

HAMPTONS TOUCH

*The perfect getaway on Anna Maria Island
boasts Hamptons panache and local flair*



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Front Elevation: "The front of the home consists of eight large casement windows, which were used specifically because they have a clean look and provide lots of natural light, which is important in a beach home," says Johnson. White siding and moody blue shutters add the perfect touch to the windows, matching this beach home's contemporary front door. The driveway is complete with turf stone drive strips, supplied by Belgard, that are laid like a normal paver. Designed turf plugs fit into each hole to create an inviting look. Natural wood accents on the front of the home and the garage doors offer a sneak peek inside this beach house that hosts a Hamptons vibe of blue, white, and natural wood throughout.

Front Entry: A twisted teak root entry table, whose base resembles the roots of a tree, greets you as you step out of the elevator onto the second floor. The abstract art piece hanging over this table, sourced through International Design Source, emulates the Gulf and reaches up toward the ceiling, making it a perfect addition to this beachfront home. A silver tray atop the table is the ideal place for guests to drop their keys.

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Living Room: A custom Sea Forever sign, created by Designs by Mary Rose, states the home’s name proudly in the living room. The use of the Benjamin Moore Hale Navy color on the font coordinates with the kitchen island and barn door. This space’s natural tones and blues complement the beach-themed art prints hanging over the sofa, clad with blue and white pillows. A light blue coffee table is the perfect place to set aqua-toned accessories reminiscent of the Gulf colors.

Dining: White metal pendants, suspended with a hint of natural wood, blend perfectly with the 10-foot-long custom dining table, featuring a white epoxy river flowing down the middle to give it a contemporary feel. Metal X-base legs allow the 10-foot benches on each side to slide in perfectly. The 9-foot tall, Hale Navy blue barn door boasts artful gold cartography that adds to the home’s local flair. Custom-made by local woodworker Jeremy Williams, it features a hand-carved map of Anna Maria Island. “We think that it’s perfect because if someone comes to visit, whether it’s family from far away or anyone else, they’ll want to feel that local vibe,” Amy Smith, owner/designer of Designs by Amy Lou states.

