

# Classic Approach

IN PALM BEACH'S NORTH END,  
AN ELEVATED COASTAL AESTHETIC  
ASSURES FIRST-RATE ELEGANCE IN  
A PHIPPS ESTATES RESIDENCE

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The residence's backyard features an expansive loggia and attached pergola for entertaining. The pool was designed and constructed by AGTLAND Landscape Architecture, which also handled the planting of native palms and greenery along the coquina shell hardscape.



ABOVE: A hand-knotted rug from STARK Carpet grounds the office, where a herringbone-veneered desk from Hickory Chair is positioned opposite a pair of armchairs from Baker Furniture. The pared-down but handsome furnishings allow the lacquered blue walls to dominate the mood here.

**WHAT'S A DESIGNER TO DO** when called on to orchestrate the interiors of a new build on the last redeveloped lot in the storied enclave of Palm Beach's Phipps Estates? If you're designer Sara McCann, head of the Hive Home design empire and founder of McCann Design Group, the surefire route is an upscale coastal aesthetic with classic charm.

Working in conjunction with Smith and Moore Architects, and along with interior designer Kayla Hechevarria, the design and build of the home, which features seven bedrooms and nine-and-a-half bathrooms and spans 11,047-square-feet, was a three-year undertaking. "The Mediterranean style we chose was inspired by the work of Addison Mizner," says McCann. "It combines classic elegance with a modern twist." With a cast-stone façade, dormer windows, and a series of functional balconies, the structural craftsmanship of the house is evident, and its polished exterior hints at what's to come inside.



Earth-toned upholstery was chosen for the sofas and chairs in the living room. The custom bookshelves are filled with color-blocked volumes. The duo of lamps is from Paul Schneider Ceramics and the chandelier is from Neirmann Weeks.

Designer Sara McCann selected a grass cloth wallcovering from Cowtan & Tout to evoke a tranquil feel in the dining room. The table is by Keith Fritz Fine Furniture, sourced through John Roselli & Associates, and is joined by Ferrell Mittman chairs.

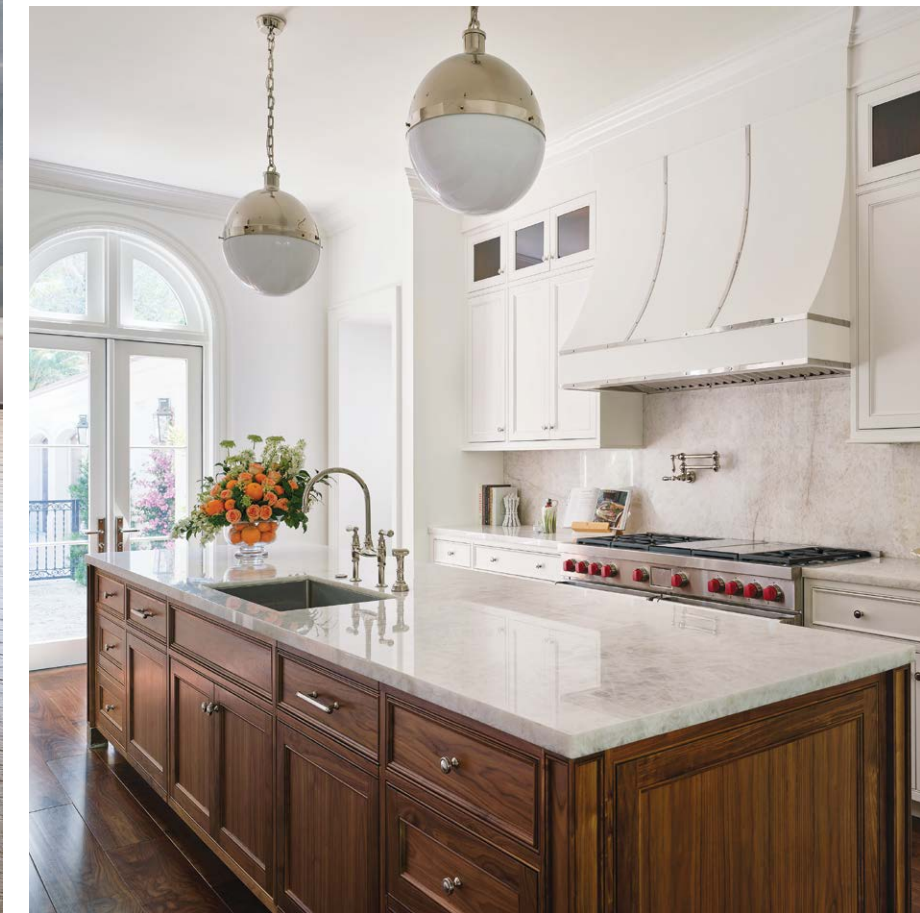


The designer notes that it was her intent to strike a balance between formality and warmth: “With rich finishes and custom millwork, the look nods to the neighborhood’s sophistication, all while bringing in Palm Beach’s relaxed sense of luxury, ensuring both beauty and practicality.”

