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A TIMELESS BEAUTY

Who Said That You Can't Mix-And-Match? That Symmetry Is Required? That Periods Must Align? Whoever Pronounced Those Dictums Of Style, Interior Designer Robert Rionda And His Clients Weren't Listening

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The timelessness the homeowners desired glows in soft grays, period pieces and delightful asymmetry throughout the home. In the dining room, a pair of ornate chandeliers from Remains Lighting casts a soft traditional glimmer over a reclaimed wood table from Dos Gallos surrounded by chairs with nailhead trim from Holly Hunt.



FROM THE START, INTERIOR designer Robert Rionda and his collaborating team set out to diversify furniture origin and balance in what was to become a 15,000-square-foot family home of comfort and traditional lineage. On a sprawling double lot overlooking Miami's beautiful Biscayne Bay, homeowners Scott and Sarah Zdanis demolished the existing house and had watched the exterior shell of a new home come into being. "I knew exactly what I wanted inside," Sarah says. "I wanted a timeless home for our family." And also a place for Scott's car museum of Ferraris and Porsches, and Sarah's gym and studio where the former kickboxing athlete turned artist could continue her pursuits.

ABOVE AND RIGHT: Though the exterior may harken back to a Mediterranean past, inside, classic European and English lines prevail. An understated entrance leads to a foyer and into a stairway hall, where Lucca Antiques' wood wingback chair joins an upholstered Victoria Hagan wingback chair and a late 17th-century Gateleg table.



A. Rudin's classic sofa, Rose Tarlow's contemporary lounge chair and Dmitriy & Co.'s antique Louis XIII reclining chair form a social grouping in the living room. Formations' leather stool from Jerry Pair conjures a "far-away" aura, while a cocktail table made of antique parquet flooring from the environs of Versailles adds to the mix of unity and diversity.

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Hector & Hector's traditional gray cabinetry topped in Opustone's marble secures cached storage in the kitchen, while Putnam Rolling Ladder Company provides practical access. Reproduction French counter stools from Minton-Spidell are in perfect sync with antique Holophane light pendants from Olde Good Things.

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"Much of the 'Old World' look is authentic," Rionda says. And over two years, scouring antique shops from New York to Los Angeles, the home came alive — from the dining room, where a reclaimed wood table, an antique Jacobean server and Italian candleholders all reside peacefully together, to the adjacent living room with the wife's portrait by artist Tracy Sharp hanging above the

17th-century, Italian carved-stone fireplace. "Because the exterior layout of the house is very symmetrical, inside the opposite became perfect," the designer says.

Inside the solid mahogany front door, gray limestone "Royal Oyster" flooring flows from the stairway hall, where a wrought iron railing is decorously proper, to the living room with its classic sofa that pairs perfectly with a Louis XIII reclining



ABOVE: Elegance is maintained in the museum-style garage with three entries for automobiles, one with a high-speed roll-up door. Dark cedar beams and Restoration Hardware globes fit perfectly with the husband's pristine supercars, including a Ferrari F40 and a Porsche Carrera GT ... and yes, he does drive them, too.

TOP: Keeping fit is a priority for the busy wife and mother who works out daily in her own workout gym that is walled in antique French brick with mirrors and grounded in Zebra mats. Formerly involved in kickboxing and now Jiu Jitsu, she has added artist to her credits as she ascends the steel spiral stairway to her loft studio above.



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armchair on one side and a contemporary chair on the other. The hidden storage in the archway was the homeowner's passion.

"I am obsessed with storage and niches," Sarah says. And in the kitchen, she got both. Sliding reclaimed barn doors open up to traditional light-gray cabinetry that offers ample storage. Arched seating is tucked into the walls for reading time. Through French doors, the kitchen overlooks a small courtyard where the children can play.

ABOVE: The study is serious with a mahogany desk crafted by Hector & Hector. The Gables Antiques' pedestal table circled by Chaddock chairs from John Rosselli sits in complement to an antique French bookcase from Old Plank Road. A post-meeting drink can be enjoyed on a Chesterfield leather sofa from Holland & Company.

