



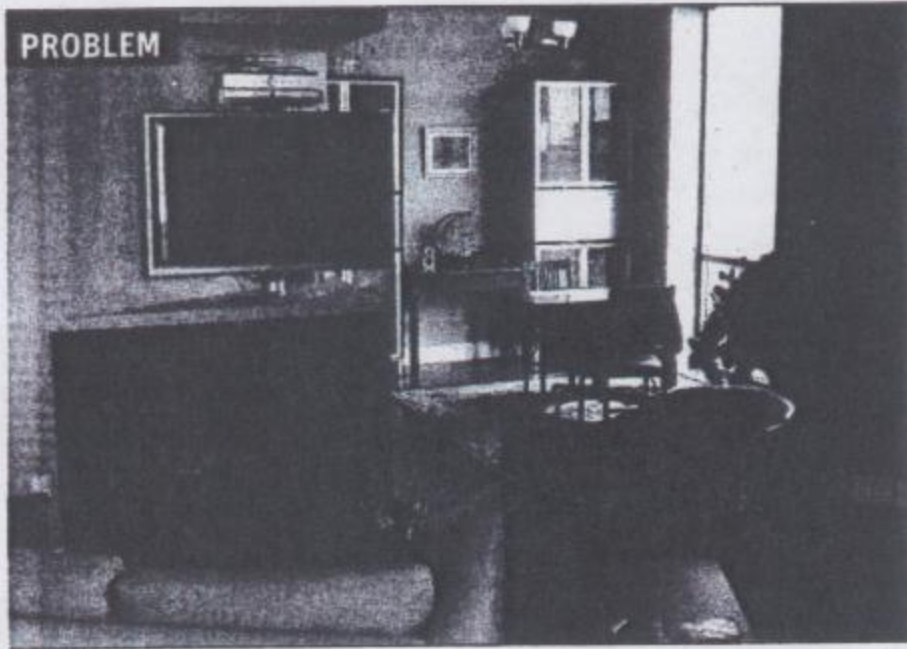
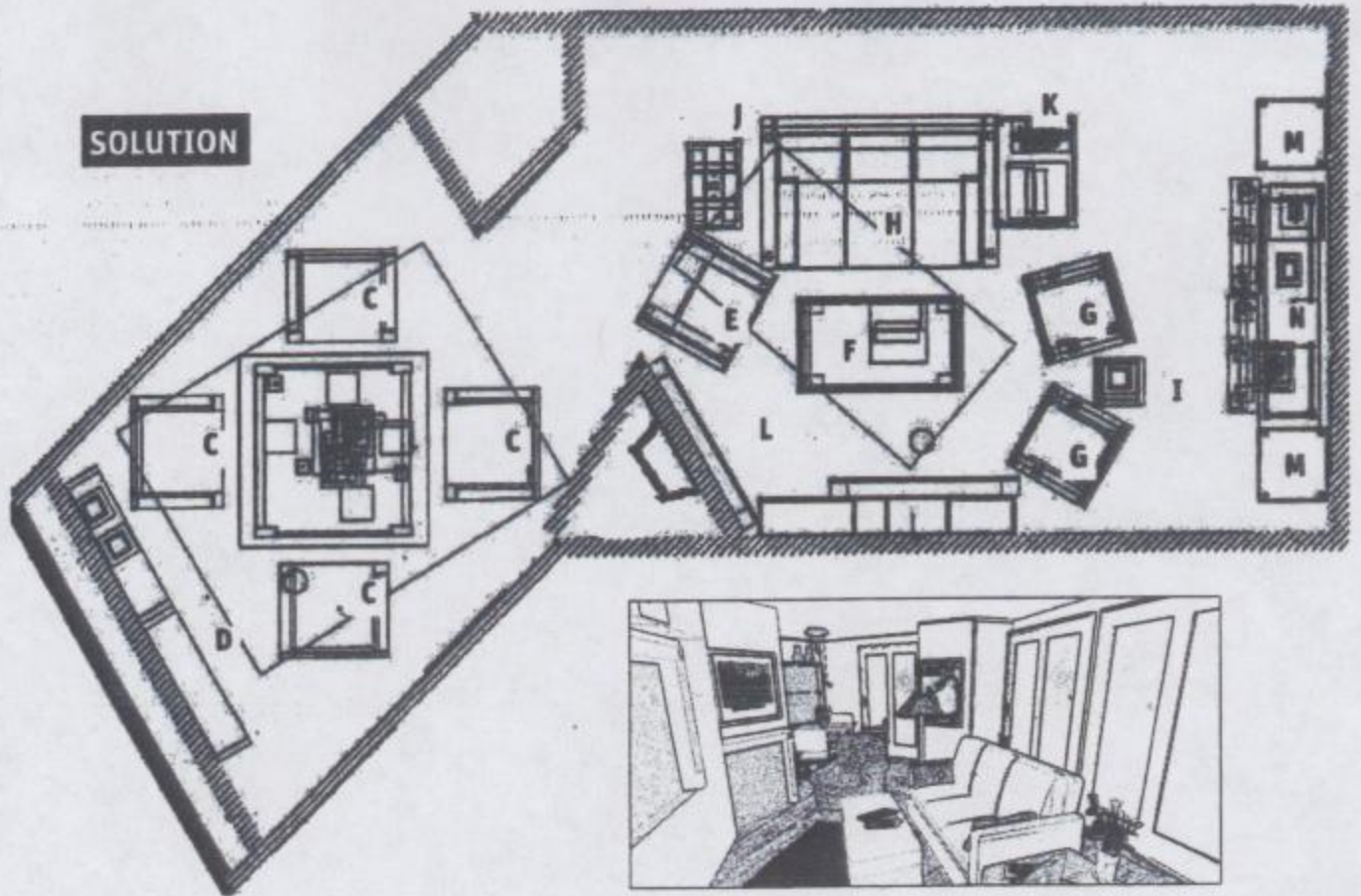
DESIGNER'S EYE
with SUZANNE MAVIANO

