

# DAZZLING DECO

*Beguiling art deco design in Lakewood Ranch  
for clients that are anything but average*

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The vibrant, apple green trapezoid tiles from Sonoma Tilemakers surrounding the fireplace have a handcrafted look and offer the space a textural element. The circular, Thayer Coggin sectional cozies up to the Ray Booth® collection for Hickory Chair baby-blue swivel chairs, and the lovely Hickory Chair ottoman in a geranium velvet from International Design Source. The white linen drapery that hangs from the matte black drapery rod diffuses the light that streams in through the wall of windows.

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Lisa Guild, owner of LMG Design Consulting, collaborates with her bold, anything-but-average clients; they are enthralled with the iconic South Florida aesthetic of the 1920s and 1930s — Miami art deco. “We want color — we love color — and aren’t afraid of pattern!” exclaims Guild, sharing the enthusiastic wishes of her clients who are not looking for “anything average, or gray and white.” Guild approaches this request trustily and emphasizes that she “takes an intuitive — not literal” hand to the design. Looking for a home to spread out and entertain family in, these clients bring their delightful, artistic proclivity to the welcoming Lakewood Ranch community.

As the owner of a fashion-forward women’s clothing boutique for nearly 20 years, this client’s knowledge of color and pattern brings direction to the design charrette, while her husband — an accomplished and well-traveled attorney — brings worldliness with his deep respect for art and culture. Together, designer and clients merge their artistic talents. ▶

**Kitchen:** Guild pairs dark navy and crisp white on the cabinets and adds Colonial Bronze bamboo motif pulls in burnished brass, describing them “as an iconic nod to the old school, South Florida feel.” Swanky accessories from International Design Source — like the trio of white and gold pineapples — stand out against the navy backdrop, offering a graphic aesthetic. The symmetry of the three Mitzi by Hudson Valley Lighting Elsie pendants is repeated in the deco era-reminiscent bar stools from Vanguard. Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery supplies the high-end appliances for this fabulous kitchen.





**Foyer & Office:** Guild helps her clients make selections at the builder's design showroom and steers them toward a wide plank blonde wood flooring. The leopard print area rug from Dash & Albert and the antique gold Broche chandelier from Crystorama set an eclectic and fanciful impression right from the start.

**Dining:** This Made Goods tulip-shaped dining table in a faux shagreen has a beautiful light gray base with gold accent rings. Where Guild could have gone with a wooden or a glass-top table, she delights in the materiality of a white, faux shagreen top. The dining chairs boast a historical toile de Jouy pattern—a type of printed calico with a characteristic floral, figure, or landscape design on a light background — in a soft geranium pink with green hues and a white linen background from International Design Source by Fabricut. The Currey & Company natural rattan and gold leaf Gaborone chandelier hangs over the space, offering intrigue with its iconic inverted cone shape.





Guild overlays a strong Miami flavor atop this open-concept, new construction, contemporary home, using iconic shapes, pastels, burnished gold, and graphic prints. To combat the angular, clean lines of the architecture, she finds era-reminiscent furnishings with an alluring parlor-esque appearance and uses them to create more fluid furniture layouts.

Even still, Guild finds ways to embrace and blend the current architectural trends in this modern home with her fanciful design. The foyer features a glass-surround office in a modern-style horizontal frame that Guild ties in with matte black drapery rods in the adjacent living and dining room. This seemingly simple design decision not only creates a cohesive feel but adds a subtle embellishment to the architecture.

The clients share their existing citron, blue, and green urn early in the design phase, which ignites the color palette. Guild complements these fresh colors with baby-blue, geranium, burnished gold, lavender, and flamingo pink. The elevated-for-modern-times Miami deco boutique hotel atmosphere of the home is achieved by using rattan and seagrass materials, trapezoid and cone shapes, bamboo motifs, and graphic fabrics and wallcoverings.

For clients who like the idea of a home that offers a lot to think about, this distinctive design is a dazzling, glamorous deco-reverie in which they get to live. “The bold, fashion-forward design — curated to the aesthetic that the client enjoys — is layered and multifaceted. It was our job to interpret their vision, expand on it, and elevate it,” delights Guild, who gives her clients the anything-but-average deco design of their dreams. ■



**Master Bedroom:** The floral Lautaret wallpaper from S. Harris is not your average floral. It subtly displays hues of baby-blue, light pink, lavender, and white with angular shapes and a soothing color palette. Guild chooses this Lillian August nightstand in a blue, back-painted glass, with burnished gold trim, and offsets it with the clean-line, off-white, contemporary dresser from Vanguard. Guild delights in her vintage find of the lavender vases from International Design Source, and layers in whimsical details like the ostrich feather floor lamp from Regina Andrew. Glamour defines the deco time period, and Guild designs a stunning closet system for this master suite from FineCraft Custom Cabinetry to match.

**Master Bathroom:** Icicle blue adorns the walls, while burnished brass and bamboo motifs repeat throughout. The antique gold bamboo mirrors from Cyan Design correspond to the light gray cabinets' pulls, and the bamboo reeded blinds connect the theme. The dusty-pink, custom sheepskin rug from Surya is soft underfoot and gives the space a swanky-chic ambiance.







**Sitting Room:** This flashy La Palma wallpaper by Mokum from Holly Hunt is a flamboyant backdrop to this sitting room. Lighting the corner is the Tropical Grand Floor Lamp from Currey & Company. Atop the custom, Rose Dust handloom viscose rug from Jaipur sits the Vanguard cocktail ottoman done in an alligator-print leather. Leopard and palm prints on the throw pillows layer color and complexity in this deco-centric room. The Hickory Chair bench-seat sectional is in a blush color fabric from International Design Source.

**Powder Bath:** This Salerno porcelain tile reminds Guild of the Cuban cement tile designs she has seen in South Florida. "We embraced the tile completely," shares Guild, putting this graphic element on both the floor and the shower walls. Balancing this bold pattern, Guild uses white subway tiles in the shower as well. From the vanity light to the crystal knob pulls, all the details display an old-school sensibility that fits this home concept. Guild helps the homeowners select these unique items from the builder's design showroom.

**Outdoor Living & Pool:** Guild weaves together deco and resort to complete this stunning outdoor experience. Amazing resort-style Tuuci umbrellas in a striking white and royal blue shelter the white and orange Pavilion lounge chairs. The iconic shape of the Moderna dining chairs from Pavilion "have a steamship quality," shares Guild, who pairs them with a more contemporary, aluminum-top Gloster dining table. Opal-blue backsplash tiles and unique, glow-in-the-dark pool tiles connect the interior design's colorway that sparks interest outdoors.







**Front Elevation:** This single-family home in the Lakewood Ranch community, located just outside of Sarasota, boasts unbelievable amenities. Guild shares that the neighborhood allure is so strong it even “draws friends from other places to come and live as neighbors. This community has a lot of different looks,” and this particular home shows off a strong symmetrical design with a prominent entry in a contemporary coastal façade.

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