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A CLASSICALLY CASUAL ATLANTIC RETREAT

Terry Cudmore, president and owner of Cudmore Builders and Randall Stofft, principal of Stofft Cooney Architects, have created hundreds of Florida's most exquisite homes and met many homeowners in that time. But they both agree that the couple for whom they created this magnificent residence in Manalapan, Florida were dream clients.

Stofft notes, "This was to be their vacation home and they wanted it to have a resort feel, but be elegant as well. They were very respectful to the architecture, allowing me to use my expertise to guide them, and to ensure that we made the best use of the site and its magnificent views."

Cudmore was delighted by their enthusiasm, appreciation, and the fact that they had only one rule: "Always err towards the best quality," says Cudmore. This resulted in the use of only the finest building materials built around a palette of eight subtly different colors (even varying shades of white), adding texture and depth to the finished project.

"Our creativity, when it comes to designing waterfront homes in tropical climates, is second-to-none," says Stofft. "Here we created the exemplary piece of architecture in the area and it will only grow better with time."

Cudmore nods in assent and then pays what is surely the highest compliment to the finished project, "I would be proud to live in this home with my own family." ■

**Left:** Classical architecture meets southern charm in this show-stopping home nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Intercostal Waterway. Taking advantage of a natural dune on the site, the residence features eight coral stone steps leading up to double mahogany and glass doors. The second story features a west facing sunset balcony leading to a gallery walkway bordering the guest rooms. Hanging light fixtures illuminate the tongue-and-groove cypress ceiling under the solid copper roof, a rare choice, and one that offers not only beauty but permanence.