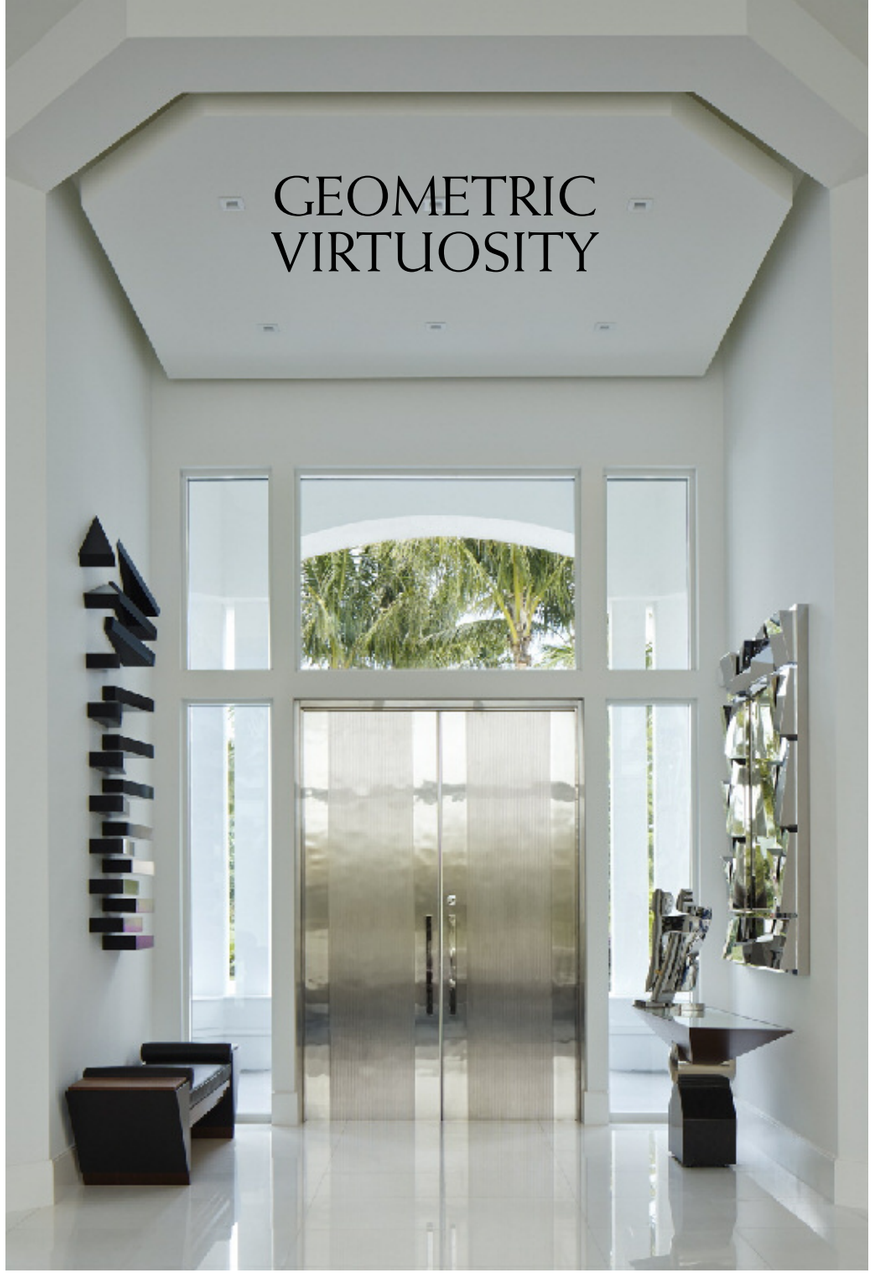
Outside, the front façade of the home is a whimsical series of cupolas and faux dormers. Just inside the foyer, above right, an angular bench from Brueton rests on an expanse of Thassos white-marble flooring that feels almost boundless.



To Design This Contemporary Residence In St. Andrews Country Club,
Interior Designer Susan Lachance Bends, Weaves and Twists
The Common Line Into The Most Uncommon Forms

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In the living area, color pours from a geometrical piece by artist Frank Stella above a mesmerizing ribbed sofa that can be configured into various arrangements. Elegant black-chenille Rolf Benz armchairs from Carriage House add contrast.

