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## SERENITY ON SIESTA KEY

*A Private Asian-Inspired Sanctuary  
Evokes The Sense Of Being One With Nature*

INTERIOR DESIGN Sue Strober, Sue Strober Interiors, Sarasota, FL  
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Building on the property, however, meant devising a detailed construction plan that would meet the lengthy regulations and deed restrictions. With myriad challenges ahead, the couple turned to architect Maho Abe who, with assistant Rina Okawa, conceived an extensive rebuilding plan

based on Asian design principles.

Avid travelers to the Far East, Strober and Jensen "wanted a very peaceful environment, and the Eastern or Japanese aesthetic seemed to lend itself well to the kind of feel we were looking for," Strober says.



**Above:** Dark wenge-wood trim accents the ceiling in the dining room, where Japanese artist Yuri Tsuzuki's series, "Trees," lines one wall.