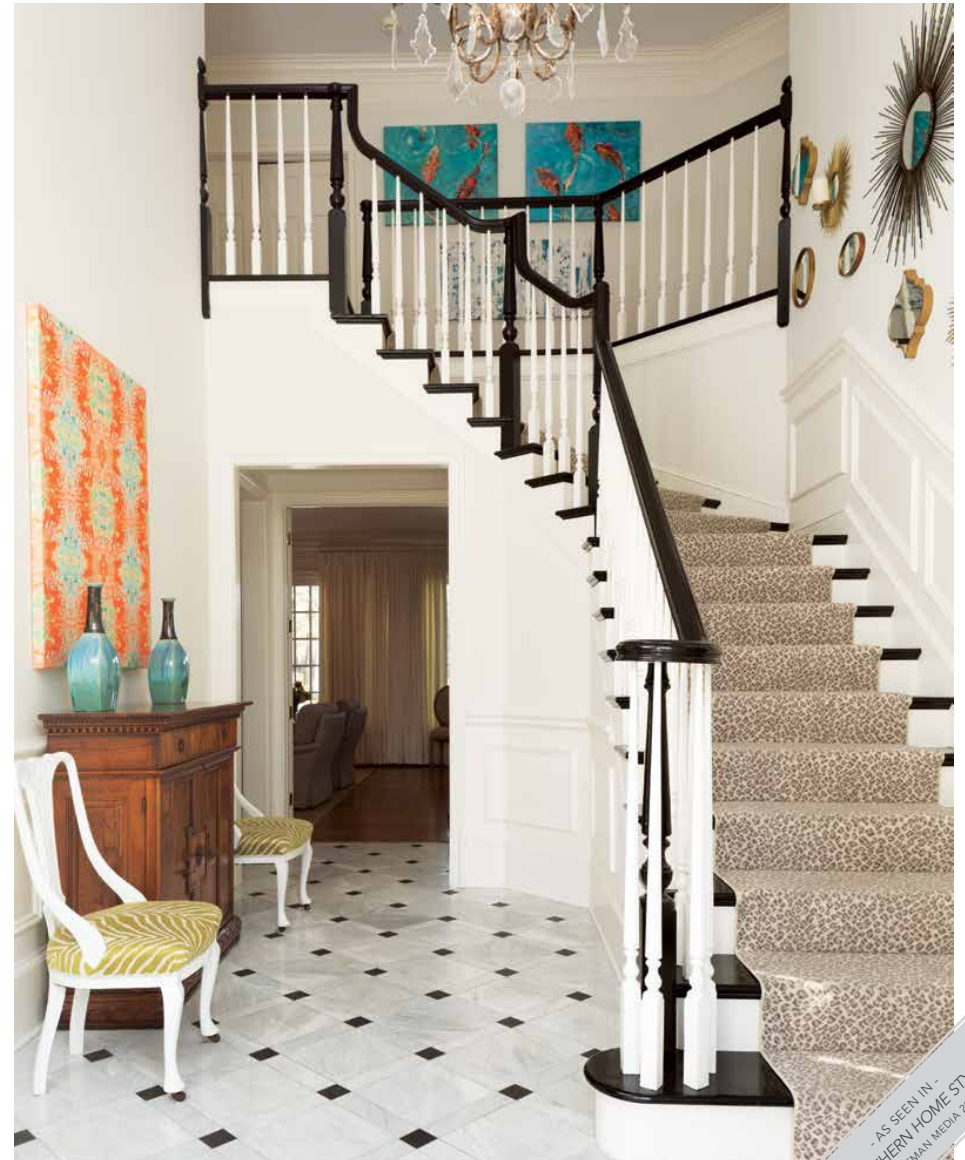


Seaside Serenity

A refined residence captures the tranquility of its coastal locale with contemporary flair.



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This Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, home is marked by a bittersweet backstory. After Cindy Barganier helped Elizabeth and Reece Alford design their dream home in WaterColor, Florida, a sudden job transfer forced the couple to put the house on the market the week they moved in. In the new home, the team worked to incorporate pieces of what had been left behind on 30A. They decided on a white canvas throughout. In the entryway, they put in marble floors and a 30-foot linen drapery treatment to help lighten up the structure's original dark and dated interior. "We started to breathe new life into the home and bring some happiness to this young family," Cindy says.

The kitchen and the living room were designed with both sophisticated entertaining and family living in mind. Chic style blends with subtle personal touches—like the custom banquette Cindy created for the three Alford children, who love eating in booths when they go to restaurants. The designer also constructed the coffee table in stages, choosing its base to accommodate seating for the family's frequent board-game nights.



The homeowners asked that their bedroom feel like an escape. To create the illusion of a heightened ceiling, they painted it a subtle sky blue. They installed an oversize chandelier and then decided on a canopy bed and wall-mounted swing-arm sconces for lighting within the dreamy oasis. Heirlooms and unique pieces from around the world, as well as mementos like framed sand dollars and coral, speak to the Alfords' affinity for travel and the beach. "They tell the history of their family," Cindy says.





The living room and the kitchen overlook the veranda and pool area, and beyond it, the renowned TPC Sawgrass golf course. This plush outdoor expanse functions as an extension of its interior companions, creating a "very easy flow for entertaining," Cindy explains. "They throw open the French doors and use all of that outdoor space." The outdoor dining and kitchen area enables the Alfords to keep an eye on children in the pool while also hosting guests. "Everything was planned around a love of family and friends," Cindy says. "The minute you walk in the front door, you're made to feel like family."



**EXPERT ADVICE FROM
Cindy Barganier:**

DESIGN DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE WITH YOUR MIND TO ENSURE THAT THE HOME WORKS WELL FOR YOUR FAMILY. DECORATING DECISIONS CAN BE MADE WITH YOUR HEART BASED ON WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY AND HAPPINESS. ALSO, ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO SAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO FINISH. A HOUSE WITH ADEQUATE ACCESSORIES WILL NEVER FEEL LIKE A HOME.



"We were trying to take the colors of the beach, the surf, and the sunshine and make this a happy, peaceful home." —CINDY BARGANIER

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