DESIGNERS COME IN SEVERAL VARIETIES. SOME INTERPRET space mainly with color, while others love patterns. Then there are those whose aesthetic is based upon the wonders of geometry. Susan Lachance is one such designer — at least in the creation of this 12,000-square-foot estate in the exclusive St. Andrews Country Club in Boca Raton, Fla. "I have known this family for a very long time," Lachance says. "I was delighted to be involved in rebuilding their home."

With eight grown children and visiting grandchildren, Lachance knew that the design needed to be a combination of the sleek contemporary style the couple loved and the practicality they required. Though she kept the palette a seemingly "risky" white and charcoal, everything is child proofed and easily cleaned. And then there is that geometry.

Outside the home, metal panels on the roof, along with vertical windows and columns, introduce the concept of geometric "line play." But it is through the front entry that the designer's joy of joining and bending lines truly begins.

Entering the home's foyer through custom-designed, stainless steel doors, the eye is immediately drawn up towards dramatic, 16-foot-high ceilings that catch



the attention at its zenith, and a six-sided panel that appears to float. A three-dimensional "Zipper" wall sculpture that faces an angular cut mirror from Carriage House hints at the geometric and metal motif throughout the interiors.

In the voluminous living area, splashes of vibrant blues in a Lachance custom-designed area rug from Tai Ping undulates like the topography of the ocean floor. Here, a DeSede-inspired, crisp white-leather modular sofa is crafted with 20 ribbed sections that zip together to form a soft arc. Opposite, sophisticated black-chenille chairs from Rolf Benz rest on stainless steel legs and resonate with the home's numerous reflective surfaces that begin with two free-form stainless cocktail tables from Michael O Design.



TOP: In the family room, a unique commissioned canvas from Artglass Palm Beach is layered with a painted floating glass panel that is bracketed with stainless steel. The vibrantly hued piece provides the perfect backdrop for four gray-leather recliners from Carriage House.

LEFT: In the sleek custom-crafted kitchen by Eggersmann, the designer contrasts white-leather barstools from Carriage House with a blue marble covered island that adds an unexpected splash of color.

RIGHT: In the dining room, a sculptural metal table base by Ray Karpuska, horizontal stainless wall panels and Judith Norman's colorful circular sculptures add geometric symmetry.



From the breakfast area, a glimpse of the infinity pool and the serene lake can be enjoyed while seated at Draenert's curved white-leather chairs. Perfect for a visit from the owners' grandchildren, a striated marble tabletop can be wiped clean with ease.





With room boundaries blurred, the bar area opens through a vertical pass-through to the family room. Recycled white glass tops a lacquered bar that is lit below with an LED glow. As if posing a question, E.G. Cody's curiously formed white-leather barstools based in stainless steel prove irresistible.

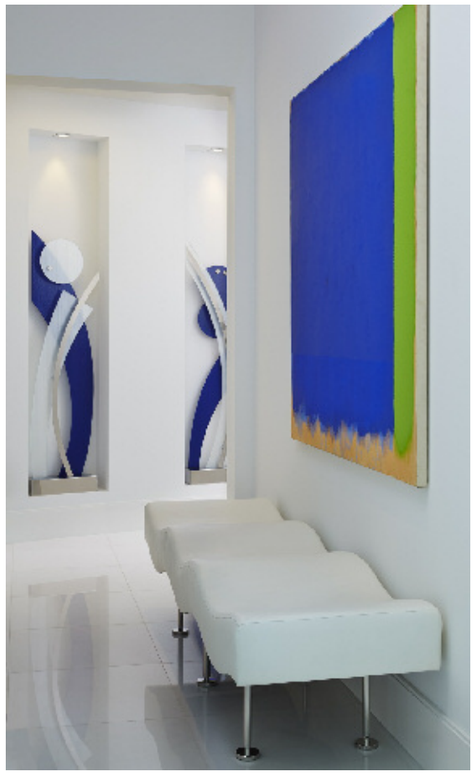
Lachance's color motif in the kitchen makes spare use of "any hue but blue," and reflects the designer's philosophy. "The views are so mesmerizing, I didn't want to compete … only harmonize and complement," Lachance says. She contrasted streamlined white cabinetry and countertops in Thassos white-marble with a new product called, "Blue Planet," a marble infused with color for dramatic effect that wraps the base of the island and backsplash.

