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An interview with

Matthew Quinn

Famed Kitchen & Bath Designer & Author

by Perrone Construction
Builders of Fine Custom Homes

Quinn is a principal of the Atlanta-based Design Galleria Kitchen and Bath Studio and founder of the Matthew Quinn Collection, a luxury kitchen, bath, and architectural hardware showroom that blends the best of today's products with his own expanding lines of kitchen, bath, and closet product designs.

The recipient of numerous national design awards, Matthew's designs have been published in magazines and books including House Beautiful, Architectural Digest, Traditional Home, Elle Decor, Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles, Luxe, and Veranda.

Also a published author, Quinn's first book, Quintessential Kitchens By Matthew Quinn: Volume One was released in 2016 and his second

book, Quintessential Kitchens and Spaces by Matthew Quinn: Volume Two was released September 2019.

At Perrone Construction, we have the privilege of working with Matthew on one of our current projects located in Harbor Acres, a prestigious bay front neighborhood on the coast of Sarasota, Florida. With arguably one of the best design teams in collaboration, comprised of architect John Cooney, Builder Perrone Construction, Interior Designer Kelly Anthony and Kitchen & Bath Designer Matthew Quinn, this British West Indies style home is destined to turn heads.

While currently under construction, we will share with you sneak peaks of this Florida custom home in addition to some of Matthew's previous interior work.



What inspires you most - do you have any particular elements that inspire your style?

I am always most inspired by my clients, their travels, their fashion, their art and their style. I can use that and draw upon my own experiences and travels to create an environment that reflects them.

What was your greatest inspiration for this particular custom home in Sarasota?

This is the third residence I have designed the kitchens, bathrooms and closets for this client. I have seen their taste, style and how they live and function in their homes evolve between projects. The amazing Florida light and gorgeous view of the water are also major sources of inspiration.

When you conceptualize a room, where do you start?

I focus on function first and how the room will be used in several situations. Layering in architecture, axis, centerlines, view points and integration into the adjacent spaces is the best place to start the design.

Kitchens are referred to as the heart of the home, how do you create a space that combines style with function to create luxury for everyday living?

The spaces I design are work horses, multi-use and typically the most expensive rooms in the house. Luckily, durability, performance and timelessness does not mean that there are limited selections of materials, textures and fixtures. These selections are what makes a space unique to the personality of its occupant.

If you could blow your budget on one appliance for the kitchen, what would it be?

I love the La Cornue Flamberge; it is an indoor rotisserie that is so sexy and easy to use.

If you had to pick your favorite detail of your design for this project, what would it be?

I am probably most excited about seeing the kitchen come to life because of the mixture of rift cut oak, light blue lacquer, a light blue La Cornue and hood, two different quartzites, burnished brass accents and a highly detailed ceiling.

Above
 Rendering of our custom home in Harbor Acres, FL
 currently in progress.
 Architect | [Stofft Cooney Architects](#)
 Builder | [Perrone Construction](#)
 Interior Design | [Wolf Design Group Atlanta](#)
 Kitchen & Bath Design | [Matthew Quinn, Design Galleria](#)

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What was the most challenging aspect of the design for this home? I found making sure that we did not repeat any elements in this home that we have in their other homes was a challenge. We know what worked so well and that they loved in their other homes, therefore, we want to repeat it but put a Sarasota twist on it.

What is the strangest request you've ever had on a project? Oh boy.....from Pepto Bismal pink kitchens to spray tanning booths in the master closet to live fish tanks in the pantry...I have been asked and done it all.

You are also a published author, tell us what we may discover through your publication "Quintessential Kitchen & Spaces"? I have published two books Quintessential Kitchens and just recently Quintessential Kitchens and Spaces. The first book features 15 beautifully photographed kitchens and the evolution of their design. My latest book also features 15 projects, but includes many bathrooms and closets in those same homes and not only describes my process but also my clients process throughout the design.

What's next for your business/brand? I have always loved designing products for the kitchen and bath industry and I have a substantial portfolio of licensed products for several manufacturers. I have many mind-blowing products that will be launched this year and next year that I can't wait to see how other designers will use them. I am also opening a new design studio in Nashville this Summer.

If someone reading this was about to begin their own custom home design project, what advice would you give to them? It is ALL about the team. A team of talented professionals that understand that collaboration makes a project more layered, successful and harmonious is always the best way to build or renovate a home. I don't believe that there is a person that is the best at everything. Find those that are amazing at what they do and put them all together, like the Avengers :). We are super excited about this collaboration with Perrone Construction.

Learn more about Matthew Quinn and Design Galleria, or find his books online at: www.designgalleria.net



Pictured
Rear elevation renderings of custom home currently in progress in Sarasota, Florida.





Gallery of Matthew Quinn's Designs

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