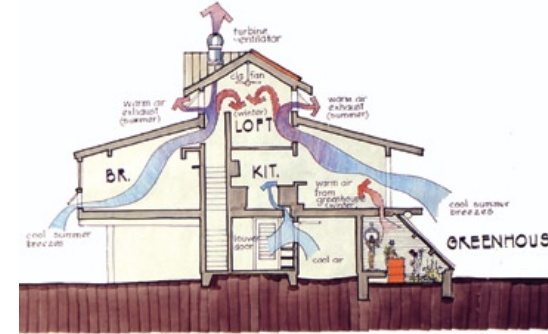


patterns for

TROPICAL LIVING



BARRETT STUDIO architects'
living architecture



In the heat and humidity of Florida, air movement across our bodies is essential to our comfort. The home's siting, and placing opening in ways to capture & direct airflow, allow prevailing breezes to pass through. Inducing air flow can be accomplished by high venting that uses the stack effect to pull warm air out of a space.

let it breathe



Letting the home breathe and allowing the interior spaces to flow also connects us to the breath and rhythmic sound dance of the water.

protect from the sun's heat

Orientation and sun control via overhangs, artful sun shades, and planned vegetation can significantly deter unwanted solar heating of indoor & outdoor living spaces.





celebrate this unique place

The architecture of a beach house can be expressive of these dynamics - the push and pull of undulating rhythms. A poetic response can celebrate the unique convergence of water, land, and sky.

A great day at the beach calls for lying back and just chilling! The beach house can facilitate these lazy days.

relax! let the home absorb you

Informality can be planned for: reading, curling up for a nap, drifting in and out of consciousness by following the rhythm of the sea.





Experiencing the beach is paramount when such an immediate connection is available. No one wants to hesitate to take a walk on the beach because they're afraid of the sandy toes that follow into the house.

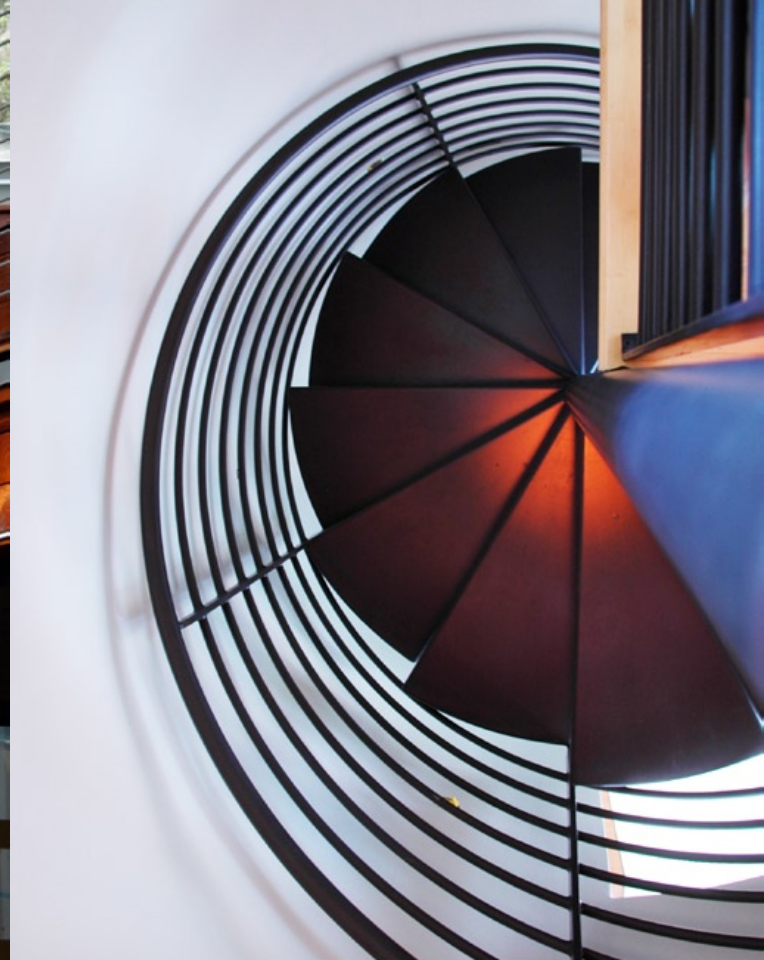
sand in your toes?

Transitional spaces for showering, changing, and storage are important in such a lively environment. With these in place, enjoying your beach won't impact your home.

Our spirit is inspired by being near the ocean. The architecture can also be inspired by this sense of infinite possibility.

freedom & spirit

Throwing open key views to the waves and shore can be balanced by introspective spaces where the experience of the ocean becomes more aural than visual.





One of the joys of life at the beach is the availability of family, friends, and fresh seafood! Grilling and outdoor dining are parts of this social pleasure, so an outdoor kitchen, or one with strong connections to the outdoors, takes this natural gathering to the beach!

a social kitchen is a must!

Outdoor dining can be spontaneous, boisterous, or even elegant. The salty air seems to make it all taste better.

The opportunity to live with the dynamics of the infinite connects us to larger patterns and events. These experiences of waves, tides, storms, and the gradual movement of the sands allow us to sense the variability of time and the aliveness of our planet!

precious & precarious

The beach house should be both a lens for taking in and absorbing these active events, and a well conceived vessel - much like a boat to weather these sometimes intense conditions.

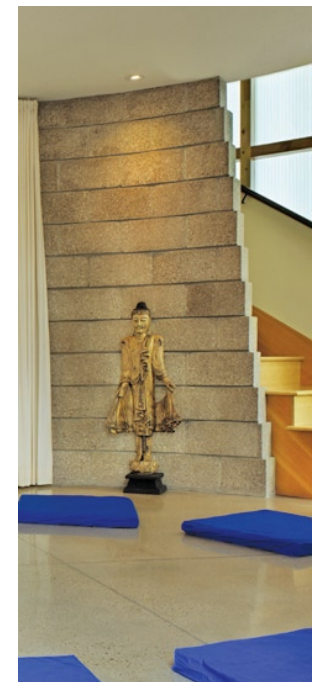




Luxury is being redefined by the appeal of handcrafted, tactile experiences of home. Sustainability and luxury are not mutually exclusive concepts.

zen & artful luxury

The natural transformation & reshaping of the beach environment can be expressed & connected with through the Japanese concept of Wabi-Sabi: the beauty of the real.



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who we are.

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