

Downtown Loft.

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Location

Chicago, IL

Client Summary

Carmen and Sofia are **Puerto Rican** Americans. Carmen is 32, Sofia is 34. They own a plant shop together in downtown Chicago. They love caring for **plants** and have many in their home. They also both love **bold colors** and **tropical patterns**. They have two chihuahuas named Pepe and Chico. They love playing board games with friends and would like a **game room** for activities.

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Ocean Bloom.

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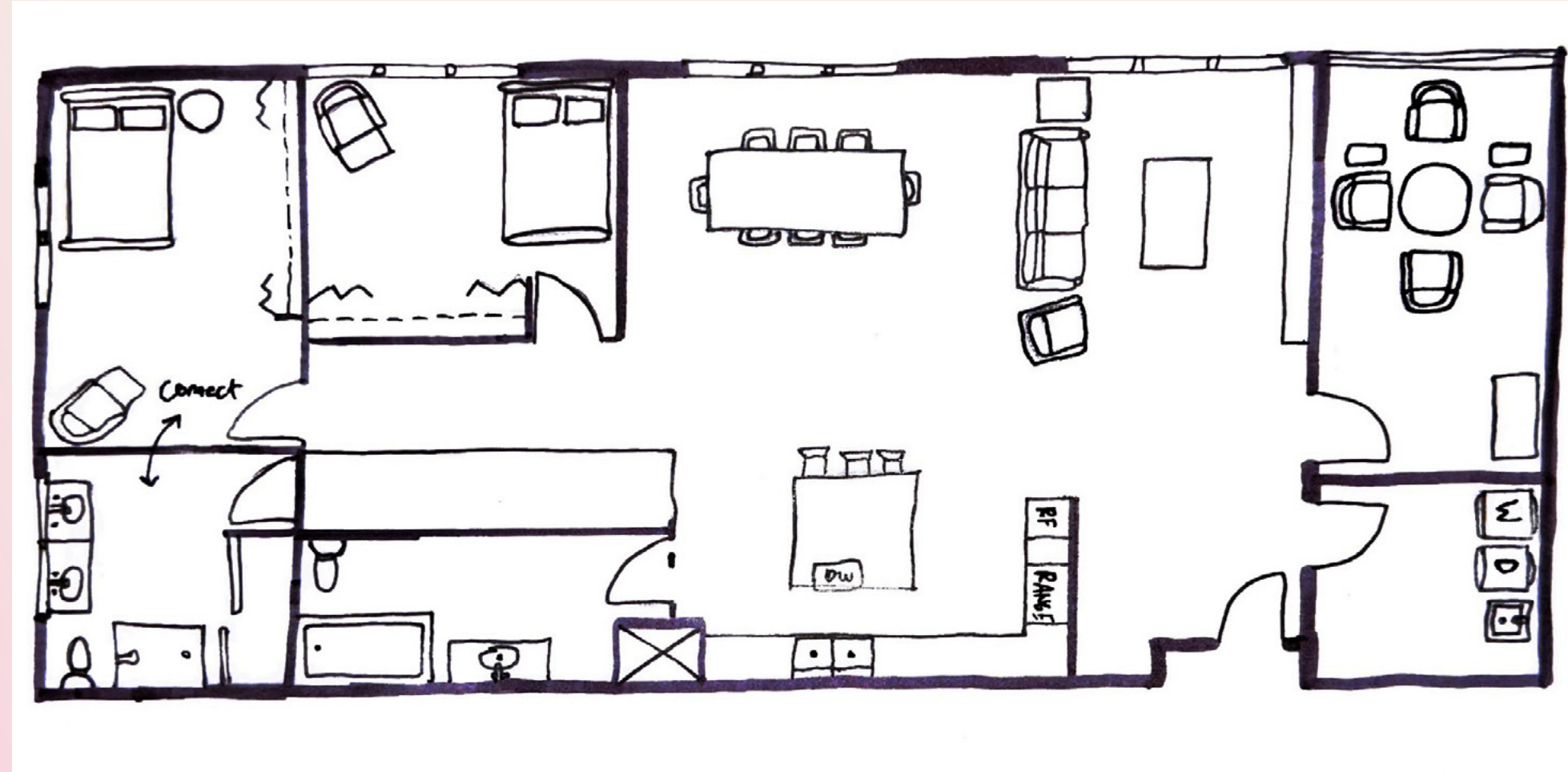
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Designing a loft for two plant lovers who have bubbly personalities will consist of designing a home with **plants**, a **natural** feel, pops of **bold** colors, **tropical patterns**, and lots of **open space** to allow air and sunlight to flood the space. There will also be a space dedicated to **board games** and entertaining guests. This space will incorporate feelings of the ocean, tropical plants and tropical fruits to honor both the *vibe* and climate of **Puerto Rico**.

