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This beautiful 7000 square foot home in Fort Lauderdale was created by Interior Designer Kenneth Crawford for his Tennessee client. Located on a corner lot with stunning northern and southern views of the Intracoastal Waterway and a side canal, the three story ultra-contemporary house was a departure from the normal conservative designs from the midwest.

“Color, color, color” what Kenneth’s client stated he wanted.

Designed with that in mind, each room has its own spectrum of color that blends harmoniously throughout the entire house. While the husband and white became fully engaged with the selections of furniture and fabrics and red being the husband’s color, you can see how strategically Kenneth positioned this color.

The house needed to be a fun retreat for his family and friends. With that, when one enters the house, they are greeted by what was the formal living area which, went to the way side to house to house a polished stainless steel pool table. You knew then it’s a house for entertaining. The two story family room positioned in the corner of house, is incased all in glass for maximizing the breathtaking views down the Intracoastal Waterway. In white leather, one can relax on the Roche Bobois sectional that transforms into reclining chaises. A custom cup like chair designed by Jai Jalian, along with Anima Adomas adds a pop of color when one enters.

A Stainless Steel and leather coffee table, along with a structural designed white lacquer pop-up TV console adds to this unique and pristine appearance. A sculpture by Martin Schreiber along with Art Fusion Galleries, placed on the coffee table once again brings the clients favorite color into play. So not to conflict with the views, Kenneth made sure that every piece was scaled properly.

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The kitchen with its unrestricted view of the waterway is adorned by gleaming contemporary white lacquer cabinets on walnut clad walls. Tiger marble tops along with stainless steel appliances add to this chef’s dream kitchen. Grey leather stools by Cattelan Italia allows family or friends to enjoy a snack or keep the chef company while preparing a fabulous meal. An architectural polished stainless steel table and white leather chairs float effortlessly in the breakfast area. A splash of blue is introduced by the art glass bowl by artist Choi Kei Hoi as well as adding the color red with the lips by Darko Cuglievan from Art Fusion Art Galleries. An intimate lanai with an exterior kitchen and fire pit is adjacent to the kitchen. Imagine enjoying an entertaining evening with friends while taking in the views!!

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Entering the residence, one is introduced to an aerial view of the Intracoastal Waterway frames by Florida palms. A polished stainless steel pool table with walnut trim from Mitchell Exclusive Billiards sets the stage of the home. An angular white leather bench by Brueton is flanked by two iridescent custom blue cone tables from E.G. Cody, allows for a scenic view while awaiting their turn to play. - continued on next page -
The formal dining area with its panoramic views of the waterways was designed by Kenneth to keep with the sleek and sophisticated design of the house. Marble floors and an open cantilevered walnut staircase, which seems to float, add to the drama.

A spot for a future custom sculpture is located under the staircase, which is framed by glass. A polished stainless steel table by Andrea Lucatello is surrounded by polished stainless steel-based white leather chairs. A custom blue art glass sculpture centerpiece designed by Kenneth was to resemble flowing water.

A Philippe Stark “Long and Hard” light fixture illuminates the table and centerpiece without interrupting the view. An undulating white lacquer buffet is adorned by a polished stainless steel sculpture by renowned artist Martin Schreiher, which reflects the blues from water and sky. A covered Lanai situated in front of the dining area allows guests to retreat and relax after dinner. To the left is the two-story area that houses the pool table and to the right is the spacious two-story family area.

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The sleek lap swimming pool mirrors the design of the house and is guarded by Majestic Washingtonian Palm trees. Two covered Lanais are off the left with custom fiberglass sofas for one to lounge after swimming. It is the relationship of interior and exterior that flows together and has an exotic feel day or even at night with the pool or tree lights. The face Nemo sculpture from Anima Adomus appears to enjoy his place as well. Off to the right is the dock where one can park their yacht for quick getaways to the Bahamas or to the Keys. “I love my house, I really love, love my house” quotes Kenneth’s client every time he returns. “That is my goal, to have my clients happy” Kenneth says.
Contemporary aesthetics continue into the master bedroom. Plush white carpet throughout the bedroom makes it feel as though you are walking on a cloud. On stainless steel tracks, the walnut doors close for privacy and when open, allow one to enter the spa-like master bathroom or morning kitchen for refreshment before sleep. A Brueton custom bed and nightstands from E.G. Cody takes center stage while off to the side one finds a comfortable chaise from Ensemble Collection allows for a mid-day nap. So not to take important real-estate away from the nightstands, Kenneth used minimalistic globe pendants. A commissioned piece Lady Rothko by local artist William Braemer is positioned over the bed in the owners’ favorite color red as well as an alabaster sculpture by Ted Haft, located on the nightstand. Custom bedding and accents finish this retreat!!

(UPPER RIGHT) The circular leather bed adds a humorous touch to the guest bedroom. Custom color circular nightstand flank the bed picking up on the colors of the custom bedding and accents. A commissioned piece of art by a local artist also picks up on the color scheme and the faux fur blanket adds a glamorous touch. A clear resin chair allows one to view the Intracoastal Waterway while also supplying a place to sit. A walk-in closet is off to the left and a breathtaking bathroom is off to the right.

(LOWER RIGHT) The second floor guest bedroom is a quiet retreat from the main part of the house. A thin-lined Italian leather bed, gloss white lacquer nightstands and orange bedding gives a cheery and fun touch to this room. Futuristic orange nightstand lamps and tufted Togo chair from Ligne Roset adds a punch of color while art supplied by the owner adds the finishing touch. - continued on next page -
The walls of this master bathroom are clad with American walnut. The master bathroom, with its panoramic views, a soaking tub, white lacquered vanities topped in Calcutta Gold, and a two-person walk-in glass shower really sets the stage for a spa-like treatment.

