

Ledge loungers and an accent table in the shallow end of the pool are elements that illustrate the special attention paid to the enjoyment this home offers family and friends. The lanai serves as the transition from the interiors to the patio area, where poolside fire bowls by Artesian Pools create a picturesque ambiance when ablaze.

laws of attraction

STRIKING FURNISHINGS AND VIBRANT COLORS ARE AMONG THE ATTRIBUTES THAT FILL THIS WEST BAY CLUB HOME WITH PLENTY OF FUN AND PERSONALITY

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"We wanted a bit of drama in the dining room, as it can be seen from the moment you walk through the front door," interior designer Lori Christy says. The rich blue wall accented with Uttermost's sexy, silver mirrors sets the backdrop for the custom-designed sideboard, while a glittering chandelier is not to be ignored above Old Biscayne's wood dining table encircled by Vanguard's "Leland" chairs clad in a textured Aegean fabric and framed in a silver metallic finish.

DENISE WARD

"We are noted for working one on one with our clients to create timeless, original designs that interpret, complement and illustrate their individual lifestyles."



"WHEN GUESTS ARE SAD TO LEAVE, you know you have created a beautiful yet comfortable home," says homeowner Jennifer Ronyak about their vacation residence that interior designers Denise Ward and Lori Christy designed for her and her husband David. "While many elements in the house are bold, the bones of each space feel as classic to me as wearing blue jeans and a white tee shirt, a look that never goes out of style." This polished yet casual feel is everything the couple wanted for their second home they enjoy intermittently for up to several weeks at a time.

With their primary residence in Cleveland, Ohio, the Ronyaks knew they would want to spend as much time as possible out of doors when in town, so special attention was paid to the lanai dominating the back of the 7,559-square-foot house. "Because each area is open to luminous sunsets each evening, we were constantly thinking about how the interiors would flow through these spaces to the outside," says Ward of the patio that looks across the pool to a nature preserve. Two roomy swings set into one section are among family favorites in the home. "Everyone immediately falls in love with them!" she says.

ABOVE: "The Ronyaks like color but color done well," interior designer Denise Ward says. "We kept the background clean; accentuating it with white creates an elegant look in the kitchen." Here, Ruffino's white cabinetry lines the walls in crisp complement to the blue and gray tones of the glass-tile backsplash and marble countertops. Surya's blue-and-white runner echoes the hues of Vanguard's stools.

Greens and blues wash over the family room, where Lexington's navy sofas pair with lounge chairs wrapped in Kravet's bold chenille atop a brightly colored area rug. Mirrored floor lamps and Hooker's white cabinet front custom, 3D wood panels. "We like to be creative and have one space complement the other," Ward says of how the pattern ties in with the fireplace surround seen on the lanai.



"The Ronyaks asked us to create a home that is warm, cozy and inviting while also being elegant enough for dinner parties with clients and friends," interior designer Denise Ward says. "And that's exactly what we did."



Rich hues that proliferate in the interiors are expressive of the couple's charisma. "The things we get the most excited about are distinctive pieces of furniture and walls that 'pop,' and because Denise knew we gravitated towards strong, crisp colors, she gave us exactly what we wanted," Jennifer says. "Toned-down color is safe for the masses and good for resale, but we weren't building this home for anyone else or to sell — we built it for us. The fabrics, colors and samples Denise showed us made me smile every time I revisited them, proof that we were creating something we would love!"

Entertaining is such a passion for the couple, this house, which the Ronyaks have owned for about a year, has hosted more than 50 overnight stays already. "Whether we are down here with our children, entertaining couples, hosting girls' or guys' weekends, or just visiting on our own, this home has a 'wow' factor that appeals to everyone," Jennifer says. "We looked at countless model homes and patched together our favorite parts of several of them to come up with a custom design that suited our wants and needs."

*“We love to mix patterns because it’s a great way to add excitement to a home,” interior designer Lori Christy says of the lanai’s geometric fireplace surround by Marble Works.
“And everybody loves the swings!”*



The kitchen is a favorite of David’s, particularly the butler’s pantry in blue and the double islands — one of which is for casual dining and the other dedicated to food prep. Jennifer notes that the space has a wonderful flow to the dining room: “We hosted Thanksgiving dinner and there was plenty of room for six people to be prepping and cooking without any of us being right on top of each other.”