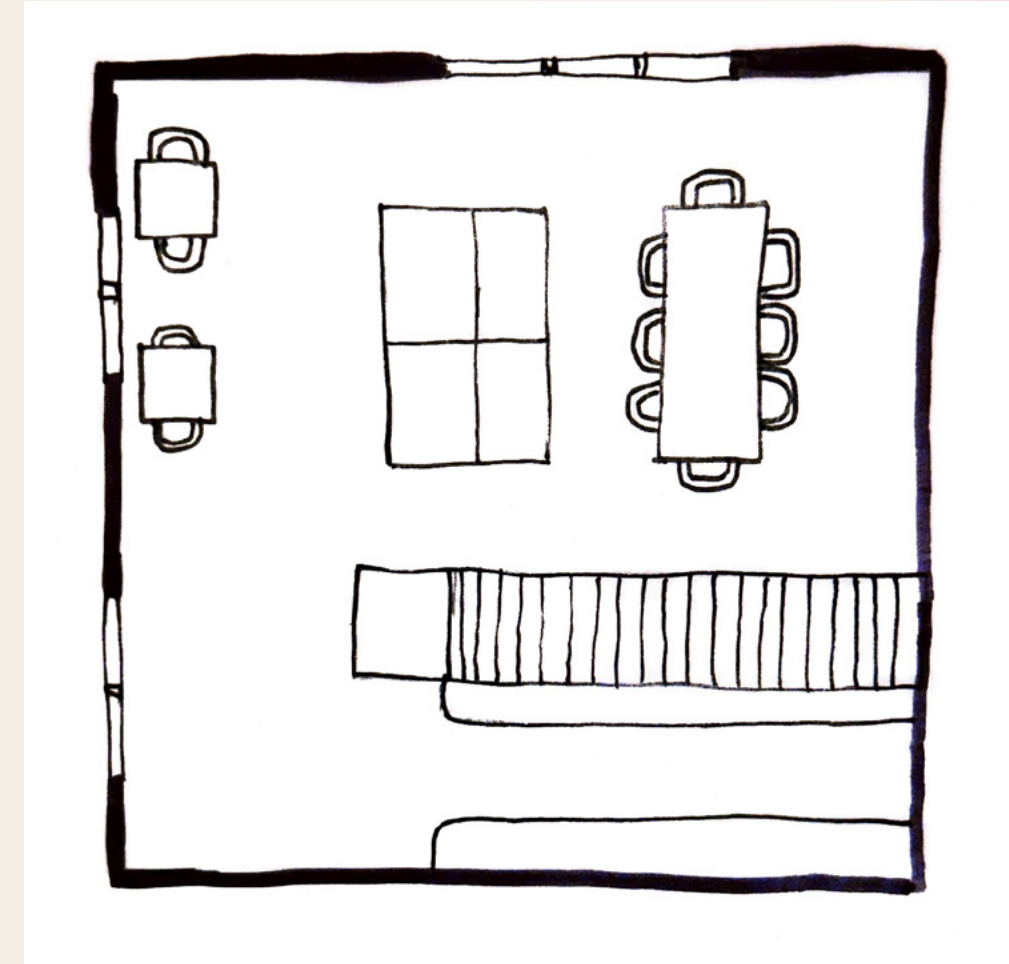
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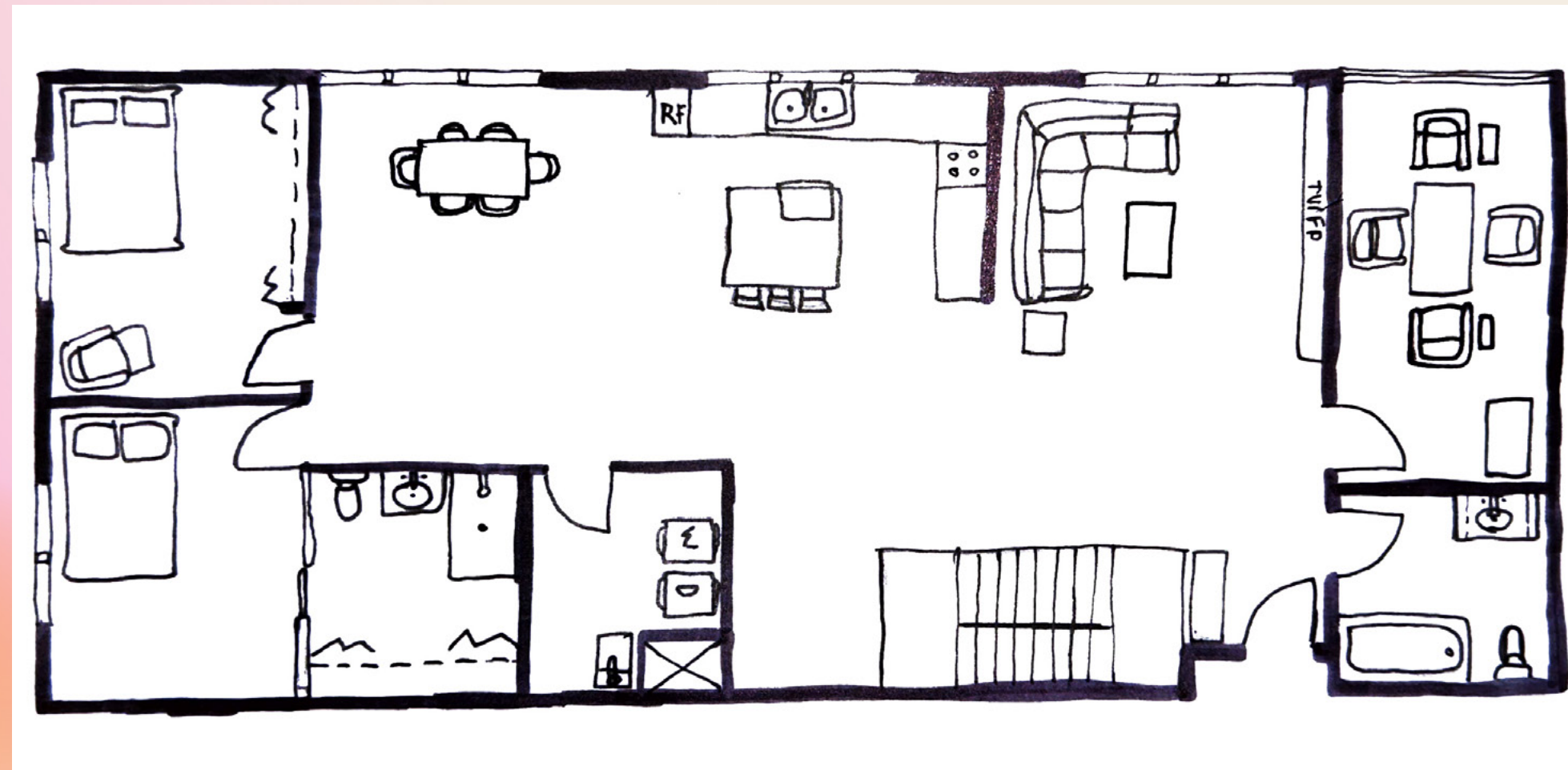
Project concept.



