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An Adventurous Twist on Florida Design: Havana Modern

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A stunning condominium overlooking Bayshore Boulevard and the blue bay has become the ultimate dream for an active and adventurous retired couple. In 2022, they approached interior designer Jen Kravchuk with a vision for their 2160-square-foot 2-bedroom 3-bathroom home – a vibrant, elevated, Florida design that would captivate guests with its bold colors, textures, and unexpected artistic features.

Collaborating with Kravchuk, the couple coined their design concept as “Havana Modern,” paying homage to the area’s historical Cuban origins. Stepping inside, the influences of Cuba’s rich history come to life, showcasing the subtle fusion of the Taíno Indians, European settlers, Africans, and Chinese inhabitants who have shaped the island nation over the centuries. The design also captures Cuba’s affinity for early 20th-century modernism.

In contrast to the prevailing trend of muted neutrals and coastal palettes, this home embraces a vibrant color scheme that incorporates teal, pinkish-red tomato, black, white, and yellow. The playful design elements draw inspiration from cubism, art nouveau, and art deco styles. Bold wallpapers, gold accents, geometric patterns, stripes, palm leaves, florals, and various textures create an ambience that instantly transports visitors to an exotic Cuban setting.

The entry foyer sets the tone with captivating floral wall coverings from Harlequin, which also find echoes in the living room draperies. Custom-made blue fringe ottomans by Massoud and a stylish gold mirror sourced from Arteriors add further intrigue to the space.

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Moving to the dining room, a striking white and gold wallpaper from Scion enlivens the atmosphere. The elegant black and white chairs by D.R. Kincaid sit beneath a stunning gold palm leaf chandelier from Currey and Company.

For the kitchen, Kravchuk chose gold pendant lighting from Currey and Company to illuminate the space. The marble and brass backsplash perfectly complements the white and gold barstools from Sunpan.

The den draws inspiration from nature with its leaf accent table and standing lamp from Arteriors. Custom-made ottomans by Massoud, as well as a curated mix of Casamance and Harlequin pillows, create a comfortable and inviting atmosphere.

Finally, the balcony provides a picturesque view of the bay and is adorned with patio chairs from Kanna. Adding a touch of whimsy, a horse table and coffee table from Four Hands complete the outdoor space.

With Havana Modern, this retired couple has truly embraced a unique and adventurous approach to Florida design, transforming their condominium into a captivating haven that celebrates their love for vibrant colors and bold aesthetics.

FAQ:

Q: Who was the interior designer for the Havana Modern condominium?

A: The interior designer for the Havana Modern condominium is Jen Kravchuk.

Q: What inspired the design concept of Havana Modern?

A: The design concept of Havana Modern is inspired by the historical Cuban origins of the area, with influences from the Taíno Indians, European settlers, Africans, and Chinese inhabitants, as well as Cuba's love for early 20th-century modernism.

Q: What colors and design elements are prominent in Havana Modern?

A: Havana Modern embraces a vibrant color scheme, including teal, pinkish-red tomato, black, white, and yellow. It features design elements drawn from cubism, art nouveau, and art deco, with bold wallpapers, gold accents, geometric patterns, stripes, palm leaves, florals, and various textures.

Q: Can you provide examples of furniture and decor pieces used in Havana Modern?

A: Some notable pieces in Havana Modern include custom-made blue fringe ottomans, a gold mirror, a gold palm leaf chandelier, white and gold barstools, a leaf accent table, standing lamp, and patio chairs.



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