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collaborating on the interiors with designer Jay Dick, who worked for her at the time of the project. “We wanted it to be tranquil and nurturing,” Martzell used a mostly neutral scheme in the common areas, including soft blue grass-cloth wallcoverings, to cocoon and ground the spaces. “I love wallcoverings,” the homeowner says, “It just warms everything up and makes me happy. I even have it in my laundry room.” (And Martzell is quick to point out the inside of the owner’s closet, which is also clad in wallpaper.)

But despite the residence’s neutral undertones (in the wallcoverings, flooring and fabrics in the main living spaces), the owner loves bold color and wanted a bit more of her favorite—blue—to appear throughout. A fan of vibrant hues herself, Martzell was happy to oblige. The first hit of saturated color can be seen right away on the doors in the elevator entry—home to those precious wooden puppets—which were done in a striking sapphire using watercolors, acrylics and resin over an aluminum base. “We had the custom painting done right on the doors themselves, so

that’s your introduction into the apartment,” Martzell says of Julia Alejandra Gentile’s artistry. “It’s killer!” Varying shades of blue appear again in the master bedroom. “The color under the bed’s canopy is stunning,” the designer says. “At night, the room is really tranquil. She’s got her books in there and a comfy chair. It’s like a girl cave.” While both embraced bold shots of color, Martzell had to gently nudge her client to approve one particular accent color in the guest room. “She told me that she loves chocolate brown,” Martzell says. “Well, I love orange. And she said, ‘No, no, no.’ I said, ‘Trust me.’ She did, and it’s fabulous!”

In honor of the owner’s fresh start, nearly all the furnishings were newly purchased, and many were custom-designed. “When we first started looking, we found this wonderful chair with a rosewood-barrel back and arms, and the rosewood was just gorgeous,” the owner says. “I fell in love with it, and we went from there.” The rest of the furnishings reflect the owner’s love of mixing styles and eras. “There’s a classic Baker piece in her bedroom

On the sun-drenched terrace off the guest bedroom, a chair by Janus et Cie offers seating from which to enjoy the view and a gentle breeze. The citrusy side table is from Asian Accents of Palm Beach, and the planter is from Jay Scotts Manufacturing.