

# RESIDE



## FOR TWO OR MORE

### ROMANZA INTERIOR DESIGN

Beautifully symmetrical, this outdoor living room in Talis Park presides over the eighteenth hole on the gated community's golf course. The first goal for this often-used transitional space was comfort; the second was entertaining capability. Successfully marrying the two intentions was Melissa Allen, senior interior designer at Romanza Interior Design.

An impressive wood-like ceiling fabricated from tongue-and-groove PVC delineates the space and—although designed to look like fine millwork—very practically withstands the elements. A 96-inch ceiling fan promises the area is always comfortably cool regardless of how many people gather in the space. Seating includes four reclining swivel lounge chairs; a large, comfy sofa; and three refined stools—crafted from reinforced concrete—for extra seating when needed.

"We tend to spend just as much time designing outdoor spaces as we do interior spaces, as so many of our

clients utilize these just as much or even more than the interior living areas," says Allen. "Finding the right balance between use and aesthetics is key to enjoying outdoor living spaces." ([romanza.com](http://romanza.com))

## MAJESTIC SETTING

### HARWICK HOMES

Feeling like an extension of its lush surroundings, this traditional, tropical outdoor living room, created by Harwick Homes, maximizes the fabulous views of Caxambas Bay on Marco Island. Chrissy Howard, former senior designer at Jinx McDonald Interior Designs, left copious amounts of open space to increase the space's soothing ambience.

Surrounded by classic coral flagstone, a vent-free gas fireplace reaches a tongue-and-groove cypress wood ceiling. Underfoot, ashlar stone tiles placed diagonally add subtle texture; wicker-style furniture furthers the coastal vibe. Peaceful and serene, this outdoor living room leaves the impression it rose from the water.

"Outdoor areas are meant to bring the outside in and feel like they are part of nature but yet have all the comforts and security of modern living," states Howard. This space boasts a well-designed outdoor kitchen, cozy fireplaces, ample seating, adequate lighting, and built-in speakers and televisions all enclosed with motorized hurricane shutters and screens for added security and comfort. ([harwickhomes.com](http://harwickhomes.com))

