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{Insider tips to help you live like a celebrity in your own home}

# Star-Studded Spaces, Miami Style

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**Totally hot — and haute,** Miami is a magnet for the rich, the famous and the beautiful. At its core is its status as the center of a star-studded cultural, fashion and music mecca. Its oceanfront address on those eternally sun-kissed powder-sand beaches adds to the allure, enticing vacationers and homebuyers alike with promise of year-round warm weather fun.

Miami glitters like new. It wasn't all that long ago, the early 1990s in fact, that two high-profile celebrities — Madonna and Sylvester Stallone — first launched Miami as *the* trendy place to live, buying lavish homes that doubled as their own private beach resorts. And who could blame them? With an itinerary of ocean blue beaches, "it" restaurants, fashionable shopping, stunning people and seductive evenings, Miami

definitely has all the ingredients for a celeb-worthy home. It is said that Miami keeps you young — all you have to do is look around and you'll have to agree that these celebrities have discovered the fountain of youth!

With full concierge services right at your fingertips, everyone comes to Miami to live and vacation like a star. Many come here because of its reputation as one of the hottest go-to cities in the States and end up falling in the love with the lifestyle. But because it's a film-friendly city with movies and reality TV shows being shot year round, there has been a shortage of fabulous designer-done Luxury Waterfront Estates for rent — the kind of places where celebrities like to make themselves at home. That's where my services come in at Eclectic Elements. We have acquired some pretty amazing proper-







ties to serve this market, transforming them into turnkey homes where many celebrities have resided.

The photographs on these pages showcase some of the residences that Miami's film-star residents have called home during the filming of their shows and movies. Ever since the famous *Miami Vice* show, the all-glass, flashy-white, modern bling-bling mansions have been the rage. They are ideally what people envision Miami's style to be.

When mansion rentals are not available, you can find celebrities residing in the newest luxury high rises like Apogee, St. Regis, 900 Biscayne, Ten Museum, Icon, Jade and Epic just to mention a few. There are many well-known athletes and artists who have relocated to the 3-0-5 that keeps these fabulous designer-done estates in high

demand. Many stars live on North Bay Road and the islands of South Beach: La Gorce, Sunsets, Star, Palm, Hibiscus and Fisher Island just to name a few. They enjoy the wide bay views, luxurious living, peaceful neighborhoods and ironclad security.

Behind the doors of some of the most lavishly designed houses, you'll find the work of talented designers who help these celebrities turn their dreams into living paradises. Adhering to impeccably high standards, these celebrity homes look fabulous and great because they use only the best top-quality materials and products inside and out. While you might not be able to afford to give your home the star treatment, there are several ways to decorate like a star without spending a fortune.



## A FEW KEY DESIGN TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN TURN YOUR HOME INTO A PERFECT CELEBRITY UTOPIA:

- Keep each project fresh and unique. It's really important that each project represents the person who lives there.
- The first thing you have to remember is not to discount the details. If you can't afford some of the changes you want, think about what else you love

and make do the best that you can. Wait until you can afford what you really want and then go for it. Many people make the mistake of filling a room with random accessories just to feel as if it has been professionally decorated, but just like an outfit, it's better to buy quality over quantity.

- No matter what the trend is, move ahead with a light hand. Always keep your big, major pieces more classic, and accessorize with trends. If you are going for a trend, do it with something you don't mind getting rid of later like accessories, pillows or candles. Decorative pillows, metallic tabletop pieces

and a Tangerine Tango throw might be great picks this year, but maybe not next year.

- Create a sense of balance with colors, textures and furniture.
- Try mixing things that you wouldn't necessarily think would go together. They can add an interesting element of unpredictability. Sometimes you need to throw in new colors or patterns to keep the room vibrant and exciting.
- Focus on clean-cut, timeless and classic lines while decorating. Use minimal but exquisite and unique art work like paintings or sculptures, deep, lush, soft carpets, and fresh flowers in beautiful vases. This will give an uncluttered look of serenity and elegance to the room. Lighting also plays an important role in enhancing the glamour and dramatizing the decorative pieces.
- Think about the celebrities who make headlining news with a new head-turning fashion statement just by introducing an unexpected accessory to their outfit. That's the essence of Miami style.