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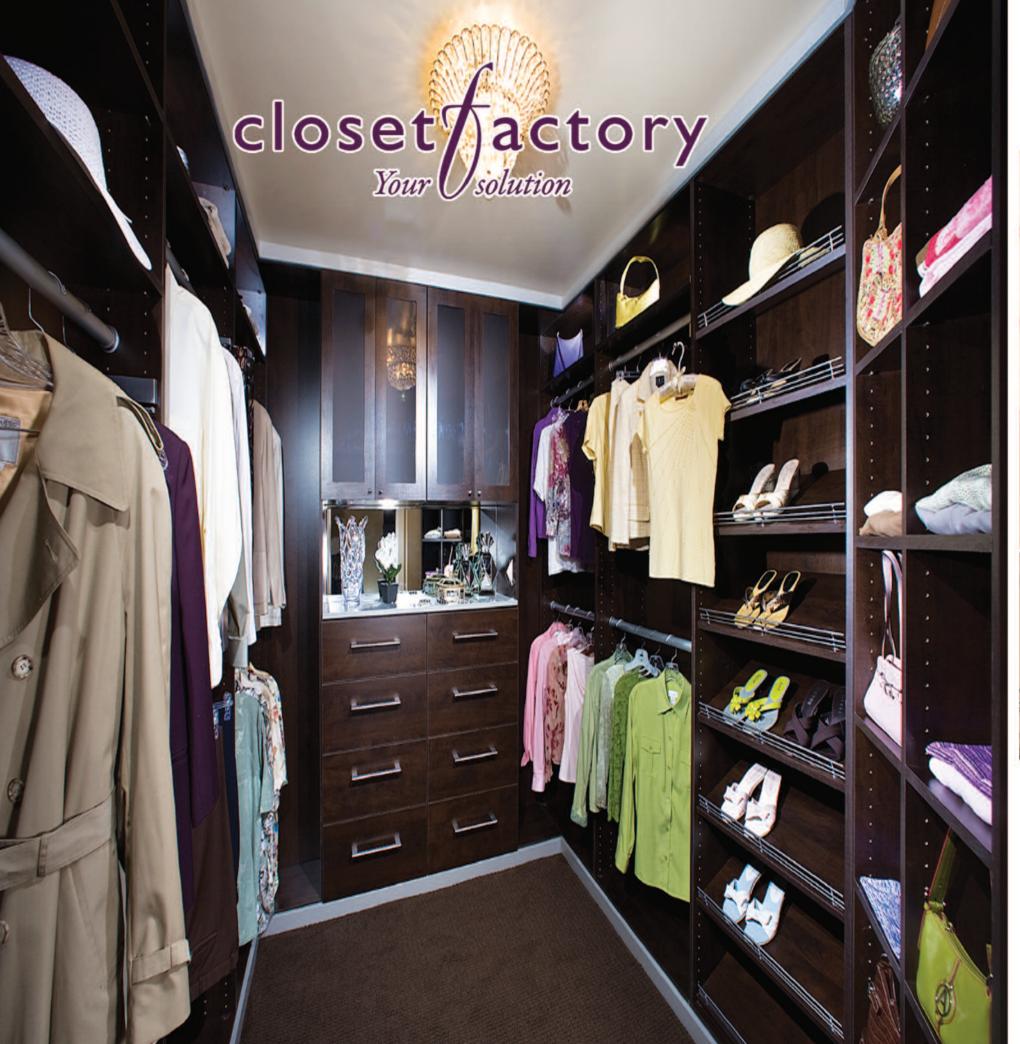


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Written by Tammy Leeman

For Floridians, their patio is very important and it is often viewed as an extra room—a place for hosting parties, informal meals, or even lounging and kicking back to enjoy some sun. The problem with South Florida is that the weather is particularly hard on the furniture. The combination of the sun, humidity, and, in some cases, sand and salt for beachfront properties, can wear out the furniture and wreak havoc.

