



COTTAGE CHIC

Interior Designer **Jackie Armour** worked her magic to create this new beach-chic cottage located in the Haven at Jupiter Beach.

By answering our questions, she shares her secrets to creating this chic and contemporary coastal dwelling.

SoFlo HABITAT: *How would you describe the design aesthetic of the cottage?*

Jackie Armour: The cottage style home creates a cozy, inviting and familiar place to unwind. The key to this style is to create a space that feels lived in — a place that feels like it's been your home for a long time, even though it is a new construction or renovation.

Cottage style homes, while inspired by cottages of yesteryear, are here to stay in all of their variations, due to their warm and inviting ambiance.

SoFlo: *For the cottage, how important was the creation of the outdoor space with a complete kitchen?*

JA: The loggia on the lower level with a covered roof is integrated within the main structure, blending the indoors with the outdoors. In this coastal cottage, the outdoor space is used as a living/dining area that appreciates the fresh air and the views of the gardens and waterway.

SoFlo: *How did you incorporate the outdoor area with the indoor dining space?*

JA: The bifold glass doors provide the flexibility to extend the living space and blend the home's indoor and outdoor environments. The neat folding of the doors allows them to completely fold into the edge of the frame, in order to optimize the space; they open the home to natural air flow and light.

SoFlo: *It appears that the use of the color white was important in this design project, why?*

JA: The client loves white so from the conception of the cottage's renovation we provided a white backdrop with a natural palette. The white walls are intended to highlight the extensive millwork.



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SoFlo: Talk about how textures, patterns and designs were incorporated into the cottage's walls, window treatments, and accessories?

JA: Because we had a neutral palette, we needed to use texture to create warmth. The color scheme tends toward neutrals like creams and pastels with pops of blue and green. Playing with color and pattern is encouraged in the cottage design, like the floral wallcovering in the powder room. This makes the aesthetic especially homey and personable.

By embracing natural elements (wood flooring throughout the cottage), colors, combining patterns and florals and incorporating comfortable furnishings, we created the ultimate in cottage style.

SoFlo: Talk about your interesting use of tile in the bathroom and on the backsplash of outdoor kitchen.

JA: The bathroom's glass tiles are by Lunda Bay and are handcrafted by artisans who pour, shape and blend molten glass to create the sensual colors and finishes in a myriad of shapes. The goal was to create a jewel box aura.

The outdoor kitchen backsplash was made with 8" by 8" custom-colored handmade ceramic patterned tiles, which adds a level of chic and sophistication.

SoFlo: What were the most important design elements for this project?

JA: The millwork is like the details on a fine piece of furniture. Whether you prefer clean lines or elaborate ornament, millwork in a variety of designs and applications can add flourish to any room.

Millwork is the dramatic detail that gives a spectacular custom look and complements the overall architectural design of the cottage.

We used grass cloth wallcovering on the back wall of the dining room and in one of the bedrooms as well as wood paneling in another bedroom both of which provide texture and character. JMAInteriorDesign.com



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