

## A PERFECT FIT

A Renowned Designer And His Clients Find  
And Fashion A Home That Pleases All

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FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, ONE COUPLE LOOKED for “the right house,” and their interior designer of choice, Louis Shuster, often accompanied them to give his opinion. The couple knew that they wanted a family house where they could entertain comfortably. Finally, a 6,700-square-foot custom estate home in Palm Beach County felt right “...with room for everything,” the wife says. And Shuster agreed. “The minute I saw the presence of the house and its condition — fresh, clean, good baths, Saturnia floors — I knew it was the right one too,” he says. The deal was done.

The clients’ desire for a newly designed home that emphasizes storage and functionality brought Shuster’s combination of great design and good business sense to the forefront. “The design is ultra-functional,” he says. “Everything has a purpose; it’s not just pretty.” Structural renovations included enlarging the master bath along with the master closets,

ABOVE: “The entry sets the tone for what’s beyond,” Shuster says. And this warm and inviting foyer — with its white-louvered doors and chunky bronze pulls, a custom-designed wenge-wood console and Boyd Lighting’s oversized linen shade — is no exception.”

BELOW: A "great room" in more ways than one with its generous seating, stunning fireplace and over-sized cocktail table, Asian-influenced design elements give the space a peaceful Zen feel.



altering the nearby powder room to accommodate the wife's office and — because the couple entertains a great deal — the kitchen was gutted and redesigned to open up to the breakfast and family areas.

Desiring a warm and comfortable yet eclectic feel, the owners wanted an Asian influence that would include and complement their art. Upon entering, the texture of materials and an earth-tone palette captures the colors of their paintings. A soft maize color is evident throughout most of the home, as are exotic woods. Split-bamboo ceiling beams have an Asian look giving the 16-foot-high ceilings character. "Louis has a gift for fitting art into spaces," the wife says. "Our art and collectibles seemed to be waiting for this house, even our northern pieces."

The great room is considered the heart of the home, where the fireplace provides the focal point set against a rich "bittersweet red" backdrop and framed by custom cabinetry made of rift-cut oak and wenge woods. The tall cabinets have a dramatic feel with rectangular panels that complement the square shapes of the shoji-style door. Hearthside, a custom-designed sofa, lounge chairs from Holly Hunt and A. Rudin armchairs provide ample seating. Hand-carved mahogany floor lamps add a sensual touch, while the untitled "paintings within a painting" by artist Michel Pellus echoes the room's color palette.

By storing entertainment pieces in the great room cabinetry, Shuster eliminated the need for a buffet in the dining room and provided ample space for the custom table and chairs from David Sutherland that seats a party of 16 comfortably.



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**SOURCES**

Foyer

Console - Custom designed by Shuster Design Assoc., Inc., Wilton Manors, FL  
Fabricated by Interior Services, Boca Raton, FL  
Mirror - Indo Puri, Atlanta, GA  
Wall lamps - Robert Abbey, Inc., Hickory, NC  
Light fixture - Boyd Lighting, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Great Room

Sofa and fireplace - Custom designed by Shuster Design Assoc., Inc., Wilton Manors, FL  
Fabricated by Interior Services, Boca Raton, FL  
Fireplace slate fabricated by Dalio Tile, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL  
Armchairs - A. Rudin, J. Batchelor, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Lounge chairs - Bright Chair Co., Holly Hunt Miami, Miami, FL

Sofa, armchair and lounge cushion fabric - Malabar Fabrics, Jeffrey Michaels & Co., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Lounge chair body fabric - Duralee Fabrics & Fine Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Cocktail table base - Metal Fabrication Unlimited, Deerfield Beach, FL  
Cocktail table top - Azorean Mirror, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Occasional tables - Swaim, High Point, NC

Sofa table - Indo Puri, Atlanta, GA  
Floor lamp - Palecek, Black & Lenet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Dining Room

Table and chairs - David Sutherland Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Chair and drapery fabric - Duralee Fabrics & Fine Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Light fixture - Fine Art Lamps, Judith Norman, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
African artifact centerpiece on dining table - Owners' Collection

Powder Room

Cabinetry, wall treatment and shoji-style door - Custom designed by Shuster Design Assoc., Inc., Wilton Manors, FL  
Fabricated by Interior Services, Boca Raton, FL  
Countertop fabricated by Dalio Tile, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL  
Mirror - Azorean Mirror, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Wall sconces - Robert Abbey, Inc., Hickory, NC  
Sink and faucet - Miller's Fine Decorative Hardware, Dania Beach, FL

Family Area


Sofa and cabinetry - Custom designed by Shuster Design Assoc., Inc., Wilton Manors, FL  
Fabricated by Interior Services, Boca Raton, FL  
Fabric - Glant Textiles, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Lounge chair - A. Rudin Designs, J. Batchelor, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Fabric - Robert Allen/Beacon Hill, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Breakfast Area

Sofa table - Indo Puri, Atlanta, GA  
Table - John Andrew, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Chairs - Palecek, Black and Lenet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Cushion and drapery fabric - Duralee Fabrics & Fine Furniture, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Chandelier - Robert Abbey, Inc., Hickory, NC

Throughout

Builder - Paskoski Construction, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Artwork - Owners' Collection  
Area rugs - Carpet Source, DCOTA Dania Beach, FL ♦



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