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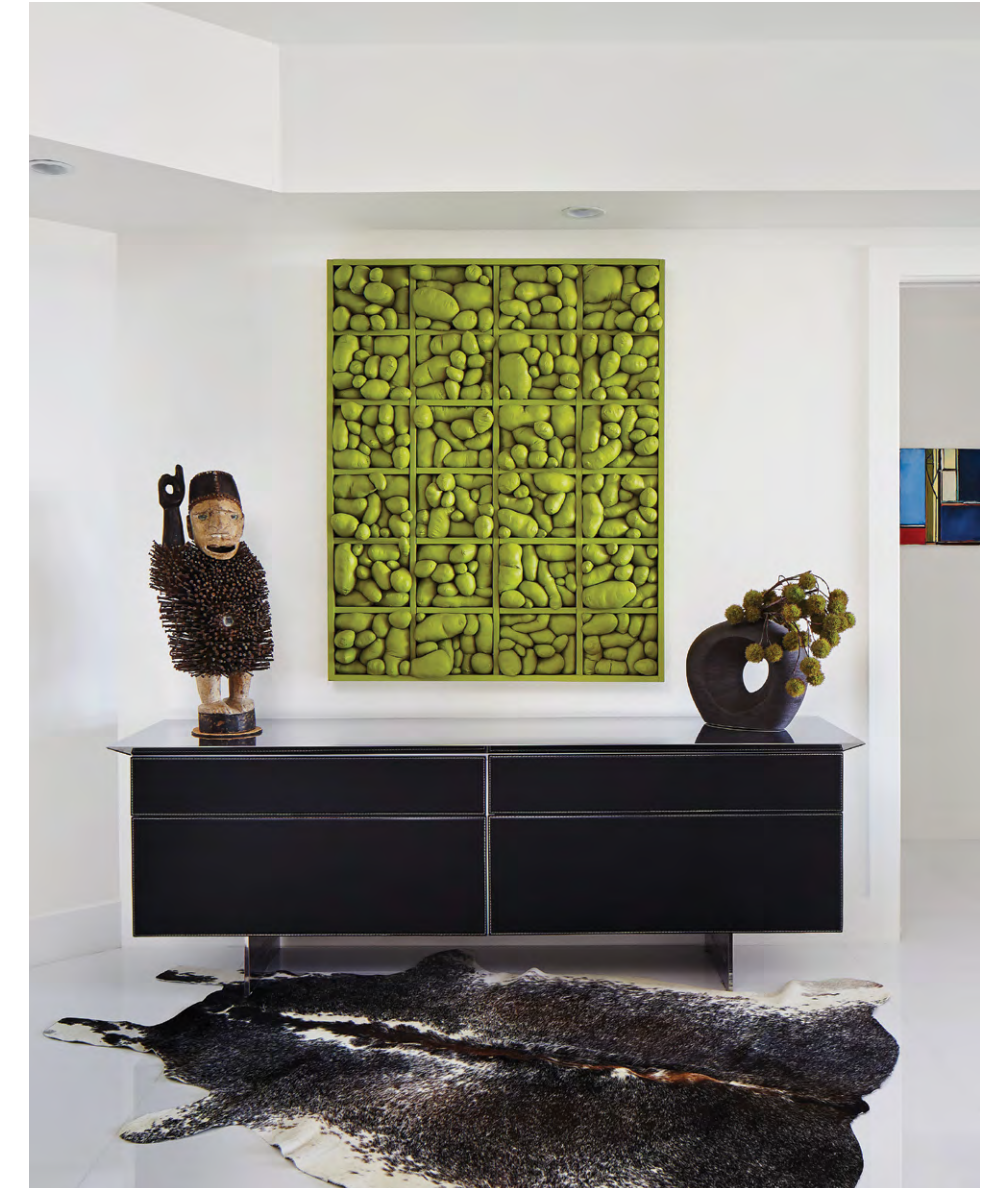
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A collection of modern art provides a creative focal point in the living area, where a white Cierre Imbottiti sofa from Anima Domus wraps around the homeowner's stainless steel cocktail from Brueton. A charcoal-hued area rug from Cattelan Italia adds a touch of texture.



A SNOWBIRD'S SLEEK NEST



THIS CRISP AND MODERN WILLIAMS ISLAND CONDO IN AVENTURA IS A COOL PLACE TO CALL HOME FOR THE WINTER

INTERIOR DESIGN BY BETH KOPIN, KOPIN INTERIORS, HIGHLAND PARK, IL
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ABOVE: While a leather-fronted credenza from Design Studio makes quite a statement in the foyer entry, the cowhide area rug proved to be the perfect housewarming gift for interior designer Beth Kopin to give to her client. "I thought it was just as funky as the rest of her wonderful art," she says.

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Black lacquer and stainless steel style the dining area, where a Ligne Roset table defines the space beneath the sculptural ceiling treatment. A circular mirror from Z Gallerie catches the eye on one side while a wooden figurine stands tall on the other. "I like to mix the unexpected with fine art," Kopin says. "It's creative and fun."



