

HOW TO CATCH THE EYE

One Designer Artfully
Layers Contemporary
Decor, Texture And Color
For An Unexpected Look
In A Traditional Home

WHEN ONE LONGTIME Florida couple bought their new getaway home with a picture-perfect lake view in a country club community in Boca Raton, Fla., they fancied something different this time around. "They wanted a contemporary clean feel mixed with some traditional elements to complement the architecture of the home," interior designer Sybil Maxson says. "So transitioning this house into a dream home began."

This philanthropic couple required a gracious home, where they could host charity events; but they also wished for a relaxed environment to enjoy their children and grandchildren. "Rather than make structural changes, I added contemporary furnishings and artwork to complement their existing art collection," Maxson says. "I used black and white for dramatic contrast, as well as soft silver leaf, platinum and gold leaf finishes to enhance the elegance."

RIGHT: "We chose the furniture for its casual comfort and contemporary look," interior designer Sybil Maxson says. "Kravet's black and white fabrics pop against the landscape's greenery and fuchsia-colored flowers."

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Twin silver-leaf demilune cabinets from Century Furniture complete the shimmering scene in the formal dining room, while a crystal chandelier from ET2 sparkles above.



“My clients wanted a dramatic, edgy look, but they also wanted their home to be easy for living and entertaining,” the interior designer says. “Integrating their art glass and paintings gives them something personally unique.”



ABOVE AND ABOVE RIGHT: Chavelle's four-piece painting from Kevin McPherrin Gallery creates drama in the family room, where a glass sculpture and Swaim's geometric cocktail table add dimension. In the adjacent breakfast area, a Global Views chrome fixture reflects droplets of light throughout the space.

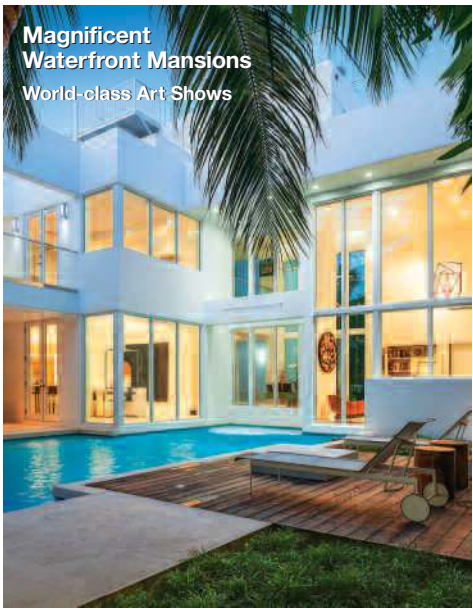
On the loggia, Maxson opted for woven seating and stainless steel tables from Ebel to shape a social grouping beneath the Florida-traditional pecky cypress ceiling. For a special touch and an iridescent look, the tables incorporate glass tops with a reversed painted finish.

Step inside, where white columns announce entry to the formal dining room. A coffered ceiling finished in gold leaf shapes the space in classic elegance, while the black-lacquer dining table from Planum exudes a contemporary feel. Jessica Charles' updated versions of classic wingback chairs and Swaim's silver-leaf side chairs are clad

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in a golden, basket-weave silk by Fabricut. Two sculptures from the homeowners' art glass collection pose center stage in complement to the custom hand-cut crystal inserts on French doors that open to the wine room.

"For art, we commissioned Ngurah to create two pieces that complement each other and immediately grab attention," the designer says. "The woman has a scarf across her eyes, and in the other painting, the man's glasses are flying off to the left, almost like he's blown away by her. The mystery behind the two paintings makes for good conversation."

In the family room, Maxson created a soft warm look with a plush, deep-seated sofa from Century Furniture covered in a cool silk blend. The cocktail table with geometric stainless legs adds a touch of modern, while Hancock & Moore's mahogany framed chair and ottoman sit in classic comfort. The Masland hand-knotted wool area rug tops the dark maple wood flooring. Nearby, a pedestal dining table centers the breakfast area. A cozy banquette styled in champagne-gold-and-white striped cut velvet offers additional seating in the casual gathering space.

"My clients were looking for something creative and different from what they had previously," Maxson says. "It was the perfect collaboration and creation of the interior spaces."

SOURCES

Loggia

Dining table, side chairs, lounge chairs, sofa, cocktail tables, occasional table and chaise lounges - Ebel, Inc., Jacksonville, FL

Sofa and chaise lounge cushion fabric - Kravet, Bethpage, NY
Pillow fabric - Magitex Decor, Miami, FL

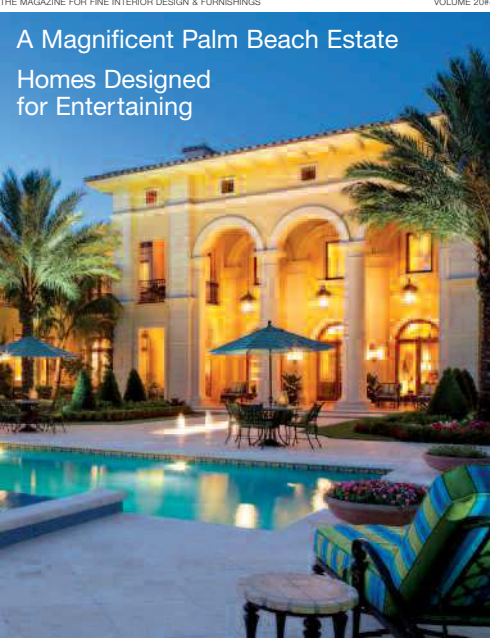
Centerpiece planters and ceiling lanterns - Owners' Collection

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Dining Room

Dining table - Planum Furniture, Inc., Frazer, PA
Host chairs - Jessica Charles, Hickory, NC
Side chairs - Swaim, High Point, NC
Chair fabrics - Fabricut, Tulsa, OK
Chandelier - ET2 Contemporary Lighting, City of Industry, CA
Cabinetry - Century Furniture, Hickory, NC
Artwork - Kevin McPherrin Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Faux wall and ceiling treatments fabricated by Paradise Designs & Destinations LLC, Boca Raton, FL
French doors gold leaf fabricated by Reflective Collections, West Palm Beach, FL
Centerpiece sculpture and accessories - Owners' Collection
Drapery fabrics - Stout Fabrics, Colmar, PA, and JF Fabrics, Tonawanda, NY

Family Room

Sofas and accent pillows - Century Furniture, Hickory, NC
Lounge chair and ottoman - Hancock & Moore, Hickory, NC
Throw - Christopher Guy, High Point, NC
Cocktail and occasional tables - Swaim, High Point, NC
Glass dish - Cyan Design, Ft. Worth, TX
Glass sculpture on cocktail table - Global Views, Dallas, TX
Cabinetry and window treatments - Custom designed by Brown's Interior Design, Boca Raton, FL
Cabinetry fabricated by BC Cabinetry, Boca Raton, FL
Window treatments fabricated by Lee Parker, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL
Television - Owners' Collection
Artwork - Kevin McPherrin Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Drapery fabrics - JF Fabrics, Tonawanda, NY, and Fabricut, Tulsa, OK
Area rug - Masland Carpets & Rugs, Saraland, AL

Breakfast Area

Dining table - Creative Elegance, South El Monte, CA
Side chairs - Swaim, High Point, NC
Side chair and banquette fabric - Clarke & Clarke, San Clemente, CA
Banquette - Lexington Home Brands, Thomasville, NC
Chandelier - Global Views, Dallas, TX
Artwork - Owners' Collection
Faux ceiling treatment fabricated by Paradise Designs & Destinations LLC, Boca Raton, FL ♦