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**BEST BATHROOM**

*Sweet Peas Design*

When Susan Brunstrum, principal and founder of award-winning interior design firm Sweet Peas Design, was called upon by her client—a recently widowed 70-something who wanted her first solo residence in Lake Forest to exude a classic, feminine style—to rehab her entire master bath, the designer looked no further than the homeowner’s extensive art collection. Inspired by the artwork’s blush, lilac, azure and eggplant palette, Brunstrum selected paint and window treatments in a pale blush shade, and gray-green cabinets with sleek slab fronts. To accommodate her client’s petite stature, the designer installed a small freestanding tub and custom stand-up makeup vanity suited to her height. To complete the space: a feminine Paula Rothman nude painting, a part of the client’s art collection which was gathered over many years with her late husband. 1242 N. Wells St., 312.572.9090, [sweetpeas-inspired.com](http://sweetpeas-inspired.com)

**BEST KITCHEN**

*Suzan Hadaway Design*

Suzan Hadaway hit the design jackpot with her first project after starting her own firm, Suzan Hadaway Design: She had a dream client who “loves beauty, details, trims, accessories—she cares about every aspect, and I love that!” says the designer. The apartment renovation in one of the Mies van der Rohe-designed towers required a renovation down to the studs with a reconfiguring of the layout. The open living area and kitchen were designed to feel like a clean white gallery with a Parisian flair, a departure from her clients’ primary residence. The jewel-box space features custom cabinetry, furnishings from Arteriors, lighting from O’Lampia Studio and laser-printed porcelain-tile countertops from Artistic Tile. As Hadaway says, “It’s a layered space but still has a feeling of restraint.” 945 W. 37th Place, 773.844.9635, [suzanhadaway.com](http://suzanhadaway.com)

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*Best Living Room*

BRUCE FOX DESIGN

This penthouse condo on Lake Shore Drive boasts a large formal living room with everything it needs to serve its main purpose: entertaining. And in the hands of designer Bruce Fox, its corner nook with a fireplace becomes an intimate area that is decorated as if it were a room in itself. Anchored by a high-gloss lacquered wall and an abstract painting by American artist Syd Solomon, the space is bold yet calming—the perfect place to retreat for focused conversation. Several pieces that Fox’s clients

already owned were used, with some updates: A settee was re-upholstered in a custom Chapas Textiles box weave, and the antique Bergère chairs were re-upholstered in Fortuny’s Melagrana patterned fabric. The Moroccan handknotted rug and art deco bronze sculpture came with his clients, as did the antiqued brass double-arm sconces. But the mastery is in the mix, and Fox proves he has the hand. 440 N. Wells St., Ste. 620, 312.464.0077, [brucefoxdesign.com](http://brucefoxdesign.com)