



## Colorful collection

**Mimi Masri of MM Design** in Palm Beach worked with her client's collection, much of which was obtained at the Detroit Center for Creative Studies.

"How you design depends on the type of art," she says. "This art was very colorful and because it makes quite a statement you don't want anything conflicting with it because you will lose both."

Masri painted the walls of the dining area in light blue to provide a neutral background for six pieces of contemporary art. On the adjacent wall are four images of Marilyn Monroe.

Her choices for furnishings in this private home on Palm Beach don't compete. She selected a geometric pattern for the chairs and used a glass top on the table to allow the art to stand out.

The living room area features a bright abstract by Romero Britto. A still life on the mantel is also recreated in part on the easel. Again Masri kept the furnishings neutral and put a large glass top on her client's base. The curtains are natural hemp to allow light into the room.

"The challenges when decorating with art comes in the editing," she says. "Some clients want to put up everything. That didn't happen in this case. You have to realize that sometimes less is more."

**Mimi Masri allowed the colorful area to be the focal point by painting the walls a light blue. The living room area is neutral except for the pop of colors in the paintings.**

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