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D+D: How do you interpret the theme of jungle love?

Joyce: Studio AJO is both an interior design firm and an architectural practice. We believe the interiors and the exterior should tell the same story. So we would interpret jungle love more as a guide to creating a feeling of the exotic and tropical outdoors, without focusing on an overuse of lions, tigers and the obvious and sometimes overused leopard print. If skillfully handled, it can be perfect for Southwest Florida and coastal living.

D+D: In large-scale applications, how would you balance this theme without going overboard?

Joyce: At Studio AJO, any theme, such as jungle love, would be used sparingly in both large and small projects. Our designs are very much about appreciating space and not about drawing attention to certain pieces or singular spaces. When we use a bold wallpaper, we might go more subtle in other areas and furniture selections, and use rich, solid colors and lush textures instead to create warm and welcoming spaces. But, saying that, we wouldn't shy away from a pop of pattern

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here and there!

D+D: Given that biophilic design and jungle design intertwine with each other, would you encourage this design because of the overall health benefits?

Joyce: As an added benefit of being both an architectural and interior design firm, Studio AJO integrates biophilic design into all the buildings and interiors we design. Whether residential or commercial, indoors or outdoors, we always acknowledge nature and the location of the project. Studio AJO creates spaces that flow easily between inside and out, provide cross ventilation, incorporate loads of daylight, and use colors/patterns that blend with the local environment, etc. Adding a theme like jungle love is ancillary to the design and the ultimate feel of a room, but it can certainly add a touch of fun and a cheerful, refreshing vibe!

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