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### DREAM HOMES

A Port Royal beauty with wall-length windows, a remodeled Naples penthouse with gorgeous views and an outdoor shower with plenty of pizazz.

By Tess Raines

### GOLD STANDARD

Besides an enviable location in Port Royal (and its eligibility to the Port Royal club), 1350 Spyglass Lane stuns with its clean, contemporary architecture; its 1994 build date makes it all the more impressive. "It's shocking because this vernacular has become very much in vogue and something people have been seeking," listing agent Richard Prebish, a broker associate with William Raveis Real Estate, says.

Consider the steel industrial-style, two-sided fireplace that sits in the middle of a floor-to-ceiling glass wall between the living space and the back patio. A set of glass French doors bookend the fireplace for seamless indoor-outdoor living. Prebish calls it the centerpiece of the home.

While modern technology allows for more expansive windows, the design was unique for the time it was built, and has evolved to keep up with what prospective homeowners are looking to buy. Prebish also notes that the large window allows for western exposure, a preference in the market, while overhangs block the mid-afternoon glare.

The design carries through the rest of the home with a large, curved balcony overlooking the foyer, and recesses in the walls to showcase art. The owners, who have been with the home since the

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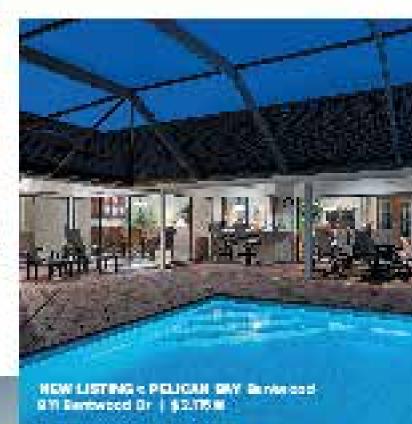


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beginning, have "an acute sense and deep appreciation for the arts," Prebish says, explaining that the space was designed to display their art collection. The clean lines and white walls provide an ideal backdrop for a collector.

Large, speckled-gray terrazzo tiles fill the home, muted in such a way that the colorful furniture and art is accented. In the kitchen, simplicity and functionality take center stage with a spacious range, double oven and plenty of storage. He calls it a true chef's kitchen. An oenophile would fare well in the home, too, since the bar area and wine cellar easily store hundreds of bottles.

Prebish notes the thoughtfulness of the home's flow and its suitability for entertaining. "It goes back to foresight—the home is ahead of its time in terms of aesthetic and layout," he says.



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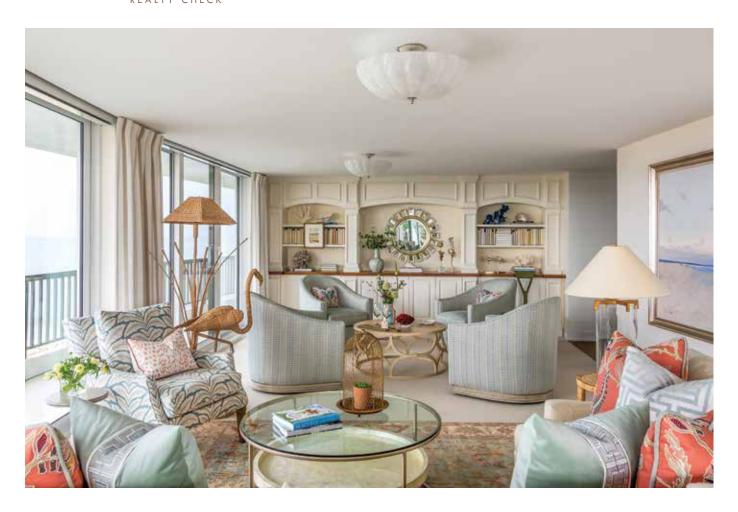
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The walls of this Gulfside penthouse literally needed to be straightened out, as it was built with radial architecture and curved walls. For the decor, the homeowners opted for a coastal-transitional look.