The towering dining room sparkles as light reflects off artist Ray Karpuska's torqued table base of brushed and polished stainless steel. Topped with circular glass, the dining table is surrounded by Brueton chairs upholstered in black chenille. A wall

ABOVE: In the family room, soft, gray-flecked chenille sofas convey a moment of peace in a predominately monochromatic room, where a display of Lachance's geometric skill dazzles the senses.

In the master bedroom suite, Lachance lets her sense of drama run free with a bed from Carriage House decorated with elegant pillows by Armani Casa, and walls covered in Eykon silk. German designer Oliver Truetlein's navy blue-and-white area rug with linear striations in a wool and silk blend is mesmerizing.

In a hallway that leads to the master bedroom, a rippling white-leather bench that rests on stainless steel legs continues the metal motif. Adorning a wall, a large abstract painting energizes the space with a daring burst of color.



installation created by Lachance is comprised of 12 feet of brushed stainless steel panels that stack high on polished stainless poles above a custom-designed white-lacquer buffet.

As if wrapping an arm around the pool area, the sunny breakfast room is filled with natural floor-to-ceiling light. Curvy white-leather chairs that are friendly to the human form surround a gray-grained marble table, all from Draenert. Exercising her penchant for lines, the designer countered the table's "urge to curve" with a metallic linear fruit bowl from Creative Collection.

In a gray and white family room that seems Escher-like, a linear tour de force teases the eye. An angle-woven Tai Ping area rug creates a startling reflective effect against a polished curved cocktail table. A custom-designed cabinet by Sherman Design Group below the TV was created by layering white-lacquer and stainless steel trapezoids into a dizzying eye-stopper. Upholstered window panels are accented with stainless steel stripes.

Sheer glamour is on display in the master bedroom suite with a stainless steel bed from Carriage House that is backed by an upholstered wall in elegant navy blue velvet from Kravet. A pair of lasercut, floor-to-ceiling stainless steel and frosted acrylic panels are artfully backlit and flank the bed. By the window, white Ultrasuede chaise lounges by Lazar are perfect for quiet nights when the South Florida breeze blows.

An auxiliary hallway displays more of the owners' impressive art collection. Inside a niche, textured white and cobalt blue glass sculptures created by Artglass Palm Beach achieve a transparent, but bold geometric look. In the wife's master bath, the



curved-glass walk-in shower allows for the full breadth of the wall's sweep. "I think her bath is my favorite," Lachance says. A molded tub and surround covered in a diminutive blend of mosaic tiles lends the feel of an underwater kingdom that floats.

The outdoor area is just as important to the owners as the inside. Their grandchildren love to swim in the custom-designed infinity pool that overlooks the lake and golf course.

Skilled in the creation of uncommon spaces with ease of care and functionality, Lachance demonstrates how linear design can feel welcoming, and how the spare use of color can feel vibrant in a home of high-end design.

ABOVE: A band of cached illumination in the wife's master bath runs like a ribbon around the ceiling's wavy curves. Overhead, the ceiling's S-shaped wave works in perfect harmony with light from a white-metal spiraling chandelier from Corbett that casts hypnotic shadows below.

The owners' love of art continues in the pool area with Ray Karpuska's abstract stainless steel sculpture. Posed on a platform that rests inside the pool, the piece portrays a couple ready to dive into the water.

