



JETT THOMPSON

“Designing someone’s home is the most personal thing you can be asked to do. It requires total trust and commitment to the process. Our goal is for the home to be a reflection of the people who live there, their values, history, and dreams.”



This side entrance off the breezeway welcomes the homeowner when she returns from her morning beach walks—offering a space that’s friendly to sandy feet, but still chic and inviting.



Pops of color and layers of texture accent the home’s neutral palette. Designed by a French artist in the 1920s, the shorebird, mirror, and console are a nod to the homeowner’s appreciation for French decor and love for birds.

Due South

A PORT ROYAL HOME SOOTHES THE SENSES WITH SUBTLE SOUTHERN CHARM

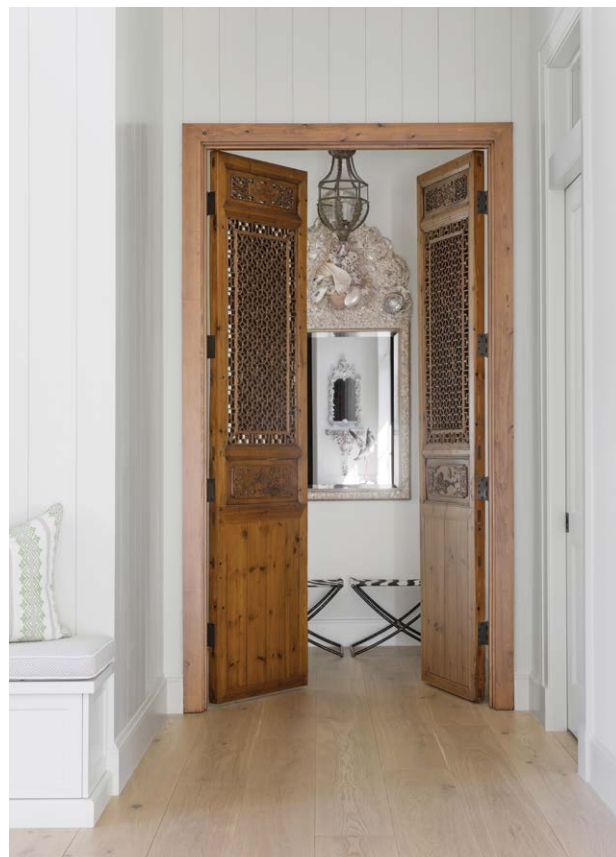
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THINK SOUTHERN-INSPIRED DESIGN, and a hanging porch swing almost always comes to mind. Designer Jett Thompson’s client was raised in Alabama, so it’s no surprise that she wanted to bring that brand of Southern charm to her new primary residence in Old Naples. “There are elements that are special to her from growing up as a kid in the Mobile area,” Thompson says of her client.

Thompson, a Naples-based interior designer and owner of an eponymous local home boutique, had done a refresh for the client’s previous home. They teamed up again—this time with architect Stofft Cooney and builders Knauf-Koenig Group for a newly built home in Naples’ Port Royal neighborhood. “From the woodwork (a specialty of Matt Knauf’s, who is a carpenter by trade), to the uniqueness of...the master suite’s entry doors



The dining room seamlessly connects to the living room and kitchen—as well as the outdoor summer room (which can be accessed through sliding doors). The vintage bamboo and leather table base by McGuire Furniture Company—accompanied by woven chairs and an antler mirror for added texture—keeps the dining space casual and inviting.



procured from a former celebrity-owned home, this estate exudes distinctly Southern understated elegance,” says Nick Radick, director of marketing for Knauf-Koenig Group.

The home’s neutral interior palette made incorporating key pieces the couple had in their previous beach cottage easy. Layers of texture, natural materials, and vintage items give the home a curated (but not overly decorated) vibe. The interior light fixtures are one-of-a-kind, many sourced from France and Italy. A French oak wire-brushed floor flows through most of the home. The result is a balanced space that moves flawlessly between formal and comfortable. “We didn’t want the house to feel too ‘new,’” says Thompson.

The master suite blends the best of Southern living and beachy elegance. The pitched ceiling and hemp rug give the room a coastal cottage feeling that’s offset by the antique panel behind the bed. The homeowner’s affinity for shorebirds is captured in the drapery fabrics that feature herons and lilies.

ABOVE: “This living room is not fussy and acts as a nice entertaining space,” says designer Jett Thompson. The touches of green, a sisal rug, and a custom-made fire screen reminiscent of seagrass inspire an airy outdoor feeling. The coffee table, made from an 1800s Chinese daybed, anchors the room.

LEFT: The fretwork elm doors from Asia lead to the master bedroom and bathroom, and separate the space from the rest of the house. The open work allows for a refreshing cross breeze to naturally cool the space.



To accommodate the homeowner's appetite for entertaining, Thompson embraced the kitchen design. "It doesn't matter what you do. When you have friends over, they gather in the kitchen," she says. "We decided to address that and have comfortable seating areas where you can have coffee or a glass of wine." The kitchen is outfitted with three seating areas, each with comfortable chairs. The dining room is nearby, offering a fourth sitting area where guests can gather.

The kitchen was originally designed with the cabinets and sink on the home's east wall. Thompson moved the sink to the island and opened up the wall with a large steel window that drenches the space with light. "It feels more like a solarium rather than a kitchen," she says. "It is open, bright, and inviting."