As the sun sets and the parties wind down, the couple retreats to the master suite for relaxation ... and after a brief respite, glass doors slide open to continue the fun late into the evening hours. Christy says this was a serious intention during the design process: “Time with family and friends was a big consideration in how the floorplan of this home was designed,” Christy says. “But our goal is to always create special, individual spaces with personality for our clients to enjoy.”

SOURCES

POOL AREA

Deck - Marble Works, Inc., Bonita, Springs, FL
Pool and fire bowls - Artesian Pool Construction, Inc., Fort Myers, FL
Ledge loungers and accent table - Ledge Lounger, Denise Ward Interior Showroom, Estero, FL

DINING AREA

Dining table - Old Biscayne Designs, Americus, GA
Dining chairs - Vanguard Furniture, Hickory, NC
Centerpiece floral and sideboard - Custom designed by Denise Ward Interior Design, Estero, FL
Chandelier - Hill’s Lighting, Bonita Springs, FL
Mirrors - Uttermost, Rocky Mount, VA
Artwork - Wendover Art Group, Largo, FL
Draper fabric - Jeffrey Michaels, Hollywood, FL
Area rug - Taylor Carpet One Floor & Home, Naples, FL

KITCHEN

Cabinetry, islands and hood - Ruffino Cabinetry, Fort Myers, FL
Countertops and backsplash - Marble Works, Inc., Bonita Springs, FL
Light pendants - Hill’s Lighting, Bonita Springs, FL



ABOVE: The master bedroom adds a touch of glam with cascading crystal light pendants above the bedside chests and a matching chandelier that suspends from a sinuous ceiling treatment. A bench covered in Mongolian faux fur rests at the foot of the bed.

Counter stools - Vanguard Furniture, Hickory, NC
Stove - Fuse Specialty Appliances, Naples, FL
Carpet runner - Surya, White, GA

FAMILY ROOM

Sofas - Lexington Home Brands, Thomasville, NC
Lounge chairs - Vanguard Furniture, Hickory, NC
Square cocktail and occasional tables - Codarus, High Point, NC
Vases on cocktail table - Global Views, Dallas, TX
Round occasional table - Vanguard Furniture, Hickory, NC
Armchairs - Kravet Furniture, Hauppauge, NY
Accent tables - Caracole, Greensboro, NC
White cabinet - Hooker Furniture, Martinsville, VA
Wall treatment - Marble Works, Bonita Springs, FL
Silver sculpture and circle art - Denise Ward Interior Design Showroom, Estero, FL
Chandelier and corner floor lamps - Hill’s Lighting, Bonita Springs, FL
Ceiling treatment - Florida Lifestyle Homes, Inc., Fort Myers, FL
Blue and green artwork - John-Richard, Greenwood, MS

Draperies - Filippo Ueher, Jeffrey Michaels, Hollywood, FL
Area rug - Jaipur Rugs, Norcross, GA

MASTER BEDROOM

Bed and bench - Vanguard Furniture, Hickory, NC
Bedside chests - Belle Meade Signature, High Point, NC
Lounge chair and ottoman - Fabricut, Tulsa, OK
Circular wall art - Custom designed by Denise Ward Interior Design, Estero, FL
Light pendants and chandelier - Hills Lighting, Bonita Springs, FL

LANAI

Sofa - Woodard, Coppell, TX
Cocktail table - Kanna, Miami, FL
Centerpiece and circle wall art - Custom designed by Denise Ward Interior Design, Estero, FL
Woven chair, tree branch sculpture and candles - Denise Ward Interior Design Showroom, Estero, FL
Blue occasional table - Surya, White, GA
Fireplace - Marble Works, Inc., Bonita Springs, FL
Area rug - Jaipur, Norcross, GA

THROUGHOUT

Flooring - Marble Works, Inc., Bonita Springs, FL