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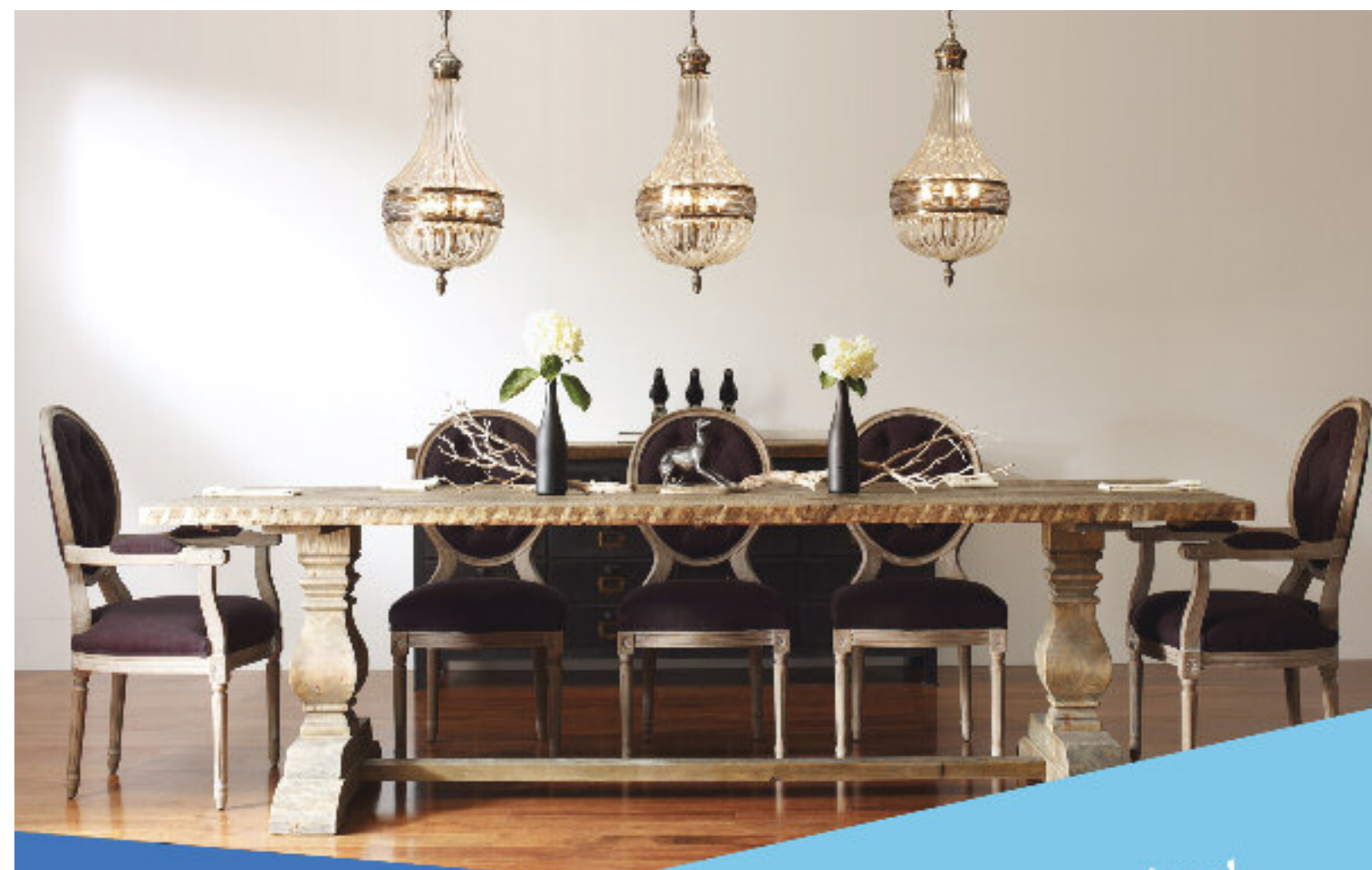
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