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**LUXURY**<sup>TM</sup>  
GUIDE



***LUXURY IN MOTION***

THE HOTTEST CARS OF 2019

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+ YACHTS, JETS, MOTORCYCLES AND MORE

McLaren 570S Spider  
in Curaçao Blue



*In the studio with...*

## ANIL KAKAR

PRINCIPAL, KAKAR HOUSE OF DESIGN

BY VANESSA MOLINA SANTAMARIA

New Delhi-born Anil Kakar moved to Michigan with his family when he was 7, but he continued to visit his home country over summer vacations. "I was greatly influenced by India's rich culture and architectural legacy," says Kakar. "I was in awe of the handmade, intricate silk fabrics, marble furniture and ancient architecture." After completing his MBA at the University of Miami, Kakar worked as a banker and wealth advisor before combining his passions for design and business. In 2012, he opened Kakar House of Design, a retail store, and became a full-time designer. "I really wanted to be an architect, but what I do now combines a bit of everything," says Kakar. "It all worked out organically. Nothing was planned; it was all meant to be."

**What sets your firm apart from others?** My originality, willingness to take risks and staying away from trends. I mix classics with edgy things from all time periods and from all over the world. I don't have just one design aesthetic—I design for my clients, so each project is unique.

**What makes the offerings at your showroom special?** I restore almost all of the vintage and antique furnishings. Also, my handmade Indian inlaid bone and mother-of-pearl pieces are some of my best-selling items.

**Advice you would give to aspiring design professionals?** If you have a true passion, then go for it. The rest will happen through hard work and determination.

**Design rule you love to break:** All of them! I tell my clients that there really are no design rules anymore; it just has to look beautiful to them and be practical.

**Go-to paint color:** Benjamin Moore White Dove.

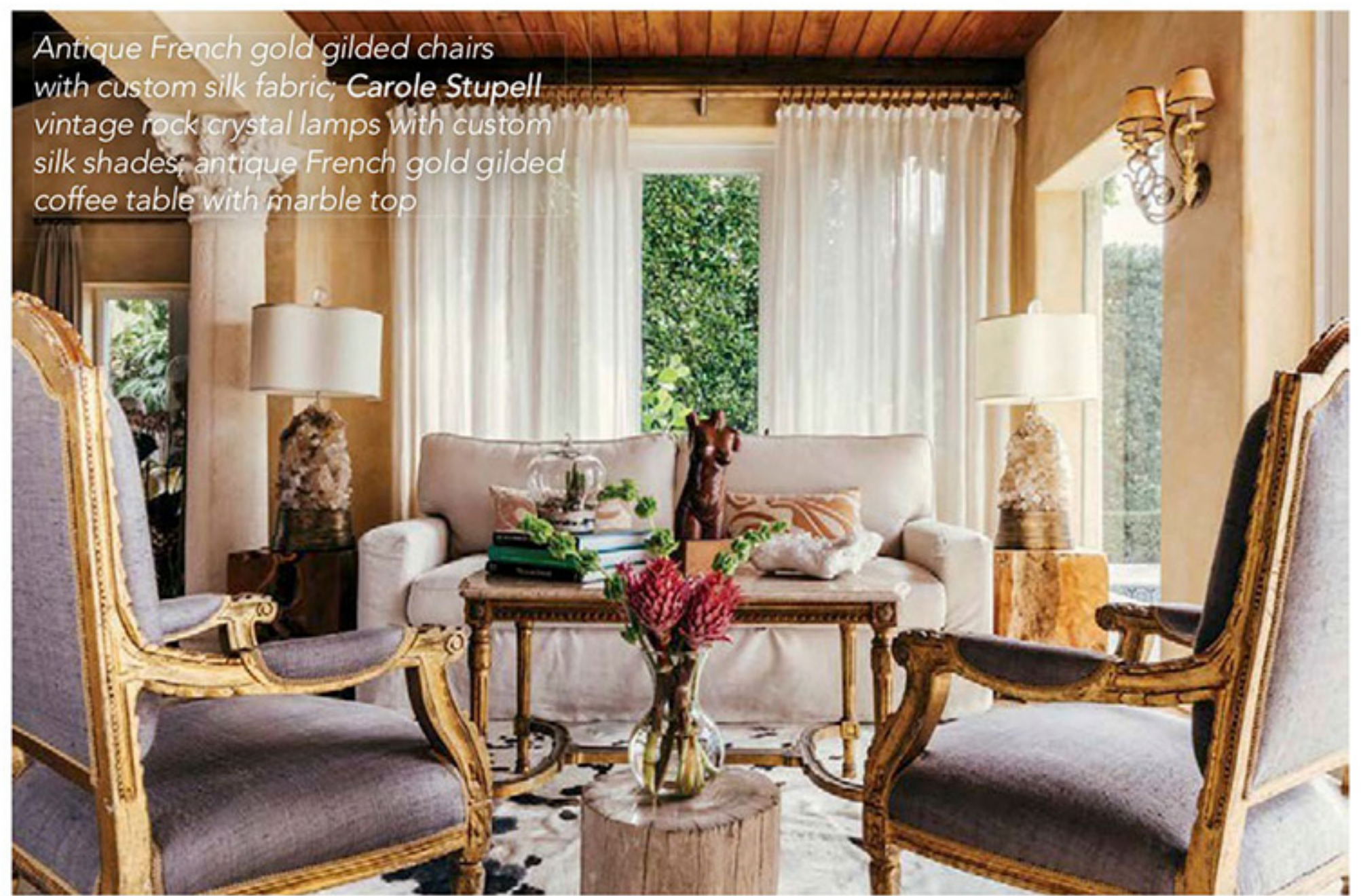
**Quick fix to transform a home:** Fresh paint always dramatically changes a space. Go bold with colors and add stripes and other patterns. It's easy, fun and economical.

