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AT HOME WITH: RENEE GADDIS, INTERIOR DESIGNER, RENEE GADDIS INTERIORS

THE SPACE: A historic Useppa Island home, expertly transformed into a laid-back weekend getaway for a busy family to unwind.

What was your vision in creating this space?

The goal for this home was strictly a weekend, vacation cottage. I wanted it to be comfortable and relaxing for my family. We purchased the home and did a complete renovation within six months, so I didn't have time to over-analyze my selections and design intent. It also is not our

main home, so I was able to separate myself enough and not design it too much around my personal preferences.

Which elements of this space do you feel best reflect your and your family's personality?

We come to the island to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, so it's very low-maintenance and easy to close up between stays. The overall aesthetic and colors allude to a laid-back, casual feel, which is definitely our family vibe when on the island. You will typically find

Interior designer Renee Gaddis made over this classic Useppa Island cottage, called Seas the Day, into the ideal weekend retreat for her busy family.





Above: Gaddis chose a palette of muted colors and organic elements throughout the home's interior that reflect its laid-back island setting.

Opposite: Proportion and scale play a large role in Gaddis' design projects, which she demonstrates by transforming this open living area into two distinct spaces that flow together seamlessly.

us lounging around or playing cards in the kitchen, dining room and living room with family and friends. These three rooms are all connected and are the main hub of the home.

Which is your favorite room to spend time in?

The upstairs master is my favorite room. It is not only nice and quiet, but it has the best view of the water. I love to curl up on a chaise lounge and read a book on a rainy day. There is nothing better than listening to the sound of the rain hitting the metal roof and knowing you have nowhere else you need to be. We also have our morning coffee on the little terrace off the master and watch the tortoises enjoying the morning dew on the grass. ❖



Comfort is paramount in a weekend vacation home. For hers, Gaddis opted for plush, easy-to-live-with furnishings, complete with plenty of pillows—perfect for curling up with a furry friend.