Many people are unaware that restoring their existing patio furniture is not only a feasible job, but it can also offer many benefits along the way. This restoration is a green process, which saves money and also helps save the environment. In particular, the flexibility of a process called powder coating makes it a great choice for any metal restoration project.

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#### Tammy Leeman, Director of Business Development Absolute Patio Furniture Restoration

Tammy Leeman is the Director of Business Development for Absolute Patio Furniture Restoration, which is a division of Absolute Powder Coating in Pompano Beach and offers full restoration of old patio furniture, which includes refinishing of frames, sling replacement, strap replacement, and custom cushions. Leeman is in charge of all estimates for patio furniture restoration for condominiums, country clubs, and communities. Additionally, she works closely with property managers and HOAs on color schemes and selections for either metal frames or for fabric options. Contact her at tammy@absolutepowdercoat.com or call (954) 917-2715.







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Interior Designer Perla Lichi, CEO, says, "Our new showroom showcases the latest looks in contemporary furnishings and accessories.

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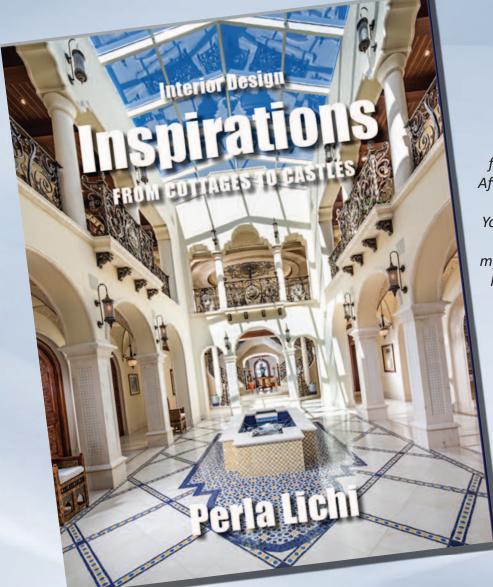
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The living room's large limestone fireplace and the oversized arched windows determined the scale of the room. A large family room "had to be spectacular," says the owner! It is the featured room of the entire home and the space you experience first. To achieve the timeless look, Toby Zack reupholstered the traditional existing furniture in white fabrics to modernize them. New cocktail tables in white anchor the seating area. Two new Cumberland chairs add the tailored look Toby was looking to achieve. The oversized strawberries artwork adds the touch of color to complement the design.





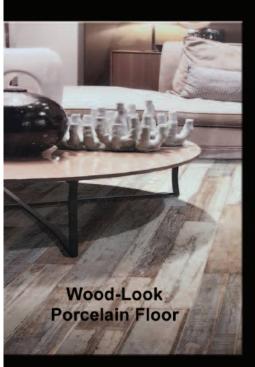
The new open layout, brings the dining room in view of the new kitchen and family room, making it a great entertainment space all together. To following the color scheme throughout the house, the dining table was kept simple and functional. The brook chairs from Stylex were selected for their casual style and functional structure. A touch of glitz was achieved by incorporating an existing polished chrome chandelier the owner loved.

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Open and inviting is the look of the new kitchen. With a new configuration and new cabinetry, by European spaces, the kitchen is now a focal point in the room. A dedicated desk was to be included in the new layout; however, it has to flow seamlessly with the rest of the kitchen. To achieve that, Toby

Zack carved a nook in the breakfast bar to include the new functional and centrally located desk. The large counter space, now serves as the gallery for the colorful food art the owners love. A large strawberry and chocolate art piece complements the large window in the kitchen.

A visit to a NY showroom sparked the owner's interest in redesigning their master bedroom and with that interest, they selected Toby Zack Designs to bring that vision into a reality. The understated glitz and casual glamour of the inspiration room was translated into the owner's master bedroom by anchoring the space with the gilded accent wallpaper from Ralph Lauren. The oversized nightstands flank a custom channeled upholstered bed. The seating area in front of the bed, are the owner's original chairs reupholstered to complement the new color scheme in the

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