

ROOM ROUNDUP

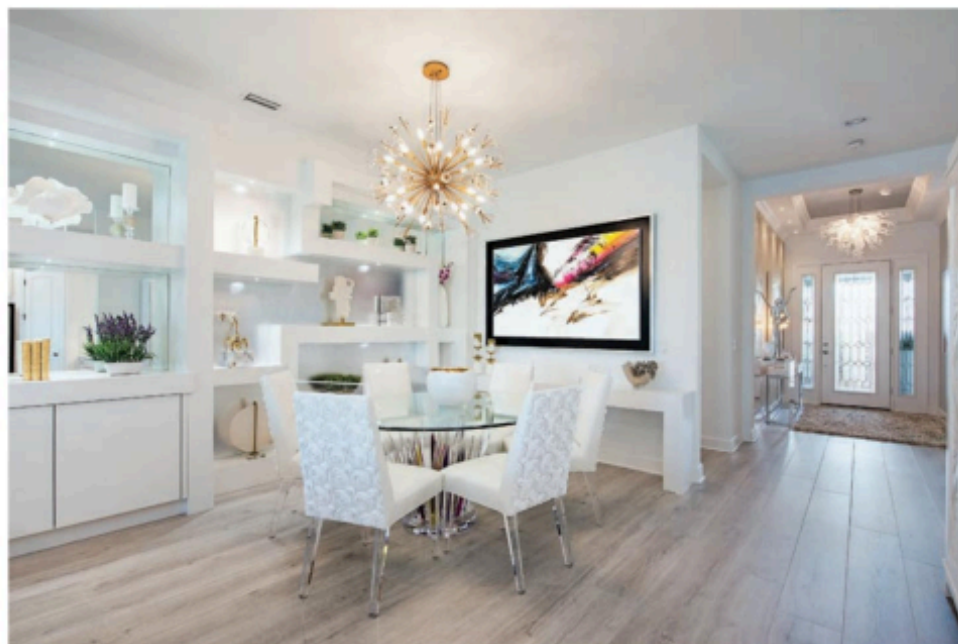
MAKING MEMORIES

FESTIVE AND CELEBRATORY IN FUNCTION, THE FORMAL DINING ROOM OCCUPIES A MIRTHFUL SPACE IN THE HOME

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Many of life's important and joyous celebrations—like birthday parties, the yearly Thanksgiving dinner, and graduation ceremonies—take place over a meal in the dining room.

While today's dining rooms may no longer be the overtly formal spaces they once were, they can serve as comfortable, convivial spaces where we enjoy the good life with family and friends. Local designers share some of their favorite dining room designs—ranging from plays on the traditional to marvelously modern.



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BOLD AND BUBBLY

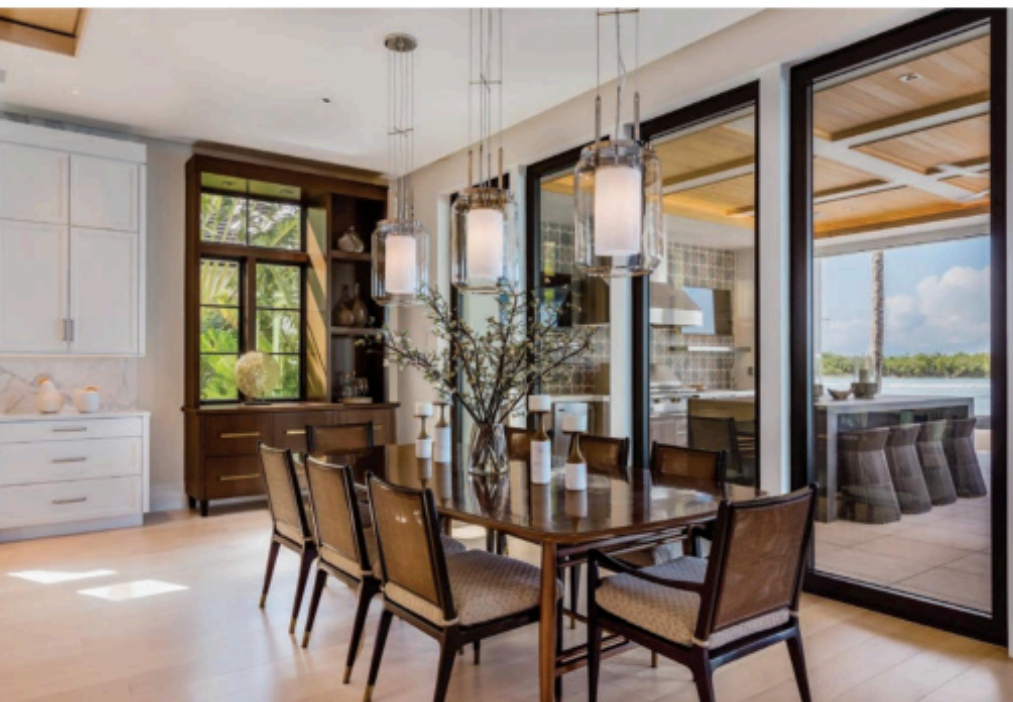
WILFREDO EMANUEL DESIGNS

This cheerful dining room will surely put a smile on your face. Chic, sophisticated, and modern in style, it boasts bold white shelving to frame an intimate space.

Cloaked in white leather, the custom polyester rosettes on the back of the dining chairs draw inspiration from a ribbon technique dating back to Louis

XV. Acrylic bases on the 60-inch table and on the chairs allow for an open, airy feel in the room.

"I believe dining areas regained popularity following the pandemic as a way for families and friends to come together in the sanctuary of their own homes," says Wilfredo Emanuel, principal designer and owner of Wilfredo Emanuel Designs in Naples. (wilfredoemanueldesigns.com)



SUBLIME PANORAMA

ROMANZA INTERIOR DESIGN

A multi-paned window set within dark-wood custom cabinetry frames the verdant tropical greenery peering through one wall in this dining room. A series of vertical windows showcase exquisite views of Admiralty Bay on another. Casually elegant, the room offers a mid-century modern vibe—lit by three oversize polished nickel lantern pendants.

"I blended my thoughts on selections for the dining room to pull together both the great room and kitchen and give the homeowner a more cohesive, formalized approach to dining than that of a simpler kitchen table and chairs," explains Michael Scott, senior design director at Romanza Interior Design in Naples. (romanza.com)

VENJURMEN BEVES