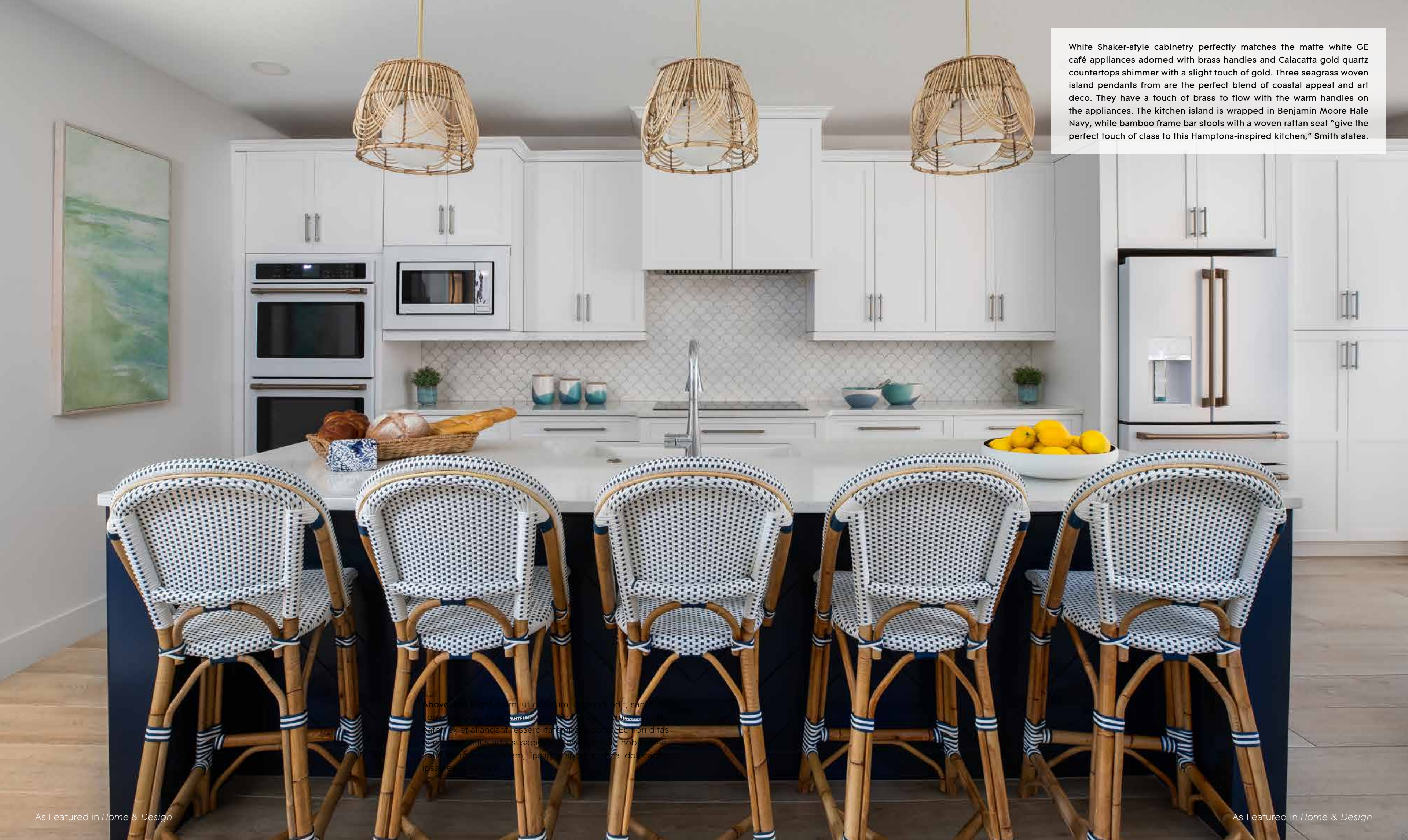


With a true style all its own, this custom beach house on Anna Maria Island is a mix of coastal, casual, and luxe. It’s a perfect vacation spot that evokes the feeling of vacationing in the Hamptons while incorporating enough local flair to reflect Florida’s sun-kissed charm. Unlike the Hamptons, which essentially closes during the winter, this home offers 12 months of inviting Florida weather all year long.

This coastal contemporary custom home is 5,800 square feet, including 3,900 square feet of living area. It also has eight bedrooms, six-and-a-half baths, a five-car garage, and a 1,760-square-foot rooftop, and was designed as a vacation rental for up to four families. “With that in mind when designing the house, I try to incorporate a larger great room, dining, and kitchen space to handle lots of people at one time,” says Brian Johnson, president of Johnson Homes of West Florida, and the home’s owner. It also features space for a small arcade, an area for board games and puzzles, lots of outdoor seating, and a heated pool and spa.

The home — adequately named Sea Forever — is a mere 200 steps from the beach and is located on a narrow point of Bradenton Beach, equidistant from the Intracoastal waterway and the Gulf of Mexico. The full rooftop deck features a bar area, a significant design piece of the home, and “creates the contemporary clean-line style,” describes Johnson, while allowing great views of both water bodies. The roof turf has a specially designed pitched roof truss system for draining water to the front of the house.

Johnson’s use of unique materials includes Versatex Canvas, the faux wood cladding on the front of the home. It has a lifetime warranty against defects and is the perfect choice for the island’s harsh environments. ►



White Shaker-style cabinetry perfectly matches the matte white GE café appliances adorned with brass handles and Calacatta gold quartz countertops shimmer with a slight touch of gold. Three seagrass woven island pendants from are the perfect blend of coastal appeal and art deco. They have a touch of brass to flow with the warm handles on the appliances. The kitchen island is wrapped in Benjamin Moore Hale Navy, while bamboo frame bar stools with a woven rattan seat “give the perfect touch of class to this Hamptons-inspired kitchen,” Smith states.

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To achieve uniqueness throughout the home, Johnson worked with Amy Smith, owner/designer of Designs by Amy Lou. After the initial design, Johnson shares plans with Smith, whom he has worked with for three years. “Amy generates a theme for each room so renters can have a special experience,” Johnson explains. “Then she creates a storyboard for each suite to give me a feel for what the finished space will look like.”

After entering the home’s double doors, you can see directly out to the pool and outdoor living area. Experiencing the home’s internal design starts when stepping off the elevator onto the second floor. A turn to the left leads into the kitchen’s open floor plan and then directly into the dining and living area. It’s cohesive and flows easily from one space to the next. The show-stopping, 9-foot, hand-carved navy barn door is at the end of the dining area. Here, guests can pinpoint the local beaches they’ve visited on the door’s map. A step through this door leads to the arcade room — a perfect place for the kids to have fun. Guests will also find two *en suites* on this floor. ►



Cabana Suite Bath: The Cabana bathroom hosts a blue and white penny tile cabana stripe to perfectly coordinate with the accompanying bedroom headboard. The shower sides are in a 12-by-24-inch vertical stacked white porcelain tile to allow the back wall and floor to be the star of the show. The vanity is custom-painted in the same color as the Cabana Suite to give a seamless quality between the two rooms. The custom cabana sign was crafted by Jeremy Williams, who also created the home’s custom barn door and other bathroom signage throughout the home.

