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ILLUSTRATED

CHIC CASA
*A style influencer
at home*

**SUSTAINABLE
DESIGN**
*3 easy ways to
go green*

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Play with texture. Use various colors, shapes, and textures to create a dynamic landscape that feels elegant and luxurious, like your own private resort.

Be mindful of sunlight. Some plants enjoy full sun more than others, so make sure you choose ones that can handle the Florida heat.

Consider seasonality. Choosing plantings that bloom in different seasons will make sure your space stays green and vibrant all year long.

Embrace the beach. For beachfront properties, be sure to select plants that can withstand salt air and ocean winds.

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CREATE RESORT-INSPIRED SPACES AT HOME WITH FERNANDO WONG



Fernando Wong is making urban green living a reality. The renowned landscape architect's local portfolio includes Soho Beach House, the Institute of Contemporary Art Museum's sculpture garden, and the Residences at Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club in Miami. He's also helping buyers of the Four Seasons Fort Lauderdale transform their rooftop decks, terraces, and balconies into green lounges. With a bit of imagination, you can convert a corner of your home into a place of relaxation and connect with nature. Here, Wong shares a few tips on how to execute a resort-inspired retreat. (fernandowonggold.com)
—Juliana Accioli.



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When Pantone released its trend forecast for 2021, the color-focused institute decided that two is better than one, selecting Ultimate Gray and Illuminating as its colors of the year. "Not only are they a great color pairing for home decor and beyond, but they also represent a sense of calmness and harmony," says Alena Capra of Alena Capra Design in Fort Lauderdale. "Since 2020 was such a challenging year, this color pairing reminds me of the sunshine after a storm. There is something powerful and beautiful about them together." With unending ways to mix and match the colors, we turned to Capra for advice on how to incorporate this duo into the home. (alenaacapradesigns.com)

Outdoors

Capra says Ultimate Gray works well as a neutral upholstery for exterior furnishings. Smaller accent pieces can bring in a pop of yellow. Think: garden stools, pillows, chairs, or as part of a pattern in an outdoor carpet. Take it one step further with pool towels in Illuminating.

Bedrooms

Work gray into bedding, upholstery, and area rugs. A nice way to bring in Illuminating, she says, is through small pillows, accent upholstery, and wall art. "I also think this color combo is perfect for kids' rooms," says Capra, who recently designed a room for Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. "I paired a bold yellow accent wall with three lighter gray walls and brought in two-toned carpet tiles similar to Ultimate Gray."



Kitchen/Bath

Capra recommends incorporating gray into floor tile, cabinetry on an accent island, or as the tone of a backsplash when paired with white cabinets. She also notes that gray is great for countertops, with quartz and natural stone options available in solid gray or with gray veining. Introduce some yellow to kitchen countertops with a stand mixer or through plates, mugs, or trays. Bath and hand towels in Illuminating can be a beautiful accent in the bathroom. For more color and pattern, Capra suggests adding removable wallpaper.