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neutral TERRITORY

I recently had the pleasure of designing my own relaxing Miami retreat! You too can reap the rewards of this South Beach styling with my tips to get that perfect tone-on-tone interior, including ideas you can steal for a total overhaul or a quick refreshing update.

by **YANIC SIMARD** / photos by **ROBIN HILL**

1/ PICTURE PERFECT PALETTE

Sometimes the best colour scheme is no colour at all! To capture the South Beach spirit and keep this space feeling open and fresh, I used a white-on-white palette based around Benjamin Moore's #OC-65 Chantilly Lace, and then added pops of other neutrals for variety.

TIP For a more dramatic but still neutral look, harness the power of black and white with small accents such as the **Glass Duo Tealight/Taper Candle Holder**. \$13. Visit YSelected.com



2/ LIVELY LODGINGS

Speaking of cool tones, it's important to add some warmth into a white-on-white space if you don't want it to feel too chilly. This is why this space primarily consists of warm woods and beige accents, over cooler grey tones, and comforting accents such as the sheepskin rug in the bedroom (and exposed storage for extra bedding).

TIP Faux fur and shearling is a huge trend — incorporating the **Aspen Deluxe Faux Fur Throw**: gives a chic lodge look to any space. \$132. Visit YSelected.com



3/ TASTEFUL TEXTURE

A minimal palette puts the focus on texture, so it's key to have contrast between soft and hard, smooth and rough, and shiny and matte. The sleek glossy floors practically demanded a soft cowhide, but other furnishings use leather, ceramic and fabric upholstery (with mix and match pillows) for tons of tactile sensations.

TIP Sculptural accents such as a **Carved Divot** vase can instantly add a rich punch of texture to a counter or shelf.



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4/ TRIED AND TRUE

Taking the texture even further is the combination of wood and metal — blended with white, they form a timeless trio. Balancing all three in roughly equal proportions helps the galley kitchen look coordinated despite combining so many materials — and each is picked up again throughout the space for a harmonious vibe.



TIP Don't be afraid of mixed metals, especially in a neutral space. A piece such as the **Talis Hammered Gold Platter** plays well next to cool silver tones. \$70. Visit YSSelected.com

5/ CRYSTAL CLEAR

Finally, to keep the space feeling open, I balanced some of the heavier items with light touches, such as the clear acrylic nesting tables and transparent ghost chairs. Beachy seaglass vases finished off the look for a perfect retreat in paradise!



TIP These **Cut Crystal Decorative Knobs** are an easy switch-out for an airy accent in any home. \$22 for two. Visit YSSelected.com

Where to shop

To find my easy-to-add home accents, look no further than my Yanic Simard Selected Collection by Torre & Tagus — visit YSSelected.com to find a store near you.

For the rest of my shopping finds, here are my top five destinations:

- WEST ELM** Great for everything from furniture to accents.
- CB2** Simple basics and fun modern touches.
- DESIGN WITHIN REACH** Timeless classic investment pieces.
- PAMPA LEATHER** All things leather, such as the go-anywhere natural rugs.
- JONATHAN ADLER** Iconic lines of high-end accents.

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