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Builder Victor Farina and designer Grant Gribble collaborated with almost-empty nesters who love clean lines, pops of color and travel — especially fishing vacations — to create a cohesive, contemporary new build in the established Rose Isle neighborhood in Orlando, just south of Winter Park near Loch Haven Park.

In the main living spaces, the color palette was kept very neutral so the homeowners' art collection could be displayed gallery style. A baby grand piano in the corner is accentuated by a colorful art piece and crystal chandelier.

Grant brought in pops of blue through the patterned fabrics, which add texture and warmth to the living area.

The 4,000-square-foot home features four bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms with a centrally located great room, kitchen and dining room. An outdoor living space with a pool, fireplace and summer kitchen is accessible from the great room and kitchen.

"The clients were very involved in the entire design concept and it reflects their lifestyle and taste perfectly," explains Victor Farina, Farina & Sons, Inc. "In respect to the Rose Isle neighborhood, we sought to complement the existing surrounding architecture with a transitional design motif."

For the interiors, the palette was kept neutral to really showcase the homeowners' art collection, most of which has been collected during their travels. Designer Grant Gribble, Gribble Interior Group, brought in interesting hues in the fabrics and accessories. "Blue is the accent color used throughout which unifies all of the spaces," he says.

In the kitchen, Victor incorporated granite countertops, custom wood cabinetry and state-of-the-art stainless-steel appliances. Again, the only color standing out is in the fabric on the barstools as well as some of the homeowner's art pieces on the walls and in the upper display cabinets.

Art is also the focus in the dining room with the baroque upholstered chairs, sculptural chandelier and bright painting. "The lighting fixture is definitely a work of art in a Chihuly-like styling. Also, of note is the ceiling which is covered in a silver leaf 'tea' paper wall covering," Grant adds.

The master bedroom is an eclectic mixture of fabrics and furnishings, a fun reflection of the clients. “The master is a bit retro. The fabrics are very textural — woven and embroidered with metallic fibers incorporated. And the classic Barcelona chair and ottoman by Mies Van Der Rohe are special pieces,” Grant explains.

The dining room features a glass chandelier and a silver leaf “tea” paper wall covering on the ceiling.

The kitchen features custom white wood cabinetry and granite countertops. The only color is in the fabric in the barstools and the art pieces in the upper display cabinets.

While mostly tone on tone, the large and luxurious master bathroom incorporates lots of textures for a warm, inviting space. Special details include a textured tile on the back wall behind the floating cabinetry, stone tile in the shower, and modern white sinks and freestanding tub.

The master bedroom has a retro vibe with more textural fabrics in shades of blue — woven and embroidered with metallic fibers — and a classic Barcelona chair and ottoman by Mies Van Der Rohe.

As the focal point of the home, the outdoor living spaces include a summer kitchen (accessible from the indoor kitchen) gas fireplace, pool, hot tub, fire bowls, and automatic screens to enclose the porch. The homeowner is an avid fisherman who loves to bring home his catch, so he had the most input here.

The large and luxurious master bath features a textured tile behind the floating wood cabinetry, and the wood-look tile floors, stone tile in the shower and animal hide rug add warmth to the modern space. "I always say, if there is a doorknob or toilet paper holder, I have picked it out. I helped the client with the cabinetry design, plumbing fixtures, etc.," Grant says of some of the details in the room.

However, the focal point of the home is the outdoor living spaces. "The client is a fisherman who enjoys deep sea fishing and bringing home his catch. The outdoor kitchen is accessible from the main kitchen. And the space is perfect for entertaining with a gas fireplace, pool, hot tub, fire bowls, and automatic screens to enclose the porch if desired," Victor says.

Overall, the project went smoothly and took about a year to complete. Hidden home features for energy efficiency and comfort included foam insulation, low E windows, high-efficiency zoned A/C, tankless water heaters, LED lighting, and a low-voltage lighting control system.

"The design/build team along with clients who were highly involved in the process created a magnificent home complete with many special details," Victor says.