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White Hot

If you think white rooms are bland and boring, Jill Jones is prepared to change your mind. A designer with Brown's Interior Design in Boca Raton, Jones recently transformed a traditionally clad Boca home—dark wood, stone balustrades, brick-and-mortar kitchen detailing—into a chic dwelling boasting a “less-is-more” decor with unmistakable drama.

» WHY IT WORKS

White walls contrast with polished gray concrete floors by Couture Concrete Systems in Plantation. A semigloss paint gives trim, doors and baseboards a subtle sheen. The remodeled fireplace features a chimney clad in Maya Romanoff mother-of-pearl covering. The lounge chairs are covered in white linen.

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Bringing White to Life

Step inside the thought process of Jill Jones as the designer with Brown's Interior Design (4501 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, 561/368-2703, brownsinteriors.com) delivers the clean European look desired by her clients.



▲ DINING TO LIVING SPACE

WHY IT WORKS: A chunky, oversized plank table and eight, sculpted wicker chairs dressed with white linen seat covers add texture to the sleek white decor. Large glass vases filled with shells and candles offer a nod to Boca's seaside setting. "The natural elements and woven materials take the sterility out of the space," Jones says.

◀ KITCHEN SERVING AREA

WHY IT WORKS: A study in white, the streamlined kitchen features "white glass" counters, a natural material similar to pure white granite. The undraped window maintains the clean aesthetic.

FAMILY ROOM ►

WHY IT WORKS: Jones recessed the back portion of a low, horizontal wall unit into the family room wall to prevent the custom piece's mass from imposing on the space. The gray shag rug and a custom sectional upholstered in a tight-weave chenille add texture to the room's contemporary decor while helping to absorb decibels emanating from the surround-sound system.



Jill Jones



DESIGNER SECRETS

From decorating with white to picking the perfect gray, Jones offers tips for creating your own version of this streamlined, stunning interior.

1. THE WHITE-ON-WHITE LOOK:

"It's such a pure color, and using it in varied shades adds character," Jones says. Mix dissimilar materials in white—including leather, linen and stone—to prevent a cold, slick look. "Varied materials add dimension and warmth."

2. EMBRACE NATURE: "Natural materials and textures take the sterility out of a white room," Jones says. "We all relate to natural elements because they are so comforting." From fabrics to furnishings, she places them judiciously (avoid overkill) throughout the decor to create continuity from room to room.

3. GO GRAY: Jones chooses cool grays and pairs them with white to freshen the look and add dimension. Reject warm grays; they tend to look gloomy.

4. CREATE VISUAL SURPRISES: Unexpected elements and treatments—a driftwood table base, a panel of shimmering wallpaper, a glass vase filled with seashells—punctuate your decor with character. "They create memory points," says Jones, who uses them to personalize her decors.

5. EDIT, EDIT, EDIT: Create clarity by removing superfluous items and overdone decorative treatments. "Determine what you don't need or use and remove them," Jones says. Also: "Replace patterned fabrics with solid versions and favor tailored rather than fluffy elements and treatments."

Bringing White to Life, Part II

More insight from Jill Jones regarding the transformation of this Boca Raton home.



▲ MASTER BATH

WHY IT WORKS: Jones replaced a ho-hum tub with a shapely Napoli tub by Victoria & Albert that she positioned in the center of the master bathroom. A rustic tree-trunk table set nearby contrasts with the fixture's sleek lines. Custom cabinets, washed with a gray finish, appear to float above the floor.



▲ DINING ROOM

WHY IT WORKS: White-framed mirrors fill a wall recess in the dining area. The mirrors reflect light into the space while adding a touch of sparkle.



▲ PATIO

WHY IT WORKS: Gray, woven outdoor seating pieces with white, Sunbrella upholstered cushions help replicate the interior design. Gray limestone tiled floors mimic the color and sheen of the interior's concrete floors.

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Nature-inspired accents and accessories bring touchable textures and elemental beauty to white decors of any style.



Genova side table, \$298, from Anthropologie, Boca Raton



Beachhead mirror, price upon request, from Currey & Company, curreyandcompany.com



Jim Denney stump table, \$899, from ABC Carpet & Home, Delray Beach



Sea star sand pillow, \$228, from Barclay Butera, barclaybutera.com