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CLEAN-LINED FURNISHINGS AND CONTEMPORARY MATERIALS MODERNIZE A MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE HOME WHOSE NEUTRAL PALETTE IS INFUSED WITH CAREFULLY CURATED SHADES OF BLUE.

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Sometimes what seems a minor detour in the day's plans becomes a life-changing event. This was certainly the case when Steven Newman was on his way to the mall one afternoon with his sister and decided to look at an available property instead. Within minutes of seeing the lakefront site in Delray Beach, he was calling his partner, Steve Johnson, to fly in from New York for a look. They bought the land without hesitation, and before long their vacation retreat was set into the landscape.

The original plan was to build a Mediterranean-style house inside and out, much like the owners' vacation home they would leave behind in Boca Raton. But their interior designer, Susan Lachance, had another idea: The house would be Mediterranean on the outside, yes, but in striking contrast, clean and contemporary for the interiors. It was a concept that didn't take much of a leap of faith for the couple. "We love the juxtaposition," Steven says. "It reminds us of our trips to Italy, where we saw homes that were hundreds of years old but then the insides were totally modernized."





A Thayer Coggin sofa, chair and coffee table gather atop a sisal rug in the casual family room; a Forma floor lamp by Cerno allows for a reading niche. Sliding doors open to create an indoor-outdoor living space with the adjacent loggia, which houses Janus et Cie furnishings and a light fixture by Murray's Iron Works from J Nelson.