



A CALL TO MIAMI'S URBAN EDGE

A FLORIDA DESIGNER BREAKS THE BEACH CONDO MOLD WITH DOWNTOWN-INSPIRED HUES OF BLACK AND WHITE, AND A STRONG PUNCH OF RED

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ABOVE: Interior designer Dawn Causa rests in the living room, where red floral arrangements splash a hint of color to the black and white space.

RIGHT: The living room's white-on-white scheme is carried out with porcelain decorative objects from Arteriors and Jonathan Adler, an Oggetti elongated floor vase and dining chairs from Calligaris. A wall mural by artist BooksIII from Blackbooks Stencils stares out over the setting and echoes the black hues of the graffiti-patterned area rug from Odabashian International.





LEFT: "Black and white is back," says Causa, who incorporated these hues into the master bedroom and optimized the space with minimal furnishings including a leather-framed bed centered by dual-colored bedside tables that display bedside lamps from Arteriors.

BELOW: In the guest room, a geometric daybed and a shimmering floor lamp from Imperial Lighting add to the Victorianaesque glitz and sophistication of shiny accent pillows. A smoky Calvin Klein area rug completes the look.



Inspired by views that embrace the Miami skyline, interior designer Dawn Causa chose to incorporate the city's chic metropolitan vibe into the design of this condominium located in the new, modern Nordica building. "I wanted this space to have a bright sophistication and an urban edginess that would work for the many 30 and 40-somethings living in the area," she says. "This is the kind of place to entertain, kick back with friends and really make a statement about yourself."

And with the first step through the door, it is this philosophy that hits guests with a stylish, urban design set amongst a shimmering palette of pure white splashed with hues of black and red. In the living room, stark walls, gauzy draperies and snow-white furnishings turn the space into one massive canvas, where a

floor-to-ceiling original vinyl mural gazes strikingly from one wall. "I wanted something really fresh and different," says Causa, who commissioned the work by local artist BooksIII. "I love the way the graffiti hair resonates with the black forms in the area rug."

Causa, who is an active supporter of Art Basel, commissioned BooksIII for other works found throughout the home as well, including the 5-foot-wide, painted laser-cut maple-wood construction above the living room sofa and the four geometric industrial foam panels in the master bedroom, whose diamond shapes serve not only as wall architecture but also a convenient headboard. With a distinguished palette, form and texture valiantly carry the load in the master bedroom, where black, charcoal and creamy-white

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SOURCES

LIVING ROOM

Sofa - American Leather, Styline, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Accent pillow fabric - Pillow and Throws, Savannah, GA
Lounge chair - Eurø Style, San Rafael, CA
Cocktail, occasional and dining tables, dining chairs, console and shelving - Calligaris USA, Inc., High Point, NC
Table lamp - Imperial Electric & Lighting, Davie, FL
Floor lamp - George Kovacs Lighting, Inc., Corona, CA
Floor vase - Oggetti, Miami, FL
Decorative ball accessories on cocktail table - Arteriors, Dallas, TX
Decorative accessories on shelving - Arteriors, Dallas, TX, and Jonathan Adler, New York, NY
Flat-screen television - Best Buy for Business, Richfield, MN
Wall sculpture and mural - Blackbooks Stencils LLC, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Area rug - Odabashian International Corp., Dania Beach, FL

MASTER BEDROOM

Dimensional panels behind bed - Custom designed by Causa Design Group, Sunrise, FL
Fabricated by Blackbooks Stencils LLC, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Bed and bedside tables - Calligaris USA, Inc., High Point, NC
Bed covering - Hotel Collection, Macy's, Miami, FL, and Carlotta's Fine Linens, Miami Beach, FL
Lounge chair - Styline, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Bedside lamps - Arteriors, Dallas, TX
Floor lamp - Artemide, Inc., Farmingdale, NY

GUEST ROOM

Daybed and chest - West Elm, Santa Monica, CA
Fabric - R&D Contract Window Coverings, Hialeah, FL
Accent pillow fabric - Pillows and Throws, Savannah, GA
Floor lamp - Imperial Electric & Lighting, Davie, FL
Decanters on chest - Z Gallerie, Pembroke Pines, FL
Artwork - Xhibit, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Area rug - Calvin Klein, New York, NY

OFFICE

Desk and black shelving - West Elm, Santa Monica, CA
Desk and side chairs - Eurø Style, San Rafael, CA
Cubicle shelving - Custom designed by Causa Design Group, Sunrise, FL
Fabricated by Finishing Touch Up, Hollywood, FL
Table lamp - Arteriors, Dallas, TX
Accessory on desk - Details at Home, Miami, FL
Accessories on shelving - Two's Company, Inc., Elmsford, NY, and Global Views, Dallas, TX
Area rug - Odabashian International Corp., Dania Beach, FL

THROUGHOUT

Developer, millwork, molding and architectural drop ceilings - The Astor Companies, Miami, FL
Floral arrangements - Custom designed by Causa Design Group, Sunrise, FL
Vases - Berkeley Florist Supply Co., Inc., Miami, FL
Draperies fabric and window treatments - R&D Contract Window Coverings, Hialeah, FL
Flooring - Design Works by Tech Products, Miami, FL **M**

A streamlined desk in espresso wood and white metal harmonizes with the boxy convenience of the cubical shelving that Causa custom designed for the office. Here, Odabashian International's zebra-patterned area rug brings in an organic feel and contrasts against the off-white, 18-inch porcelain tiles.



hues pave the way for satin accent pillows, a stitched quilt, a leather-wrapped bed frame and charcoal-gray porcelain flooring. "I feel that with the creative use of minimal color and powerful art, you can create a dramatic statement," Causa says.

The nearby guest room, which seconds as a family gathering spot, follows the same color scheme. Here, Causa placed a white carved daybed cum sofa beneath another femme fatale, Andy Warhol's "Shot Orange Marilyn." A white lacquered chest harbors storage, while stitched mother-of-pearl accent pillows and the transparent petals of the floor lamp's shade add a touch of shimmer.

From glam to natural, the office, with custom-designed cubbies along one wall and easy access shelving along the other, combines organic details while still retaining its cosmopolitan élan. A faux deer antler decorating the desk, a lamp with a resin root base and a zebra-patterned wool area rug all signal to Mother Nature.

Incorporating a simple palette and clean-lined furnishings, Causa allows the stark contrast of black and white hues to take center stage and imbue the home with an edgy urban style.