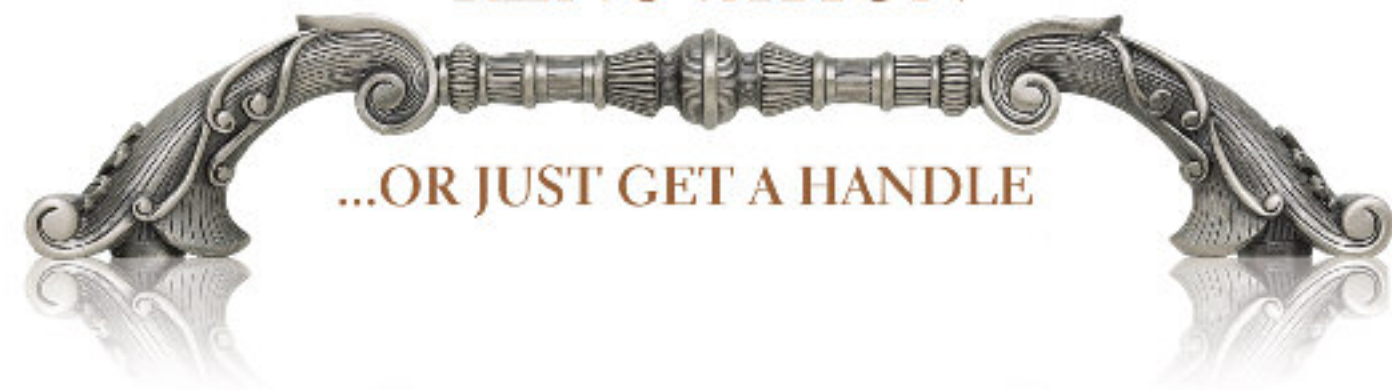
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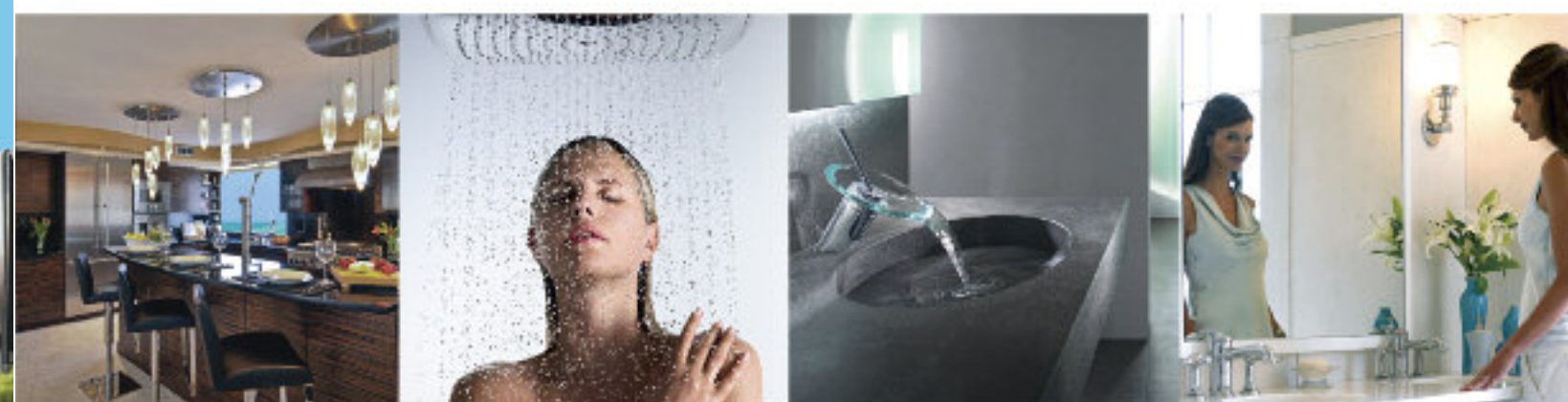


