

In the Studio with...

SHERI KESTEN

PRINCIPAL, SHERI KESTEN DESIGN

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Growing up on Long Island, New York, **Sheri Kesten** watched her mother create masterfully designed interior spaces. It was with this inspiration that Kesten launched her namesake interior design firm in Boca Raton more than 25 years ago. Since then, she has incorporated her sleek, dynamic style and love of color and texture into many luxury residences. "I like neutral color palettes and enjoy transforming spaces to have a very architectural edge," Kesten says. "Architecture coupled with color neutrality, but accented with bold artwork, enhances a space to create my distinctive signature look."

Describe your design style: Sleek, elegant and fluid.

What sets your firm apart from others? My impeccable taste and my ability to implement architectural elements to enhance my designs. I also do consultations all over the country. People will fly me in for one or two days.

Projects you are currently working on: I'm designing homes in Toscana, St. Andrews Country Club, Addison Reserve, Boca West, Jupiter and Singer Island.

Recent awards or accolades: My work appeared on the cover of *Florida Decor's* October 2017 issue.

What would be your dream project? Designing a celebrity home.

How do you select the artwork for your projects? Art is one of the most integral pieces to finishing a project. I generally envision the type of art from the very beginning of a project. I am an art enthusiast and I am able to realize the feel through art.

First designer to make an impression on you: My mother, Jean Sheldon.

Go-to paint color: Benjamin Moore Balboa Mist.

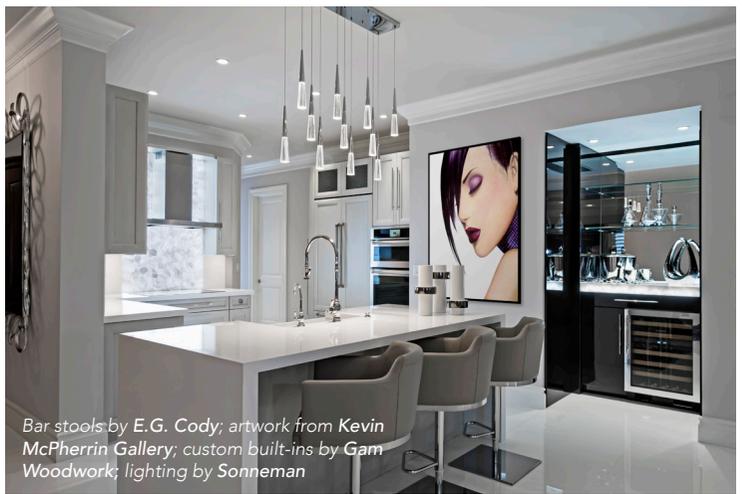
Favorite home décor stores: Romo at DCOTA and Allied Kitchen & Bath.

Favorite local galleries or museums: Norton Museum of Art and Boca Raton Museum of Art.

Where in South Florida do you find inspiration? I find inspiration all around me. Since I'm a creative person, the littlest things will trigger something.

Do you have a personal art collection? Yes! It includes pieces by Will Barnett, Romero Britto and Peter Max, to name a few.

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Bar stools by E.G. Cody; artwork from Kevin McPherrin Gallery; custom built-ins by Gam Woodwork; lighting by Sonneman



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Dining table by Michael O; dining chairs by Swaim; chandelier by Allan Knight