

# ON THE WATER

A FOYER-TO-BACKYARD RENOVATION  
YIELDS A CONTEMPORARY VACATION  
RETREAT ON LAKE WORTH LAGOON

The living room appears to float over water, creating a breathtaking first impression after walking through the front door. Two seating areas, divided by Baker's contemporary stone-topped cabinet, temper the room's grand proportions, and upholstered pieces and artwork in blue- and white palettes echo the tranquil scenery.



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*TWO NORTH CAROLINA ENTREPRENEURS* have gleaned a thing or two from the frenetic hospitality biz, including the chaos that comes with renovating and building two homes nearly back-to-back. Their latest undertaking—a 9,190-square-foot renovation—encountered multiple nightmares once the walls started to come down. Lucky for them, they purchased the vacation dwelling for its exceptional views—with 320 feet of waterfront on two sides, the place showcases the vast tidal estuary known as the Lake Worth Lagoon, which merges with the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. Even luckier still was having designers Allison Paladino and Zita Rudd as part of their renovation team.

The project was complex and involved. Diving into this extensive remodel, the crew removed all the drywall and redesigned and reframed certain areas to make the house more current and practical. The double doors in the foyer were replaced with large pivot doors to create more space for a collection of

above: The entrance foyer showcases a custom gray-stained white oak staircase by Paladino Rudd Interior Design that creates a dynamic architectural focal point. Striking artworks curated by Chuck Marksberry and Seth Marksberry of Charles Harold Company and CHC Art complement the home's sea-and-sky-inspired palette.



The living room showcases Paladino Rudd's design approach: transitional, timeless, and tasteful. An upper-level seating area connects to the space visually via glass panels.





||||: Eyecatching ceiling details define each space in the home, including the dining area, where uplighting and a chandelier from Fine Art Handcrafted Lighting infuse a glamorous touch. A round Jimoco table, accented by a silver-collared base, complements Anes chairs covered in ribbed-velvet upholstery.

|||||: The kitchen's sleek profile continues the home's clean aesthetic and preferred blue-and-white palette with a blue quartzite waterfall island and backsplash from Opustone, and white lacquered cabinets fabricated by Caldwell Construction Group. Hickory Chair counter stools and pendants from Beacon Custom Lighting polish the look.



The family room offers views of the Intracoastal Waterway. White club chairs from Chaddock pair with blue-gray club chairs from Bespoke by Luigi Gentile. An area rug from Perennials grounds a Century cocktail table, while a vibrant artwork from CHC Art infuses color into the space.

art curated by Chuck Marksberry and Seth Marksberry of Charles Harold Company and CHC Art. Paladino Rudd also created a custom staircase that incorporates an existing column that was too costly to remove. Crafted from gray-stained white oak and accented with glass panels, the design introduces a statement architectural feature defining the entrance and the soaring great room beyond. The existing vertical column, now clad in wood, extends out to the right to become the first step of the staircase.

For the massive great room, the design goal was to temper the proportions by integrating a cozy, intimate seating area where two people can get comfortable. "We subtly divided the space with a beautiful low-profile cabinet," says Rudd. "Now, the area can accommodate more guests, spotlighting the newly refurbished pool and the amazing water views."

With the help of an engineer, the design team at Paladino Rudd added a covered loggia with a vaulted ceiling wrapped in white shiplap that connects seamlessly to the living spaces. Decked out with generous seating and a cocktail table from Janus et Cie, the area boasts six skylights overhead and a grill station.



With a palette inspired by blue skies, blue water hues, and ethereal white clouds, the design team approached every detail with the scenery in mind. Their results reveal a fresh new home with an impeccable layout that amplifies the views. "We love to conceptualize interior architecture, and this was the perfect renovation to do just that," says Paladino. "We implemented bespoke ceiling details throughout, and designed the fireplace mantel, a great room bar, a modern kitchen with custom cabinetry, all the bathrooms, and a covered loggia with a grilling station."

The couple's two daughters love visiting, so the outdoor spaces and pool have become favorite spots in the residence. With a first grandchild now part of the family, the homeowners are looking forward to making enduring memories in their new waterfront retreat.

"The clients were incredible collaborators, and they appreciated all of the preparation and work that goes into a renovation," says Paladino. "Like us, they are out-of-the-box thinkers, and because of that, this project was a true pleasure."

**Now:** The pool patio offers the ultimate outdoor entertaining space, with a tiered deck and an infinity pool lined with green grass and bordered by dense palms for privacy. An intimate lounge area offers seating for sunbathing and glimpses of passing boats.



#### SOURCES

##### LIVING ROOM

Sofa and sofa back table - Baker, Dania Beach, FL  
Club and swivel chairs, console, and ottoman - Kravet, Hollywood, FL  
Cocktail and drink table - Jimeco, jimeco.com  
Area rugs - Stark, Hollywood, FL

##### KITCHEN

Cabinetry - Caldwell Construction Group, Riviera Beach, FL  
Island and backplash - Opustone, West Palm Beach, FL  
Stools - Hickory Chair, hickorychair.com  
Pendant lighting - Beacon Custom Lighting,

beaconcustomlighting.com

##### DINING ROOM

Round table - Jimeco, jimeco.com  
Chairs - Anees, aneesupholstery.com  
Chandelier - Fine Art Handcrafted Lighting, Miami, FL  
Area rug - Safavieh, safavieh.com  
**FAMILY ROOM**  
Sofa - Homeowners' collection  
White club chairs - Chaddock, chaddock.com  
Bluish gray club chairs - Bespoke by Luigi Gentile, bespokebyluigi.com  
Cocktail table - Century, centuryfurniture.com

Side tables - Arteriors, arteriorshome.com

Area rug - David Sutherland, Perennials, Dania Beach, FL

##### LOGGIA

Seating and cocktail table - Janus et Cie, Dania Beach, FL  
Area rug - Safavieh, safavieh.com  
**THROUGHOUT**  
Stairway - Designed by Paladino Rudd Interior Design, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and fabricated by Caldwell Construction Group, Riviera Beach, FL  
Wood - Jack Walsh, West Palm Beach, FL  
Artwork - CHC Art, chcart.com