

Bringing condo into '90s

A couple from this area, who are former clients, return the smile back to refurbish their winter home in the Hamlets at Delray Beach, Fla.

I remembered the nice relationship we had and their appreciation of fine woodworking, since lumber was his business. And so with one trip there and a set of blueprints, I went to work.

What I had found on my trip was a lovely area of homes with a southwest look rather than the stucco facades so prevalent in Florida. The blueprints showed that there had been an addition to the three-bedroom home to provide another bedroom and more living area.

The furnishings I found were typical of what was popular eight years ago — lots of chrome, glass and velvet. The flooring in the living-dining room of the original house was medium to light brown oak with dark pegs. Oak flooring was in the addition, but minus the pegs, since they were no longer available.

TO GIVE more continuity between the original medium brown oak flooring with dark pegs and the flooring in the addition that was minus pegs, we stripped the old floor to match the new and had the entire surface whitewashed for a lighter, fresher look.

For a casual area that opens to the pool, we chose an L-shaped wicker sectional upholstered in a marshmallow soft leather in a putty color. Throw pillows covered in fabrics used in the room are scattered on the sofa.

A zebra rug is under the coffee table, which is a glass top on a fossil stone base. A custom-built cabinet houses a 40-inch TV screen and stereo, and the open shelves are used to display art collected from travels.

In the more formal living room, there is now a contemporary L-shaped sectional covered in a seafoam blue/green fabric. Again we used throw pillows covered in fabrics used in other parts of the room.



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On the glass coffee table, 50 inches in diameter, is a magnificent teak carving of a water buffalo with Chinese children. Like many of the Oriental accessories, this was bought in mainland China.

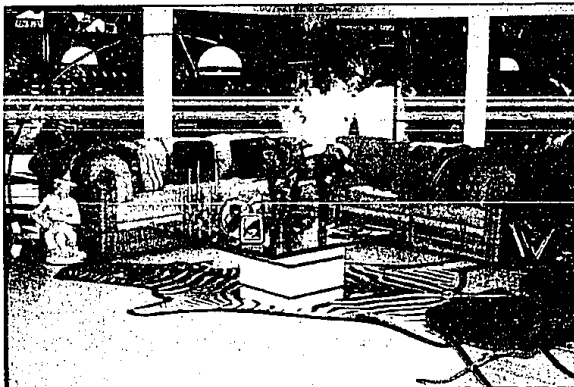
Forming a conversational grouping around the table are three Louis XV striped oak armchairs covered in a handpainted paisley cotton in seafoam green, peach, mauve and soft plum.

IN THE dining room, we replaced the chandelier with recessed lighting over the table. By eliminating the chandelier we were able to use a tall, antique, Oriental vase as the centerpiece. The table, 40 by 80 inches, is filled travertine marble.

The chairs that go with it are Chinese Chip-pendale in a soft plum lacquer finish, covered in a stripe pattern of the colors used. A glass wall shelf serves as a buffet.

A nook at the side of the living room has a full bar with stools in pewter with revolving seats covered in peaches and cream ultra suede. The chairs for a flip-top burl mahogany game table in the same nook are covered in the same stripe fabric as the dining room chairs.

Facing the bar is a hideaway sofa upholstered in the same peaches and cream tone, with back cushions of a watered moire of the colors in the room.



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The sea foam greens and mauves are relaxing colors and there's an informal feeling to the wicker sectional. Yet, taken as a whole, this glimpse of a Florida vacation home done by Eve Garvin has a sleek look that will move it comfortably into the next decade.

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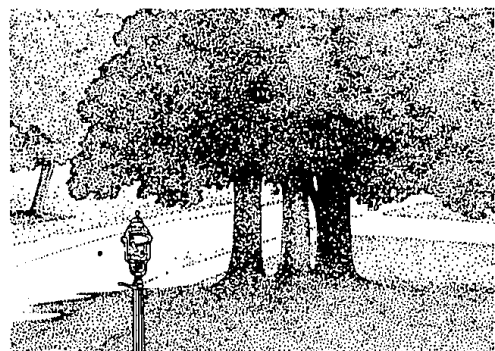
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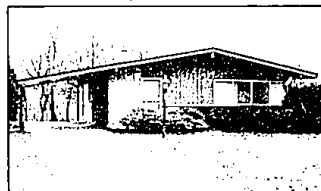
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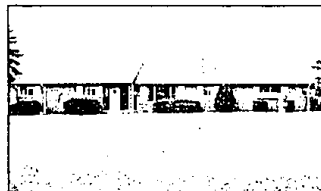
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