**Favorite home furnishing stores?** Besides my own, of course, I like Jalan Jalan Collection, Monica James & Co. and Berber.

**Item on your personal design wish list?** I am obsessed with Turkish tiles in every color and pattern imaginable!

**What's on your bucket list?** To one day look at our planet, which is the greatest design of all, from above. Space adventure travel is a lot closer than we think. I need to start saving for it now!

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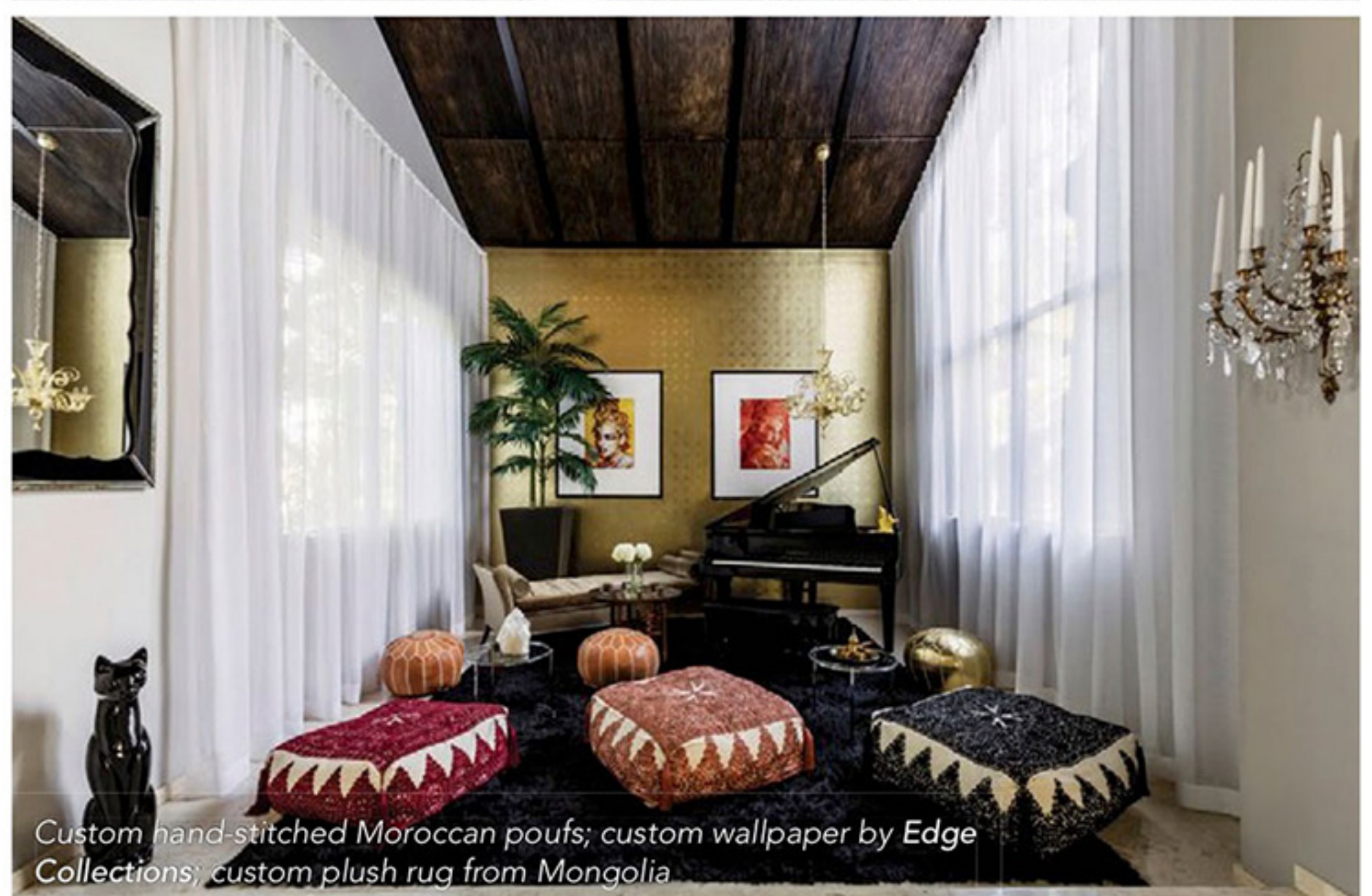
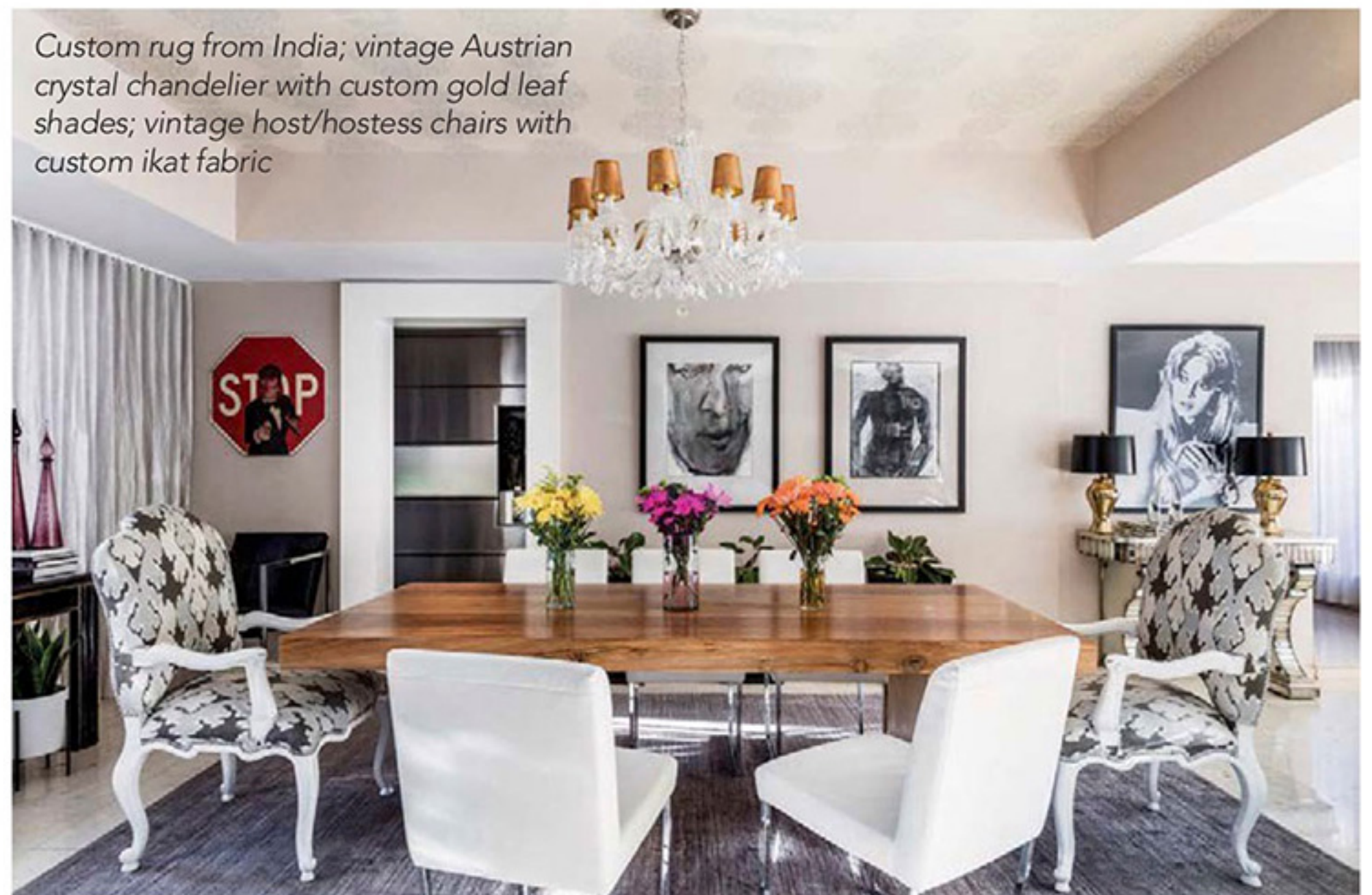


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*Custom hand-stitched Moroccan poufs; custom wallpaper by Edge Collections; custom plush rug from Mongolia*