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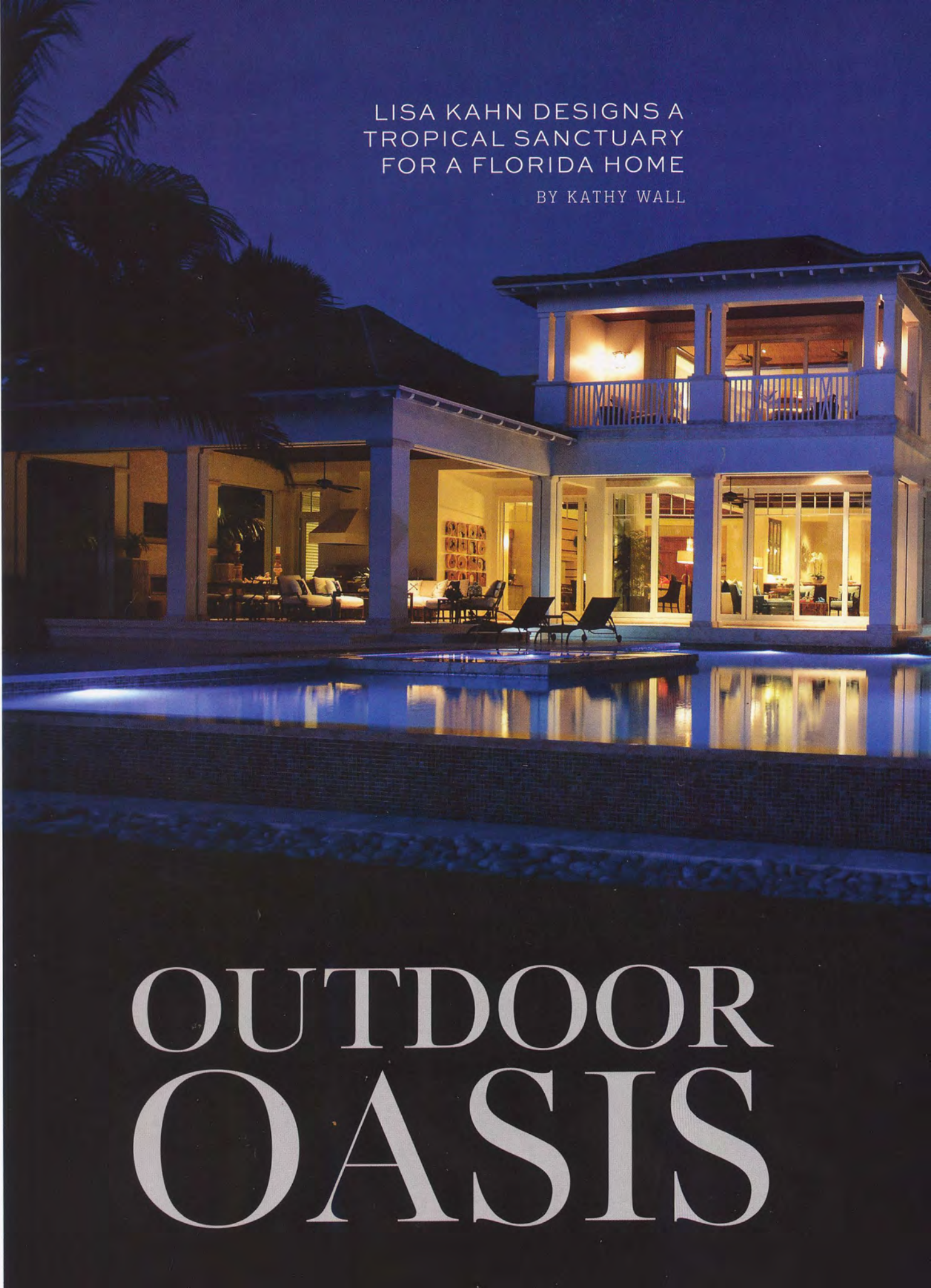


LISA KAHN DESIGNS A  
TROPICAL SANCTUARY  
FOR A FLORIDA HOME

BY KATHY WALL

PROJECT

# OUTDOOR OASIS











All of the homes in the beautiful Port Royal neighborhood of Naples, Florida, are built on a system of waterways that connect to the Gulf of Mexico, and this property is no exception. This new construction

project started with a request from the owner to create an environment—both inside and out—that would have hints of Bali and other far-flung tropical destinations. He was looking for an escape from his busy life and business.

The entire back of the home opens up to the outdoor living and entertaining spaces, so Lisa Kahn of Lisa Kahn Designs set about weaving the inside and outside together in a way that would be nearly seamless, flowing together both visually and in their functionality. Her goal was to create a sanctuary-like environment for the family, one where they could be surrounded by peace, tranquility and harmony.

For the patios and balconies, Kahn selected shellstone, a creamy limestone that is embedded with fossils of shells and sea creatures.

She used the same material to craft planters and fountain spill-overs around the pool area and in the front of the house. Some of the limestone is smooth and honed, and some of it is chiseled and textured—the juxtaposition of the two gives a subtle, tone-on-tone, layered effect. Kahn selected a handmade glass tile for the pool that pulls in some of the colors of the Gulf and allows, at a certain time of day, the infinity edge of the pool to blend with the waterway that runs behind the house. Dark, stained cypress tongue-and-groove boards on the ceiling give a sense of warmth and intimacy to the covered spaces and then tie into the wood flooring throughout the inside of the home.

The outdoor kitchen is equipped to be a full, working kitchen and allows the cooking to be done as easily outside as it is inside. Placed just beyond the door from the main indoor kitchen, the outdoor space allows for the easy transfer of food and beverages, making it usable on a daily basis—not just for special occasions. Overall, the outdoor areas of this home are designed to nurture with the relaxing sound of water spilling into the pool, the coziness of a fire pit, the comfort of soft, cushioned seating, all surrounded by lush plants and trees—a true tropical sanctuary. □