

FINE ART & FINE DESIGN

ALWAYS A WINNING TEAM

Photography by Craig Denis
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“Artists create their art to share their feelings with others, to allow the viewers to relate to it, learn from it, or to be inspired by it,” writes John O’Nolan in an online essay **“The Difference Between Art and Design,”** at webdesignerdepot.com.

For this modern interior renovation, a 48” x 98” original blue-and-silver composition entitled “Silver Wave,” by Artist Dalia Kantor served as inspiration for the color palette and the mood. The artwork also serves as a focal point for the living

room which is the heart of this coastal modern home design by Florida Interior Designer Perla Lichi.

“Our clients wanted to introduce their love of nature and the outdoors into this remodel of their home. We were leaning toward a color palette of beiges, greys, browns and blues,” explains interior designer Perla Lichi. “Then we discovered the artist and found this painting. We immediately knew it was the right inspiration and perfect for this home. We loved it. Our clients loved it.”

With its open floor plan, the 2700-square-foot home required



seamless flow from room to room. Shiny white marble flooring, framed bottom and top by white baseboards and white crown moldings, creates this symmetry. More continuity was achieved by painting all the walls in a neutral greyed beige.

A driftwood table base foyer console table emphasizes the nature theme. An onyx stone table in the living room is surrounded by four over-size blue velvet club chairs. Chair frames are wood and feature geometric patterned wood backs. These chairs are positioned over a round shag area rug.

But the feature wall with "Silver Wave" is a show stopper. A reclaimed wood border frames the length of the wall. This frame is highlighted within by blue LED neon lighting. A unique hand-crafted wallpaper gives the illusion of stone. Framed by the reclaimed wood border, it offers a neutral background for the large modern painting. The painting itself is showcased in a custom silver float frame. Not to be outdone by the feature wall, the living room custom ceiling treatment is also reclaimed wood with square LED high hats to create just the right ambiance.

An open archway leads from the living room into the family room. There, a light grey sectional sofa flanked by two chaise lounges is positioned over a blue area rug. The long sofa faces a feature TV wall. Three groupings of decorative circular metal wall art are framed within a painted design in the shape of a carpenter's square vector.

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This wall design frames the TV and wall shelves that display glass accessories in shades of aqua and cobalt blue.

The family room is open to the kitchen. In white and stainless, this thoroughly modern kitchen features an island that doubles as a casual dining area. Modern light grey dining chairs are arranged around a white-and-grey quartz countertop. Three modern pendant lights add an additional designer touch.

A breakfast area behind the family room sofa looks out to the pool and patio. Chairs are in an organic modern oak with a woven pattern. The upholstered bench features decorative pillows custom made to coordinate with the family room. The modern light fixture above the table has eight electric candles.

The formal dining room is situated on the opposite side of the kitchen from the family room. Enhancing the modern furniture are wall features. These consist of taupe applied moldings that frame lighter brown horizontal grass cloth wallpaper. Seating is for six, in solid light grey side chairs and grey-striped host and hostess chairs, all with stainless steel frames. The chairs surround a rectangular wood table with glass top. A brown wood sidebar, in sections and on wheels, enables convenient serving. **stb**

Artist Dalia Kantor is represented exclusively by Art Connection USA, in Pompano Beach, FL. For more information on Perla Lichi Design, headquartered in Coral Springs, FL, visit www.perlalichi.com