

Comes to Boca's Oaks

building process, this so-called "vacation house" just that felt "warm and inviting." kept feeling more and more like home.

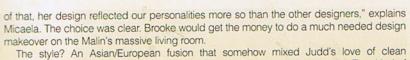
Judd, a commercial developer, is an avid boater who wants to be any place where there is plenty of even believe it!" water and good weather for boating. So it makes and their summers in Stanford so that Judd can get the best of both boating worlds!

me full run of the kitchen," Michaela laughs, "so that's us multiple times, and really take our input. Because

nen Judd and Micaela Malin from my favorite room because I got to pick the cabinets, Stanford, Connecticut decided to take a the appliances, everything!" But they both felt kind of casual look at some homes in Boca while stuck when it came to the formal living room. This visiting Judd's grandmother, they had no idea that two-story room greets guests as they enter the house they'd fall in love with the first one they saw. Plans to and features walls that soar up to 25 feet in height build in The Oaks were quickly put into place. As with stark white walls that just seemed too tall to time passed and the couple got involved in the tackle! The couple yearned for a place to entertain

Micaela, like most women, loves to watch Judd and Micaela met 6 years ago in Stanford, decorating shows to get ideas and see what other where they were both attending school. Judd is a people have done with their homes. One night while Connecticut native, while Micaela is originally from watching the HGTV show Designers' Challenge, she the Philippines. Only 5 weeks after a chance saw a couple who had a large room similar to theirs. Talk about whirlwind! About a year and a half later, on that show. Judd took her seriously and signed their daughter Marina was born. In February of 2003, them up on the HGTV website. Only days later, they Judd treated Micaela to a Valentine's Day vacation in received a request to make a video of their home and Miami. There, a friend of the family showed them a family. Once that was sent off, it was only about model home in the Oaks and it was love at first sight another week before they were notified that HGTV wanted to use their home in the show! "It all happened so quickly," says Micaela, "we couldn'

Meanwhile, Brooke Friedman of Brook J Design sense that the couple spends their winters in Boca Group in Boca received an e-mail from the American Society of Interior Designers that announced that an HGTV show was being filmed in Boca. She sent in Fast forward three years, the couple had her portfolio and was chosen to be one of the three decorated the majority of the 5 bedroom house by designers to create a possible décor for the room themselves. It wasn't easy though. Judd tends to like and give a presentation to Judd and Micaela. How's contemporary styles, while Micaela prefers a more that for a home-spun coincidence? From there, it was traditional look. But like any couple, they learned to up to the couple to choose. "Out of the three compromise. A little give, a little take. "Judd gave designers, Brooke took the time to meet with us, call



contemporary lines with Micaela's traditional style. "The room has an earthy, Zen, kind of eel. It's very warm," said Brooke. "Incredibly, Brooke was able to come up with a design that we both loved. We were like WOW! That has never happened before," gushed Micaela. The white walls were the first to go. A soft gray-green brought the room more coziness. Floor to ceiling silk curtains in a bright copper framed the story-high windows that afford a gorgeous view of a sky-blue lake. The previously white ceiling was painted a brick red to coordinate with the window treatments, with the inset featuring a faux finish in a metallic silver and gold wash. The existing sofa and slipper chairs were kept with their original ipholstery but were updated by switching out the neutral-colored pillows with ones that added a pop of color with reds and greens.

One wall features framed grass cloth that lends an Asian feel while the adjacent wall was proken up into three sections by a stripe of yellow and the addition of two columns that eature a Venetian marble finish that frame a Wenge buffet table with smoked glass doors. Mirrors framed with iron detailing reflect the opposite wall and catch the sunlight streaming

The seating area is centered around a Macassar Ebony wood finish that highlights reds and browns with black streaking throughout. "We really love how the custom pieces [the bar stools, ottomans, coffee table, and side tables] all feature a European style with Asian colors. The mixture works very well," Micaela explains. A wool area rug in neutral beige was also custom made, with an animal print edging (Micaela's request) and a brownish black rder to outline the coffee table and draw attention to the center of the room.

We really wanted the room to reflect both of our backgrounds and traditions, so that eople could really get a sense of who we are when they first enter the home," Micaela plained. The décor is accented with traditional pieces from the Philippines while uropean style artwork that Judd's mother, grandmother, and great-grandfather painted

One major change was the addition of a bar. Previously a linen closet, Brooke ansformed this little niche into a fully functional bar, complete with wine cooler, wine rack, and cutaway sink. Amazingly clever and beautifully functional! Dark cherry cabinets were sustom made to the couple's request so that the bar would fit everything just right. Green granite tops and glass mosaic tiles on the back wall of the bar make this area a unique and wesome addition to their entertainment area.

To hear more about the Malin's beautiful home, check out Designers' Challenge airing on



