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FAMED DESIGNER BARCLAY BUTERA SHAPED A SERENE HOME THAT CAPTURES THE ENERGY OF ITS NATURAL SURROUNDINGS.

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The owners of this 4,650-square-foot property—a couple who live in Austin, Texas—dreamed of having a relaxing beach home in Southern California. The project became a reality thanks to an all-star design team of Eric Olsen, Malia Grippo and Barclay Butera, and the experts at Tuscany Landscaping.

Recently built a half-block from the beach in Corona del Mar, this three-level contemporary farmhouse comprises spacious, open spaces including four bedrooms and five-and-a-half bathrooms.

The white oak flooring and pristine walls, combined with black steel windows and doors, and Taj Mahal marble details make this house classic and clean at the same time. “We did the house in Barclay Butera blue and white to play off of the home’s coastal location,” says Raymond Langhammer, creative director at Barclay Butera Interiors. Inspired by the Southern California coast, the ocean and the beach, the interior design team played with these soft hues throughout the home and added some decorative elements that highlight the coastal-chic atmosphere.





In the living room, sectional by Barclay Butera Home, Ralph Lauren Peyton Ottoman cocktail table, Henredon chairs, Bernhardt small table, Ralph Lauren rug, Serena & Lily pillows and Slim Aarons print.





Left: Pieces of furniture by Summer Classics with Sunbrella fabrics and pillows by Barclay Butera Interiors

Right: Bed and nightstands by Bernhardt, Barclay Butera Oxford rug by Nourison, Barclay Butera lamps for Bradburn Gallery Home, Bernhardt bench with Barclay Butera Interiors fabric, bedding by Barclay Butera Interiors and Barclay Butera artwork for Leftbank Art





"I believe there should be history in a room, whether it be a piece of art, a vintage rug or family heirloom," says Barclay Butera, head designer for this project and founder of his eponymous studio launched in 1994.

Bright and airy, the main living space is a mix and match of furnishings, objects and accessories that all contribute to a cozy feeling. "The most important room in a house for me is the family room, which has actually evolved into the great room that includes the kitchen," Butera describes. Wood beams, stairs and pieces of furniture harmoniously blend with linens and

cotton textiles with different patterns, abstract paintings and photographs, unexpected chinoiserie and visual references to surf culture.

Bi-fold moving glass walls open up to the downstairs outdoor patio (one of two courtyards) that has a water feature, which also serves as a spa. The elevator gives access to the rooftop deck, where an outside bar invites visitors to enjoy the ocean breeze.

A three-car garage and an additional covered parking spot complement the many amenities of what has become a perfect seaside retreat. ■

Top: In the master bathroom, the fixtures are from Builder, the towels are by Eastern Accents and the lamps are by Visual Comfort.

Right: Furniture by Summer Classics and pillows by Barclay Butera Interiors.

