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Smell Plantation Rum From The Arbor-Decked Verandas

Metal cranes from Floral Emporium
splash in the fountain, readying for a
spectacular sunset across Lake Worth.

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WHILE IT MAY NOT BE THIS COUPLE'S FIRST HOUSE IN PALM BEACH, (in fact, it's the sixth for the wife's family), it may just be their favorite. Glowing a buttery yellow and trimmed in palm green shutters, the 8,000-square-foot estate wraps the arm of a cabana house around a glittering pool, and tucks a putting green and rose garden close by. And though the house exudes a West Indies flavor, Palm Beach, Fla., is in the wife's soul. She recalls her grandparents and how they first settled in the charmingly small town in the 1930s.

"Mother and I would always make one last pilgrimage to Worth Avenue in April," she says. "After that the whole town closed for the summer."

Now, of course, things have changed, and she and her husband have built the perfect home for extensive entertaining all year long. "It was wonderful the way Valerie (McGreevy Tatalovich) and I worked together," the wife says. "From the moment I saw all of the colors she loves and her attention to detail, I knew she was the designer for this home."

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The homeowners' Zvonimir Mihanovic painting tops the living room fireplace against Colefax and Fowler's damask wall covering from Nessen.



"From the hand-painted Chinese panels on the foyer walls to the references of flowers, birds and butterflies in the carpets and draperies, I wanted to weave in the owners' devotion to nature," Tatalovich says. Taking her palette from the water's aqua, foliage green, the sand and a sunset's blush, and grounding it all with impeccable black, the designer seems fearless with color and the owners' antiques.

Each room unfolds, flower-like, into the next. The living room's personality is revealed in swirls of tropical floral tendrils hinted at in the foyer that reappear here in muted cotton-print Boussac drapery panels from Nessen and the custom-designed area rug by Lacey-Champion. The wife used her

RIGHT: Flowers are on display in the soaring foyer, a motif repeated throughout the home. Fabricated by Stark Wallcovering, Tatalovich's sketched designs, painted in China, took up to nine revisions to achieve the precise color and artistic elements.



own sofa and chairs, now sleekly covered in a tonal stripe by Stroheim. Elegant candelabra lamps by Dessin Fournir top occasional tables by Arthur Brett & Sons. "My antiques come from all over," the wife says. "From chests my grandmother bought in France in the 1920s, to tables my mother bought at thrift shops — I love them all."

Hand-painted apricot wall covering provides the backdrop in the dining room, where the couple's own English mahogany table and chairs sit as well as a bow-front sideboard created during the reign of King George III. But it's the massive Chippendale mirror, circa 1790, and the Myran Allan 24-carat gold-plated chandelier that catch the eye.

Running the length of the house, the rear loggia looks across Lake Worth. This comfortable space provides an airy conversational zone with a casual love seat covered in a persimmon fabric from Lee Jofa and cane chairs cushioned in Kravet's copper leather, all made elegant by the wool challis draperies and an iconic Palm Beach starburst light fixture. Just beyond, a breezeway-connected cabana serves as a media room and a

RIGHT: Recalling plantation days, a white china cabinet gives a nod to a bygone era in the dining room, where lace under panels and layers of ivory silk by Stroheim frame the window. Tatalovich designed the Lacey-Champion area rug.





guesthouse that Tatalovich designed as a study in tropical functionality only steps from the summer kitchen and lush Caribbean-flavored pool.

Amidst copper sconces, wide balconies and rooflines reminiscent of the Indies, the couple returns from their homes in Telluride or the Bahamas and feel as if they are “walking into a fantasy from long ago” — a graceful vision they’ve happily dreamed into reality.

ABOVE: The loggia that runs the length of the home creates four casual areas. In one such space, Casablanca fans with blades from Cordesign swirl tropical breezes in, out and around a frog perched atop the Frederick Cooper table lamp.

RIGHT: Like a mirrored reality extending the inside-out feel of the home around the pool, each room has its own outside space. Here, a casual table and chairs is set for dining al fresco amidst all of the tropical comforts.



SOURCES

Rear Exterior

Pool and fountain fabricated by Royal Palm Pools, Loxahatchee, FL

Poolside armchairs, chaise lounges and patio seating - Brown Jordan, El Monte, CA

Dining table, side chairs, server and patio seating - JANUS et Cie, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Rocking chairs - Gloster Furniture, Terrace 436, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Umbrellas - Santa Barbara Designs, Santa Barbara, CA

Living Room

Sofa and lounge chairs - New Dimensions Custom Upholstery Manufacturers, Riviera Beach, FL

Armchairs, ottoman, occasional chairs, sofa table, mirror and artwork - Owners' Collection

Sofa, lounge chair, gold armchair and Roman valance fabrics - Stroheim & Romann, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Cocktail table - Julia Gray, Ltd., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Occasional table next to sofa - Arthur Brett and Sons (USA) Ltd., High Point, NC

Table lamps flanking sofa - Dessin Fournir, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Drapery fabric - Boussac, Nessen Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Wall covering - Colfax & Fowler, Nessen Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Chandeliers and candelabra wall sconce - Dennis & Leen, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Area rug fabricated by Lacey-Champion, Inc., Fairmount, GA

Foyer Table - Julia Gray, Ltd., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Wall covering - Custom designed by Valerie M. Interiors, Palm Beach, FL

Fabricated by Stark Wallcovering, New York, NY

Light fixture and chandelier - Myran Allan Chandelier, ADAC, Atlanta, GA

Area rug - Vera Za'araur Design, David Sutherland Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Dining Room Dining table, chairs, sideboard, cabinet, mirror, decanter, vase and decorative plates - Owners' Collection

Chair fabric - Stroheim & Romann, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Candleholders on table - Baccarat, Inc., New York, NY

Chandelier and sconces - Myran Allan Chandelier, ADAC, Atlanta, GA

Drapery fabric - Stroheim & Romann, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Wall covering fabricated by Stark Wallcovering, New York, NY

Area rug fabricated by Lacey-Champion, Inc., Fairmount, GA

Loggia Sofa, armchairs, cocktail table, occasional table, light fixture and artwork - Owners' Collection

Sofa fabric - Lee Jofa, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Armchair cushion and pillow, and accent pillow fabrics - Kravet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Lamp - Frederick Cooper, Chicago, IL

Drapery fabric - Corragio Textiles, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Area rug - Doris Leslie Blau, Stark Carpet Corp., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Throughout Drapery and upholstery fabrication by Lorenzo & Edgar Lopez Interiors, West Palm Beach, FL

Wallcovering installation - Stu Clark International Wallcovering Specialist, Deerfield Beach, FL

Wood flooring - Absolute Hardwood Flooring, West Palm Beach, FL

Hardscape architecture - Mario Nievera Design, Inc., Palm Beach, FL ♦

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