Directly opposite the new window is the outdoor terrace, decorated with natural and indigenous materials. "The feeling we were after was to allow the two areas to flow easily and be inviting and comfortable as if it were a family room," says Thompson.



ABOVE: The Cowtan and Tout wallpaper with waterlilies and birds on a pale silvered grasscloth are highlighted by a mercury glass lantern. An antique Louis XVI mirror hangs over the custom tub. "The wallpaper, mirror, and lantern all offer what I like to call 'a little high heel' to the home. It is a little jewel box," says Thompson.



ABOVE: Instead of shooing people out of the kitchen during gatherings, Thompson and the homeowner turned the space into the home's most inviting and comfortable room with oversized wing chairs and deep bar stools upholstered in performance fabric. On either side of the Francois & Company hood are vintage Moroccan lanterns. A pair of custom-made chandeliers adds a wood element.

RIGHT: The master bedroom ceiling lends a beach cottage vibe that's enhanced by an antique carved ceiling panel from Thailand. The French doors lead to a Southern-inspired private terrace and garden.

Thompson created an outdoor space inspired by Southern homes and their lush gardens. Foliage, large flower pots, and comfortable seating soften the space around the pool.

The outdoor fireplace is made from tabby—a beloved Southern building material composed of crushed oyster shells, sand, and water. Pecky cypress (another Southern style staple) is used as the mantle. Bahama shutters allow for a constant breeze to flow through the alfresco dining space.

“This family are outdoor enthusiasts. They love the flexibility of being outdoors most of the year,” Thompson says. Those outdoor spaces gave Thompson extra room to bring the homeowners’ Southern dreams to life. “The master bedroom has French doors that open to the terrace, and there’s a swing, a water feature, and a garden that speak back to the Deep South,” she says. “This home has this real feeling of Southern hospitality.”

BELOW: Thompson infused the sunroom with texture. The outdoor fireplace is surrounded by seashell-studded tabby. The pitched wooden ceiling continues the coastal feel. The custom dining table is made with a zinc top and a cypress base; the flooring and wall around the outdoor kitchen are crafted from shell stone.



SOURCES

ENTRY VIGNETTE

Console table – Foxgloves Antiques and Galleries, Atlanta, GA

Lamps – Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Hanging pendant – Foxgloves Antiques and Galleries, Atlanta, GA

LIVING ROOM ENTRY

Wicker chairs – Circa Who, Palm Beach, FL

Fabric – Dorothy Draper, John Roselli Showroom, Dania Beach, FL

Demilune wall table and mirror – Vintage, Owner’s Collection

Game table – Parc Monceau, Atlanta, GA

Pelican – Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Stair designed and fabricated by Florida Stairworks & Carpentry, LLC, Fort Myers, FL

Wainscoting – Knauf-Koenig Group, Naples, FL

LIVING ROOM

Sofas and club chairs – Verellen, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Fabric – Libeco Linen, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Accent chair – Pierce Martin, Chip and Company, Atlanta, GA

Cocktail table – Antique, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Fireplace designed by Jett Thompson, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Fabricated by Knauf-Koenig Group, Naples, FL

Area rug – Fibreworks, Louisville, KY

DINING ROOM

Table – Vintage, McGuire, Circa Who, Palm Beach, FL

Chairs – Palecek, High Point, NC

Fabric – Perennials, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Chandelier – Low Country Originals, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Mirror – Vintage, Owner’s Collection

KITCHEN AREA

Cabinetry, backsplash, and island – Ruffino Cabinetry, Fort Myers, FL

Hood – Francois and Co, Atlanta, GA

Buffet cabinet – Ruffino Cabinetry, Fort Myers, FL

Counter chairs and club chairs – Verellen, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Home, Naples, FL

Lighting fixtures – Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Sconces – Vintage, FS Henander, Palm Beach, FL

Wicker magazine rack – Owner’s Collection

MASTER BATHROOM

Wall covering – Cowtan and Tout, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Tub – MTI, Ferguson, Naples, FL

Decorative chair – Antique, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Accent table – Currey and Co, High Point, NC

Pendant lighting – Visual Comfort Lighting, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Ceiling treatment designed by Stofft Cooney Architects, Naples, FL

Fabricated by Knauf-Koenig Group, Naples, FL

MASTER BEDROOM

Bed and bedside tables – Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Wall covering – Antique, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Lamp – Arteriors, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Bench – Eloquence, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Lounge – Owner’s Collection

Desk – Eloquence, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Chair – Verellen, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Area rug – Nomadic Trading Company, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

SUNROOM

Table – Dave Lennard, Element Garden and Home, Fayetteville, GA

Chairs – Janus et Cie, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Side table, floor lamp, and wicker accessories – Owner’s Collection

Fireplace designed by Jett Thompson, Jett Thompson Home, Naples, FL

Fabricated by Advantage Plaster, Bonita Springs, FL

BACK EXTERIOR

Lounge chairs – Janus et Cie, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Pool designed by Koby Kirwin, Exteriors by Koby Kirwin, Naples, FL

Fabricated by Pinnacle Pools, Pinnacle USA, Inc., Naples, FL

THROUGHOUT

Flooring – The Wood Floor Company, Naples, FL

Ceiling millwork – Knauf-Koenig Group, Naples, FL