The 8,000-square-foot, 5-bedroom home on a lovely Naples lake benefitted from such updates as a new design for a four-car-plus-boat-lift slip in the social components, as well as the addition of new plantation shutters on the business premises, an expo balcony, and the widening of the native mountain-front porch volume.

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CUSTOM DESIGN TRANSFORMS A HOUSE INTO A HOME

The artistry of interior designer Lisa Picarra and design associate Keely Stapleton, combined with the creativity of architect Fabricant James H) brought out even more of the stunning beauty of this recently remodeled Naples home.

The homeowners, a couple hailing from the cold climes of upstate New York, were interested in enjoying the warm weather as soon as possible and didn't wait to wait to build their residence from scratch. But they were also very interested in transforming any existing house into their own—one that reflects their shared thirtieth and excellent taste in contemporary design. ▶

Below: Adding grace and poise to their new home, guests are greeted by a gracious entry, begun by Stapleton. The Kohler Fairing & Accessori Vinte Bar Sink in the pantry offers elegance and ease. Dry Tiles were selected and installed by Naples Flooring Company throughout the home, complementing Nature Hues. The custom cabinetry was handcrafted by Cabinetry Design and the cabinetry. Designs also assisted with such select upgrades as the commissioned wedding for guests in the entertaining space.

Right: A trio of custom pendant elements crisscross by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates Overhead of one of the many areas of the home with the home, the soothing color palette for the living room. The Century sofa is upholstered in a stylish textured fabric from Sunset Weave and is flanked by Barker Rosen chairs and a chic ottoman (also pictured on page 186) featuring Chenille. Dance and pillow with cotton linen dolman sleeves were also provided by Custom by Fran Designers Rug Center. Stunning glass Designs lamps add the ultimate decorative touch from Rose Lumes. Bottom: The freestanding spiral—and stylish—stairs are by Kohler Thirty-Six Design.

Since the design team of Picarra and Stapleton from Picarra Design Associates, who worked very closely with the couple designing a home that is unique and truly reflects the couples' dynamic lifestyle.

"We were shopping for each piece, even arranging field trips to the east coast," says Stapleton. "We also designed custom furniture and accessories for them as I always want our clients to have unique furnishings. We never want their home to look like a furniture showroom," explains Picarra. "Every piece should have a story," adds Stapleton.

"With these clients, who have wonderful design taste, searching out the perfect furnishings and finishes was exciting and great fun," says Picarra.

Architect Fabricant James originally designed the home, built by Anthony Del Duca, but continues he likes the remodeled version even better. "The bones of this home were gorgeous, but as it was built as a model to be sold, the design was necessarily a bit generic," says James. He was delighted to be able to add more visual interest in this remodel.

"By adding shutters, the tone of the woodwork changed. The columns were widened on the bottom front, which helped balance the wood columns added upstairs. We even used smaller pavile Italian tile, clay fired, to look like shake shingles on the roof," he explained. "All of these changes were minor, but impactful." ▶

Above: The designers all the original cabinetry in the designer kitchen, but substituted the single fascia for a contemporary beadboard antique white finish. Bottom: Gas range and the existing backsplash for a contemporary aesthetic, adding the Kohler Fairing. The remodeled of Lisa Picarra and Stapleton also replaced the kitchen's original hardware with stylish Kohler fixtures for a contemporary feel.

Right: A pair of chandeliers by Rose Lighting features a dramatic Brazil Suite to light the pair of existing kitchen islands. A quartet of stools by Bolerm are upholstered in Nubuck and Linen Linen from S. Designers Designs complete the custom subdued palette atop the counter. Picarra and Stapleton demonstrate their access by employing the security of gorgeous clear cabinets, purchased by Kohler Kohler and a contemporary touch.

Picarra and Stapleton worked with Jones on the interior as well. "Creating a new design for the stairway at an entirely different pitch, opened up the entry foyer for entertaining," Jones says. "And creating a wall of glass at one of the homes's ends brought in even more light to the interior."

Jones continued, "I am delighted I got to know the clients well and personalize the home just for them," Stapleton and Picarra agree, adding, "These were one-of-a-kind clients, and we wanted them to have a home that is as unique and special as they are." ▶

Above: The custom-made Hanging Island features a glass countertop, a wonderful feature. The Century sofa (shown in a different textured fabric) and Nubuck chairs, all from Sunset Weave, are flanked by Barker Rosen chairs and a custom Bolerm Light Blue Ottoman. Pillows with cotton linen dolman sleeves are from Custom by Fran Designers Rug Center. The freestanding art Design Hanging Island is by Bolerm and is shown in Gray and Jet.

Right: The great room—as a beautiful, inviting, comfortable space perfect for the adjacent lounge—is the home's gregarious center. Fran Jones of Jones Lighting designed and installed the Freedom Chandelier (Medium), Sconces, and Jet pendant (shown in Nickel), and the Lucid Stone Furniture outdoor chairs (with pillows pictured on page 186). The pendant also provides a soft, warm, inviting ambiance. Stone and the and textures and accents were provided from Rose Lumes. Dry Kohler Bronze Tension Wrap and from Metropolitan Design Studios.

Above: A custom media entertainment center houses the big screen for the media room. The nubuck pendant pendants by Century offers comfortable seating and the pillows (pictured on page 186) by Custom by Fran Designers Rug Center. Pendant lights by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates add the ultimate finishing touch. Pendant lights by Rosenberg Lighting. Pendant lights by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates add the ultimate finishing touch.

Left: The nubuck custom-made Hanging Island (pictured on page 190) by Bolerm features a glass top and a stone base. A custom bench is complemented by pillows made with a cotton linen by Custom by Fran Designers Rug Center and Jet Bolerm. Lighting by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates. Pendant lights by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates add the ultimate finishing touch. Pendant lights by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates add the ultimate finishing touch.

Above: Behind the home of the family master bedroom is the considerable necessary and homework. A Hamilton Medicine Man by Tag Design Furniture. Elegant mirrors and custom glass are by Custom by Fran Designers Rug Center. Basement sofa is simply by Century. Ingredients: a pair of Kohler Kelston Bathtub Faucets and Kohler Bronze Bathtub Faucets. Pendant lights by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates add the ultimate finishing touch. Pendant lights by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates add the ultimate finishing touch.

Right: A comfortable sitting suite the master bedroom by Bolerm. Sconces designed with Jet Kohler Kelston. A custom bench is complemented by pillows made with a cotton linen by Custom by Fran Designers Rug Center. Lighting by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates add the ultimate finishing touch.

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Left: Double and single sinks surround by Double offer plenty of room for sunbathing on the pool deck. Under the designers American Dream the original pavilions to accommodate more guests on the full and four bathrooms based upon the original pavilion. Pavilion Furniture and the Stone Effects pool finish.

Above: The designers added interest by introducing mortaging, stationary, and decorative design elements in the outdoor lighting. Hanging lanterns and outdoor chandelier lighting by Jack Arnold Brand and Associates. Outdoor furniture by Jack Arnold Brand. The furniture system offers a variety of outdoor spaces suitable for lounging. The seating arrangements and the tables are made by outdoor lighting Jack Arnold Brand and Associates.