Cabana Suite: This creative suite with mix-and-match colors features a custom navy and white striped headboard with fabric from International Design Source. The geometric orange rug and the orange and white palm lumbar pillow coordinate with the vintage cabana art print on the adjoining wall, giving this space a fun cabana vibe. The orange and blue hues mix perfectly together, even down to the white and gold pineapple lamps and the seagrass nightstands. Teardrop mirrors provide a touch of vintage flair.

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Fairy Wrasse Suite: Local artist Designs by Mary Rose created the custom Fairy Wrasse signage in a hot pink font and a white 6-foot frame. The name evokes the colors and vibrancy of the beautiful, bold fish. Ideal for young children, this whimsical room has lots of colors — from the artful, multicolored rug and the striped coverlets in blue, lime green, pink, and orange to the fun green and white fabric headboards. The dresser and the nightstand drawers are lined with a pink and orange palm print for added discovery.

Coral Reef Suite: This playful pastel pink suite features coral shell mirrors flanking each side of the large tufted tan headboard with nailhead trim. Nightstands on each side are in a different shade of pink with a marble top for a vintage look. Standing atop each nightstand is an orange coral and tan Uttermost lamp from International Design Source. The abstract shell art enhances the playful feeling of the room.



On the third floor, there's a laundry room and six additional bedrooms — two for children and four designed for adults. A custom-built cubby bench in the hallway is a great place to store items or sit down to put on shoes.

Everything is in the details when Johnson and Smith work on a home. Smith truly brought the Hamptons to life at Sea Forever with an added local flair to each of the home's eight unique bedroom suites — some with accompanying baths.

“The builder gives me his overall idea of what he wants and doesn't want, and then I just go with it,” Smith explains of the bedrooms — Cabana Suite, Hamptons Suite, Surfer Suite, Wave Suite, Coral Reef Suite, Ocean Pearl Suite, Pirate Suite, and Fairy Wrasse Suite.

Each room's character brings the home to life, with surprises and special touches at almost every turn, even in the least expected places. “When you open the drawers in the Hamptons Suite, they are lined with blue and white palm trees,” Smith delights.

World-renowned surfboard shaper Juan Rodriguez had a hand in the Surfer Suite design by creating a unique display board. Johnson met with Rodriguez, and they selected the raw slab of wood and then discussed the shape and color of the finished board. “This is the kind of detail I like to put into these projects to make them more original — a home people will want to rent time and time again,” Johnson explains. ►

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Hamptons Suite: The Hamptons Suite is a true classic and a favorite of the home's owners. “When they first walked into this room, it was nostalgic of their first home as a married couple — from the Ralph Lauren traditional Hampton-style lamps to the embroidered blue and white bedding,” Smith delights. The three-piece whale art from Designs by Amy Lou on the wall over the bed recreates the classic Hamptons look. The denim and white cotton blend Annie Selke rug is perfect underneath sandy toes after a long day at the beach. “We were hesitant to create such a traditional room in a contemporary beach house, but it only seemed fitting, and it turned out to be one of everyone's favorite rooms,” Smith adds.

Hamptons Bathroom: Moroccan blue and white tiles with slight distress on the edges cover the overall bathroom floor and the back accent wall of the shower up to the ceiling. The shower floor is in a white Penny tile and complements the bold Moroccan tiles. Each side of the bathroom shower wall is in a 12-by-24-inch stacked blue jean cement tile with blue grout. “This is one of our team's favorite bathrooms in the entire home!” exclaims Smith.



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Decorative buoys line the hall between each print for added nautical appeal in this third-floor hallway. Each custom art print by R. Johnson is a destination spot on Anna Maria Island. As guests exit the elevator and stroll down the hallway to choose their rooms, they can point out places they have already been or would love to visit on the island.

Smith appreciates having the freedom to use her imagination to create perfect spaces, especially when designing a variety of cool, hip bathrooms. “One of the things I love most about designing beach houses with Johnson Homes is that he gives me the freedom to be bold with the tiles,” she declares.

The completed Sea Forever beach haven checked nearly all of the boxes for the perfect island destination.

