that’s papered with a pink grass-cloth.

The primary bedroom has a more symmetrical design than it did previously thanks to the moving of windows to either side of the white bed. The burlwood chests are from Worlds Away, and because this room is all about symmetry, the matching table lamps are from West Home Collection in Naples.



RIGHT: A corner of the primary bedroom reveals Brunschwig & Fils draperies and a club chair upholstered in a green animal print fabric by Thibaut.



BELOW: The "pink guest bedroom" lives up to its name with a bed and headboard by Old Biscayne Designs. The side chair sports a turquoise gingham pattern that complements the intended sweetness of the space.



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Decorative pillows – Hive Home, Gift and Garden, Palm Beach, FL
LIVING ROOM
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Cocktail table – Palecek, palecek.com

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Area rug – L&M Custom Carpets, lcustomcarpets.com
KITCHEN
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Chandelier – Currey & Company, curreyandcompany.com
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CORAL GUEST BEDROOM
Headboard – David Francis, Vero Beach, FL
Benches – Palecek, palecek.com
Comforter and decorative pillow fabric – Thibaut Design, thibautdesign.com
PURPLE GUEST BEDROOM
Bench and comforter fabric – Thibaut Design, thibautdesign.com

PINK GUEST BEDROOM
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Bedside and console – Lexington Furniture, lexingtonfurniture.com
Lamp – West Home Collection, Naples, FL
Chair – Vanguard, vanguardfurniture.com
Fabric – Pindler, pindler.com
Comforter, pillow, and drapery fabrics – Pindler, pindler.com

Artwork – Harrison Howard, harrisonhoward.com
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Chest – Worlds Away, worlds-away.com
Lamp and side table – West Home Collection, Naples, FL
Chair – Vanguard, vanguardfurniture.com
Fabric – Thibaut Designs, thibautdesigns.com