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CURATING YOUR TABLE

Benjamin Johnston Design carefully crafted this art-filled interior with sculptural furniture and lighting from the intricately shaped stools to the curves of the barrel chair. Each piece is unique and thoughtfully selected to draw the eye through the room to create a gallery-like experience.

MARKET MAGIC

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Every October, thousands of the country's top interior designers and home furnishings retailers descend upon High Point, North Carolina, for the world's largest home furnishings market. I served as one of eight international "Style Spotters" selected by High Point Market Authority as a market ambassador and trend forecaster. After scouring thousands of new products and walking countless showroom miles, I found that one of the most prominent trends emerging from High Point Market this fall is a return to craftsmanship and using furniture as art.

From multiple mixed materials in case goods to sculptural shapes in upholstery, the devil is in the details. Statement hardware is showing up across categories, while even sofa arms are creating interest with architectural shapes. No longer is art limited to the walls; furniture is taking its turn at creating interest and dimension in a space with form meeting function.

This living room by Denise McGaha Interiors showcases furniture as art. From the sculptural side chair to the geometric twist on simple table lamps and brass detailing on the coffee table, each piece is carefully curated, creating artistic interest throughout the room.

- 1. The Arlo Chair by Gabby features a curvy silhouette and open 3
 - back with a sculptural quality; gabbyhome.com 2. The Chest Court Lamp by Wildwood Lamps brings a geometric form to the simplest of table lamps; wildwoodlamps.com
 - 3. Much more sophisticated than yard art, this outdoor table from the new Bernhardt Exteriors collection has soft, curvy form for added interest in your outdoor living area; bernhardt.com
 - 4. The Galvarino Coffee Table by South + English uses three simple forms to create multiple ways of puzzle piecing your own custom table; southandenglish.com
 - 5. Shagreen, brass hardware, and curving lines combine in an artistic form with the Shagreen cabinet by Ambella Home; ambellahome.com



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