AN ANTIQUE, GILT IRON CHANDELIER FROM WILSON'S ANTIQUES CASTS A SOFT GLOW OVER THE MASTER BATH, WHERE HERBEAU'S COPPER AND PEWTER TUB ATOP HEXAGON TILES FROM COUNTRY FLOORS LENDS AN OLD WORLD CHARM.



But grown-ups must play too. In separate buildings, but connected to the main house, Scott and Sarah indulge their respective passions. On one side, Scott's study and his nine-plus-car museum overlook Biscayne Bay. On the far side, a full workout gym and its loft art studio are for Sarah.

"I learned a lot doing this project," Rionda says. The punching and speed bags in the gym needed extra support overhead. Special rubber flooring was put down, and of course, cage-lights were a requirement. While Sarah selected the steel spiral stairway to her art studio, in keeping with the no-nonsense look of the gym, the room is connected to the main house motif through the antique French bricks lining the back wall.

"I also learned that supercar engines can be really noisy," the designer says. An acoustical consultant was required for the added noise insulation between the museum below and Scott's study overhead, where no-nonsense business can be

conducted. With wide-plank oak flooring, favorite antiques at hand, and a view that spans the bay, work can take place in an atmosphere conducive to success.

And when the owners are ready to retreat at day's end, the master suite offers luxurious privacy. "The tub was the first item I specified for this home," says Rionda of the master bath. Like a star at a gala, the copper and pewter vessel from Herbeau commands attention. More subtly, a Swedish period table seems happily understated across from a French vanity table and its rolled-back chair embellished in a floral pattern.

ABOVE: Framed in wood and fashioned in linen, Hickory Chairs' bed pairs with an antique Gustavian tray top table from Jacqueline Adams on one side and a Louis XVI commode on the other. A wool area rug from ABC Home grounds the master bedroom sitting area, where a traditional blue armchair from Monica James and Cote Jardin Antiques' giltwood Louis XVI-style fauteuil joins a French iron gate mounted as a cocktail table.



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In the adjoining master bedroom, the designer and the homeowners remained committed to the dissimilarity of line that sparks interest elsewhere. Period pieces mix with eclectic furnishings to shape the private space. Even the variety of mounted sketches above the bed pulls unity from diversity.

Outside, a Juliette balcony opens onto the poolside galleries. On a backsplash wall of hand-painted terracotta tiles, the outdoor kitchen is ready to serve family and friends in the three-part gallery. Inside and out, the end result of this very traditional, yet utterly contemporary home is a peaceful élan meant to last.

ABOVE: Again mixing textures, interior designer Robert Rionda styled the loggia with wrought iron pieces from Murray's Iron Works and BBQ Dog Farm Designs cushioned in elegantly durable outdoor fabric from Perennials. Wicker furnishings from JANUS et Cie set the stage near the outdoor kitchen area. Rionda used 60 outdoor sconces from Bevolo to illuminate the exterior walls of this home.

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SOURCES

Dining Room

Table - Dos Gallos, Los Angeles, CA
Host chairs - Formations, Holly Hunt, D&D Building, New York, NY
Fabric - Holland & Sherry, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Side chairs - Dennis & Leen, Holly Hunt, D&D Building, New York, NY
Back fabric - Rogers & Goffigon, Cowtan & Tout, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Seat: Rose Tarlow, Los Angeles, CA

Candleholders - Silvia Petroccia Antiques & Interiors, West Palm Beach, FL
Centerpiece bowl and antique English Jacobean server - Jacqueline Adams Antiques, The Galleries of Peachtree Hills, Atlanta, GA
Chandeliers - Remains Lighting, New York, NY

Antique oak side table - Joseph Konrad, Atlanta, GA
Artwork above side table and vases - Owners' Collection
Bowl on dresser - Formations, Jerry Pair & Assoc., SFDP, Hollywood, FL
Distressed antique mirror above dresser - J&M Antiques, West Palm Beach, FL
Blue artwork - Anne Irwin Fine Art, Atlanta, GA

