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# FLORIDA DESIGN

ABOVE: Glass sculptor Nathalie Pasqua's candelabrum tower on the Casamilano cocktail table echoes elements of the imaginative capiz shell floor lamps by Vernon Panton. Form and function meld elegantly with B&B Italia's linen sofa from Luminaire featuring leather-bound arms that serve as bookcases and occasional tables.

Classic Italian Lines, Asian Aesthetics And A Touch of Color Mix To Create An Updated Floridian Style

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On the recommendation of friends who live in the penthouse, homeowner Danny Bensusan asked interior designer Jennifer Corredor to renovate his 3,000-square-foot Bal Harbour condominium. "I liked her ideas," he says, so he gave her carte blanche. The challenge was to make this home unique and reflect a Floridian style different from the owner's traditional residence on New York's Brooklyn Bay as well as his Manhattan apartment. Water was the key.

Besides enjoying the oceanfront property, Bensusan, an avid fisherman, was pleased that the location near a marina allowed access to his boat. But the original layout closed off the rooms from Atlantic vistas, so Corredor eliminated walls to create a large open living space with water views from every angle.

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LEFT: A trio of chic bulb-shaped "Drop" pendants by Anta suspend above a kitchen island covered in Jade Bluff granite, which surfaces the counters and backsplash. White-lacquered cabinetry, white leather stools and crisp stainless-steel Miele appliances keep the composition clean and light.

*"It takes strikingly unusual materials to make a difference," Corredor says of her choice of exotic Afromosia and Brazilian Angico woods.*

RIGHT: A wraparound terrace off the main living areas offers spectacular ocean views. Interior designer Jennifer Corredor let the water element flow throughout the space by bathing the interior palette in sea mist with a wave-like motif to balance the modern lines.

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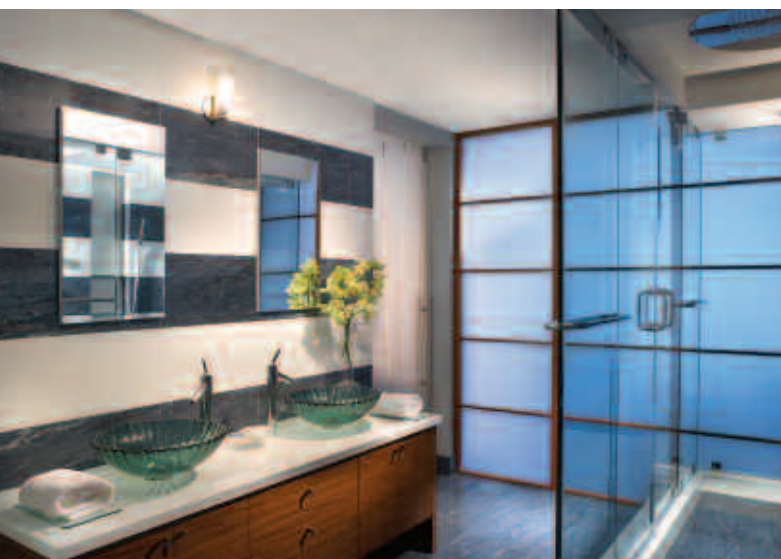




*"I wanted the space to be light, airy, open and at the same time warm," the designer says. "A blend of classic and modern — that's the key."*

ABOVE: From the Fontana Arte lightbox lamps and Anima Domus bedside tables to the silky Natori linens, Asian simplicity influences the master bedroom. Paintings by Venezuelan artist Martha Salas-Kesser adds colorful accent to the Herman Miller desk and B&B Italia's upholstered Maxalto bed.

BELOW: A Shoji screen-style glass wall continues a Japanese ambiance, washing the master bath in subdued light. An opulent effect is created with the jewel hues and luminescent swirl of the glass vessels set against the horizontal lines of the Blue Caribbean and Mont Blanc marble wall treatment from Keys Granite.



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"I emulated the ocean by bringing in hues of blue, sea mist and teal," Corredor says. In the living area, bright artwork is enlivened by an understated wave motif set against a beige backdrop. From curvaceous lines on a pair of silk area rugs and grooves on the cocktail table to a subtle undulating texture on the imported Maya Romanoff wall covering, Corredor's scheme balances the straight, contemporary lines. "It's a modern apartment with a twist," the designer says.

