



Although changed from an average traditional brick home into a showcase for art, the home still is comfortable, easy to maintain and restful.

## Starting with art



The dining table extends to almost twice its present size to accommodate a large sit-down dinner or buffet. The sideboard has lined drawers for silver and many special compartments for storage.

A West Bloomfield couple came to interior designer Al Mondello with a pleasant problem. They had just purchased two Paul Menkins paintings and they wanted a living room designed to show them off to the ultimate advantage.

The paintings are brilliant abstracts with shades of blue, red, purple and green streaming through them like the afterglow of a rainbow.

The designer elected to use undistracting, but elegant hues of gray mixed with touches of white and black for the rooms. The sectional, all parts of which are individual, is a deep gun metal gray velvet with a fine line pattern.

The carpet is a lighter gray and the wall covering is a silver white print with a soft luster.

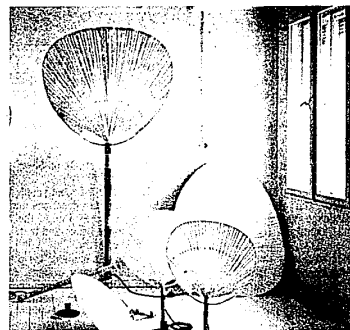
The coffee table has a white base and a gray and white marble top.

The metal sculpture, originally brass, was chromed by an obliging sculptor. It rests on a clear lucite column.

The dining room, originally separated from the living room by an archway, has the same monochromatic color scheme which allows the pinks and blues of the Appel work of art over the sideboard to literally move out into the room. The dining table is a bare shade darker than the carpet and the modern chairs are black.

The silver louvers hide two windows on the back wall whose style is a far cry from the contemporary feeling of the rooms.

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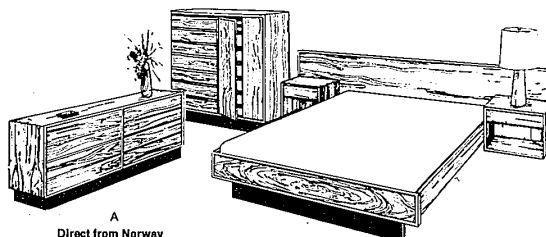
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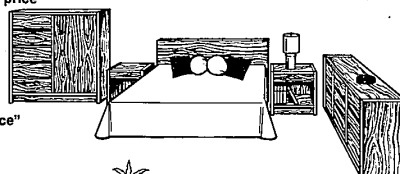
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