Wall sconce - Vaughan, John Rosselli & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Area rug - Amir Rug Gallery, Aventura, FL
Flooring - Piedras International, West Miami, FL

Front Entry

Front door - Signature Door, Inc., Altoona, PA
Left wall sconce - Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights, New Orleans, LA
Right lantern sconce - Antiques and Oriental Rugs, West Palm Beach, FL
Stone walkway - Piedras International, West Miami, FL

Stairway Hall

Stairway - Domino Floor Co., Inc., Miami, FL
Railing - V. Ornamental LLC, Miami, FL
Wood chair - Lucca Antiques, New York, NY
White chair - Victoria Hagan, Stephen Turner Showroom, SFDP, Hollywood, FL
Gateleg table - Scott's Antique Market, Atlanta, GA
Table lamp - Porta Romana, Jerry Pair & Assoc., SFDP, Hollywood, FL
Stairway sconces - Vaughan, John Rosselli & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Antique Swedish cabinet - ABC Carpet & Home, New York, NY
Mirror - Jacqueline Adams Antiques, The Galleries of Peachtree Hills, Atlanta, GA
Chandelier - Chameleon Fine Lighting, New York, NY
Area rug - Nemati Collection, New York, NY

Living Room

Fireplace - Alhambra Antiques, Miami, FL
Candleholders on fireplace - A. Tyner Antiques, Atlanta, GA
Portrait artwork above fireplace - Thomas Deans Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
19th-century Spanish column - Wilson Antiques, West Palm Beach, FL
Sofa - A. Rudin, D&D Building, New York, NY
Louis XIII reclining armchair and cocktail table - Dmitry & Co., New York, NY
Lounge chair - Rose Tarlow, Holly Hunt Miami, Miami, FL
Antique garden stool - Scott Antique Markets, Atlanta, GA
Sculpture, copper enamel dishes and artwork - Owners' Collection
Occasional tables - Paul Ferrante, D&D Building, New York, NY
Table lamps - Balsamo Antiques, Interior Design Building, New York, NY
Stool - Formations, Jerry Pair & Assoc., SFDP, Hollywood, FL
Light fixture - Chameleon Fine Lighting, New York, NY
Area rug - Amir Rug Gallery, Aventura, FL

Kitchen

Cabinetry and island - Hector & Hector, Miami, FL
Countertops - Opustone, Miami, FL; fabricated by RETC, Miami, FL
Hood - Calhoun & Son, Miami, FL
Counter stools - Minton-Spidell, Inc., West Hollywood, CA
Light pendants - Olde Good Things, New York, NY
Ladder - Putnam Rolling Ladder Co., Inc., New York, NY
Bench seat fabric - Holland & Sherry, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Fabricated by Maricruz Martinez, Miami, FL

Gym / Studio

Stairway - V. Ornamental LLC, Miami, FL
Wall treatment - Exquisite Surfaces, New York, NY
Mirror - CM Glass LLC, Miami, FL
Light fixtures - Circa Lighting, New York, NY
Floor mats - Zebra Mats, Inc., Rogers, MN

Museum-Style Garage

Light fixtures - Restoration Hardware, Aventura, FL

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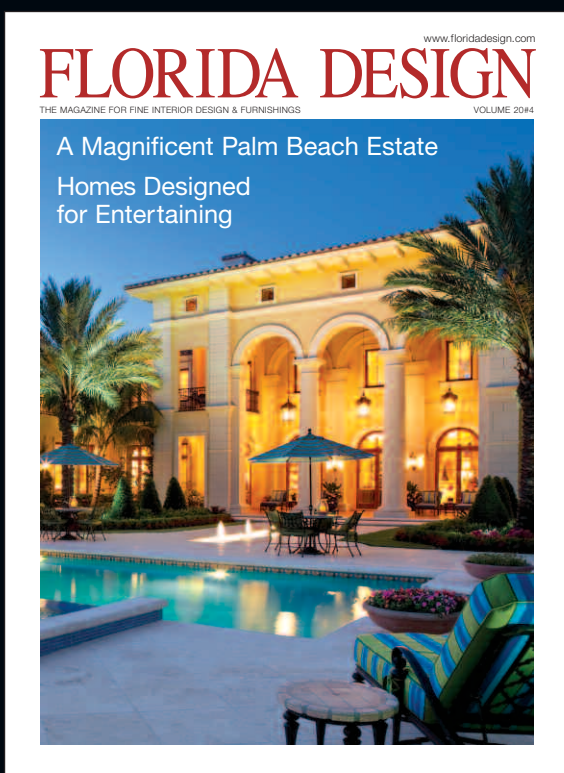
Glass panel window wall - WinDoor, Window Classics, Hollywood, FL
Photo Art - Billota Gallery, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Study
Desk and wall treatment - Hector & Hector, Miami, FL
Desk chair and cocktail table - Minton-Spidell, Inc., West Hollywood, CA
Desk lamp - Circa Lighting, New York, NY
Antique bookcase - Old Plank Road, Chicago, IL