His and Her vanities are adorned with mirrors that secretly hide small televisions within. Her make-up vanity with a white leather chair is off to the side. His and her water closets allow for privacy as well as separate entrances to the master closet. The reflection of art Spring Bouquet 2 by William Braemer can be seen in the mirror. Full height windows allow for natural light to flood the bathroom. For privacy, motorized shades would be lowered from the drape pockets. A colorful orchid brings the Florida tropics into the space.

Sources
Front Bedroom
Custom leather bed W/ glass support and LED lighting - Anima Domus
Custom nightstands - Anima Domus
Light Fixtures - Light Bulbs Unlimited
Commission Art - Jeffery Mula “Cross the Rubicon”
Beding:
Window Treatments By Terri
Beding fabrics - Coverlet: Roma Showroom
Blanket - Roma Showroom
Accent Pillow - Annon Hickson Showroom

Rear Bedroom
Custom leather bed W/ glass support and LED lighting
Manufacturer: Presotto Showroom: Anima Domus
Custom nightstands - Anima Domus
Commission Art above bed - Wiliam Braemely “Magenta Reflections”
Commission Art - Rana Rachat “untitled”
Beding - Window Treatments By Terri
Beding fabrics - Annon Hickson Showroom

Main Room
Custom leather bench with polished stainless steel base - Bruetton E.G Cody showroom
Custom tables with polished stainless steel accent - Bruetton E G Cody showroom
Custom pop-up cabinet Gloss white lacquer - Euro International Manufacturing
Sculpture on Coffee table - Martin Schreiber
Pillows:
Showroom." Window Treatments By Terri
Pillow fabrics:
Pattern fabric: Romo Showroom
Solid fabric: Bill Nessen Showroom
Accent orange fabric: Romo Showroom
Accent red fabric: Roma Showroom
Reindeer Head - Clients own

Situated off the master Bathroom, one enters the enormous master closet (upper right), which has been designed to house husband and wife’s clothes, shoes and accessories. Once again, the cloud-like carpet flows into this space, allowing the spa atmosphere to continue. Custom designed by Kenneth, you find a stark white closet with LED light bars and custom red glass accents which continues the contemporary theme.

A large custom Italian red leather and polished nickel-based ottoman by Anima Domus allows one to sit while getting dressed or laying out an ensemble to go out on the town. An architectural red sculpture, by David Gonva from Art Fusion Galleries, rests atop a bank of drawers. Italian hand blown glass flush ceiling lights from Capital Lighting add a touch of red to the ceiling while allowing plenty of light. Who wouldn’t want this closet?

My client didn’t want to have the “typical” media room (lower right) you see everywhere. I proposed a more lounge look with an Italian “bed-sofa” concept which he loved. Finished in a bright orange with colorful accents, this room would be used more as a hang out for his family. Peppered throughout the room are metallic silver cone tables by Bruetton from E.G Cody to be used for a drink or movie snack. Off to the left is a cascading water fall that is lit at night for additional drama. One also has views of the Intracoastal waterways. The sofa could be used for an additional guest bedroom since this room’s wide walnut door can be closed and a mattress is hidden within the sofa.

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SECOND FLOOR INTERIOR

Front Bedroom
Custom leather bed - Pianca Showroom: Anima Domus
Custom nightstands - Presotto Showroom: Anima Domus
Light Fixtures - Capital Lighting showroom
Bedding:
- Coverlet: Romo Showroom
- Blanket: Bill Nessen Showroom
- Accent pillows: Ammon Hickson Showroom
- Commission Art above bed - Wiliam Braemey “Celestial Bliss ”
- Side table - Skylar
- Art in room - Artist: Robert Rector “Untitled ” Clients own

Rear Bedroom
Custom leather bed - Pianca Showroom: Anima Domus
Custom nightstands - Presotto Showroom: Anima Domus
Light Fixtures - Capital Lighting showroom
Bedding:
- Coverlet: Romo Showroom
- Blanket: Bill Nessen Showroom
- Accent blanket: Bill Nessen Showroom
- Commission Art above bed - Wiliam Braemey “Lady Rothko ”
- Side table - Skylar, Euro International Manufacturing

Master Bedroom
Custom leather bed - Bruettion Showroom: E G Cody
Custom nightstands - Bruettion Showroom: E G Cody
Light Fixtures - Nessen Lighting Showroom: Bart Hikes Associates
Bedding:
- Coverlet: Romo Showroom
- Blanket: Bill Nessen Showroom
- Accent blanket: Bill Nessen Showroom
- Commission Art above bed - Wiliam Braemey “Celestial Bliss ”
- Chaise Lounge - Ensemble Collection
- Side table - Skylar, Euro International Manufacturing

Media Room
Custom bed - Batalon Designer Giuseppe Vigano Showroom: Anima Domus
Custom tables - Manufacturer: Bruettion E G Cody showroom
Pillows:
- Coverlet: Romo Showroom
- Blanket: Bill Nessen Showroom
- Accent pillow: Ammon Hickson Showroom
- Commission Art above bed - Wiliam Braemey “Lady Rothko ”
- Side table - Skylar, Euro International Manufacturing

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- Window Treatments By Terri
- Pillow fabric: Ammon Hickson Showroom
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