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Tower Triumph

Architect Steve Herlong and his wife, Susan, moved a plain 1970s beach house to a waterside lot and transformed the ho-hum home into a singular showplace that stops passersby in their tracks. After removing the front pediment entrance and porch as well as the back balconies, Steve designed a striking three-story tower. The addition provides street-level entry and houses an expanded main-level foyer and an upper-level office, which connects via an interior staircase to a rooftop deck. On the opposite end of the house, a white-painted staircase steps up to a balcony and a newly added screen porch.

Steve also beefed up the home's Southern bungalow leanings by embellishing the deep overhang of the tower roof with exposed rafters and brackets. Similar rafter details enhance the old roofline and the garage level. Cocoa-brown paint provides an earthen backdrop for the home's white-painted mullioned windows and Craftsman-style trim. □

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Design tip

Spotlight entryways or garage doors with climbing roses or flowering vines trained to clamber up and over walls, porch posts, trellises, or arbors. At this home, vines frame garage doors in greenery and will eventually sprawl across the pergola-like wooden details installed above the garage doors.





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