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A Living Room With a Painterly Touch

A contemporary art lover bought a series of works by Anish Kapoor to inspire an interior in his Water Mill, N.Y., home

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For a Water Mill, N.Y., living room, it all started with the art. The owner, a follower of the contemporary market, bought a series of Anish Kapoor works to use as inspiration. Designer Amy Lau, who was with him when he made the purchase, says “there’s such an emanating quality about the art.”

Ms. Lau compared Benjamin Moore paint samples with each work to find the 13 or 14 shades within them. The palette served as the room’s color scheme.

An international race horse owner in his mid-50s who spends the summer and early fall in the Hamptons town wanted “a rocking show house,” says Ms. Lau. “He loves having people over.”

Ms. Lau balanced the high energy of the bright colors with neutral colors to attain a relaxed, beach house feel. “It looks almost like an abstract watercolor of a water scene,” she says of the room.

Here are some of the design elements of the roughly \$232,000 room.



Cost of room: \$232,000

1. “For a long time the owner has wanted a series by this artist,” Ms. Lau says. ‘Shadows,’ by Anish Kapoor; a series of 8 art works. // **Price:** \$90,000 from Carolina Nitsch Contemporary Art.

2. The owner wanted lots of seating to allow for entertaining. Vintage Harvey Probber Nuclear Angled

Sectional Sofa circa 1950s // **Price:** \$27,000

3. In one corner, Ms. Lau created an area for the owner and guests to play cards. Paul Frankl cork top quatrefoil game table for Johnson Furniture Company and set of four chairs, both circa 1940s // **Price:** \$7,200 from Studio 111 Gallery.

4. A pair of vintage Gio Ponti lounge chairs were upholstered in Moore & Giles leather // **Price:** \$19,000

5. Ms. Lau found three slices of blue agate and had them made into tables with tree-like pewter bases. Agate tops from Brenda Houston; bronze bases by

Silas Seandal // **Price:** \$16,000

6. The table is organic formed teak root with aqua resin. “It’s biomorphic,” says Ms. Lau. St. Barts Coffee Table by Adrienne Shamaris // **Price:** \$5,300

7. “The chandelier has this unbelievable opalescent

color,” says Ms. Lau. Carlo Nason by Mazzega // **Price:** \$5,200 from Archive Gallery

8. Ms. Lau calls the abstract pate de verre sculpture by Daum “fun and a little phallic.” // **Price:** \$9,500

9. The area rug was hand-

knotted with wool and silk and was custom-colored. House of Tai Ping // **Price:** \$44,000

10. Suede and leather were custom colored to fit the color scheme. Designed by Amy Lau, fabricated by Erik Bruce Creations. Shearling pillows by Rosemary Hallgarten // **Price:** \$8,800