



The team at Bardi Designs are masters of turnkey luxury interior design, elevating residences with custom touches and an infusion of comfort, quality, and sophistication.

Modern Swan

This coastal renovation takes a home from ugly duckling to modern swan.

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AFTER LIVING in their Fort Lauderdale ranch-style home since the 1970s, a Florida couple decided it was time for a complete renovation. Located in the “Old Florida” family community of Sea Ranch Lakes within Lauderdale by the Sea, the home has expansive views of the Intracoastal Waterway from the backyard, of which, unfortunately, it didn’t take advantage. The dated Tuscan style was crying for a refresh. The retired homeowners wished to age in place in their waterfront home, but realized every part of it needed to be touched by a contractor and designer to uncover the modest dwelling’s possibilities.

The homeowners tapped Raleigh-based Betsy Bardi of Bardi Designs to develop a new concept for the home: a clean, modern, and light design that would properly show off water views and increase functionality in each room so they could use their home to its fullest potential as they continued to age. “This home could be described as the worst home in the best location in this luxury gated community,” Bardi says. “Our goal was to provide the look they wanted through high-quality furnishings, soothing colors, and top-of-the-line finishes.”

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Bardi started in the kitchen, where she removed walls to open it up to both the dining room and living room, making it easier to maneuver throughout the spaces. She worked with a custom cabinetry designer to create new storage solutions in light wood and white high-gloss finishes in the kitchen, all three bathrooms, and the study. Creamy white, lightly veined waterfall quartz countertops, a metallic gold-and-white geometric tile backsplash behind the beverage center, and brass chandeliers in the kitchen set the tone for the rest of the home. Water views informed the color palette of white, gray-blue, and soft greens, which designer Lynne Garguilo of Bardi Designs amplified when selecting furnishings and bedding. The entire design team coordinated out-of-state deliveries and flawlessly accessorized the home.

Exterior changes modernized the curb appeal. All windows and doors were replaced, including a dated front bay window, which was changed to a recessed picture window. Reconstruction of the front entrance created a more navigable step-down and included a new door design that dramatically changed the home’s appearance, setting the tone for the modern elegance inside. A wall of sliding glass doors along the back of the home opened up views of the Intracoastal Waterway and added an in-out flow.

Whether the project is in North Carolina or in another state, Bardi and her design team deliver creative solutions via thoughtfully curated interiors. Bardi states, “We work diligently to provide high-end interior design that dazzles when executed, emphasizing high quality and the homeowner’s authentic personality.”

