

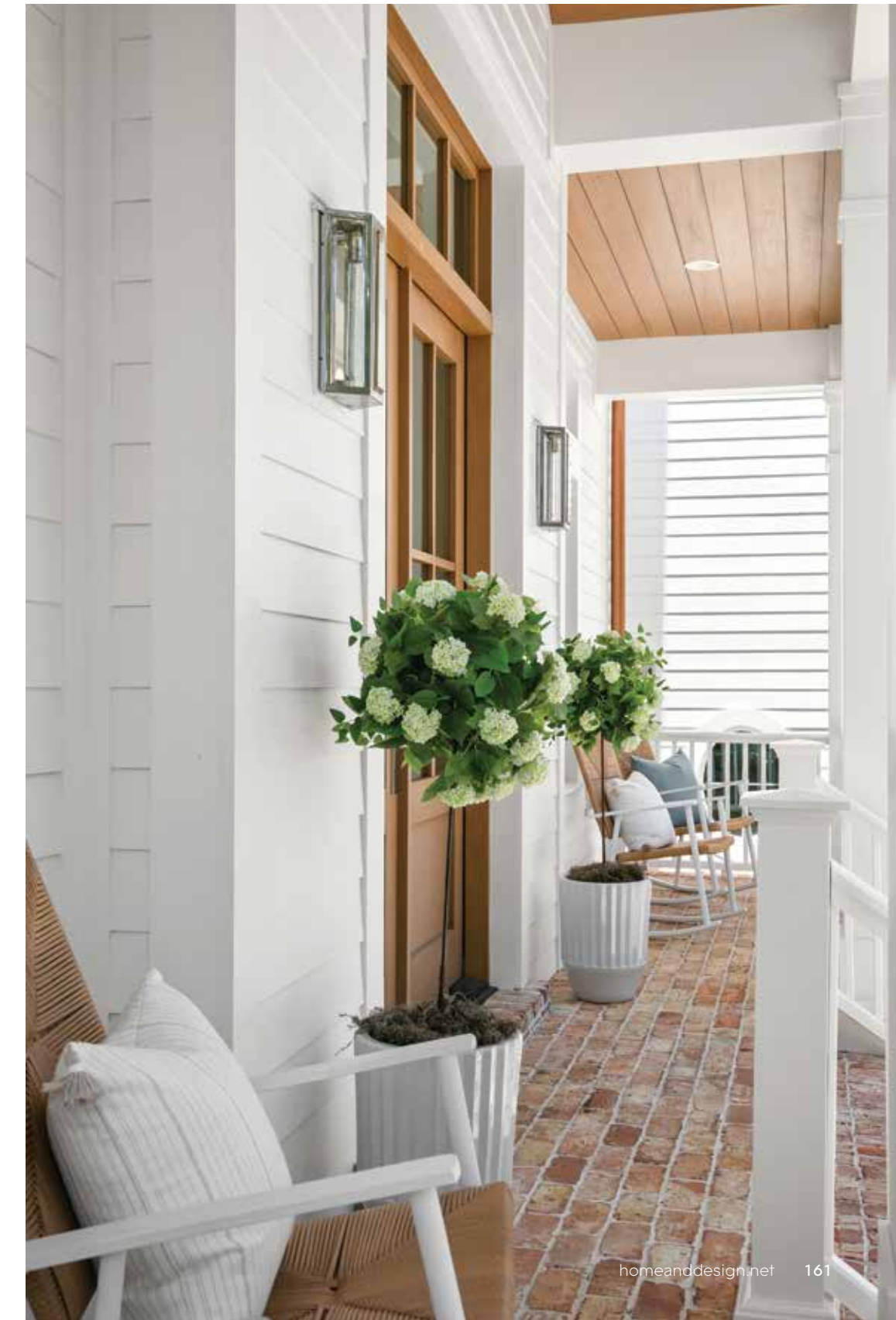
COASTAL CHARMER

LUXURY HOME BUILDER STEPS UP TO ASSIST
COMPLETING CLIENTS' "TRADITIONAL" DREAM HOME



Front Elevation: Trinity Construction & Design carries this project to completion for these Sarasota homeowners. Country charm greets you at the curb of this enchanting, coastal home. Rustic, Chicago brick planters with multicolored shrubs and flowers hug the white picket fence. Playful porthole windows and a truss detail at the covered entry give this home character. A soothing palette of crisp white, leafy green, subtle gray, brick red, and a honey-pecan hue set the tone for a calming, restful feel on the exterior.

Front Terrace: The ruby and rust coloring in the brick underfoot add warmth to this clean white exterior. This delightful comfort-style front porch, complete with rocking chairs, looks out to the large paved drive and yard. Attention to design begins at the entrance with a beautiful door and ceiling. "The ceiling details were important to the client, and to the aesthetic of this home. They are indicative of the style we were creating and were crucial in bringing everything together," shares Cocozza.



