

# MODERN IN MIDTOWN

WARM AND COOL ELEMENTS  
COMBINE TO CREATE A  
LUXURIOUS RETREAT IN MIAMI

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The lower penthouse view of Miami’s bustling cityscape sets the tone for this 5,664-square-foot modern 4 Midtown condominium. And designer Nathalie Milazzo puts this vibrant feature to good use as chic white linen draperies pull open to reveal the stunning panorama through floor-to-ceiling walls of glass. “People think modern is about cold and white,” Milazzo says. “It’s really more about the line. You take key features and put them in the light.” In keeping, the theme of linear visuals flows throughout the home from the main social areas into the private spaces.

**RIGHT:** The neutral color palette and geometric designs couple with wood pieces and dark accents in the living area. Here, Crate & Barrel’s deep-seated sofa and West Elm’s velvet-clad lounge chairs shape a social space cooled with a glass-topped table and rustic metallic accents.



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“PEOPLE HAVE AN IDEA THAT MODERN IS NOT FUNCTIONAL, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE BEAUTIFUL, CONTEMPORARY AND FUNCTIONAL AT THE SAME TIME,” DESIGNER NATHALIE MILAZZO SAYS.



Learning from her father, a kitchen designer in France where she was born, Milazzo places much of her focus on the kitchen. The heart of the home, the kitchen and dining area was a huge part of the project for the designer. “I wanted to do something different,” she says. “I wanted to make a statement.” The warmth of the Acacia wood-slab table contrasts with the cool, sleek lines of custom European cabinetry topped in pure white quartz. Openwork rustic iron orbs counterpoise with spectacular crystal glass chandeliers above to cast a warm glow over the dining and living areas.

Milazzo chose beige and gray hues in simple complement to the wood accents throughout the rest of the home. No stranger to the family life-style, she kept function and maintenance in mind when designing the living area. “I chose fabrics that are easy to clean but fit the vibe of the space,” she says referring to the

**ABOVE AND RIGHT:** European Wood Work’s sleek, white cabinetry topped in Caesarstone quartz lines the kitchen, where a custom Acacia wood-slab table extends to shape a dining area while adding warmth to the otherwise cool culinary space. Just beyond in the living area, white linen draperies from The Shade Store close for privacy or pull open to reveal the panoramic cityscape.



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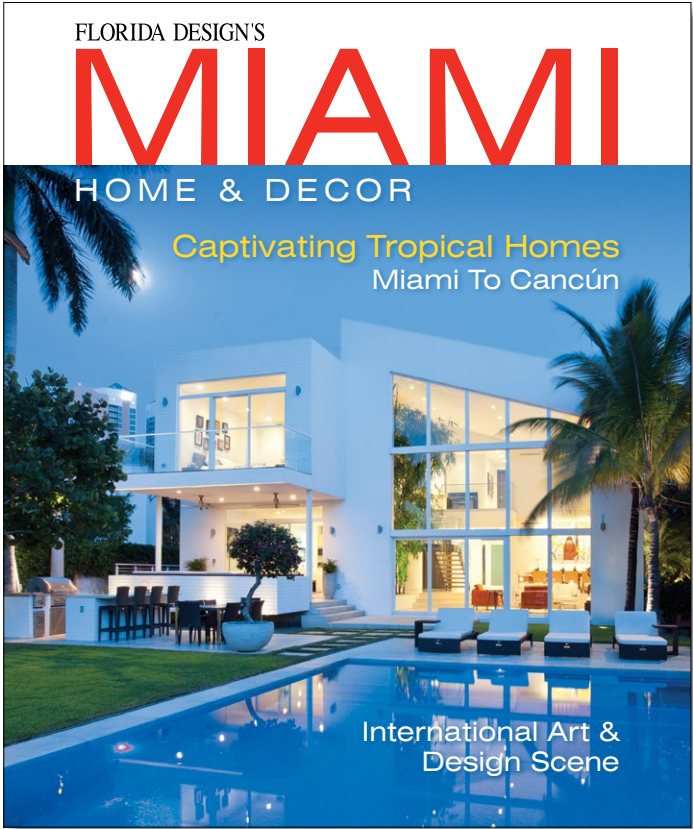
OVERLOOKING THE MAIN LIVING AREAS BELOW AND A STUNNING VIEW OF MIDTOWN MIAMI BEYOND, LARGE GLASS PANELS COMBINE WITH A CHARCOAL WOOD-PANELED WALL AND MODERN LINES TO CREATE A UNIQUE MASTER SUITE. BOLD YELLOW ACCENTS ADD A POP OF COLOR.



deep-seated sofa and velvet-clad lounge chairs. Adding the wooden bookshelves provides display space and the rustic attitude, while the cubic area rug ties the space together. “Cold and warm, glass and wood — every space needs both,” the designer says.

The private spaces take en suite to a new level. Separated by only a large glass panel, the majestic city view extends from the master bedroom into the master bath to keep the area “open and free.” The master bedroom also features a hidden closet accessed through the custom-designed headboard. “I wanted it to be a surprise,” Milazzo says. Using the dark wood and walnut color from the rest of the house, the designer creates a feature wall in contrast to the abundance of glass that makes up the master retreat. “Design is always about aesthetic, but also functionality ... especially in this room,” she says.

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Combining rustic wood with a linear theme to create a unique space overlooking the city, Milazzo’s design proves that modern has the potential for a diverse audience that is warm and inviting. “Closets, kitchens and bathrooms sell homes,” she says. “That’s what people want so that’s what I give them.” And this warm interior scheme shows that functionality, practicality and design can work together to produce a house that is truly a home.

### SOURCES

#### LIVING AREA

Sofa, accent pillows, throw and wood display shelving - Crate and Barrel, Hallandale Beach, FL  
Lounge chairs, occasional table, floor lamp and table lamp - West Elm, Midtown Miami, Miami, FL  
Cocktail table - CB2, Miami Beach, FL  
Candle centerpiece - Pottery Barn, Hallandale Beach, FL  
Chandelier - Restoration Hardware, Aventura, FL  
Drapery fabrics - The Shade Store, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Area rug - Bashian Rugs, Allmodern.com

#### KITCHEN/DINING AREA

Cabinetry - Custom designed by Mila Design, Miami, FL  
Fabricated by European Wood Work, Miami, FL  
Countertops - Caesarstone, Van Nuys, CA  
Cooktop and double oven - KitchenAid, Benton Harbor, MI  
Faucet - Vigo Industries LLC, Edison, NJ  
Wood island dining table - Baliwoodslab.com  
Finished by Mila Design, Miami, FL  
Dining chairs - West Elm, Midtown Miami, Miami, FL

#### MASTER SUITE

Bed - Modloft.com  
Bed coverings and throw - West Elm, Midtown Miami, Miami, FL  
Bedside chests - Pianca USA, Allmodern.com  
Headboard wall treatment - Custom designed by Mila Design, Miami, FL  
Fabricated by Mila Design, Miami, FL  
Table lamps - Jamie Young Company, Allmodern.com  
Chair - dCor Design, Allmodern.com  
Drapery fabric - The Shade Store, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Area rug - Curlyfurimports.com  
Glass walls - Instant Glass & Mirror, Hialeah, FL  
Tub - The Interior Gallery, Allen, TX 