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Color and Maximalism  
on Fisher Island



**FEEL-GOOD SPACES**  
Designers Up the Ante  
on Wellness at Home

Dominated by a cool, neutral palette, the residence's entrance displays a marble console with a monolithic profile grounding the narrow hallway. A shallow sculptural vessel holding delicate white blossoms offers an organic counterpoint to the sharp lines of the masonry. Shadows cast by overhead lighting dance across the opposite wall, lending a sense of mystery and depth to the corridor.



# Coastal Retreat

A NEW YORK COUPLE TRADES THE FAST PACE OF MANHATTAN LIFE FOR LOW-KEY LUXURY AND AU COURANT STYLE IN A DREAMY AVENTURA CONDO



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ABOVE: The living room's coastal-chic aesthetic is anchored by a plush, textured rug from Tai Ping Carpets. A cream-colored Adriana Hoyos sofa is adorned with blue pillows, mirroring the deep navy tones of the private elevator foyer. Olivya Stone swivel armchairs and a trio of nested Jerry Pair cocktail tables reiterate the inky blue hue.

*SEEKING DRASTIC CHANGE* from their fast-paced New York City lifestyle, an East Coast couple decided to give South Florida a go and purchased a waterfront condo in Aventura to serve as their primary residence. With its open layout and views of the ocean and Intracoastal Waterway, the 3,374-square-foot residence is the definition of real estate nirvana. All it needed was design personality. Enter Sarah Zohar, founder and lead designer of Sarah Z Designs, who came recommended from various sources.

“Our inspiration for the look of the home stemmed directly from the stunning water vistas and our desire to bring those views into the interior architecture,” says Zohar. “The concept emphasizes craftsmanship, natural materials, and modern elegance, with a refined design scheme in which each space is clearly defined yet connected to the rest of the residence.”

Working within the building's preexisting structural framework, an open-concept floor plan was developed to maximize light, views, and connectivity between spaces. From the outset, the design team's goal was to fashion a dwelling that would feel serene, sculptural, and deeply layered, while still functioning effortlessly for everyday living.

In the kitchen, a Cosentino marble-topped dining table surrounded by blue upholstered chairs from Adriana Hoyos echoes the living room's coastal color palette. Dark custom cabinetry frames the space, providing a deep architectural backdrop that creates dynamic contrast.





"Family gatherings are an essential aspect of our lives, especially since our adult children are busy developing careers in New York and internationally," notes the wife who co-owns the residence. "When they visit us here, my husband and I can provide a beautiful and tranquil environment to refresh family relationships and relieve the daily stress of life."

A luxurious material selection plays a central role throughout this home. Zohar worked with a curated palette of dramatically veined marbles, sandy neutral millwork finishes, charismatic wallcoverings, and custom textiles, creating depth and visual interest without excessive ornamentation. Many elements were custom-designed—millwork, built-in shelving units, select furniture pieces—ensuring every detail feels intentional and fully integrated. Standouts include a bespoke stone bar and accent walls, custom ceiling treatments with recessed lighting, and tailored cabinetry that thoughtfully balances form and function. These architectural details quietly elevate the interiors while allowing the furnishings, textures, and art to shine.

"The living room expands on the home's established visual language, trading the high-contrast intensity of the foyer for an airy, sophisticated, coastal-chic atmosphere," says Zohar. "The bar area serves as a striking intersection of organic textures and moody illumination, continuing the home's theme of bold materiality."

In the family room, a subtle green Jaipur Living area rug provides a mossy foundation, elevated by dark green stone slabs integrated into the custom millwork and TV backsplash. A light gray Bracci sofa centers the room, while a floor-to-ceiling cabinetry system features illuminated glass-front display cases.



Exotic marble slabs with deep, oceanic greens that subtly reflect the hues of the nearby Intracoastal Waterway provide a seamless visual bridge to the identical stone slabs used in the hallway. Purposefully placed natural elements breathe life into the interior. A manicured indoor tree adds height and greenery to the corner, while small floral arrangements infuse pops of vibrant yellow, complementing the blue accents. The overall effect is one of serene luxury. This is a balanced retreat that feels both curated and comfortably livable.

“Nothing quite compares to the memory of seeing the pure joy on our clients’ faces during the final reveal,” says Zohar. “Witnessing their excitement as they walked into their beautiful new home for the first time made every meticulous detail of the journey worth it.”



LEFT: Building on a narrative of high-end stone artistry, the powder room includes a floating vanity by Sarah Z Designs and a strikingly veined marble accent wall. John-Richard crystal pendant lights cast shimmering reflections.

BELOW: The bar area showcases a custom marble waterfall island and backsplash with swirling pattern. Above, a cluster of Sonneman pendant lights produces a soft glow, highlighting the high-gloss surfaces and a curated selection of glassware. A dynamic floor-to-ceiling wine storage unit features amber-tinted glass and ambient internal lighting.