When asked about her involvement over the course of the home’s design and construction process, McCann promptly replies: “Our hands touched every detail and finish.” Her primary focus was on character-enriching design elements such as groin vaulted ceilings, bespoke wall paneling, and functional lighting layouts.

In the dining room, for instance, a grass cloth wallcovering in a motif reminiscent of bricks introduces an unexpected pop of blue color, and in the office, cerulean lacquered walls create drama. McCann’s emphasis on accent walls continues in the game room with custom oak paneling and finishes that complement it.

BELOW: The kitchen exudes traditional sophistication with an updated approach. The cabinetry and island were fabricated by Jefferson Woodworking, and the spherical pendants are from Visual Comfort.



Jefferson Woodworking orchestrated the installation of the oak paneled millwork in the game room. McCann designed the custom banquette flanked by sconces from Urban Electric. The bar is lined with rattan-backed stools from Baker Furniture.



BELOW: Boasting architectural design that reflects that of the main residence, the poolside guesthouse features two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, and a living room.



Additionally, there was an emphasis on materials that are quintessentially Palm Beach. This entailed the use of patterned textiles, natural fiber rugs, and upholstery in organic hues. To infuse the spaces with a touch of whimsy, McCann sourced several pieces from fine art photographer Nick Mele, who has been acclaimed as a modern-day Slim Aarons. “His work speaks to the time-honored sense of the home, while still being fun,” says McCann.

The backyard, which opens to a covered loggia often used for entertaining, is a continuation of the home’s landmark design, and a poolside guest house mirrors the style of the main house.

Thinking back to her involvement in this project, McCann has nothing but happy memories. “We love it when our clients fully trust our design direction and vision,” she says. “It was truly an honor to work on a home of this scale and quality.”

#### SOURCES

##### LIVING ROOM

Sofas, armchairs, lounge chairs, and ottoman table – Baker Furniture, [bakerfurniture.com](http://bakerfurniture.com)  
 Chandelier – Hudson Valley Lighting, [hvlgroup.com](http://hvlgroup.com)  
 Desk lamp – Visual Comfort & Co., [visualcomfort.com](http://visualcomfort.com)  
 Curved back sofa – Ferrell Mittman, [ferrellmittman.com](http://ferrellmittman.com)  
 Fabric – Holland & Sherry, [interiors.hollandandsherry.com/en](http://interiors.hollandandsherry.com/en)  
 Side table – Kindel Furniture, [kindelfurniture.com](http://kindelfurniture.com)  
 Lamps – Paul Schneider Ceramics, [paulschneiderceramics.com](http://paulschneiderceramics.com)  
 Chandelier – Niermann Weeks, [niermannweeks.com](http://niermannweeks.com)  
 Area rug designed by McCann Design Group, West Palm Beach, FL, and fabricated by L&M Custom Carpets, [lmcustomcarpets.com](http://lmcustomcarpets.com)

##### OFFICE

Desk – Hickory Chair, [hickorychair.com](http://hickorychair.com)

Chair – Bright Chair Company, Jerry Pair, Hollywood, FL  
 Chairs – Baker Furniture, [bakerfurniture.com](http://bakerfurniture.com)  
 Desk lamp – Visual Comfort & Co., [visualcomfort.com](http://visualcomfort.com)  
 Area rug – STARK Carpet, Hollywood, FL  
**DINING ROOM**  
 Table – Keith Fritz, John Rosselli, Dania Beach, FL  
 Chairs – Ferrell Mittman, [ferrellmittman.com](http://ferrellmittman.com)  
 Buffet – Bradley USA, [bradleyusa.com](http://bradleyusa.com)  
 Chandelier – Remains Lighting, [remains.com](http://remains.com)  
 Sconces – Urban Electric, [urbanelectric.com](http://urbanelectric.com)  
 Wallcovering and drapery – Cowtan & Tout, Hive Trade Showroom, West Palm Beach, FL  
 Area rug – Designer Carpets International, Fort Lauderdale, FL

##### KITCHEN

Cabinetry, island, and hood – Jefferson Woodworking,

[jeffersonwoodworking.com](http://jeffersonwoodworking.com)

Pendant lighting – Visual Comfort & Co., [visualcomfort.com](http://visualcomfort.com)

##### GAME ROOM

Game table – Tritter Feefer, [tritterfeefer.com](http://tritterfeefer.com)  
 Banquette designed by McCann Design Group, West Palm Beach, FL, and fabricated by Associated Interior Designer Services, [associateddesignerservice.com](http://associateddesignerservice.com)  
 Chairs and bar stools – Baker Furniture, [bakerfurniture.com](http://bakerfurniture.com)  
 Sconces – Urban Electric, [urbanelectric.com](http://urbanelectric.com)  
 Billiards table – Boynton Billiards, [boyntonbilliards.com](http://boyntonbilliards.com)  
 Millwork – Jefferson Woodworking, [jeffersonwoodworking.com](http://jeffersonwoodworking.com)

##### BACK EXTERIOR

Dining table, chairs, and lounges – Janus et Cie, [janusetcie.com](http://janusetcie.com)  
 Pool designed by AGTLAND Landscape Architecture, Delray Beach, FL