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*DESIGN  
DETAILS*

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT** CECILIA DE GRELE, LANDSCAPE VISION LLC  
**ARCHITECT** GIL SCHAFER, SCHAFER BUCCELLATO ARCHITECTS

Built on a site that had been in the homeowner's family for generations, a new Florida home by architect Gil Schafer and landscape architect Cecilia de Grelle had a lot of programming to accommodate. The project required careful attention, needing to preserve the original home's sense of memory and place while also rethinking the property's layout to introduce a more relaxed way of living. To maximize interaction with the surrounding landscape, Schafer's "H" floor plan allowed for windows on three walls in all of the home's corner rooms. Views that may have normally highlighted utilitarian exterior spaces—such as a garage, AC units, or garbage bins—were protected thanks to the team's creative relocation and implementation of gardens, walled courtyards, and on the west side of the house, a dramatic allée of palm trees that especially wows when the family entertains below the towering leaves. In the rear, the elegant pool adds to the air of sophistication provided by the house's classic, Anglo-Caribbean style. And lush landscaping is abundant, with clipped hedges of ficus contrasted by a more natural assortment of plantings that relate nicely to the classicism of the house, says Schafer. "Cecilia and I made a point to rely on plants that felt very much of the place—to give the garden a loose and jungly character balanced by a certain formality and structure." Mission accomplished.

