

Timeless Residences



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Miami, Florida

A TRUE FAMILY HOME IN COCONUT GROVE

Collarte Interiors, founded and helmed by designer Constanza Collarte, is a full-service interior design practice based in Miami, Florida. Specializing in bespoke designs for residential clients, their studio sculpts rich and layered spaces with a sense of poetic purpose. Weaving classic and contemporary elements into each of their projects, they conceive interiors that feel refined, serene and soulful through an aesthetic philosophy that melds warmth with modernism, resulting in timeless environments for contemporary life. The studio's projects celebrate tender elegance through sophisticated furnishings, evocative artworks and collectible designs that surprise and delight. Effortlessly inviting and always at ease, spaces are layered in natural textures and neutral hues. Organic fabrics drape effortlessly over vintage rugs and light-filled rooms enhance earthy tones to feel both genuine and familiar.

For this 5,400 square foot villa situated in Miami's Coconut Grove, Constanza designed a modern oasis for her family. After working on high-end residential, commercial and global development projects while at the offices of renowned firms in New York and London, Constanza was eager to return to her home city of Miami to build a life with her husband and three children. That said, she wasn't drawn to the ultra-modern homes often found in the area. Luckily, she eventually found the perfect house with near-gilded potential - a 1930s Mediterranean-style villa with an abundant garden authored by landscape designer Fernando Wong. Opting for a complete renovation of the six-bedroom house, Constanza and her team spent about a year transforming it into an idyllic family home.

Often associated with a uniform aesthetic - sleek, modern, and glossy - Miami is known for its sharp edges and shining details. For Constanza, her hopes for the house looked a little different - warmer, more welcoming, and in an era of its own. She chose wire-brushed white oak, tumbled limestone, and lime-painted walls to create a timeless atmosphere that harmonized with the lush exterior of the garden. While preserving the home's old-world charm, Constanza modernized the layout to suit her family's needs, aiming for both authenticity and practical sophistication. This involved relocating the laundry, removing a fireplace, adding a second office, and maximizing natural light.

Throughout the house, Constanza incorporated archways and sinuous curves reminiscent of old European farmhouses, maintaining a calming palette with textured materials for depth and compelling detail. Adding even more tactile charm, local artisans hand-painted the lime washed walls and Constanza and her team stripped down the heavily-lacquered wood from the floors and ceilings to the walls to achieve a hand-finished, white-washed feel. With every painting, pedestal and pendant, there's always a story thanks to Constanza's curatorial spirit which you can feel throughout this whole-hearted home.

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