Planning for pizzazz

Dear Designer's Eye,

I saw the article in last week's paper, and I am attaching pictures of my living/dining room in my downtown Chicago condo. I am single, and would like the room to feel more sophisticated and comfortable. I would welcome any ideas.

—Stan Borg



DESIGNER'S SUGGESTIONS: Floor plan sings with a few new furnishings

Let's bring some "pizzazz" to your great bachelor pad by changing your floor plan and adding a few new pieces of furniture.

1. Entry: Move the console table (N) to the entry from the dining room. Create a gallery of art and photographs on this wall. Install new track lighting to illuminate the gallery. Once it's done, you'll be able to view this wall from the dining room and living room and it will be a great highlight.

2. Media Area: Designing the new media wall (L) adjacent to the fireplace, provides the best of both worlds. You can view the fireplace and the TV without sacrificing great design. The TV and video equipment will have a new home and the triangular fireplace mantle can be used for art and/or

sculpture. This approach alleviates the unsightly cords.

3. Living Room: Move the existing sofa (H), red chair (E) and two blue chairs (G) to direct viewing toward the newly designed media area. You can also use your existing end table (K), but I would suggest that you find a new floor reading lamp (J). Rugs (O) are placed on the diagonal for interest and to tie the spaces together. A large ottoman (F) or cocktail table will look great in front of the sofa. The small existing ottoman (M) will flank the console table, and another one can be purchased to balance the other side. These flexible ottomans can be moved easily into the conversation area.

4. Dining Room: Place a new contemporary chandelier over your

dining-room table, which can be an extension table for six. Contemporary chairs (C) enhance the space. Place the two display cabinets (D) together and move the console table (N) to the entry

5. Walls: Bring color and texture, and add warmth and punch with new product from York Wallcovering called "the Perfect Faux." It is marked as an easy up easy match and very easy product to take down, leaving no residue on the walls. Your walls will look great with additional "pizzazz."

Sincerely,
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