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
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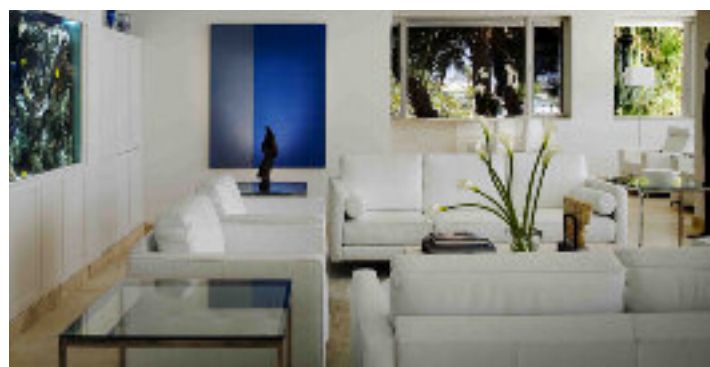
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# Transforming an intracoastal teardown into a stylish waterfront retreat

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This intracoastal Boca Raton project began with the vision of maximizing the property's best asset, its waterfront location. The owners, a vibrant Irish couple with a passion for boating knew that the 1972 "Old Florida" home wouldn't suit their lifestyle of big family gatherings and business related entertaining. The old property was demolished to give way to a new 5,200 Sq. Ft. contemporary estate. Designer Clemencia Dumas from Elements by Design was presented with this project at the demolition stage, giving her the opportunity to help her clients during the architectural design phase. Dumas fine tuned the right flow and best use of space keeping in mind the modern, yet inviting feel her clients sought.

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"Working from the initial architectural design allowed me to lay out from the beginning the interior design we wanted to achieve. My clients wanted a transitional feel, elegant and functional. Each space was designed with that vision in mind," says Dumas.

The new estate has 5 bedrooms, 5 and a half baths, gym, office, and wine cellar. The outside features a large area for outdoor entertaining, with a covered summer kitchen fully equipped, an oversized pool and spa, along with a state-of-the-art dock for gatherings after boating or simple outside relaxation. One of the first design obstacles to overcome was the entrance design. An elegant covered entrance was initially planned but it was impossible to execute due to the setbacks of the house. "We had to get creative," Dumas says, solving the issue with the use of a custom mahogany-wood arched door, that encases two panels of rapid glass. The massive glass pieces have a striking visual effect that resembles the flow of water. Hand carved stone details were used as well to orchestrate an impressive entrance worth turning heads.

Following inside the house, a custom floor medallion in soft tones of taupe, grey and creams sets the stage for the inviting foyer. Dumas fitted the side walls with a Century "dark wood" console with four art pieces above it, each with a touch of color to bring the pieces together. On the opposite wall hangs over a Vanguard bench with an oversized Christopher Guy mirror above it. A Corbett crystal and shell chandelier was the last detail used to achieve the cohesive elegance of the foyer area.



White dining chairs, upholstered in a Kravet soft texture fabric. Corbett chandelier and sconces complete this perfect setting for unforgettable dinners.

Keeping with their wish to entertain are the Dining Room, Great Room and Bar. The dining room was designed to provide an exceptional area to enjoy large dinner parties. Dumas combined silver and matte gold finishes for a timeless color combination. The Hickory White dining table is contrasted by the sleek off white dining chairs, upholstered in a Kravet soft texture fabric. Corbett chandelier and sconces complete this perfect setting for unforgettable dinners. Dumas also added a splash of color with the use of an oversized blue and green glass plate as a centerpiece, holding a few white orchids. - CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE -







The great room was designed to provide an open and fun area for everyday living. Dumas used two large sofas, upholstered in a burnt gold fabric with light blue pillows to pick up the colors used on the area rug accents. In between the two sofas, a large silver leaf cocktail table with touches of soft blue colors on the accessories was placed to give this space the everyday living functionality.

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The bar design was a top priority for this Irish couple that wanted a full blown bar, elegant and unique. Dumas wanted to create the feel of an upscale pub at home, where the setting would entice fun happy hours with friends. To achieve this she designed a focal point feature on the back wall of the bar by creating a column wrapped in silver leaf and turquoise glass mosaic tile. Going across the column are four back-lit glass shelves. To contrast this element, the sides of the column are fitted in dark wood. The final touch is a large panel with a TV niche, decorated with the same mosaic. The Cosmos granite with its silver, black, and bronze tones add to the overall look, specially with the waterfall effect on the right hand side complimenting the bronze and dark wood bar stools.

The kitchen was a central part of the house as the clients love to cook and host. Its layout is open and spacious with cabinetry features meant to maximize functionality. "I knew how important the kitchen was to them as they tremendously enjoy cooking, Design wise, I strived to use materials that would create a chic timeless look, with clean lines, contrasting colors, materials, and shapes," adds Dumas.

