

BRING IT ON HOME

Expertly designed interior spaces never fail to produce as many questions as they do kudos. How can that room be so functional—and so sophisticated? Why do the bold colors dazzle instead of overwhelm? How is that look even possible? *Boca Raton* put such questions, and countless others, to the designers of 10 stunning Florida spaces. The following tips and techniques—more than 60 in all—will help make any space sensational ... including yours.

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TIPS FOR THE FOYER

[] A DYNAMIC CEILING TREATMENT adds depth and character to the overhead surface—but it also lowers it visually to make the vast space feel more comforting.

[] FLOOR-TO-CEILING DRAPERIES accentuate the room's height while softening the hard edges of the window wall. A large-scaled, upholstered valance provides weight and links to the furnishings through its complementary fabric.

[] LIMITED WOOD FINISHES and a muted color palette help shape the room's serene ambience.

[] THE DESIGNER CHOSE a thin-legged, contemporary console to deliver style and scale to the entry without introducing undesirable bulk.

[] THE MIRROR'S CURLICUE FRAME repeats the circular pattern of the ceiling, helping to unify the overall design. Its muted gold frame provides relief from the dominant silver accents.

[] PEWTER-TONED NEWEL POSTS dress the stairs with modern flair.

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“Dark walls can actually make a room seem larger.”—Sarah Barber-Bazail



TIPS FOR THE DINING ROOM

- [] **DARK PAINT MAKES** the walls visually recede, causing the room to appear larger.
- [] **A ROUND TABLE CONTRIBUTES** to easier traffic flow; the glass top promotes the open, airy design.
- [] **THE CURVED SETTEE** fits this round table and is a chic alternative to matching chairs.
- [] **A COWHIDE RUG ANCHORS** the seating area with a casual, free-form shape and appears less static than a round or square rug.
- [] **NOTICE HOW THE STATEMENT-MAKING** drum-enclosed chandelier performs like stylized jewelry.
- [] **VELVET-COVERED CHAIRS** meld into the wall color to further the room's spacious feel.
- [] **POLISHED CHROME** nailheads add some bling.
- [] **TO MAKE A DARK ROOM FIT** an otherwise light-colored interior, repeat a trim and ceiling colors to visually link the disparate spaces. Here, a white ceiling and matching trim does the trick.

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TIPS FOR THE BATHROOM

- [] **THE BACK WALL'S FLOOR-TO-CEILING** marble tiles lift the eye upward.
- [] **A WARM GRAY WALL COLOR** complements the room's Calcutta Gold marble.
- [] **UNFRAMED, MIRRORING MEDICINE** cabinets deliver uncluttered style while complementing (rather than competing with) the nearby sconces.
- [] **THE WOOD TABLE INSETS** (with Kohler sinks), finished with a marine-grade varnish, anchor the room with weight and a warm tone.
- [] **A WOOD STUMP ACCENT TABLE** adds an organic element to the modern space.
- [] **A NEPTUNE RUBY BATHTUB** performs like functional art.
- [] **CALCUTTA GOLD MARBLE TILES** featured in assorted sizes—24-inch square on the back wall, 6-inches-by-24-inches on the vanity wall and 12-inches-by-24-inches on the floors—add understated pattern play.

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“A powder room should be fun and statement-making.”
—Sarah Barber-Bazail

TIPS FOR THE POWDER ROOM

- [] **THE LARGE-SCALE WALLPAPER** animates the room and visually expands the small space with its diagonally running pattern.
- [] **A MIRRORING FRAME** adds chic detail to the mirror without cluttering the wall with a contrasting element.
- [] **BLACK LAMP SHADES** repeat the color of the floor's hand-painted cement tiles, unifying the decor.
- [] **AIRY, POLISHED CHROME LEGS** add a timeless element without the bulk of a vanity cabinet.
- [] **THE SOLID-WHITE TRIM AND SINK** provide relief from the room's bold patterns.

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