Michael Cocozza, president of Trinity Construction & Design, steps in, and steps up to help these wary homeowners achieve the airy, country-coastal home of their dreams. This Sarasota home was well underway with another builder — into the drywall phase — when Cocozza was brought on to complete the job. Cocozza's propensity for a job done right, as well as his methodical nature, made him a perfect match. This traditional design begins with a white picket fence and continues with delightful features like porthole windows and red brick, adding to its charm. ▶



"This cabinetry style leans more traditional. You don't see inset cabinets much in modern or contemporary homes — here, it is very fitting," Coccozza says. White cabinets from Campbell Cabinetry Designs rest upon the rustic, natural hickory floor. Graceful curves on the traditional hood leads the eye to the white coffer ceiling, while subtle interest is found in the gray accents on the full-height, marble backsplash. This functional kitchen houses upscale appliances from Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery.



After reviewing the project for a full month, and spending an entire week on-site measuring and verifying everything, Coccozza was able to present the homeowners with a strong plan to get them back on track. “A large part of our process was to understand what we were working with up front so we could provide our client with transparency and honesty about what it was going to take to complete the job,” shares Coccozza. ▶

Staircase: A fair amount of teamwork went into building these stairs up to code and making them classically stunning. After Coccozza sorts through the framing issues, the stairs are finished with hickory treads to distinctly match the rest of the flooring. Strong detail in the craftsman-style newel posts and rustic ceiling beams layer this functional stairway with elegance.

Study Nook: Distressed, reclaimed French doors hang barn-door style in front of this quaint and casual nook. The homeowners select plantation shutters for the versatility and country charm they imbue, while the transom window above fills the nook with light. This study nook incorporates two desks and a cased-out window seat.

Great Room: This voluminous, open-to-below great room connects the two floors with magnificent, heavy-beam trusses — a true architectural feature and delight. Island-inspired rattan-back chairs sit across from the voluptuous, soft-gray sectional that faces the view of the canals through the large sliding glass doors and clerestory windows.



Cocozza's experience in luxury custom homes and large-scale renovations gives him an edge for projects of this magnitude. Although the homeowners took on a strong role in the design of the home, Brittany Cocozza, lead interior designer of Trinity Construction & Design, happily lends her talents in key areas. Vice President of Trinity Construction & Design, Jay Schoenfelder, oversaw the project, graciously leading the homeowners through their first custom home experience. This home is an enchanting palette of crisp white softened with rosy brick, rustic hickory, and creamy grays, blues, and corals. The homeowner brings in natural, earthy pieces with rattan, brass, and organic lines.

Master Bedroom: The alder frame canopy bed sits atop a soft, braided wool rug from Serena & Lily. The homeowners request a wall that for now encloses a study area, but later can be demolished to expand the master bedroom. Cocozza preplans by running the floor under this wall to make the future transition easier. "Those types of conversations are important to have with your clients, and I think it is excellent that these clients have that kind of vision and foresight to understand how they want to live in the home now and later on," shares Cocozza.

Master Bathroom: The gray and white tile pieces custom cut for this herringbone design have a level transition into the shower enclosed with glass walls. A full slab marble-like porcelain lines the shower and is both luxurious and seamless with no grout lines. This master bathroom is full of custom millwork, furniture-inspired cabinets, and tulip-shaped sconces that all come together in a smart, uplifting design.





Bonus Room: This spacious bonus room sits above the garage. A built-in storage bench doubles as seating in front of the dormer window, and the same warm hickory floor spans this sprawling space. The vaulted ceiling features a white ridge beam and faux rafters that give this space its traditional guise. Initially installed askew by the previous builder, the opening of the porthole window is reframed and reset by Coccozza to give this home a proper finish.

Coccozza's twin brother, a masterful artisan and owner of a local woodwork company, joins the team to create the delightful architectural details throughout the home, such as the large timber frame trusses. He also assists in overcoming obstacles, like the framing of the stairs. Working together, they correct the code issues and build a harmonious stairway with craftsman touches. The fireplace, television area, and study nook had not been thought through, so Coccozza utilizes three-dimensional modeling to help the clients visualize different options for spaces in order to provide them with the design they desire. ■

Pool Bath: "The pool bath has some craftsman features that tie into the stairwell, and on its own the pool bath has a great blend of styles," describes Coccozza. Striking navy cabinets from Campbell Cabinetry Designs sit atop a fresh, gray and white Mediterranean pattern tile. Brass sconces flank an oval brass-framed mirror that tie in with the crystal door knob, altogether creating a vintage appeal. Nickel-slot, tongue-and-groove wainscot lines the wall and matches perfectly with the wing walls.

Guest Bedroom: This charming guest bedroom features a bed that boasts a tufted headboard in a natural earth tone that contrasts the soothing pink bedding adorned with subtle pink and white decorative pillows. The rosy hues in the shades of the mercury glass table lamps supply added warmth and charm to the space. Soft, subtle gray carpet adds to the neutral color palette. The tranquil art prints above the bed were locally sourced by the homeowner, who used acrylic frames as a finishing touch.





Rear Elevation: Coccozza works with a local stucco company on aesthetically pleasing columns and maintains the architectural beauty, matches the crisp white siding, and provides long lasting durability. The columns boost a glass smooth stucco and are able to withstand the elements.

Outdoor Living: The exquisite architecture frames the rear terrace's stunning vista. The PVC and glass railing system allows for unobstructed views of both the water and the natural landscape. Pavers that seamlessly match the light color palette span this ample space that has both a relaxing conversation area and an outdoor grill and bar with a fantastic concrete countertop by BenNettles Concrete Design.

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