FLORIDA DESIGN







AS EVERY CLASSIC LOVE STORY TEACHES,

when you've found "the one," you should never let them go. This can also be true of interior designers. When a couple from Chicago, Ill., hired local designer Jennifer Greer Hartmann to create their primary residence in Chicago's affluent Gold Coast, they were more than pleased with her talents and formed an instant connection. Several years later, the couple acquired a 3,500-square-foot vacation home in Windsor, an upscale enclave in Vero Beach, Fla., that boasts luxurious amenities such as an exclusive beach club, a world-class golf course, art gallery and an equestrian center. When they decided to add nearly 3,500 square feet to their vacation home, they called on John Brenner, who was the original architect. To style the new interiors, they did not hesitate to call again on Hartmann, who had by now relocated with her family to Texas. Up to the task, she set out to unify the home's new spaces with a blend of contemporary, modern and transitional furnishings.

With its rich Anglo-Caribbean architecture, lush tree-lined streets and small town feel, Greer Hartmann's challenge was in

ABOVE: The wife enjoys preparing meals in the airy gourmet kitchen outfitted with state-of-the-art Wolf appliances. Custom white cabinetry designed by Beachland Millwork is topped with honed black absolute granite counters to add a bold contrast. French doors open wide to reveal a picturesque courtyard view.

The sitting room features four Oly Studio chairs upholstered in a blue textured fabric. A large abstract painting, entitled Endless Opportunity by artist Susan Sales, lends a modern touch above a traditional fireplace crafted by Barth Construction.



The well-appointed master closet, custom designed by designer Jennifer Greer Hartmann, features a chandelier from Global Views in a nickel finish that adds a touch of glamour.





adhering to Windsor's strict architectural code while introducing a more modern interpretation. "I believe in always complementing the architecture," the designer says. She incorporated a soft and serene color palette, classic pieces, intriguing artwork and plenty of seating into the now nearly 7,000-square-foot expansion, also created by Brenner. The large great room, dining rooms and expansive master suite, would be perfect for the couple, who love to entertain.

In the entry, an abstract painting by Emmi Whitehorse, entitled *Oil Seed*, adds a pop of yellow color above an elegantly shaped Christian Astuguevieille bench

from Holly Hunt. In the open dining area, a large Liaigre dining table edged with Kerry Joyce chairs from Dessin Fournir, is perfect for entertaining. With the table's Mid-Century Modern sleek profile, the line of sight is kept open and uncluttered. Nearby, a sculptural metal stairway created by Brenner & Associates, adds a new twist as it ascends gracefully to the second level.

Portuguese limestone flooring flows throughout the dining area to the newly updated kitchen that is filled with light from elegant French doors and transoms. A slate-colored subway tile backsplash, a center island topped with misty Carrera



"I wanted the addition to feel connected to the older part of the home so I designed the interiors to complement the architecture as much as possible, while still honoring the clients' love of contemporary design," Greer Hartmann says.

countertops from Caesarstone and a pair of hammered copper pendants lend a handcrafted feel.

In a centrally located sitting area, armchairs from Oly Studio upholstered in a blue Kathryn Ireland print nestle near a cozy fireplace and form a conversation grouping around a hexagonal cocktail table. A large area rug warms the space atop European oak flooring custom designed by Greer Hartmann.

The spacious master closet, tailored to the couple's needs, is fashioned with custom painted cabinetry, and a skirted chair and vanity set beneath vaulted ceilings. In the tranquil master bedroom, a regal, four-poster bed from Ironies, and supple fabrics from Mark Alexander in the form of a green-blue, tufted bench and sheer draperies lend a luxurious feel.

Outdoors, a spacious pergola overlooks the Indian River. Outfitted with wicker furnishings from Thomas Pheasant for McGuire, it provides ample seating for family and friends to socialize. "I worked around the clock, and put my heart and soul into this home," Greer Hartmann says. "It was honestly a labor of love for me. I just wanted the owners to be thrilled with the end result ... and they were."

LEFT: Connected by a series of courtyards, the pergola enjoys serene views of the river and lush landscaping. A comfortable conversation area is outfitted with wicker armchairs and an ottoman upholstered in a Perennials patterned blue hue.

SOURCES

Dining Room

Dining table - Liaigre, George Cameron Nash Showroom, Houston Design Center, Houston, TX Dining chairs - Kerry Joyce, Dessin Fournir Showroom, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL Orange chair - Jean de Merry, Dallas Design Center, Dallas, TX

White sofa - Dmitriy & Co., New York, NY Painting - Telluride Fine Art Gallery, Telluride, CO

Bench - Christian Astuguevieille, Holly Hunt Showroom, Houston Design Center, Houston, TX Bird sculpture - Primitive, Chicago, IL Window seat niche and shelving - Custom designed by Greer Interior Design, Austin, TX Fabricated by Beachland Millwork, Vero Beach, FL Chandelier - Arteriors Home, New York, NY Stairway - Custom designed by Brenner & Associates Architecture, Vero Beach, FL, and Greer Interior Design, Austin, TX Faux finished by Coulter Designs, Vero Beach, FL Area rug - Black Sheep Unique, Austin, TX Kitchen

Cabinetry - Beachland Millwork, Vero Beach, FL Backsplash - Ann Sacks, Miami, FL Pendants - Alessandra Branca, Chicago, IL Sitting Area

Chairs - Oly Studio, San Francisco, CA Fabric - Kathryn Ireland, Los Angeles, CA Cocktail table - Cosas Mexican Art, Boerne, TX

Fireplace - Custom designed by Brenner & Associates Architecture, Vero Beach, FL

Painting above fireplace - Telluride Fine Art Gallery, Telluride, CO Draperies - Atelier Gentry, Chicago, IL Fabric - Coraggio Textiles, Dallas, TX Area rug - Rug Mart, Houston, TX Master Closet

White cabinetry, vanity, mirror and closet - Custom designed by Greer Interior Design, Austin, TX White cabinetry, vanity and closet fabricated by Beachland Millwork, Vero Beach, FL

Chair - Ballard Designs, Margate, FL Flooring - Executive Park by Woolshire Carpet Mills, Calhoun, GA

Master Bedroom

Bed - Ironies, Holly Hunt, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL Bedside tables - Joseph Jeup, Holly Hunt, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL Lamps - Klee Table Lamps, Mr. Brown London, High Point, NC

Bench - Custom designed by Mangold & Mangold Upholstery, Inc.,

San Antonio, TX

Bench fabric and drapery

fabric - Mark Alexander, Romo, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Chair - McGuire, San Francisco, CA Chair fabric - Rose Tarlow, Jerry Pair

& Associates, Hollywood, FL Accent pillows, draperies and

sheers - Roth Interiors, Vero Beach, FL Sheers fabric - Coraggio Textiles,

Houston, TX

Ceiling treatment - Custom designed by Brenner & Associates Architecture, Vero Beach, FL

Area rug - Custom designed by Greer Interior Design, Austin, TX

Fabricated by Black Sheep Unique,

Austin, TX

Pergola

Chaise, chairs and ottoman - Thomas Pheasant for McGuire, Baker,

Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL

Light fixture - Restoration Hardware, Chicago, IL

Throughout

Island, fireplace, stairway, mirror and ceiling treatment fabricated by Barth Construction, Inc., Vero Beach, FL Countertops - Caesarstone, Fort Lauderdale, FL Flooring fabricated by Woodwright

Hardwood Floor Company,
Austin,TX

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