### RENOVATION SPOTLIGHT

Working within limits can be challenging, but it often leads to some of the most innovative results. Interior Designer Carrie Brigham's recent work on a Gulf Shore Boulevard penthouse is no exception.

Despite its sweeping views of Doctor's Pass and the Gulf, the condo didn't offer much by way of interior appeal: The building was constructed in 1976 with radial architecture and curved walls that stumped interior designers. In this particular unit, furniture and decor from the '70s remained.

The clients sought Brigham's help in guiding their home to a new, updated aesthetic. After touring through her older projects, the couple settled on a coastal-transitional style that would open the rooms and maximize the water

views. Brigham recruited BCB Homes to remodel the unit, which proved to be a bigger project than she anticipated. "We had to straighten the walls out. There was not a single 90-degree corner in the whole house," she says. "They completely rebuilt the entire home from the studs."

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the hard and soft surfaces forced the construction team to get creative in incorporating an open layout. After gutting an extra wall and dated cabinetry from the kitchen, the team fitted an island with built-in drawers, oven and a stovetop around a column in the center of the kitchen that masked mechanical equipment. This opened the kitchen to views of the Gulf and allowed the owners the



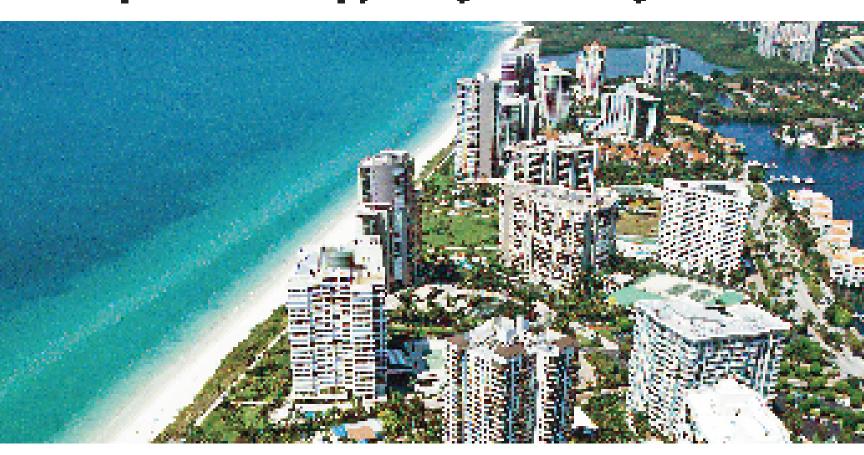
The construction team removed an extra wall and opened up the kitchen; the breakfast nook was replaced with a contemporary bar area that features custom AlliKristé cabinets.





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After replacing the '70s-era decor, designer Carrie Brigham filled the penthouse with colors that accent the waterfront views.

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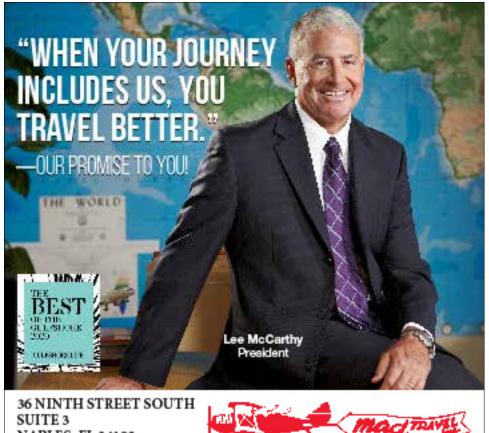






