



# PERSONAL TOUCH

ELEGANT AND VIVACIOUS MODERN  
COASTAL HOME IMBUES OCEANIC AMBIANCE

**Front Elevation:** The inspiration for the motor court came from the homeowner's desire for a clean-look approach to the home. "The four garages are a surprise until you drive through the porte-cochère that gives this exterior an old-world, estate-style sense about it," explains Residential Designer Richard Guzman. The White-Charcoal Euro Cobble is reminiscent of old-time cobblestone. The straightforward style of the exterior Andersen Windows supplied by Florida Wood Window & Door allow the decorative aluminum shutters to be a focal point, alluding to the intriguing interior.







“It’s not just a piece of real estate to me,” shares Alexis Limb, owner and principal designer of Alexis Marie Interiors. “We create homes for families and friends to create memories within.” Limb connects with each client on a personal level, taking all her projects to heart, much like she did with these repeat clients in Quail West. Limb’s captivating design is expertly seen through by Jennifer McGarvey Burch, director of residential construction, and project manager Ben McGarvey with McGarvey Custom Homes.

A true testament to McGarvey Custom Homes’ build quality is a homeowner who has lived in a home he has created and wants to build another. “The aspiration for this house was to have higher ceilings, but not steep, overwhelming roof pitches,” McGarvey explains. This motor court style, largely open-concept plan is credited to Residential Designer Richard Guzman of R.G. Designs. Clean roof lines and white stucco juxtaposed by dark stained brackets and cobalt blue shutters characterize this coastal modern style. “Even though this interior is more colorful, it still reads modern, while the warm wood ceilings instill the home with an inviting coastal presence,” shares Guzman. ►

**Foyer:** This airy foyer is one made just for *her*. Limb dresses up this feminine space with a mirror-framed mirror and a frosted glass Crystorama chandelier from Wilson Lighting. The light gray Vanguard chairs accented with a white welt are topped with blue-green pillows that draw the eye to the three-dimensional Phillip Jeffries wall art. Attention is then drawn up to the three-tier ceiling, where lighter shades of blue, green, and white can be seen.

**Great Room:** Southlinks Custom Cabinetry division of McGarvey Custom Homes uses Limb’s inspiration and creates the white built-in that pops against the custom-stained white oak wallcovering — an element that is mimicked in the ceiling. The oversized Burton James sofas from International Design Source are upholstered in a heavily textured performance fabric and sit atop the cobalt blue Fabrica carpet from Abbey Carpet & Floor. Limb selects blue and white custom pillows with coral accents to emulate the Bahamas appeal. This home balances relaxation and clean lines with organic-form accessories and a modern entry door that add interest in this inviting space.





The foyer niche provides an intimate receiving space for guests and a picturesque Florida view out to the pool and manicured fairway. With an emphasis on comfort and entertainment, the great room is the heart of the home. Light streams in from multiple windows on the front and rear of the home, illuminating this gathering space. ►

**Dining Room:** Without the need for a formal dining room, the team designs a nook with built-in bar from Kitchens by Clay. Subtle metallic accents add elegance to this cozy space. Comfortable whitewashed chairs with chambray and white cushions are a delightful contrast to the rustic Bernhardt dining table with a metal inlay. "The champagne hue on the chandelier gives off a warm lived-in feel that complements the other metallic finishes around the home," delights Limb, describing the stunning light fixture from Currey & Company. Marrying all the metallic finishes, Limb brings in a Kravet fabric with cream and champagne-tone threading for the draperies.

**Kitchen:** The rich stain on the kitchen islands from Kitchens by Clay leans into the darker tones, contrasting the European white oak flooring. From deep cobalt to aquamarine, this herringbone backsplash from Design Works boasts varying shades of blue that rival the ocean depths. These oversized pendants from Fiess are finished in polished nickel with clear glass that help to fill the voluminous space that opens up to the great room. The woven seagrass back on the Palecek counter stools are donned with a dark strip and a peek-a-boo back that displays the denim color seat cushion.







**Master Bedroom:** The view to the outside is as calming as this master bedroom. This Jessica Charles chaise rests beside the sculpted-plaster floor lamp and the mother-of-pearl finish top with hammered metal base tables, both from Regina Andrew. The patterned draperies complement the peaceful Rainwash wall and ceiling color by Sherwin-Williams, while the Hudson Valley pendants with tubular glass rods pair brilliantly with the lucite and polished chrome drapery rod. The Vanguard bed and nightstands give this room a grand feel, and with the supple bedding, the cozy retreat is complete.