The light granite in silver and off-white tones contrast the dark cabinets and tie in with all the Thermador stainless steel appliances. Complementing this area is the backsplash made with glass mosaic tiles in beautiful silver, light blue, and off white tones. The oversized Corbett pendant lights and the silver leather bar stools give this kitchen the last lighting and furniture details to bring together an ultimate kitchen design. - CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE -





Lastly the most intimate area of the house, the master bedroom and bath. Dumas kept special attention to including just the right touches that would bring a stylish feel without overcrowding. This area was designed in a color pallet of silver, light blues and creams, which create a contrast with the dark wood floors and the dark wood furniture pieces. The Century Bed with its high grid headboard

gives the wall a soft dimension. The artwork over the bed, an Anna Razumovskaya piece, provides a romantic and personal touch. The rug by Modern Nature breaks through the dark wood floors in an easy flow of pattern and color. With spectacular views of the intracoastal, Dumas and her clients accomplished a serene retreat in the master bedroom to end and start the day.

The master bath was designed with custom dark wood cabinets, honey onyx countertops and brushed nickel fixtures. The apron and backsplash of the tub have honey onyx mosaic to compliment the wood surrounding. The Corbett chandelier and sconces in silver leaf with cream shades and crystals showering through, display a soft and elegant feel.



For the Irish couple that now gets to enjoy the house of their dreams, the transformation of the house has transformed their lives as well. "I feel like I'm living in my private resort where I never have to check out" the wife says. To which the husband adds "Clemencia Dumas saved us from ourselves, without her help we would not have been able to come up with a house like this." As far as Dumas, this intracoastal home transformation was a dream project as a designer. The opportunity to work from the architectural conception to the culmination of the interior design was extremely rewarding, especially when the result is simply an astonishing home.

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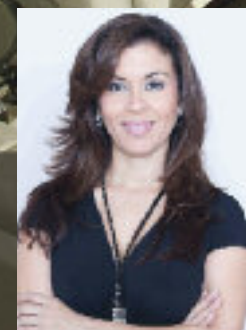
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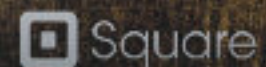
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Using a clean, simple and open design concept, the living room exudes warmth and emphasizes natural textures and raw materials complemented with punches of bright color. The textures range from compact weaves to soft, supple leathers, evoking a sense of ease and comfort. With ample seating for entertaining, the Leathercraft sofa and chairs and the Indo Puri cocktail tables are modern but not trendy, ageless in design and strong in their statement. The fusion of technology and design becomes the state-of-the-art home automation system that controls the audio/visual, lighting and motorized sun shades. In the Dining Area the bold zebra printed hide on the dining chairs by Palecek create a striking balance against the white Thassos marble with black Absolute border.

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This spectacular home is situated on the island of Aruba and affords a spectacular view of the Caribbean. The owners live in Florida but decided to have a dream home built in Aruba, which makes a great weekend getaway not only for this young couple but for their two children. The couple loves to entertain and typically hosts large parties for friends and family.

The style is modern/contemporary with sleek lines, but also offers a warm tropical feel. Poggie designed the home to reflect a cozy “beach home” style with all the amenities needed for a great vacation or weekend getaway. The colors that accent the home are vibrant, further adding to the tropical ambience. Although this wonderful home is situated in Aruba, it’s easy to see how the decor would perfectly complement a Florida home, both being tropical and subtropical!

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This 7,000 to 8,000 sq ft home is owned by a relatively young couple who also owns an apartment in New York City. Toby said working with this couple was fabulous, "they have a clear understanding about design and they listened to my views, understood my sense of design, and trusted me". The first transformation of the residence came when architect Peter Bliztein opened up the ceiling in the main living area. The imposing skylight is perhaps the most dramatic focal point of the home setting the stage for virtually everything that was to follow. Bliztein also incorporated features into the fireplace as well as other architectural details throughout the home. Other than that, Zack was left to her own design ideas.

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What inspires you? The outdoors, a piece of art, a fabric? These inspirational items may be the key to you choosing the perfect color when remodeling your kitchen or bath. Now, color is not just about the paint on the walls when it comes to the kitchen and bath. It's about your cabinetry, fixtures, hardware, counters, window treatments and more.