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When one Chicago resident decided to spend the winters on Williams Island in Aventura, Fla., she turned to interior designer Beth Kopin to lead the way. Having worked with the designer on a previous project, the client knew she could count on Kopin to create her dream home: a sleek contemporary that would accommodate her collection of modern art as well as her lifestyle. "I wanted the freedom of not having to worry when guests come to visit," the homeowner says. "I want things to be low maintenance."

Upon first visiting her client's 20th-floor condo overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway and Atlantic Ocean, Kopin discovered a boxed-in space that appeared to be straight out of the 1970s. "It had funny soffits that were thrown up around big, bulky ductwork, dark walls and very little lighting" she says.

Returning to Chicago, the homeowner and designer worked together to sift through the artwork as well as furnishings the client already owned to determine what would make the trip to Florida. The rest stayed in the Chicago apartment where she intended

ABOVE: The homeowner and her late husband bought this Eames chair when they were a young couple. "It was our first big purchase when we thought we were hotshots," she says. Over the years it got a lot of wear so she replaced the original black upholstery. Today it makes this alcove a particularly comfortable place for her to start the day with a cup of coffee.

“I THINK COLOR IS STRONG AND I’M NOT AFRAID TO USE IT,” KOPIN SAYS. “HOWEVER, STARK WHITE WITH STAINLESS ACCENTS MAKES A BOLD STATEMENT AS WELL.”



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to live during the summer. “I encouraged her to bring the things that would make her comfortable and hold memories,” says Kopin who was only too happy to use her client’s leather-fronted credenza in the entryway. And, of course, the homeowner wanted to bring the stainless steel Brueton cocktail table that she and her husband had purchased years ago. Then it was up to Kopin to display the almost two-dozen pieces of art.

A wavelike stainless steel work by artist Michael Young was originally 12 feet long. But the designer had it cut in half and mounted on the dining room ceiling. She painted the ceiling black and built soffits. Small spots set inside not only make the art visible, but also act as lighting for the diners below. “It is so whimsical,” the homeowner says. “It’s a wonderful idea.”

Nearly doubling the perceived space, Kopin removed the wall between the living area and the kitchen to open up a small alcove. Polished Caesarstone tops the kitchen counters in complementary contrast to the glazed porcelain flooring. Throughout the main social areas, stark white walls allow the art to pop.

With all the work done, the client is delighted with the results. “I walk into my new apartment and I can exhale and just relax,” she says. “It gives me a wonderful feeling of tranquility.”

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ABOVE: Satin white cabinetry lines the kitchen, while high-gloss gray top cabinets center the space in perfect complement to the Caesarstone countertops and island. Here, hydraulic leather-clad “Toto” stools by Scan Design swivel for easy access.

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SOURCES

LIVING AREA

Sofa - Cierre Imbottiti, Anima Domus, Aventura, FL
Cocktail table and occasional table - Brueton, The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
Chain sculpture, vases and accessories - Owner's Collection
Floor lamp and area rug - Cattelan Italia, Anima Domus, Aventura, FL
Artwork - Owner's Collection
Soffits fabricated by Panizza Construction, Davie, FL
Flooring - Alexton Tile & Marble, Doral, FL

FOYER ENTRY

Artwork and sculpture - Owner's Collection
Credenza - Design Studio, Chicago, IL
Accessories and area rug - Owner's Collection
Soffits fabricated by Panizza Construction, Davie, FL
Flooring - Alexton Tile & Marble, Doral, FL

DINING AREA

Dining table - Ligne Roset, Chicago, IL
Chairs, console, centerpiece floral, sculpture, accessories and candleholders - Owner's Collection
Mirror above console - Z Gallerie, Chicago, IL
Sculptural ceiling treatment - Michael Young Sculpture, Chicago, FL
Artwork - Owner's Collection
Soffits fabricated by Panizza Construction, Davie, FL
Flooring - Alexton Tile & Marble, Doral, FL

ALCOVE

Eames lounge chair and ottoman - Design Center at The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
White cabinetry fabricated by DnG Millwork & Cabinetry, Aventura, FL
Planter - Crate & Barrel, Chicago, IL
Silver sculpture - Michael Young Sculpture, Chicago, IL
Corner floor sculpture - Owner's Collection
Soffits fabricated by Panizza Construction, Davie, FL
Flooring - Alexton Tile & Marble, Doral, FL

KITCHEN

Cabinetry - DnG Millwork & Cabinetry, Aventura, FL
Countertops and backsplash - Caesarstone, Deluxe Marble & Granite, Pompano Beach, FL
Counter stools - Scan Design, North Miami Beach, FL
Refrigerator - GE Appliances, Drimmer's Appliances, Miami, FL
Artwork - Owner's Collection
Soffits fabricated by Panizza Construction, Davie, FL
Flooring - Alexton Tile & Marble, Doral, FL

THROUGHOUT

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