**Master Bathroom:** Surrounding this asymmetrical jacuzzi soaking tub from Ferguson, Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery is a shimmering agate wall tile wainscot from Lunada Bay that pairs effortlessly with the serene blue, green, and cream tones of the wallcovering, reminiscent of calming ocean waves. Not only does the faux Roman shade share a stunning jade hue with the Ro Sham Beaux rope and bead chandelier, but it also conceals the Hunter Douglas privacy shade.



“The main objective for this design was for it to be coastal, comfortable, and inviting, but sophisticated and elegant at the same time,” delights Limb. Navy, white, and cream inspire the colorway; however, Limb adds pops of aqua, celadon blue, orange, and pink coral to evoke a Bahamas-vacation vibe. Gleeful wallcoverings enliven the home and are a direct result of Limb’s personal-touch approach. “Alexis did a fantastic job creating what the homeowner was looking for. You can tell the homeowner is fond of color and loves bright wallpapers,” shares McGarvey Burch. This love of color is seen in the radiant tangerine wallcovering with a coral motif in the laundry room; it elevates the space, while the charming swimmers-in-motion wallpaper in the pool bath — just off the lanai — gives off an almost retro vibe that’s fancy free. Other wallcoverings seen throughout this bright and airy abode imbue a serene feeling fit for a high-end spa retreat — but altogether create this rich and complex design. ■



**Guest Bathroom:** The vivacious navy and white leaf print wallcovering fills this guest bathroom with energy, while the saturated tone on the cabinetry anchors the space. Polished chrome pulls, plumbing, and lighting add an unexpected glitz. McGarvey describes this shower wall tile installation as one that was most challenging, but the results are stunning. Limb runs a wide stripe of the three-dimensional Jeffrey Court mosaic tile, Nori, for a focal point amid this glossy white field tile.

**Guest Bedroom:** “The navy and white color scheme inspired us to create this casual Hamptons-getaway-style guest bedroom,” explains Limb, who fits this luxurious space with a distressed-look wooden bed from Bassett Furniture, dressing it in stylish and cozy bedding from Serena & Lily. The wavy patterned Karastan carpet from Hadinger Flooring, the woven rope table lamp, and the cream and khaki drapery all reinforce the nautical theme. The navy grasscloth Bassett Furniture nightstands provide a wonderful saturation of color that stand out against the walls painted in Agreeable Gray by Sherwin-Williams.

**Study:** The design team grants a request for *his* office. Limb brings a sketch and a desk drawer to McGarvey Custom Homes’ in-house cabinetry workshop — SouthLinks Custom Cabinetry — and there McGarvey matches the finishes effortlessly to create these custom shelves. The gray driftwood color of the shelves, the neutral drapery, and the collection of natural-form coastal accents delightfully stand out against the contrasting Naval wall color by Sherwin-Williams. The desk and the aged, channel back leather chair sit poised for a view out to the pool and golf course beyond.





*When a designer listens with purpose and intent, the result isn't just a piece of real estate. Limb shares, "The biggest takeaway was that these clients trusted us to come back a second time — each room and each space we took personally to make it their dream home."*



**Outdoor Living:** A small bed of flowering plants is situated beside the pool, and a lush privacy wall stands tall behind it. The pool tile is a combination of the same blues and greens seen throughout the home, yet Limb interjects a bright cobalt hue that directly correlates to the aluminum that conceal the motorized roll shutters from Castle Services of Southwest Florida. The see-through fireplace is an element that can be visually interesting from multiple perspectives, especially from the outdoor living space, where Limb incorporates wicker seating with beige upholstery from Restoration Hardware.

**Outdoor Kitchen:** "We had a few challenging inspiration ideas for the outdoor kitchen hood, but found the perfect solution in the field as a team," shares McGarvey, who mirrors the dark stain tongue-and-groove ceiling on the shutter-door-like hood. Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances make this a high-end outdoor kitchen. Limb selects a leathered, blue-green backdrop behind the weather-ready outdoor cabinets and contrasting dark granite countertops. The bar is clad in the same natural shellstone tile as the flooring for a clean, streamlined look.

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