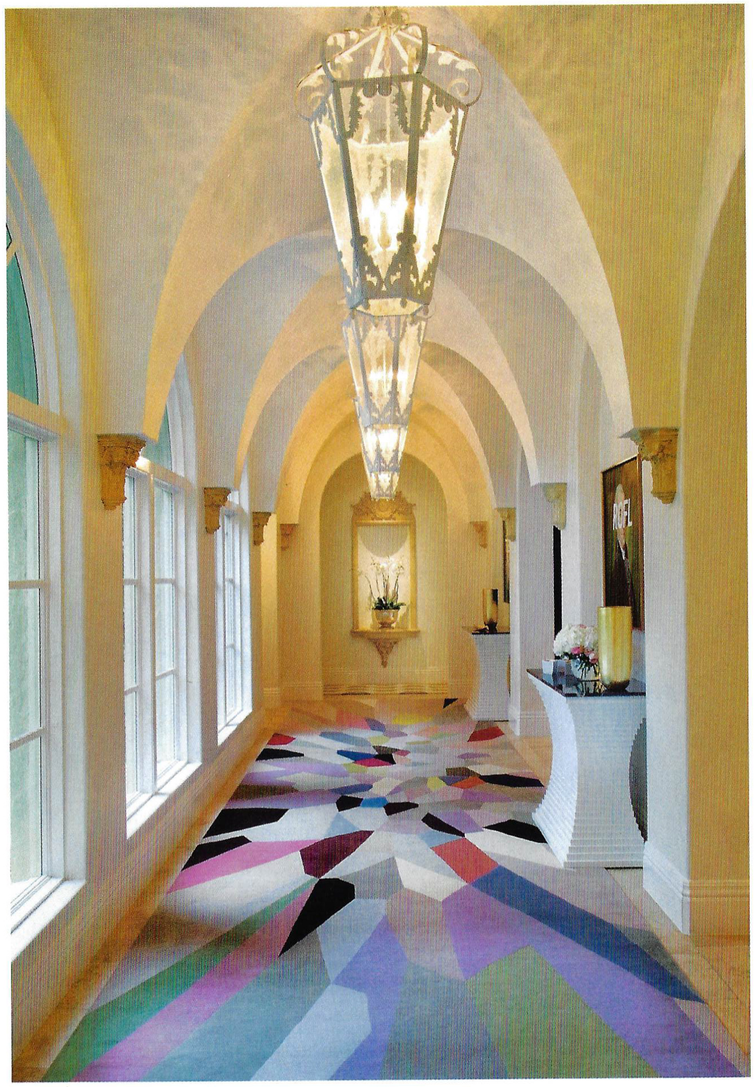
A DREAM COME TRUE

Modern Design And Thoughtful Details Make One Couple's Vision A Reality

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"The bones of the house are spectacular," homeowner Brandi Sodi says about her Delray Beach, Fla., dream home. Natural stucco, a tile roof and arches set the tone of this Mediterranean-style manse, while palm trees soften the Italianate lines with a tropical touch. Chaise lounges by Jardin de Ville provide comfortable poolside seating.



UTAH-BASED INTERIOR DESIGNER KRISTIN ROCKE'S versatile style and openness has allowed her to continually challenge herself and to work across the board in many different genres. However, sometimes it becomes a thing of fate when the stars align just right, and clients like Brandi and Brian Sodi come along. Rocke worked with the couple on their vacation home in Park City, Utah. They hit it off right away. "I felt like I understood exactly what they wanted," the designer says. "Call it serendipity … we made a connection and have become great friends since."

ABOVE: Two original paintings, *ROFL* and *RMBL*, by Denver artist Shawn Huckins, draw the eyes down the hallway lined with niched archways. A Feizy area rug warms the corridor.

Wrapped with walls in tuxedo black, the formality of the living room is lightened with sky-blue armchairs from Bernhardt and pops of bright color in Missoni Home accent pillows. Original artwork by Brooklyn artist Nic Rad was painted just for Brandi — a Valentine's Day gift from her husband Brian.

Cabinetry topped with Calacatta marble lines the kitchen in white for a crisp and clean feel. Vintage pendants from France light the center island, where 1880s warehouse reproduction stools from provide extra seating. Off the kitchen, Henry Hall side chairs pull up to a Bausman & Co. kitchen table ready and waiting for family meals.





Wood accents warm the family room, where a walnut cocktail table crafted with beveled corners serves to soften the space. Here, a boldly hued painting by artist Santi Moix hangs above a pair of Vico Magistretti "Sinbad" armchairs from Eccola.



As fate would have it, when the Sodis — who had been living in the quaint seaside community of Delray Beach, Fla., since the birth of their oldest daughter — decided to search for the perfect home for their family of five, they happened upon this 10,000-square-foot oceanfront Mediterranean manse for sale. "It was love at first sight," the wife says. They knew they had to have it … and they knew they wanted to work with Rocke again.

The designer researched the area history and surrounding architecture. Combining the classic Florida aesthetic with the homeowners' love for New York and L.A., the designer created a unique interior scheme she dubs "easy-to-live-well-in" modern with many layers.

Great care was taken to preserve the home's existing Mediterranean beauty while fashioning a modern twist. Upon entry, custom white consoles topped in Nero marble serve as rhythmic insets to niched arches in the corridor.

In stark contrast, Rocke was driven to design a black living room — a "shade room" of sorts for the Sodi family. The dark black walls create an interesting effect as light from the pool and the ocean beyond playfully bounces into the space, changing the tone of the paint. "It feels very intimate and cool," says Rocke, referencing the color palette that takes on an almost grayscale effect mixed with exciting pops of blue.



In the dining room, a sleek and expansive table from Randolph & Hein accommodates large family gatherings. *Ruin*, by New York artist Will Cotton, hangs above the sideboard, while the custom Swarovski chandelier and wall sconces designed by Rocke cast a shimmering glow.

Laced in light and beautifully designed, Rocke "knocked out a homerun with the kitchen," the wife says of her favorite room in the house. Glass-fronted cabinetry and gleaming surfaces reflect the ocean waves that give the room an ebb and flow of transparency.

Rocke wanted to give the young family a room that would accommodate all of their entertaining needs, while maintaining that chic and laid back L.A. vibe mixed with a raw New York attitude. "The challenge," she says, "was to make the family room feel intimate and form different groupings without separating it."

Entertainment continues into the dining room, where friends and family gather to break bread beneath a prism of color reflected from the custom Swarovski chandelier. An ombré gray hue wraps the walls to create a sense of intimacy and fluidity in the massive space that takes on a life of its own as it mimics the outdoors.

"When you really know the family, it helps to plan the design of their home," Rocke says. "I'm interested in creating interiors that personify my clients." And she did just that according to the Sodis. "It's a dream come true."









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