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TAKE A LOOK INSIDE A CONTEMPORARY COASTAL SPACE BY PERLA LICHI DESIGN



There is nothing sun-like living in beautiful sun-drenched South Florida. These homeowners of 1000 Coast spent years in the Northeastern areas of Connecticut and Maryland, until they decided to make their way down to South Florida. Their first purchase is the home that they currently have resided in for the past 10 years. The original model home is a waterfront property that had not been designed by the homeowners until recently.

After living in the home for a substantial amount of time, the owners decided it was time to make a

change in the design of their master bedroom, bathroom, and closet. The couple already had an explicit view of the ocean and pristine beach, however the owners wanted more from a design standpoint.

While they interviewed five interior designers in South Florida, they selected one that met their standards and saw their vision — Perla Lichi, Founder of Perla Lichi Design to give their home a much-needed design remodel. Lichi recognized what they wanted in their home and worked well in sync with the homeowners to make their contemporary coastal lifestyle functional and something spectacular.

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During the renovations, Lichi carefully chose certain colors and textures throughout the bathroom and bedroom. The choices were based solely on the exterior environment. In this case, the sandy beaches, lush green palm trees, and different shades of blues — from the Atlantic Ocean. This was creatively achieved by designing and integrating a glass mosaic floor insert which brings in the illusion of water on the floor as an extension of the ocean view.

In the final renovations, you can see that hints of ocean blue and variants were placed sporadically throughout the home. By taking this approach, “the master bedroom, closet, and bathroom transition effortlessly,” said the homeowners, which was Lichi’s main objective to connect the full suite.

The main feature in the master bedroom design is mosaic, in shades of blue. The abstract, 35-foot, one-of-a-kind accent wall — made out of Sicilian handcrafted glass mosaic — creates a magnificent, dramatic feature wall. “Bringing in the ocean into the room as an illusion is what brought in the magic,” explains Lichi. “The wall was key — not only does it act as art but it connects the whole room space from far away — it pulls you in.” The idea was to have the art wall be an instant eye catcher since it is visible from the moment one walks into the master bedroom and through the dressing area.

As you walk through the master closet, Lichi created an island dressing table, which serves as a transition between the master bedroom and the master bedroom. The area also allows storage, function and light to go through the space. The design encompasses all colors of the bathroom while also adding earth tones to the mix. The space has an extra-large island with a gray marble slab, plenty of drawers, cabinets, and a blue glass chandelier, which resembles the shape of the sun. As Lichi ties in all of the colors, she focuses on the functionality and logistics of each space due to the limited size of



the condo, and it allows light in the rooms from the bedroom through and through.

The finished product truly showcases Perla Lichi’s brilliance in the interior design realm. Homeowners of the residence thanked Lichi as they are “so satisfied and very happy.” Now the residents say they are able to “look out on the Ocean and feel a 360 degree in this space!”

Always a consummate professional, Lichi once again went above and beyond to create an expertly design and luxurious space to further enhance the waterfront condo owners understanding of why being on the water is the best way to enjoy all that South Florida represents. www.perla.com

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Colorful Kitchen Inspiration

5 Impactful,
On-Trend
Cabinet Stylings



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he kitchen is the heart of many homes and careful planning is a necessity when it comes to redesigning this essential living space. Picking out cabinetry — and a color for those cabinets — in particular — can be a challenging process.

Everything from the style of your cabinets to the amount of natural light your space receives are key factors to consider when choosing an updated hue. While white cabinets are an everlasting choice, and wood-stained cabinetry once held 70% of the market, painted cabinets now account for 70% of sales, signaling a significant shift among homeowners and their preferences.

While there are virtually no limitations when it comes to the paint, stain and glaze options available to complement your overall kitchen design, the current stylings reflected in Wellborn Cabinet's annual color trends provides an opening to a range of impactful colors, such as grays, blues, blacks and wood tones, and a mixture of these on-trend hues.

A SEA OF BLUE

One of today's hottest trends in kitchen cabinetry is the use of shades of blue, which provide calming and restful effects and the feeling of harmony and serenity. Pops of blue can be used as an accent color on islands or on either upper or base cabinets. To balance out these dramatic darks, many homeowners are opting to pair a bold color choice like a navy hue — such as Bleu — with neutral to warm whites, such as pearl and bone white, to create a crisp, clean look. Gold hardware can be used on navy cabinetry for an upscale and regal look while silver-tone hardware provides a contemporary freshening touch.

While lighter shades of blue, like aqua, are perfect for keeping spaces light and airy, one of the latest colors to emerge is a mid-tone classic blue. A balanced option like Sapphire from Wellborn Cabinet, which is a classic, mid-tone royal blue available in the Premier and Estate Series framed cabinetry, as well as the full-access, frameless Aspire Series, can help create energy and inspiration for dining or cooking.

A GRAY FOR EVERY MOOD

While gray cabinets have been a popular design choice for several years, much like shades of white, no two grays are exactly alike. Cabinet colors live on a color spectrum that ranges from warm to neutral to dark. Warm grays have yellow or brown undertones while cool grays have hushed hues of blue.

Neutral gray, or Ash, is a true black and white mixture of colors. However, many homeowners are opting for warmer or cooler shades instead. For example, light gray cabinets can create a chic, modern motif for homeowners looking to liven up their space while avoiding completely white cabinetry. One of the latest gray trends is a warmer gray that can look almost beige, earning the nickname "greige." Shades of dark gray - whether painted or stained - are also options for making a luxurious, traditional statement that can span ever-changing color trends.

MIXED WOOD TONES

Even with the rise in painted woods, stains are seeing a surge in popularity. The application of stain to natural wood can enhance the character of the cabinetry. Neutral color, dimension, texture and soft luxury can be layered into nearly any space to create a blended balance.



Wood grains typically pair well with whites, grays, blues and brass tones - all of which are popular colors in modern kitchens and other localized entertaining areas such as in-home refreshment areas or bars.

DARK DRAMA

Often overlooked as more of an "accent" color, black has become lovable. Luxe and inviting with textured woods adding rustic, homely charm. For example, Wellborn Cabinet offers a decorative laminate veneer option in matte black. Edgy but classic, black cabinets can pair perfectly with nearly any design element still in its natural wooden state to create a distinct style that is all your own.

MULTI-TONES AND UNEXPECTED POPS OF COLOR

While all-white palettes have long reigned supreme in the kitchen for their timelessness and versatility, straying from neutral tones can add an energetic and welcoming feel to nearly any space. Smaller kitchens that once had an all-white look are getting a face-lift by adding a burst of bright, bold color on either the upper or base cabinets. Adding colorful retro appliances or using the island as a canvas for an energetic and welcoming pop of color can also make a similar statement and help create a space unique to your style and personality.

Many homeowners are even pairing two or more complementary colors to create two- and three-toned looks. For example, lighter gray, Shale or Blue can be used for the upper cabinets with darker shades used below for the base cabinetry, or a neutral hue can be used on the uppers with a contrast color on the bottom. In three-toned kitchens, an additional color or material is introduced to create asymmetry in the palette to help define zones or functions and keep the eye moving.

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