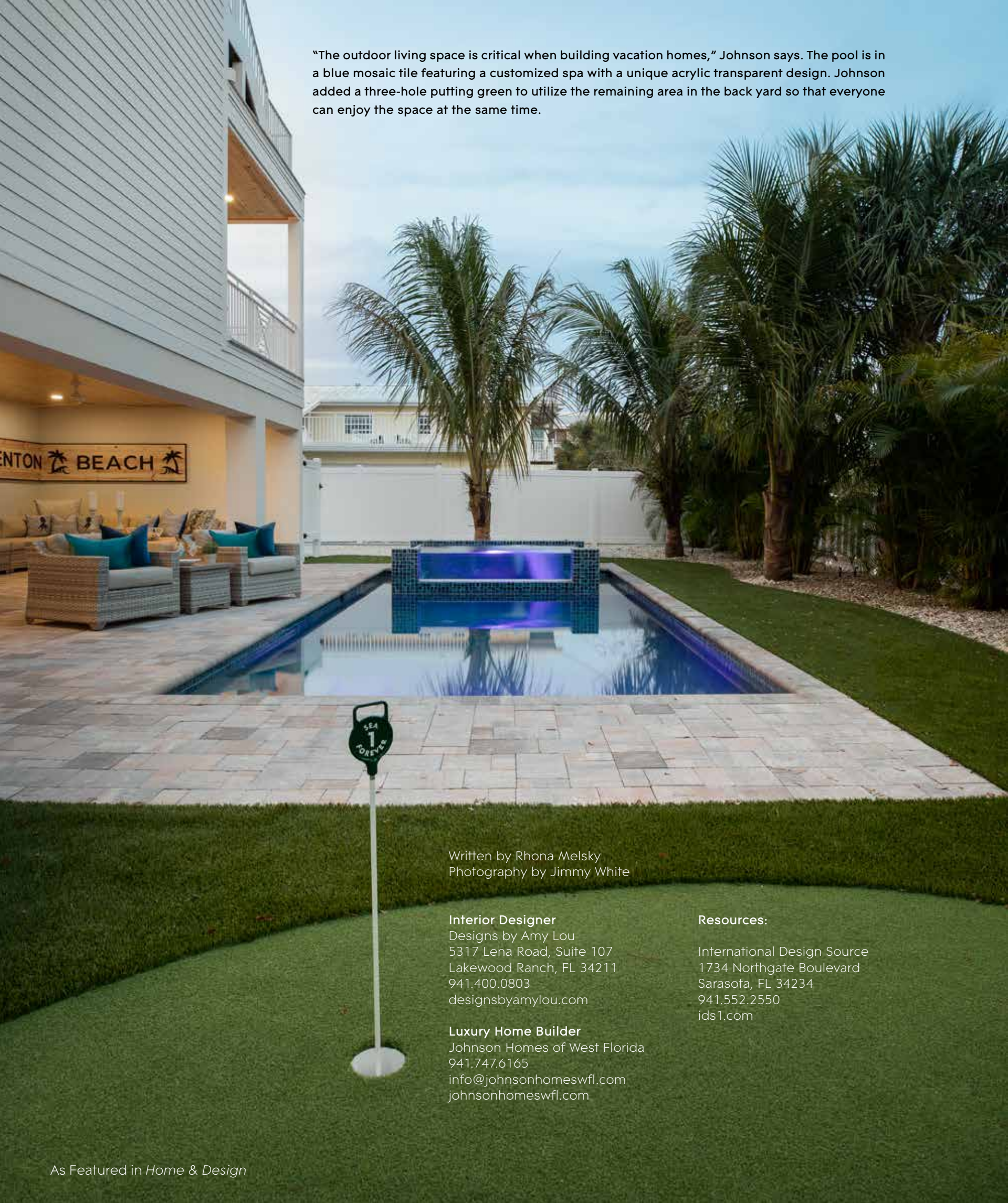
Whether it’s the home’s more laid-back Ocean Pearl Suite or the whimsical colors and trendy touches in the Fairy Wrasse Suite, this home offers something for every vacationer to enjoy. “Just around every corner, there’s something to discover,” Smith concludes. “It’s almost like guests are on their own little scavenger hunt with what they can find in the house, never quite knowing where their finds will lead them on the Island.” ■

Powder Bath: The powder bath is the epitome of the Hamptons, using stark white and bright blues. Warm Paja floors coordinate with the floors throughout the home’s main areas. The back wall is tiled in a 3D navy blue and white nautical star pattern from floor to ceiling, while the surfboard art on the adjacent wall solidifies the room’s beach theme. The lighting from the white and brass cone fixtures complement the warm tone of the round, natural wood mirror, while the vanity displays the Hale Navy blue that is ever-present in the rest of the home.



Beautiful and more tranquil, the Ocean Pearl Suite is for guests who do not favor vibrant colors and trendy add-ons. Brass-stacked circle mirrors in a pearl shape nearly reach the ceiling, hanging on the wall over nightstands with natural wood geometric legs and natural stone tops. The custom half circle headboard gives the illusion of a complete circle. The circular theme carries through to the bedding with tiny round pom-pom pearls and onto the diamond-cut pattern on the woven rug with pearl pom-poms between each diamond. The conch shell art on the wall, by local artist Keziah Janai, perfectly pulls in the whites and golds throughout this space.

"The outdoor living space is critical when building vacation homes," Johnson says. The pool is in a blue mosaic tile featuring a customized spa with a unique acrylic transparent design. Johnson added a three-hole putting green to utilize the remaining area in the back yard so that everyone can enjoy the space at the same time.



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