

BLUE CRUSH

SATURATED COLORS AND BOLD PRINTS
CREATE A BRIGHT AND PLAYFUL PALM
BEACH-INSPIRED SPACE.

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What says Palm Beach style more than tropical shades of turquoise and a daring mix of motifs? That's how Perry Walter of Walter Studio Interior Design (walterstudioinc.com) brought the endless-summer look derived from the Florida seaside town to this Mountain Brook, Ala., family home. The Atlanta-based designer previously worked with the client on her Atlanta residence—one with a markedly more traditional feel—and was enlisted again to help carry out the homeowner's new vision for a vibrant living space.

It's a contemporary take on the distinct approach to decorating—"mixed with midcentury and vintage accents here and there," Walter notes—defined by classic geometric patterns that accent each room throughout the house, from the David Hicks wallpaper in the powder room to the Jonathan Adler pillows in the great room. As for the key to combining multiple patterns within a single space, like in the living room? Scale, of which Walter is a master. "Watch your scales as you're coordinating a room," he cautions, pointing out the larger design for the custom wool rug from Designer Carpets. It's complemented by the smaller-scale Robert Allen print on the armchairs and the Trina Turk pillows on the velvet sectional (one of few



Geometric patterns in the living room bring energy and vibrancy to the otherwise neutral space, while bright books are displayed on the built-in shelving to add an extra pop of color.

The bold dining room chairs are vintage and upholstered with Trina Turk's indoor-outdoor line of fabric for Schumacher, which is ideal for a home with two small children.



items, including the Eero Saarinen-style dining table and kitchen bar stools, the client brought over from her Atlanta home).

Sticking to a limited palette is another way to make an array of patterns feel connected, but Walter was strategic in balancing the abundance of greenish-blues with additional shades on a similar spectrum. "I said to her, 'You can't have a whole turquoise house!'" he laughs. His solution came via shelves of books—stacked vertically to create color impact—in addition to the two watercolor paintings that inject lime green, yellow, orange and pink to the mostly monochromatic space. A canvas has the same effect in the great room.

Aside from the two nurseries painted in shades of teal, the home ascribes to another Palm Beach trademark: white walls. The living room, great room and kitchen were each painted white to offset



From top: A spacious all-white kitchen—perfect for entertaining—channels major Palm Beach vibes; the use of Jonathan Adler bookends on the dresser in the daughter's nursery was inspired by the client's love of animals, which can be seen throughout the home via small figurines.

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A white leather Moroccan pouf from Moroccan Prestige takes the place of a coffee table in this colorful corner, a consideration for the kids. Opposite page: A circular West Elm mirror above the master bed from Brice Ltd. and custom Jonathan Adler pillows bring depth and color to the mostly white master bedroom.



the house's bold colorways, providing a light and airy ambience to the home. The master and guest bedrooms were also given a neutral backdrop on which the saturated colors could shine, while white was chosen for the beds, linens, lamps and even the custom window treatments by CDW Designs. "For the master, she wanted complete serenity, so we kept it simple and airy," Walter explains.

Forgoing more iconic touches of the tropics

known to decorate a Palm Beach-inspired space (shells, starfish and other nautical-themed decor), the client, an animal lover, chose to incorporate a few bird- and dog-shaped figurines instead, as seen in the master and throughout the house. "Minimal accessories are key in keeping the style from being chaotic," the designer adds. Balance—not something for which Palm Beach is necessarily known, but something Walter achieves with ease in this space. ■



DESIGN DETAILS

RESIDENCE

Single-family home

LOCATION

Mountain Brook, Ala.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Perry Walter, owner and designer
Walter Studio Interior Design
walterstudioinc.com

VENDORS

ALLMODERN

Bar stools in kitchen
allmodern.com

CDW DESIGNS

Custom window treatments in living room, dining room and master bedroom
cdw-designs.com

DESIGNER CARPETS

Rugs throughout
designer-carpets.net

DESIGN WITHIN REACH

Nelson Ball pendant lamp in kitchen
dwr.com

JONATHAN ADLER

Slim Aarons photograph in living room, Parker pendants in kitchen, dog bookends in daughter's nursery
jonathanadler.com

KRAVET ATLANTA

Jonathan Adler pillows in great room; custom pillows in master bedroom
kravet.com

PEACOCK ALLEY

Linens in master bedroom
peacockalley.com

ROBERT ALLEN

Tight-back armchairs in living room
robertallendesign.com

ROOM & BOARD

Dresser in son's nursery, bed in daughter's nursery
roomandboard.com

SCHUMACHER

Trina Turk fabric for dining room chairs
fschumacher.com

TRINA TURK

Pillows in living room
trinaturk.com

TRINITY MERCANTILE & DESIGN CO.

Bird figurines in guest bedroom
trinity-decatur.com

WEST ELM

Round mirror in master bedroom
westelm.com

WORLDS AWAY

White nightstands in master bedroom
worlds-away.com