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From top: Porcelain countertops by Laminam brighten up the kitchen space along with cabinets by AWM and Tech Lighting fixtures; the front porch proves a welcoming ambiance with palms, vegetation and sconces from Hubbardton Forge.

A phoenix rising from some (very literal) ashes, this client's winter home in Key Largo now stands as a testament to new beginnings thanks to Armina Interiors.

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After Hurricane Irma hit Florida in 2017, a Michigan couple turned to Armina Interiors ([arminainteriors.com](http://arminainteriors.com)) for solace as their Ocean Reef Club winter home was turned to ruins due to fire and water damage as a result of the storm. Originally built in the traditional French Provincial and Tuscan style, the home is 5,000 square feet, but it had its limitations—small windows, dark rooms and limited communal areas. Instead of being defined by this moment of loss, the clients found inspiration in an afternoon bike ride along the Florida shore and a new plan of action. They wanted a refreshed open space

with ample amount of light and room for entertaining their family. "They wanted to move in as quickly as possible, so time was the biggest challenge from this \$3 million-plus project," says interior designer Armina Kasproicz.

Time was truly of the essence as the design team, composed of Armina Interiors, architect Tim Swanson and Key Green Builders, got to work on raising a pool from the ground level to the first, creating infinity views from the back of the home. "It felt so caged in," says Kasproicz. "I wanted the spaces outside to be open and connected with the interiors. For a very traditional Florida neighborhood, this home is literally a breath of fresh

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air." The pool and outdoor updates elevate the space, featuring brands like Sunbrella, Kravet, Hubberton Forge and Henry Hall.

Tile became an integral part of the preventive design plan since it stands up to both fire and water, and can be seen in situ in all parts of the home, from the master bath to the open kitchen.

The \$225,000 price tag kitchen is now the hearth of the home, bringing the family together with room to overflow to the outdoors or into the living room. The decor throughout is primarily focused on connecting the home with its coastline environment, with hues of blues among neutrals in common spaces and unexpected pops of color in the bedrooms, reflective of the homeowner's adult children's personalities. "It made me so happy that they loved the bright and sunny personalized spaces we created for them," says Kasprovicz.

Of the many dazzling features, Kasprovicz is perhaps most enthralled by the before and afters of the space—the front facade of the home now reflective of the openness of the rest of the space with classic modern appeal. "Overall, it was an amazing experience—trying to raise the pool and even redesigning the bedrooms," says Kasprovicz. "They already were able to entertain with friends and open their home to family



Clockwise from top right: A formal dining room mimics shades of the coastline with layered blue wallpaper; an elevated bedroom with curtains by Duralee; the outdoor dining area overlooking the newly raised pool with furniture by Henry Hall Outdoor Furniture.



and that means everything."

Now the family has a truly radiant home that they can escape to. "Gratitude is the first thing that I think of," says the homeowner. "I'm grateful that our home didn't burn to the ground. I am grateful for everyone that worked so hard to rebuild it, and I'm also conscious of those less fortunate in the Keys whose homes and businesses were destroyed." ■