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Dream Home Gets a Dreamy Remodel

By Susan Vallee

Derek Bakarich just couldn't shake the beach. Try as he might, the Atlanta transplant remained true to his Laguna Beach, Calif. roots and often daydreamed of a life lived by the seashore.

He and his wife, Staci, began traveling to Rosemary Beach with their two children, Kai and Parker, and, as is often the case, fell in love with the town and purchased their dream vacation home in the fall of

2007. There was just one problem – it wasn't all that dreamy in the inside.

"It was outdated," he said. "We wanted something more modern."

To achieve this look they hired Paige Schnell at Tracery to design the interior spaces and furnish the house.

"Tracery managed the work and the process has been amazing. It's been such a great thing. Paige closed off a room, added a bathroom and created a play area

with a barn door. We just really changed it around."

"I used natural linens mixed with chocolate and white," Schnell explained. "The end result is a calm and relaxing look that complements the family's lifestyle. The only color in the house is in the kids' area that includes a bunkroom and a den. This space was used for an office and an exercise room."

The result is a house the family can't wait to get back to as often

as possible. It is not uncommon for them to pile into their car on a Friday afternoon and head to the beach for a quick escape. Bakarich said of all the beauty in Rosemary Beach, it is the littlest things that mean the most to his children.

"Our eldest daughter loves to have a vanilla ice cream every morning," he said. "Dad gets his coffee, she gets her ice cream. It's what we do. My wife and I feel like this is a great place for the kids to grow up a bit."

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