Clock and lamp - Restoration Hardware, Aventura, FL
Horse sculpture - Jalan Jalan, Miami, FL
Sofa - Holland & Company, ADAC, Atlanta, GA
Armchair - Minton-Spidell, Inc., John Andrew Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Cushion fabric - Pindler, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Pedestal table - The Gables Antiques, Atlanta, GA
Chairs - Chaddock, John Rosselli & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Fabric - Ralph Lauren, Folia, Fort Mill, SC

Draperies - Fabricut, Jeffrey Michaels, Hollywood, FL
Area rug - Sisal, Stark, SFD, Hollywood, FL
Master Bath
Vintage table - ABC Carpet & Home, Delray Beach, FL
Vanity and chair - ABC Carpet & Home, New York, NY
Floral fabric - Carolina Irving Textiles, John Rosselli & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Mirror - Joseph Konrad, Atlanta, GA
Tub - Herbeau, Ferguson, Miami, FL
Tub faucets - Waterworks, MDD, Miami, FL
Banquette fabric - Colefax and Fowler, Cowtan & Tout, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Sconces - Remains Lighting, New York, NY
Chandelier - Wilson Antiques, West Palm Beach, FL
Flooring - Country Floors, New York, NY
Master Bedroom
Bed - Hickory Chair, Judith Norman, SFD, Hollywood, FL
Tray top bedside table and cocktail table - Jacqueline Adams Antiques, The Galleries of Peachtree Hills, Atlanta, GA
Commode - The Gray Door, Houston, TX
Table lamps - Antiques and Oriental Rugs, West Palm Beach, FL
Sofa - Dmitry & Co., New York, NY
Fabric - Rogers & Goffigon, Cowtan & Tout, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Louis XVI-style fauteuil - Côté Jardin Antiques, West Palm Beach, FL
Fabric - Jane Churchill, Rogers & Goffigon, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Blue armchair - George Smith, Monica James & Co., MDD, Miami, FL
Fabric - Coraggio Textiles, New York, NY
Three left art pieces above bed - Maps and Art, St. Augustine, FL
Three right art pieces above bed - Lost Art Salon, San Francisco, CA
Chandelier - Lucca Antiques, New York, NY
Rug - ABC Carpet & Home, New York, NY
Loggia
Sofa - BBQ Dog Farm Designs, Bridgeport, CT
Chairs and cocktail table - Murray's Iron Works, Los Angeles, CA
Fabrics - Perennials, David Sutherland Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Bench - Formations, Jerry Pair & Assoc., SFD, Hollywood, FL
Wicker sofa, armchairs and wood accent tables - JANUS et Cie, Miami, FL
Mosaic cocktail table - Dos Gallos, Los Angeles, CA
White cabinetry - Bon Vivant, Miami, FL
Grill and Monarch hood - Ferguson, Miami, FL
Fans - Casablanca, Farrey's, Miami, FL
Light fixture - Vaughan, John Rosselli & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Wall sconces - Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights, New Orleans, LA
Balcony doors - RCS Wood Crafters, Miami, FL
Throughout
Lighting design - Radiance Lighting, Miami Beach, FL
Terrace landscaping - Plantaysia, Inc., Miami Beach, FL ♦

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