

# TRANSFORMING A SPRAWLING BOCA RATON ESTATE HOME



The massive living room was furnished with dual seating areas and oversized glass sliding doors enhanced the beautiful golf course view. A re-styled living room sofa taken from the client's own collection created 138 inches of luxurious seating detailed with polished stainless steel square legs making for a sleek bold contemporary statement. Reupholstered in a charcoal brushed velvet with one large seamless single cushion seat simply spells elegance. The finishing touch is the three oversized silk pillows.

Strategically placed behind two coffee tables side by side helped balance this large sofa and created a sophisticated and balanced living room. Kesten refinished and reupholstered her client's own two Bergere chairs in a satin white wood frame and silver and white tweed fabric. The rug is white wool with silver thread.

The fireplace is made of a leather-finished granite layered with recessed reveals in brushed stainless steel, and is a key focal point featuring an original Keith Herring lithograph above it. To create an architectural balance, Kesten designed the other side of the living room with a refinished white heirloom antique baby grand piano and a pair of oversized high-back chairs. This side of the living room complements and features original lithographs by noted artists, Dubuffet, Motherwell, and Kelly. The custom-size white wave leather bench serves as a room divide as well as additional seating creating architectural balance in the room.

Shown below are signature high-back chairs in a dark finish to serve as a contrast in front of the light wall and to anchor the artwork. As a final detail, these Adriana Hoyos chairs were placed on an accent cowhide area rug with splashes of silver metallic paint to echo the stainless steel detail throughout the home. The seat cushions are a pewter color leather with a companion fabric carefully chosen for the back cushion. Typical of Kesten's work is the use of monochromatic colors in different textures and materials, which creates continuity and fluidity...her signature.

*This magnificent single-family Boca Raton estate home is located in the prestigious Grand Oaks section of Broken Sound Country Club. An unparalleled quality of design is evident throughout the home. The home was totally remodeled with contemporary top-of-the-line finishes and designer-quality interiors. This 4-bedroom, plus library, 5-1/2 bathroom home showcases seven different species of natural exotic stone used throughout the home.*

This resale was a true designer's challenge. Extensive high ceilings once obfuscated were enhanced by Kesten's remodeling of low archways into sweeping high architectural openings, and corrective LED lighting throughout the house. Hence, a complete transformation evolved from a dark, choppy environment into bright open airy spaces. Kesten's goal was to create a neutral palate with a sleek, minimalist style to showcase her client's extensive contemporary art collection.

**K**esten had to work with numerous pieces of art ranging in multiple colors and sizes. She established a neutral palate to complement the art, consisting of grey, white and silver. Her design focus was minimalistic, utilizing unique custom designs from oversized furnishings to floating built-in media centers and back-lit countertops.

"When working on a large residence of over 5,000 square feet, the clients must be given the best options in which to create a comfortable living space while remaining cost efficient," says Kesten. As well, she purposefully chose to use all stone floors throughout the residence, fashioning an expansive look and opening up the formerly closed floor plan. This type of updated renovation instantly adds resale value to the home while providing a great overall aesthetic appeal.

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The kitchen and family room were completely renovated to accommodate an open flow for entertainment and comfort. The artfully designed quartz island provides additional serving space appointed with refrigerated drawers and mood lighting for evening entertaining.

Kesten created extra space to allow for a pantry wall of custom cabinetry, cooking appliances and a flat screen TV. This created a natural flow from kitchen to family room embracing form and function. The kitchen cabinetry is surfaced with black Silestone counter tops enhanced by under cabinet light-

ing. The high gooseneck faucet exudes contemporary comfort and is complemented by the stainless steel hood over the cook top.

The custom unit in the family room features a vertical storage column and a floating wall-hung, backlit console to house media equipment, and of course, hide all wires.

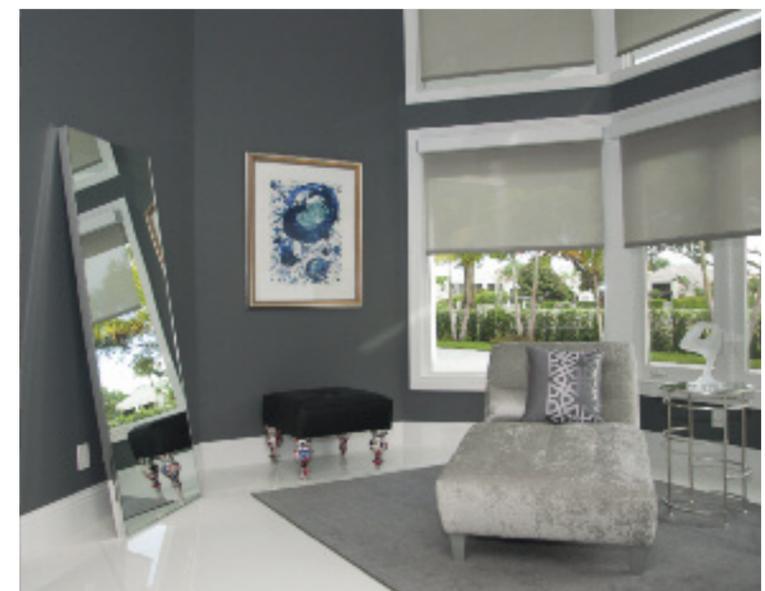
The custom charcoal leather sofa in this family room is a right arm /left arm facing double chaise sectional for comfortable seating and lounging.

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The dining room was designed for comfort and luxury. This was accomplished with the use of oversized chairs done in faux leather for practicality and sophistication. The wood dining table base is a hand-made limited edition conversation piece. The glass table top is easy to maintain and exemplifies contemporary styling. The custom designed table base is made in an exotic African wood with a polyester seal coat. Ornamenting this picture-perfect scene is a 48-inch round chandelier in silver leaf and organza mesh. The oversized lighting fixture makes an architectural statement in this minimalistic chic dining room.

The master bedroom features the client's own bed, which is reupholstered in a metallic leather fabric. Bedding is custom designed with exclusive imported fabric in conjunction with restyled DKNY bedding, Bloomingdale's. The chaise is the customer's own and was reupholstered in a luxurious brand new line of brushed satin chenille with uniquely styled custom-painted silver legs. The nightstands are also the client's own, which have been refinished in an automotive gunmetal finish accented with polished stainless steel hardware.





Kesten designed a signature powder room, featuring an integrated sink of white sapphire marble. Floor-to-ceiling back splash was done in an exclusive pewter porcelain Italian import. The polished stainless steel hardware is strategically wall mounted creating a sleek splash-free, low-maintenance wash area. The walls are done in silver leaf, which was hand crafted one square at a time by a well known artisan.

The banister in the foyer (right) was designed to look like a sculpture, but serve purely as a safety measure while ascending the entry stairs. The handrail is all acrylic and polished stainless steel sculpted by Michael O. The flooring, which was an 8-month wait, is exotic Italian Alabastrino in sweeping 18 x 36 inch stone pieces accentuated by the strategically laid brick pattern throughout the house. The front doors are hurricane-proof Illusion Glass encased in painted metal frames with 8-foot polished stainless steel hardware.

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