



## A Mediterranean Marvel by Tiffany Hinton of LOLA Interiors

*The redesign of an Amelia Island duplex results in a single waterfront estate.*

It's easy to fall for the charm of Amelia Island, Florida. Its ocean breezes, undulating marshes, and live oaks laden with Spanish Moss are undeniably beautiful. In 2015, an Atlanta-based couple with two grown kids decided to claim a piece of that beauty when they purchased a duplex overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. "I did a walk-through with the homeowners before they even put in an offer," says interior designer Tiffany Hinton of [LOLA Interiors](#). "We ended up working with them throughout the entire process, from meetings with the architect and interviewing contractors to assisting in all the material and furnishing selections down to the toothbrushes."

Before toothbrushes, however, came the lengthy three-year process of combining the duplex's former units—the left side now includes a den, office, and kitchenette, while the right side includes a kitchen, living room, dining room, and master suite—and outfitting the home to meet the homeowners' needs. The team also included local architect John H. Dodd of John Dodd Architect Inc. and builder Brent Rewa of Call Construction. "The homeowner wanted to keep to the original Mediterranean style of the property, but she also loves a bit of elegance and glamour, so we kept this in mind when planning," says Hinton. "Of course, we also wanted to take full advantage of the beautiful waterfront site and increase the square footage and year-round usage of the exterior living spaces."

These reimagined outdoor spaces include a kitchen, which also has a pizza oven, and living/dining areas all in a veranda facing the Intracoastal Waterway. The ceiling is vaulted in tin, and there are retractable screens to protect the space from environmental factors. There is also a refinished interior courtyard with a swimming pool, an outdoor shower, and a split-level cabana featuring a kitchenette, bathroom, and game area.



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