

# Family Matters In Chic Miami Condo

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One Family's Casually Chic Vacation Getaway Is Stylishly Designed To Please Three Generations

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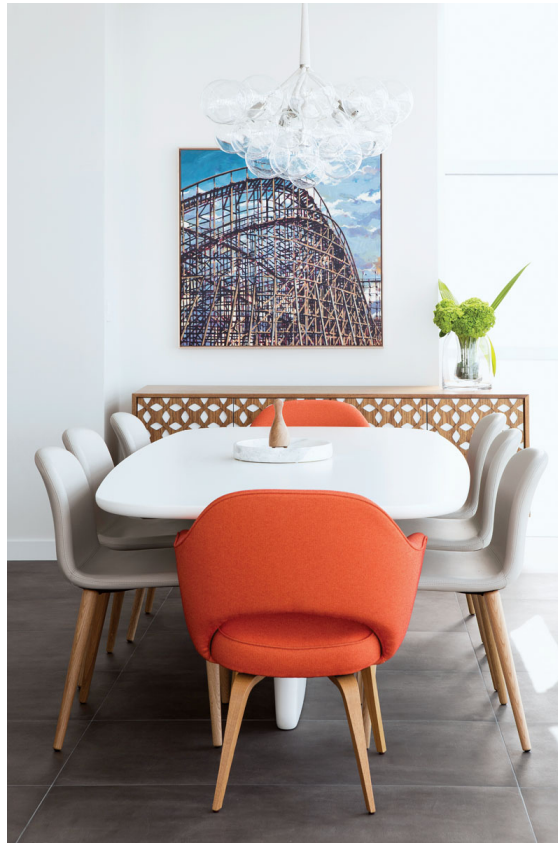
Artist Louise Blyton's geometrically shaped canvases from the Joshua Liner Gallery explore color in the living area. Here, B&B Italia's "Ray" sofa, Herman Miller's white "Striad" lounge chairs from DWR and a Brazilian-teak-framed armchair by Espasso circle Cassina's white-oak and cane cocktail table by Charlotte Perriand. A white "Superloon" floor lamp by Flos corners the space.



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Pelle's "Bubble" chandelier exudes a lively effervescent feel in the dining area, where a pair of vivid orange Saarinen chairs from DWR play host to a reflective white-lacquered table from B&B Italia. The buffet's intertwining lacy wood overlay repeats in the fun roller coaster oil painting by Cuban artist Gustavo Acosta.





Custom white oak cabinetry wraps the home's office in perfect complement to Modlofts's "Hampton" desk crafted of wood and topped in leather. The Vesper couch from DWR is a sleeper sofa that allows the room to serve dual purposes. An art piece by Brazilian artist Heloisa Maia adds a touch of color.



The owner's collection of rock-band posters above the custom headboard adds a much needed pop of color in the guest room. Whimsical accent pillows from West Elm offer a lively lesson in geometry.



Designer Cristiana Mascarenhas, “Design and function shall always work together! When creating a home, pieces have to talk to each other. If they don’t relate, they don’t belong ... that’s the secret.”

Creating a delightful vacation home that suits every family member mirrors the concept behind combining design elements to make a pleasing room. It really all comes down to relationships. “Everything you see in my client’s condominium is of fine quality, but also the design of each piece needs to be considered as a unique object, chosen as art in itself,” architect and interior designer Cristiana Mascarenhas says. “To get a space to feel right, pieces have to work together.”

Originally from Brazil, her client now lives in Germany, and likes to come to Florida with her children and grandchildren. “The space had to work for all of them,” Mascarenhas says. On the seventh floor of The Spear at Aqua Allison Island in Miami Beach, this “rapport” comes to play in a 2,800-square-foot condo. A total renovation, doorways were raised and the kitchen, baths and flooring were refurbished throughout. “Everything needed to be done,” she says.

While her client insisted on utility, practicality and easy maintenance as well as quality, she was happy when Mascarenhas created a casual but supremely chic environment in white, off-white, and greige with a concentrated punch of orange for fun. Airy and light, the living area exudes comfort with low-profile furnishings and beautiful water views. “This is important,” the designer says. “I didn’t want something with a lot of volume here. The sofa is

high quality, but it is also comfortable.” And the chairs had to be relaxing for men, too.” A splash of color is added with a vibrant artistic find at the Pulse Art Fair in Miami. “It started out like a blank canvas, and when everything was put together it became magical,” she says.

Nearby, the open kitchen and dining area offer lovely views of Downtown Miami and stunning sunsets, communicating well, so to speak. “My client loves it,” Mascarenhas says. “When cooking for her family and friends, everyone can be together.”

Designed to be versatile, the office easily converts to accommodate extended family enjoying vacation time together. This is also true of the guest room with two single beds. “We did the custom headboard in oak and attached it to the wall, and the twin beds can be pushed together to make a king,” the designer says.

“My client told me she never wants to leave her apartment ... that’s the best thing to hear,” Mascarenhas says. “I know that I have created a home in the true sense of the word.”

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