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AN INTERIOR DESIGNER LEANS INTO MOROCCAN AND MEDITERRANEAN STYLES FOR A STANDOUT RESIDENCE IN ALYS BEACH

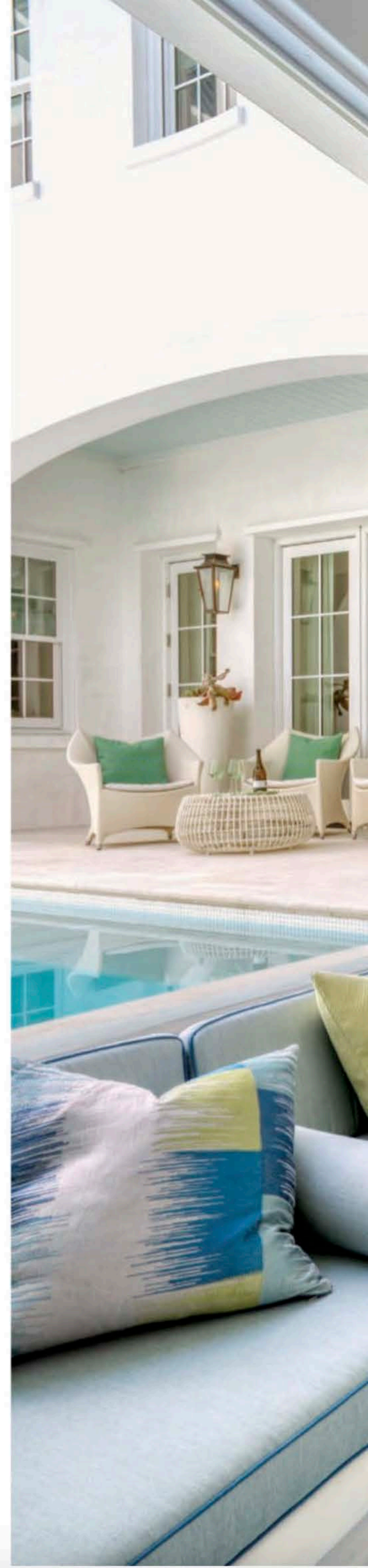
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ABOVE: Interior designer Alison Baker set the home's bright and colorful tone right from the entry foyer with intriguing shapes and whimsical furnishings that range from an antique console with intricately carved legs to mod light fixtures cast in bronze.





the designer welcomed the test. “There’s connection everywhere,” she explains. “That way it’s not busy for the eye.” To start, she kept the palette simple, favoring neutral furnishings, warm woods and metals. Splashes of color mostly lean to blue-green or citron, nodding to a few scant painted exterior accents. However, Baker, whose work extends from Nantucket to Florida and the Caribbean, ensured there were no cliché beachy details, opting instead for a classic coastal style.

Classic doesn’t mean serious, however. Ocho Locos houses a spa, a rooftop deck often used for dining or entertaining, and the oft-used sunken lounging area known as the *zaguán*, adjacent to the pool. “That word is usually used to describe a passageway that leads to a courtyard or patio,” says Casas. “Ours is a space for respite like those found in the riads of Marrakesh.” As such, Moroccan influences, such as the arched entry

LEFT: The home has several courtyards, including this secluded one with its own plunge pool.

BELOW: In the kitchen, the extra-long range is balanced by a brass light fixture that measures more than four feet across. The various storage options were fabricated by Bell Custom Cabinets.





Nearby in the dining room, the approach to illumination was the complete opposite. Atop the large walnut table is Ochre's Seed Cloud, an installation made up of 52 glass buds enhanced with LED. "It's rather ethereal when lit," says Baker. "You can even see it from the walkways outside by the lake. The effect is gorgeous."

In terms of outdoor environments, while the pool area is cherished by all who live there, it's the rooftop loggia that dazzles visitors. Inspired by their travels, the homeowners insisted this space (dining room, living room, and kitchen in one) be topped with branches of eucalyptus, which provide shelter from the sun but don't completely obscure its rays. "It's full-blown entertaining out there," says Baker. "There's a sink, a grill, a bar and even a fireplace, and it overlooks the lake, which makes it a great spot to take in the sunset."

Standing here, another word to describe the home comes to mind: enchanting.

ABOVE: The rooftop loggia, which encompasses areas for dining and lounging, as well as a kitchen, was topped with branches of eucalyptus, which provide shadow but still let light in.



## SOURCES

### ENTRY FOYER

Console – Antique, Parc Monceau, Atlanta, GA

Colored glass vases – KRB Showroom, New York, NY

Runner rug – Paige Albright Orientals, Mountain Brook, AL

### SUNKEN SEATING AREA

Seating designed by Alison Baker Interior Design, John Creek, GA

Fabric – Pindler, [pindler.com](http://pindler.com)

Pillows – F. Schumacher & Co., [schumacher.com](http://schumacher.com)

Flooring – Traditions in Tile, Atlanta, GA

### FAMILY ROOM

Sofa – Lee Industries, Conover, NC

Club chairs – Lee Industries, Conover, NC

Side table – Antique Moroccan, Parc Monceau, Atlanta, GA

Drapery fabric – F. Schumacher & Co., [schumacher.com](http://schumacher.com)

Area rug – Paige Albright Orientals, Mountain Brook, AL

### SEATING AREA

Round lounge chairs – Palecek, Atlanta, GA

Cocktail table – Oly Studios, Berkley, CA

### KITCHEN

Cabinetry designed by Alison Baker Interior Design, John Creek, GA, and fabricated by Bell Custom Cabinets, Atlanta, GA

Stove – Lacanche, [frenchranges.com](http://frenchranges.com)

Backsplash covering – Traditions in Tile, Atlanta, GA

Tabletop – Against the Grain, Atlanta, GA

### DINING ROOM

Chairs – Lee Industries, Conover, NC

Fabric – Sunbrella, [sunbrella.com](http://sunbrella.com)

Antique bowls – Foxglove Antiques, Atlanta, GA

Lighting – Ochre Lighting, R. Hughes Showroom, Atlanta, GA

### MAIN ENTRANCE

Water globe sculpture by Allison Armour, [allisonarmour.com](http://allisonarmour.com)

### ROOFTOP LOGGIA

Sofa – Janus Et Cie, Atlanta, GA

Dining chairs – Janus Et Cie, Atlanta, GA

Summer kitchen designed by Alison Baker Interior Design, John Creek, GA, and fabricated by Bell Custom Cabinets, Atlanta, GA

Ceiling designed by Brulio Casas Architects, Seaside, FL, and fabricated by Arkon Group, Inc., Panama City Beach, FL

### THROUGHOUT

Builder – Arkon Group, Panama City Beach, FL

Landscape design – Brulio Casas Architects, Seaside, FL