#### No right or wrong in color

Consider a Zen bath with neutrals, a celery green, natural concrete and simplistically styled fixtures. Or, what about a retro kitchen with a brightly colored oven/range and tangerine inspired walls? I don't recommend anyone goes with the theory of "what's hot now" when it comes to selecting color or style. But I also tell my customers to not be afraid of some color—outside of fixtures, color is what gives the room interest. Overall, it's most important that you pick the colors that are right for you!

#### What's your personality?

Some people may thrive in a calm, soothing environment while others may need the stimulation of colors to make them feel good. The hard part is translating the colors you love into a cohesive design scheme. One way to do this is to combine a few different, yet similar, colors on accent walls in a kitchen or bath space so that the colors meet at your corners and then flow throughout the house. It's best to keep your color options open until the major components are finalized—the flooring, countertops and cabinets. Then, select an anchor. This could be the color of your new cabinet door, or a beautiful color running through your countertops granite. Use this to build in the colors of your walls, draperies and accent pieces.



## Inspired by Color—Choosing the Right Colors for Your Kitchen and Bath

By Bill Feinberg, President of Allied Kitchen and Bath



#### Lighten Up

When it comes to color, it's best to have your certified, licensed and insured designer bring the samples of your cabinetry, flooring, stone and paint to your home because light changes everything. What seemed to work perfectly in the showroom, may be very different in your home where there may be large windows or skylights or another color-changing element. For example, a bath in soft blues or greens may look outstanding in morning light but dull in incandescent light. Consulting with an experienced designer can help you truly customize your room's palette, from start to finish.

#### Trendy vs. Upscale

Unless you are a completely adventurous person, it's important to go on the neutral side with big ticket items such as countertops, flooring and cabinetry, with accents of more trendy colors that may not be so permanent. Merging trendy colors with those that are more timeless makes for a room that is balanced and pleasurable. When it comes to appliances and plumbing fixtures, today's upscale kitchens are using stainless steel or wood panel inserts. For baths, a nice choice is white or bisque because it is compatible with so many other colors and styles. The classics simply never go out of style. Kitchen backsplashes are the perfect place to bring in some color. Today's mosaic tiles offer shimmer and color variations in various lighting situations—this is a fantastic and uniquely colorful addition to any kitchen. It's best to select the countertop color first before selecting the backsplash in kitchens, but in the bath it's vice versa because there is typically so much tile used there.

**Don't Rush It.** You should walk into your new kitchen or bath and have it take your breath away every time. Don't rush your decisions of color—they may be some of the most important decisions you make in your home remodeling project.

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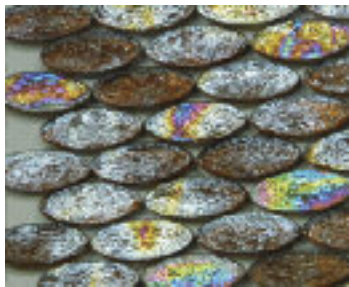
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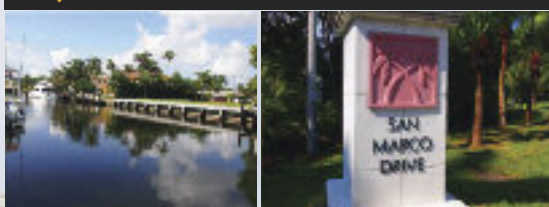
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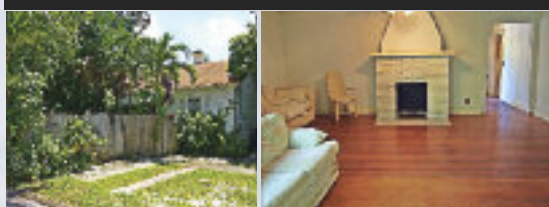
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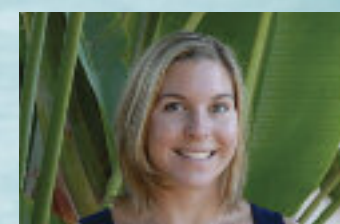