SOURCE OPTIONS

SOURCES

Foyer

Doors - Custom designed by Susan Lachance Interior Design, Boca Raton, FL
Fabricated by Forms & Surfaces, Coconut Creek, FL
Bench and console - Brueton, Freeport, NY
Sculpture on wall - Baker Sponder Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Mirror - Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Sculpture on console - Custom designed by Michael O Design, Miami, FL
Ceiling panel - River Birch Homes, Boca Raton, FL

Living Area

Chairs - Rolf Benz, Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Cocktail tables - Michael O Design, Miami, FL
Occasional table - Owners' Collection
Barstools - E.G. Cody, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Bar - Custom designed by Susan Lachance Interior Design, Boca Raton, FL
Fabricated by 1050 Commercial Architectural Woodworking, Boca Raton, FL
Sculptures - Judith Norman, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Window treatment - Drapery Castle, Inc., Boynton Beach, FL
Area rug - Tai Ping, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Kitchen

Kitchen - Eggersmann USA, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Barstools - Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Countertops - Ilie Tile and Marble, Inc., Hollywood, FL
Backsplash - Keys Granite, Boynton Beach, FL
Sinks - Blanco, European Sink Outlet, Pompano Beach, FL
Faucets - Aquabrass, European Sink Outlet, Pompano Beach, FL
Cooktop and hood - Miele, House of Appliances, Delray Beach, FL

Dining Room

Table - Custom designed by Ray Karpuska Studio, Boca Raton, FL
Chairs - Brueton, Freeport, New York, NY
Cabinetry - 1050 Commercial Architectural Woodworking, Boca Raton, FL
Stainless steel wall panels - Custom designed by Susan Lachance Interior Design, Boca Raton, FL
Fabricated by Lasertron, Miami, FL
Sculptures - Judith Norman, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Breakfast Area

Table and chairs - Draenert, Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Bowl - Creative Collection by Petal Pushers, Boca Raton, FL
Window treatment - Drapery Castle, Inc., Boynton Beach, FL

Family Room

Sofas - Grafton Furniture, Miami, FL

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Chairs - Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Accent pillow fabric - Romo, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Cocktail table - Brueton, Freeport, NY
Round accent table - Brueton, E.G. Cody, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Small accent table - Michael O Design, Miami, FL
Cabinet - Custom designed by Sherman Design Group, Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Window treatment - Drapery Castle, Inc., Boynton Beach, FL
Artwork - Custom designed by Art Glass Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, FL
Lady sculpture and wall sconces - Custom designed by Ray Karpuska Studio, Boca Raton, FL
Blue boxed sculpture - Dale Chihuly, Chihuly at Bellagio, Las Vegas, NV
Area rug - Tai Ping, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Master Bedroom

Bed - Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Headboard fabric - Kravet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Accent pillow fabric - Armani Casa, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Bedding - Sahco, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Chaise lounges - Lazar, Sklar Furnishings, Boca Raton, FL
Bedside tables and stainless steel panels - Custom designed by Susan Lachance Interior Design, Boca Raton, FL
Bedside tables fabricated by Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Stainless steel panels fabricated by Lasertron, Miami, FL
Accent tables - Tru Craft Woodworks, Delray Beach, FL
Lamps - Judith Norman, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Wallcovering - Eykon, Memphis, TN
Draperies - Duralee, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Fabricated by Drapery Castle, Inc., Boynton Beach, FL
Planter - Creative Collection by Petal Pushers, Boca Raton, FL
Area rug - Custom designed by Oliver Treutlein, Meerbusch, Germany

Hallway

Bench - Brueton, E.G. Cody, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Artwork - Owners' Collection
Sculptures - Custom designed by Artglass Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, FL

Master Bath

Tub - BainUltra, Allied Kitchen and Bath, Wilton Manors, FL
Glass wall - Custom designed and fabricated by American Glass and Mirror, Boca Raton, FL
Shower - Graff, Allied Kitchen and Bath, Wilton Manors, FL
Ceiling treatment - Custom designed and fabricated by River Birch Homes, Boca Raton, FL
Chandelier - Corbett, Bowery Lighting, Lauderhill, FL
Blinds - Hunter Douglas, Drapery Castle, Inc., Boynton Beach, FL
Wallcovering - Custom designed and fabricated by Goddard Architectural Products, Plantation, FL

Pool Area

Pool - Custom designed by Krent Wieland Design, Delray Beach, FL
Lounges - Brown Jordan, Chicago, IL
Sculpture - Ray Karpuska Studio, Boca Raton, FL

Throughout

Kitchen design and installation - Eggersmann USA, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Home technology systems - Boca Theater and Automation, Boca Raton, FL
Recessed lighting - River Birch Homes, Boca Raton, FL
Flooring - Ilie Tile and Marble, Inc., Hollywood, FL◆