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**before** A flat roof and flat facade were the home's key features. Built of concrete block, it had never been painted or treated with stucco.

**after** A hip roof with fungus-resistant asphalt shingles (important in Florida, where fungus can grow on roofs) gives the home a classic look. Gray stucco walls, white trim, a burgundy door, black plastic shutters, and a brick walkway complete the scheme.

The exterior of Tammy and Paul Gidus' 1957 ranch could be summed up in one word: flat. That's why Paul, a contractor, focused his remodeling efforts on adding dimension to the home's roofline and facade. "I wanted a different roof for cosmetic reasons," Paul says, "but I also wanted to create an attic storage area and a place for the ductwork of a new air-conditioning system." To give the facade depth, he pushed the dining room windows out from the front door, but not as far as the kitchen windows. The stepped pattern creates a small front porch and shelters the doorway.

