

got railings?

railings now available
exclusively at:
urban source

312.455.0505
www.urbansourcechicago.com



railings • stairs • furniture

milk
design

www.milkdesign.net

THE INSIDER



interior decorator Laura Soskin (Laura Soskin Design, 847-525-9955). "Don't be afraid to lean art in a layered montage with a variety of sculptural pieces, such as lamps, vessels, or objects from nature."

3 Definitely mix styles and materials. Combining not only modern and traditional art but also different media—photography, oil painting, watercolor, fiber art—makes a room dynamic and interesting. One key to making it succeed is to choose pieces with a similar, but not identi-

cal, range of colors and tones. "It's not so much about the images you're putting next to each other," LaConte says. "It's that the palette works."

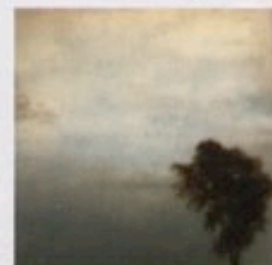
4 Maintain balance. A single modern painting hung in an otherwise traditionally furnished living room can look off kilter. Establish a more equal representation of both styles, whether that means adding pieces of avant-garde art, some chairs with contemporary lines, or accessories—with a modern edge.

PHOTOGRAPH: DANN WITCZAK

Spencer-Witzczak art installers (theartofinstallation.com) designed this Gold Coast apartment's black-and-white photography display so that it can evolve as the collection grows.

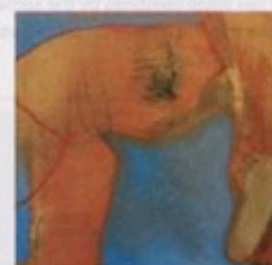
5 Choose black-and-white photography. It works in any environment, from austere contemporary to classic romantic. Stick with subjects that aren't likely to become dated; nature and architectural scenes are good bets. Hanging black-and-white photos on colored walls gives both the walls and the photos an extra pop, LaConte says.

Three local design experts tell us which artists they recommend again and again, whether their client's style is traditional or contemporary



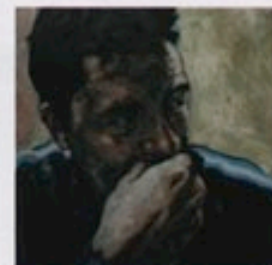
► **Hiro Yokose** Ethereal oil and beeswax landscape paintings. Shown here: "Untitled #3949" (detail), 10" x 8", Carrie Secrist Gallery, 835 W. Washington Blvd., 312-491-0917; secristgallery.com

BRUCE FOX
DESIGN DIRECTOR,
HEATHER G. WELLS, LTD.



► **Paul Lorenz** Colorful abstract oils. Shown here: "Red Ropes," oil on canvas, 17" x 17"; paullorenz.biz or contact Homey, 3656 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-248-0050; ilovehomey.com

MICHAEL LACONTE
OWNER, HOMEY GALLERY



► **Gabriel Mejia** Studies of faces, some in pen and ink, others in oil. Shown here: "it's not you, it's me" (detail), oil on canvas, 40" x 60"; gabrielmejia.com or contact Zella Brown, 1444 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-276-1746; zellaabrown.com

TRISHA LONDON
OWNER, ZELLA BROWN

Want more go-to artists? See the rest of our designers' picks at: chicagohomemag.com

Realize Your Plans.

BATHROOMS
KITCHENS
DOOR HARDWARE



Advantage kitchen & bath Gallery
Find it here.

Mon & Thurs: 8am-8pm
Tues, Wed & Fri: 8am-5pm
Sat: 9am-4pm

7850
NORTH
MILWAUKEE
AVENUE
NILES
ILLINOIS

847-965-4444
advantagebath.com