

Ocean view

In this seafront condo, designer Emily Winters Posselt achieved a fresh coastal look with a palette of green and blue tones grounded by sandy neutrals

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HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

Beachside condo on the third floor of a six-storey building

ROOMS Kitchen-dining-living room, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a bunk room

LOCATION

Florida, USA





SITTING ROOM

'With a low ceiling, I chose flush lighting above the peninsula to create visual interest without interrupting the eyeline,' says Emily.
Amber Industrial pendant is similar, Pure White Lines.
Antique Medallion Navy rug is similar, Barker & Stonehouse

HOW DID YOU COME TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT?

I initially refreshed rooms when my clients first bought the condo some eight years ago as a place to holiday. Now retired, they invited me back to give the property a complete overhaul. The original fit and finishes were stuck in the early 1980s, when the building was first constructed. However, the condo has a stunning outlook over Naples Beach.

WHAT ARE YOUR CLIENTS LIKE?

WHAT WAS THEIR BRIEF? They're down-to-earth, very family-oriented and so very fun and kind-hearted. They love their time in the sun, hosting small 'happy hours' for friends on the balcony and cherishing their granddaughter's visits

with their daughter and her partner. My clients love blues and greens, but didn't want a cliché coastal theme. They also wanted a casual and functional space, with plenty of storage and materials that could withstand beachside living.

HOW DID YOU IMPROVE THE PRACTICALITIES OF LIVING HERE?

We gutted the condo and looked at the floorplan, replacing the redundant dining area with a clever bar/storage area. We made use of dead space by designing a cosy hideaway bunk room for their granddaughter. The main en-suite walk-in shower was created by capturing space from a hallway cupboard. A new linen closet lives where the previous shower-over-the-tub had been. Every piece

'THE STRUCTURED LINES OF THE SOFA ARE BALANCED BY SOFTLY SHAPED BARSTOOLS AND SIDE TABLES'



BAR AREA

'This area was designed for multiple functions,' says Emily. 'Storage, supplies - and it serves as a casual bar.' Joinery design, Emily Winters Posselt. The Arisha Round ceiling light has a similar look, Neutral Lighting. Tee Morris Shells has similar giant clam shells

SITTING ROOM The happy blue-green colour scheme works in harmony with the glorious beachside outlook.

Citrus Garden cushion in Pool, Schumacher. Salem reclaimed oak coffee table is similar, Barker & Stonehouse. Kenis braided table lamp, Paolo Moschino



was chosen for practical, everyday living. For example, the reclaimed coffee table is made from old beams and makes for a very durable surface for daily use, and I selected upholstery fabrics that are suitable for both indoors and outdoors.

HOW DO THE INTERIORS REFLECT WHAT THE CLIENTS LIKE, WITHOUT LOOKING THE SAME AS BEFORE? First time around, the project was a 'making do' light touch. This time, it was about giving my clients what they really wanted and loved, which was a very different approach. Rather than choose an obvious navy blue coastal colour story, we drew inspiration from sea glass and found a shade of blue-green which is balanced with soft, sandy beige

tones. It was important to add playful elements with interesting patterns and art. For example, in the guest bathroom, the energetic wallpaper print combined with a bright coral vanity is really fun.

WHAT DO YOUR CLIENTS LOVE ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION?

They love that the condo looks fresh, feels happy and is easy to relax in. They adore the bunk room for their granddaughter. I'm pleased, because a client who feels heard and designed for is the sign of a successful project! Thanks to the project team with my architect and building contractor, the whole condo has a completely different feel – but still one hundred percent reflects my clients' personalities.

Emily Winters Posselt at Peabody's Interiors (emilywinters.com)

'THE FAMILY WANTED TO WALK THROUGH THE DOOR, DROP THEIR BAGS AND BE READY FOR EASY BEACH LIVING'



KITCHEN

'Curved bar stools bring softness to the surrounding hard surfaces and are upholstered in a durable indoor/outdoor fabric to be used straight from the beach,' says Emily. Stools covered in Templeton Dottie fabric in Sky Blue, Michael S. Smith. Similar large two-handle white vase, Cotswold Luxe



MAIN BEDROOM

'I balanced a restful feel with colour and personality by keeping bed linens simple but choosing a large print rug and small patterned curtains,' says Emily. Curtains made in Sole Original 1863701, Clarence House. Larger Lolita table lamp in Turquoise, Pooky, is similar



BUNK ROOM

'I layered complementing blues that blend with the rest of the house,' says Emily.

Beds painted in Saratoga Springs 1669, Benjamin Moore. Small cushion made in Calanques Mediterranee F3538001, Pierre Frey



MAIN EN SUITE

'The dark green floor tiles complement the warm toned wood and natural travertine wall tiles.'

Hexagon Buckingham Green Matt tiles, Tiles Direct, are similar. Mandarin Stone's Tivoli Sand Linear Matt stone effect porcelain tiles are close in look