

This Cape Cod-style house was the fourth home Barclay Butera designed for this client, who is now a friend. [Opposite](#) The dining area has a coastal vibe with rattan chairs, pops of color and signature hurricane lamps.



Carte Blanche

BARCLAY BUTERA DESIGNS
A DREAM HOUSE NEAR THE SEA
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The living room continues the nautical theme with its blue and white color motif.





There are echoes of the sea everywhere in this Cape Cod-style home designed by Barclay Butera owner of Newport Beach's Barclay Butera Interiors. From water views out the expansive windows to the blue and white color palette accented with sea shell accessories, the aura of the ocean prevails. "This is our fourth home with this client with whom we've become very good friends," says Butera. "They gave me free range in the design. They liked the blue and white and we suggested tangerine for contrast." The tangerine makes the design pop, as well as adding warmth.

When asked about his design style, Butera said that it is glamorous. "Glamorous yet livable. We used spectacular furnishings, of course, but made sure they were beach friendly and that the family could gather and relax in any room. We wanted this home to have the same chic vibe both indoors and outdoors. I often refer to the

patios, decks and porches I design as the fifth room, especially in sunny Southern California."

Butera was given carte blanche on this project and brought in everything new. "We love that," he enthuses. Since the client has three children and nine grandchildren he made sure that the house was family friendly and was a comfortable loving environment.

Since the heart of the home is the great room and kitchen, Butera felt it was important to get that area right since it set the tone for the entire project. "The home was custom built on a lot on Balboa Island. It has ocean views that we captured through the positioning of windows, porches and decks. The ocean is the best supporting actress in this film."

As for the homeowner, she is a long-time fan of Butera's quintessential West-coast chic style. "I met Barclay over twenty years ago when he opened his first store in Newport Beach and since then have drawn inspiration and worked with him on numerous projects. In each home his signature look has been front and center!"

All the upholstery in the house is custom-designed from Barclay Butera Home. "We were able to design each piece from top to bottom. I love designing furniture and I am thrilled to say I am launching a new 100-plus-piece collection of furniture with Lexington Home brands." A special feature of the house is a rooftop deck where the owners can view the Fourth of July fireworks and the Christmas Boat Parade. It's perfect for these clients who love to entertain family and friends.

This coastal-chic project is indicative of the work Butera has been doing since 1994 when he opened his showroom in Newport Beach and his design firm. Besides the thriving interior design business, Butera has a number of important design industry partners including Bradburn Gallery Home lighting, Eastern Accents bedding, Kravet textiles, among others.

One thing for sure. Barclay Butera never rests on his laurels. Although the client loves this Balboa Island house, there is already another project in the works. CH

ABOVE The Ralph Lauren four-poster bed is complemented by the Ralph Lauren bench and is adorned with vibrant coral and turquoise bedding. **TOP LEFT** The sliding glass doors lead out to a chic seating area with rattan chairs and a myriad of Barclay Butera custom pillows in outdoor fabrics.



ABOVE Sunset on Balboa Island is one of the client's favorite times. **RIGHT** The master bedroom features a stately bed from Ralph Lauren Home in dark wood and linen. **BELOW** The guest bedroom's soft light blue tones mesh seamlessly with outdoor lanai seating and bay views.



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ABOVE A Butera-designed banquette is a charming place to gather for casual meals. **LEFT** The rooftop seating area overlooks the bay and is used by the client for parties.