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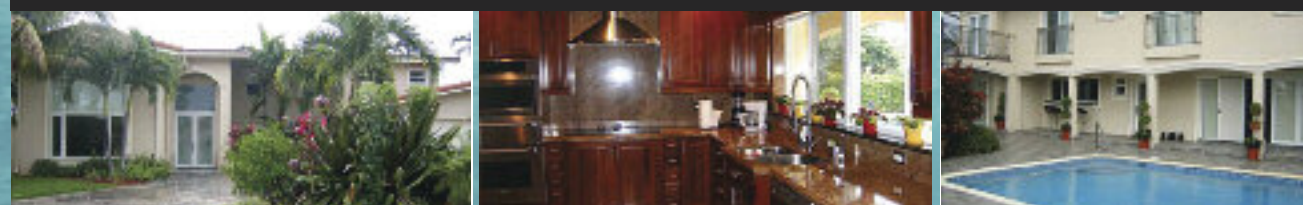
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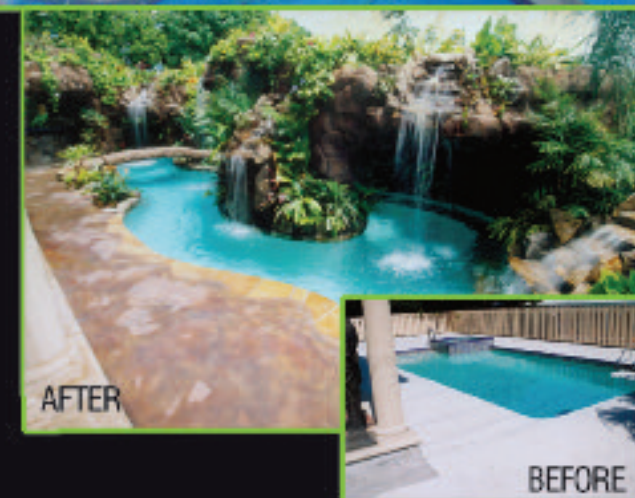
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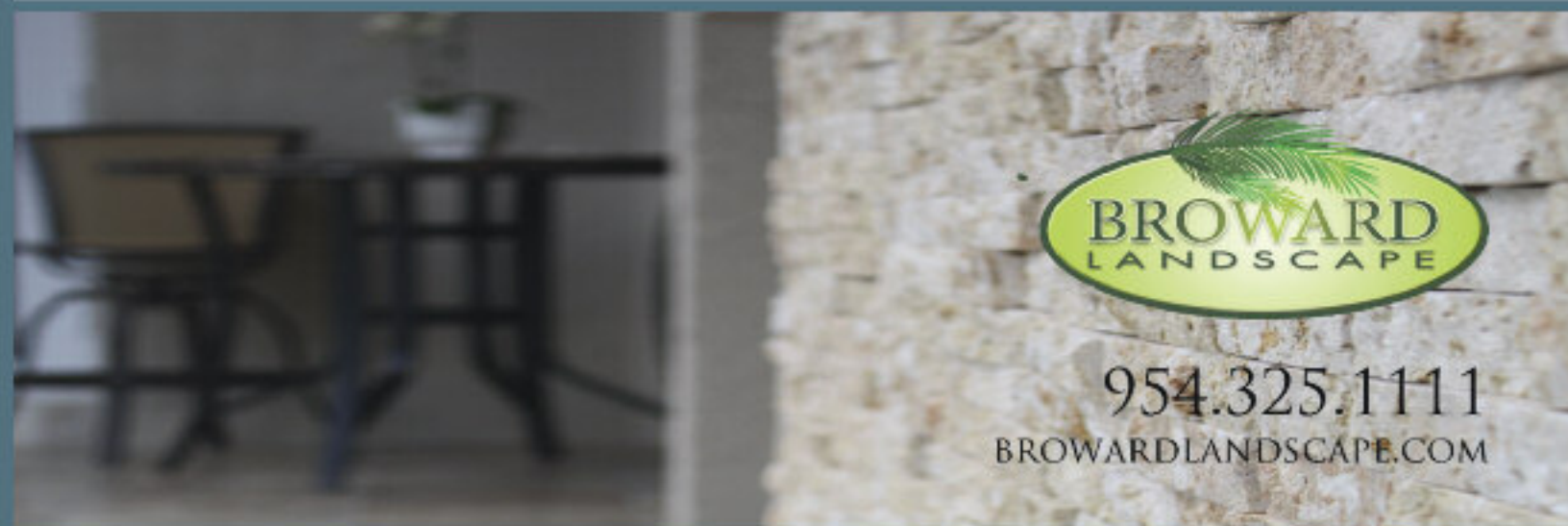


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