around the prominent piece of artwork in each room. Featuring marble inlay, grass cloth, and unique wallpapers, Gerts and her team transformed what was a typical Florida apartment into a true masterpiece. Boasting an eye-catching, coastal color scheme and utilizing the preexisting natural light, an artsy and trendy, yet mature and refined space was created.

The Dorothy art piece is visible from the foyer, giving guests a peek at what is to come. City views drench the kitchen, which is hidden from view upon entering the home. The kitchen features a dining nook with an expandable round table, perfect for accommodating larger parties, and is paired with multicolored chairs, adding a playful element to the space. A stunning glass vignette of varying cool hues fills the negative space and is accompanied by a custom bench with opaque, mosaic blocks of corresponding colors embedded in the side. The wire man sculpture was a very special gift from Gerts to the owner of the home after doing their first project together, creating a conversation piece and adding a personal touch and memory to the composition of this client's forever home.

Behind every piece of art in this condo, there is a story and personal memory attached to it. Nothing in this home has been purchased; it has all been accumulated and curated by the owner, and reflected in the design flow. Moving through into the living room, blue marble and a sleek design greet the eye. A beautiful built-in fireplace, backed with a mirror, expands the room and draws in ocean views to accent the tone of the room.

Storage shelves were added, along with gorgeous sheer window treatments, creating comfortable lighting with a seemingly transparent design. A custom sectional sofa fills the center of the room, creating a perfect area for entertaining with a comfortable view of the TV and the astonishing view outside. Veiling details have been added into the space to hide curtain rods and expand the height of the ceiling, creating a luxurious feel. On the left of the television, there is actually a hidden door with invisible hinges that leads into the bedroom.

Off of the right of the entertaining space, a natural, crystalline stone bar, with built-in lighting features, adds a sultry flair with its gold-leaf cork wallpaper and high gloss shelves. Two-toned swivel chairs create a conversation nook, perfectly complimenting the social atmosphere of the condo. A colorful, Britto martini glass sculpture posed as inspiration for the bar, and sits perfectly on top, completing the space.

The primary suite has a slightly different vibe than the rest of this condo. Serving as a place to unwind with a retreat-like feel, the primary suite features neutral tones, minimal electronics, and more space to relax. The primary bathroom boasts stunning mosaic marble, adding to the wow factor of the preexisting step-in bathtub. An ombré headboard unlocks the tone of the bedroom, cohesively tying in the Floridian blue and green hues, but gradually muting the tones to maintain the serenity of the space. Hanging pendants and a black, woven bench add a masculine touch while still weaving in organic elements. The primary suite features custom bedding and ombré window panels, creating a seamless color flow throughout the condo. Greenery and a stunning real photograph finishes off the Shiplap accent wall, softening the gray tones and incorporating soothing textures. Linen and rope pieces accent the flow of this room and continue the coastal theme of this home.

The creative freedom granted by the client, combined with the top-notch art collection and unique furniture the owner already possessed, created an astonishingly cohesive space with unexpected treasures at every turn. Yelena Gerts and the design team at House of Style and Design showed off the highest level of craftsmanship with their ability to frame a home around different art pieces and create a color scheme that is inviting and unexpected. A true masterpiece, this Fort Lauderdale home takes modern sophistication to an entirely new level.

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Nestled on Fort Lauderdale's beautiful coast, this stunning condo was transformed into an art collector's paradise, with a distinct, unpredictable design flow.

Known for their stylish, cohesively unique interior design services, House of Style & Design is a full-service luxury interior design firm in Holmdel, New Jersey. President, CEO, and Principal Designer of House of Style & Design, Yelena Gerts boasts fifteen years of expertise in designing award-winning interiors for high-profile clients. From turn-key interiors to new constructions, Gerts and her team create elegantly opulent spaces, while keeping functionality in mind. A keen eye for style, paired with exceptional technical skills and relationships with notable manufacturers, sets Gerts and the design team at House of Style & Design a level above other firms.

Gerts and her team were thrilled to take on a Fort Lauderdale project for a long-standing client with an impressive art collection. A Floridian oasis forever home was set as the inspiration for this high-rise condo and Gerts took full advantage of the sprawling ocean views drenching the space, opening each room up. Using reflecting elements, clean lines, and colorful accents, Gerts transformed this condo into a gallery-like paradise.

Setting the mood for the space, framed, palm tree wallpaper dresses the foyer, accompanied by a marble, multi-shaped bench, adding a pop of color and giving visitors a taste of the chic vibrancy to be found throughout the home. Classic with an unexpectedly modern charm, this Florida condo mingles materials and shapes, all ultimately centered