Melding form and function with sophistication, the living area includes the dining area and kitchen separated by a column treated in frosted glass, a design element echoed throughout the space. "Glass diffuses and enriches rooms without blocking the eye," Corredor says.

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## DESIGNING WITH COLOR

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Quality materials including exotic teak-like Afromosia create a warm effect throughout the home. Bookmatched fine-grain wood shapes the custom-designed cabinetry that offsets dark wenge-stained wood furnishings in the main living areas.

Between the entry and kitchen, the design addresses the owner's request for a bar, creating a continuous flow of Afromosia with touch-latched doors that cleverly conceal storage space. The kitchen island houses a wine cooler and refrigerator. "I wanted a place to entertain and just relax," Bensusan says. "My favorite place is the kitchen. From the 16th floor, it overlooks the pool and beach — I can enjoy the views over wine and cheese with friends."

Glass doors with linear etchings lead to the bedrooms, heightening the airy feeling. Appropriate to the modern setting, an Asian sensibility permeates the elegant master bedroom with furnishings that hug the floor. "Japanese style is simplicity at its best," the designer says. Pale aqua wall covering shows a hint of waves, while rich Brazilian Angico wood flooring adds character.

A wall of frosted glass creates a shoji screen effect in the master suite, a unique room divider that exemplifies the designer's signature stunning bathrooms. A distinctive wall application of deep Caribbean Blue and Mont Blanc marble bands reiterates the light-drenched panel.

And in a guestroom, mustard tones with a floral motif augment canvases by Venezuelan artist Martha Salas-Kesser. Works of art provide a touch

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of color throughout, while accessories adorn the surfaces.

"I insist on pieces such as the exquisite Venini vases," Corredor says. "I try to cover every detail so that my clients are totally satisfied."

## SOURCES

### Living Area

Sofa, chairs, cocktail tables, floor lamps and candelabrum sculpture - Luminaire, Coral Gables, FL  
Cabinetry - Custom designed by Miami Wall Unit Group, Miami, FL

Drapery fabric - Corragio Textiles, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Wall covering - Maya Romanoff, Donghia Showrooms, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

### Dining Area

Table - Porro, Luminaire, Coral Gables, FL  
Chairs, chandeliers and vases - Luminaire, Coral Gables, FL  
Cabinetry and bar - Custom designed by Miami Wall Unit Group, Miami, FL

### Kitchen

Cabinetry and island - Custom designed by J. Design Group, Miami, FL  
Fabricated by Yamini Kitchens and More, Miami, FL  
Countertops - Coverings Etc, Inc., Miami, FL  
Counter stools - Decor Style Furniture Corp., Miami, FL  
Appliances - Miele, Drimmers, New York, NY

Pendants - Anta, Luminaire, Coral Gables, FL

Track lighting - ERCO Lighting, Inc., Edison, NJ

### Master Bedroom

Bed, desk and lamps - Luminaire, Coral Gables, FL

Bedside tables - Anima Domus, Coral Gables, FL

Bed covering and accent pillows - Natori, Macy's, Miami, FL  
Chair - West Elm, Miami, FL

### Master Bath

Vanity and wall partition - Custom designed by Miami Wall Unit Group, Miami, FL

Countertop, wall treatment and flooring - Keys Granite, Miami, FL

Sinks - Decorator's Plumbing, Miami, FL

Faucets, mirrors and wall scone - Sophisticated Hardware & Plumbing, Coral Gables, FL

### Hallway

Light fixtures - Studio Italia, Lunatika, Miami Beach, FL

Doors - Custom designed by Miami Wall Unit Group, Miami, FL

### Throughout

Floral - Maria's Sidewalk Flowers, Miami, FL

Artwork - Owner's Collection

Electrical - Billy's Electrical Service, Inc., Hollywood, FL

Marble flooring - Opustone Granite & Marble Distributors, Miami, FL

Hardwood flooring - BR III, Miami, FL ♦

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