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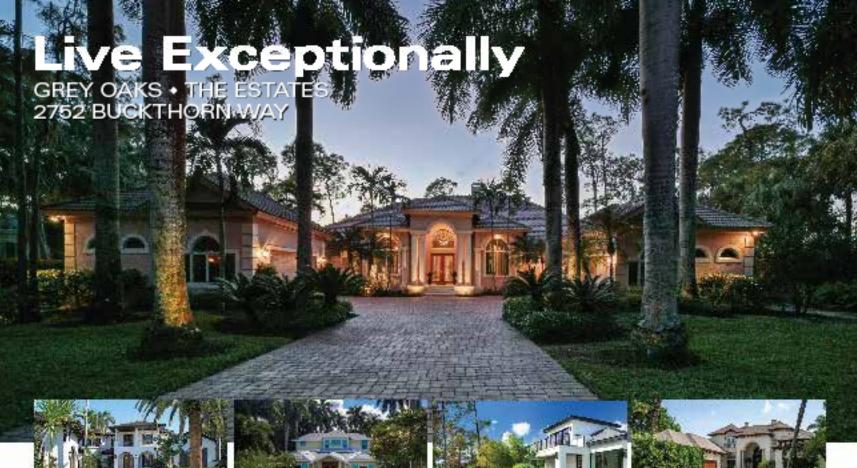
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opportunity to replace the breakfast nook with a sleek bar area customized by AlliKristé cabinets.

Brigham is especially fond of the powder room. She swapped the original wallpaper for a light blue one with a delicate floral print, and added a cool-toned wood vanity with a marble sink for a touch of elegance. "I found that vanity in a North Carolina market years and years ago," Brigham laughs. "I thought this was the perfect opportunity to use the tiniest vanity in the tiniest powder bath—it's 19 inches wide."

Moving outdoors required a shift in mood. "Since we did a more sophisticated palette in the interior, the clients wanted to be more playful and bold in the outdoor area," she explains. She chose bright fabrics for the patio cushions and removed a row of planters to create more space for entertaining.

Though the process was challenging, the end result captured the contemporary, upgraded style the clients were after, with bright coastal colors and an open layout that is, to their delight, perfect for the grandkids.



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### MUST HAVE... AN OUTDOOR SHOWER

When a couple approached interior designer Dwayne Bergmann to dream up their new home in Quail West, there was a single aesthetic goal in mind: glam. Bergmann stepped up to the plate with jeweled chandeliers and a palette of grays and metallic Champagne-hues for the custom walls and ceiling details. At 4,500 square feet, there was no shortage of space for luxe additions like an outdoor shower, an idea that the owners fully embraced.

Located along the backside of the pool area and obscured behind a wall, the private outdoor shower is only accessible by entering through the master suite. In the hallway-like space, Bergmann added porcelain tile with a linear wood grain-like detail horizontally down the walls, breaking the flow only under the shower control, where he added black iridescent subway tile. Overhead, large cypress wood beams finished with an espresso stain anchor the space and complement the darker tones in the porcelain tile. "It gives us a little bit of a balance: open air but more of an intimate area," he says. Silver travertine pavers make up the floor and are light enough to not detract from the detail on the walls.

For those considering an outdoor shower, Bergmann offers a couple suggestions. First, the space for an outdoor shower needs to be accessible, with proximity to the place you're getting ready every day. And don't leave it bare. "Finish off the walls," he says. "Make it look like a shower and don't be afraid to experiment with a couple fun finishes."



This outdoor shower, accessible through the master suite and hidden behind a wall, is in keeping with the glam factor that designer Dwayne Bergmann was after.

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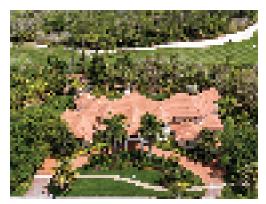
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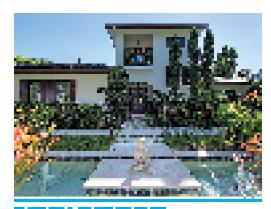
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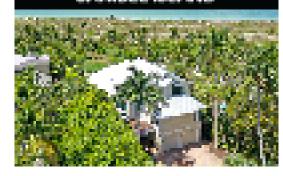




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