

OLD FLORIDA CHARM

HISTORIC ELEMENTS AND COASTAL DESIGN HELP CAPTURE THE ESSENCE OF DAYS GONE BY IN THIS SPECTACULAR HOME ON THE ISLES OF CAPRI IN NAPLES



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When homeowner’s Don and Kim Mitchell commissioned interior designer Jinx McDonald and her design team of Chrissy Howard and Barbara Schwenk, along with architectural designer Bill Weber, to create this elegant home on the Isles of Capri in Naples, it was a dream collaboration. “It was an instant match — we knew exactly what we wanted before we met, and they all delivered,” Kim says. This nearly 6,000-square-foot home is engulfed in serenity and nature with an aesthetically appealing exterior in classic white lap siding and a welcoming front porch with a rich Ipe wood deck. “The Mitchells were very open to my idea of coastal transitional style embellished with Old Florida and West Indies features,” Weber says.

The sophisticated kitchen, fit for a gourmet chef, features a white breakfast bar with a matte, absolute black granite top for enjoying casual family meals and for easy food preparation, a large

ABOVE: Pulling up to the drive of this stately coastal home, the exterior lends a plantation-style feel with its soft gray aluminum roof, white lap stucco siding with black shutters, and contrasting garage and entry doors in a dark walnut stain.

RIGHT: The front porch — the perfect place to relax — adds an element of nostalgia that makes this home unique. Reminiscent of days gone by, classic rocking chairs set the tone above an expanse of dark-stained, Ipe wood decking.





ABOVE: In the kitchen, a custom display case designed by Schlabach Wood was created especially for the owners’ collection of family heirloom oyster plates that were acquired over the years through their many travels.

TOP: Anchoring the space beneath a white cabinet and black marble-topped breakfast bar, an expanse of beautifully restored reclaimed wood flooring from an old farmhouse barn accentuates the home’s open floor plan as it flows throughout.



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In the dining room, a bronze chandelier with delicate dangling teardrop crystals from 2nd Avenue Lighting conveys an Old World feel above a white-topped dining table from Old Biscayne Designs.

center island with a lustrous Azul Veneto marble surface imbued with gray veining. Cool, aqua-hued walls and vibrant, cadet-blue counter stools from Jessica Charles lend a coastal feel.

To style the dining room, the Mitchells selected Robert Allen’s blue-and-gray paisley fabric to cover the backs of their dining room chairs and a textured fabric for the inside upholstery. A dining table with an espresso-stained base pairs well with a custom credenza designed by Jinx McDonald, and a large mirror framed in espresso wood that reflects breathtaking water views. Dark-stained beams set in a tray ceiling pop against a white background. “The double diamond pattern was created especially for the dining room,” McDonald says.



Sliding glass doors open wide in the tranquil master bedroom to reveal an expansive water view and private dock. Mirroring ocean hues, stylish blue and white Habersham shelving displays the owners' collection of white coral.



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A SENSE OF ELEGANCE AND SOPHISTICATION IS CONVEYED EVEN IN THE MASTER BEDROOM CLOSET, WHERE A REGENCY STYLE CHANDELIER FROM VISUAL COMFORT DAZZLES WITH CRYSTAL BEADS BUILT WITHIN A CIRCULAR BRONZE FRAME.

The serene master bedroom is like a private island hideaway — with cool blue walls that reflect the colors of the Gulf. For ease of access, a TV console is cached at the foot of the bed, while two, platinum tweed swivel chairs are positioned for evening stargazing. Nearby, the luxurious master closet fit for royalty, is fashioned with white cabinetry and quartz countertops from Coastal Stone.

The water view from the bright white master bath is heavenly. Blue-gray walls blend with mosaic floor tiles that gleam, while Calacatta marble walls with gray veining add sheer elegance to the mix.

An infinity edge pool looks out onto the Gulf in the expansive outdoor area created for dining alfresco and relaxed entertaining. Shell stone in a French pattern sweeps from the veranda to a stone platform for seating that inspires conversation around a cozy fire pit. “This house was designed to maximize exterior and interior views,” Weber says.

A labor of love that took nearly three years to complete, the Mitchell’s dream home is the result of a true collaboration between architect, designer and homeowner. “It was absolutely worth the wait,” Kim says.

ABOVE: The luxury continues in the heavenly master bath, where relaxing in the whirlpool tub while enjoying breathtaking water views goes hand-in-hand. Beside the tub, an old style, floor-mounted hand shower with a telephone handle — a blast from the past — adds a touch of whimsy to the space.

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SOURCES

PORCH

Rocking chairs - Owners' Collection

Flooring - Feil Wood Flooring, Fort Myers, FL

KITCHEN

Cabinetry, display case, breakfast bar and center island - Custom designed and fabricated by Schlabach Wood Ltd., Belle Center, OH
Countertops - UMI, Naples, FL

Counter stools - Jessica Charles, Hickory, NC

Backsplash - Hadinger Flooring, Naples, FL

Hood - Custom designed by Jinx McDonald Interior Designs, Naples, FL

Chandelier - Currey and Company, Atlanta, GA

Flooring - Feil Wood Flooring, Fort Myers, FL

DINING ROOM

Dining table - Old Biscayne Designs, Americus, GA

Dining chairs - Braxton Culler, High Point, NC

Centerpieces - John-Richard, High Point, NC

Chandelier - 2nd Avenue Lighting, Yorkville, NY

Credenza - Custom designed by Jinx McDonald Interior Designs, Naples, FL

Fabricated by Schlabach Wood, Ltd., Belle Center, OH

Sconces - Visual Comfort, Houston, TX

Flooring - Feil Wood Flooring, Fort Myers, FL

MASTER BEDROOM

Bed - Vanguard Furniture, Conover, NC

Console - Custom By Jinx McDonald Interior Designs, Naples, FL

Fabricated by Old Biscayne Designs, Americus, GA

Chairs - Sherrill Upholstery, Hickory, NC

Display shelving - Habersham, Toccoa, GA

Shelving, artwork and accessories - Owners' Collection

Flooring - Feil Wood Flooring, Fort Myers, FL

MASTER BEDROOM CLOSET

Cabinetry - Bruce Custom Homes, Dalhart, TX

Chandelier - Visual Comfort, Houston, TX

Flooring - Hadinger Flooring, Naples, FL

MASTER BATH

Tub and showerhead - Ferguson, Naples, FL

Niche seating - UMI, Naples, FL

Windows - Andersen Windows,

Raymond Building Supply, Naples, FL

Marble walls and flooring - Hadinger Flooring, Naples, FL

POOL/PATIO AREA

Pool and seating platform - Custom designed by Weber Design Group, Naples, FL

Pool fabricated by Dun-Rite Pools, Marco Island, FL

Lounge chairs - Woodard Furniture, Coppell, TX

Seating structure fabricated by Tom Christian Construction, Marco Island, FL

Mosaic tiles - Treasure Tile, Naples, FL

Jacuzzi and pool lighting - Dun-Rite Pools,

Marco Island, FL

Decking - Moore Docks, Marco Island, FL

THROUGHOUT

Interior decorative lighting - Southern Lights, Burnsville, MN

Countertops fabricated by Coastal Stone, Naples, FL **N**



The exterior’s architectural embellishments — the pitched roof, exposed trusses and corbels, are not just functional, but are also aesthetically beautiful. “From its zero-edge pool overlooking the Gulf to the fire pit-lounge area, this home was designed not to obscure any views from the main living areas,” Bill Weber says.