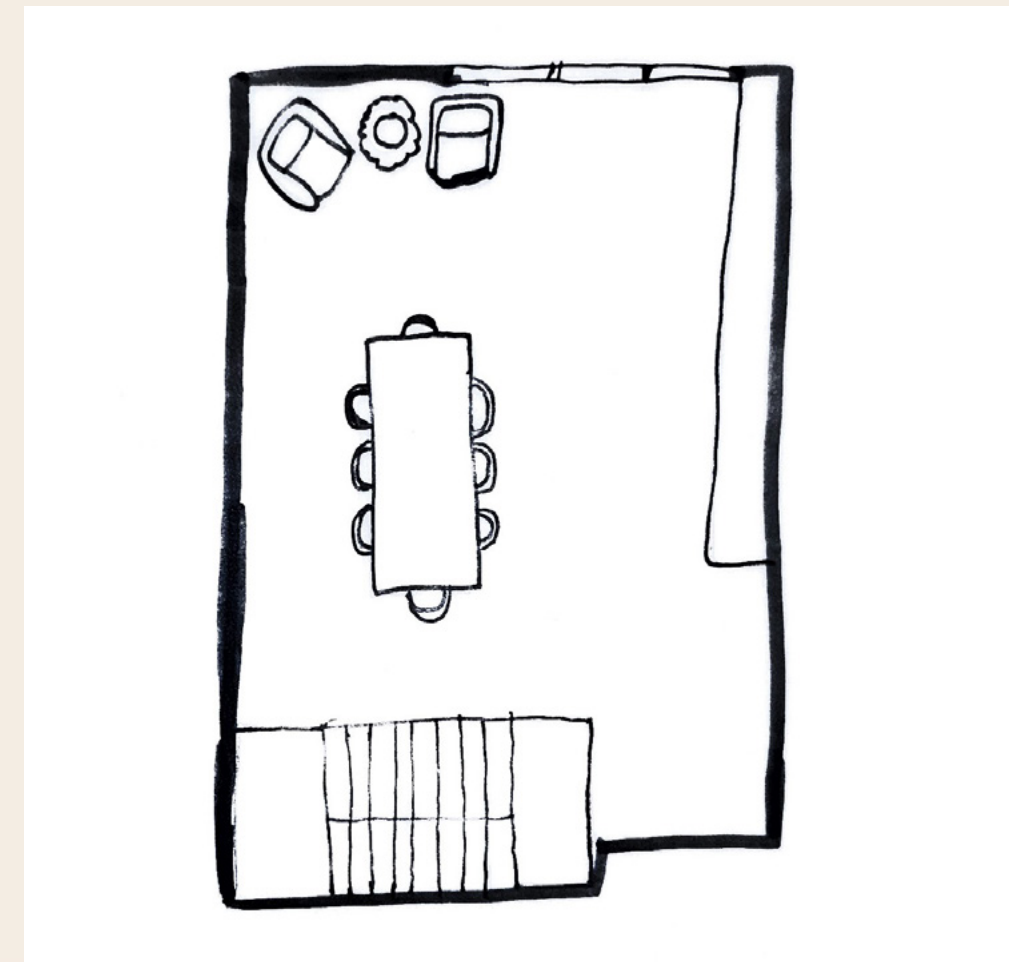
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Floor Plan.

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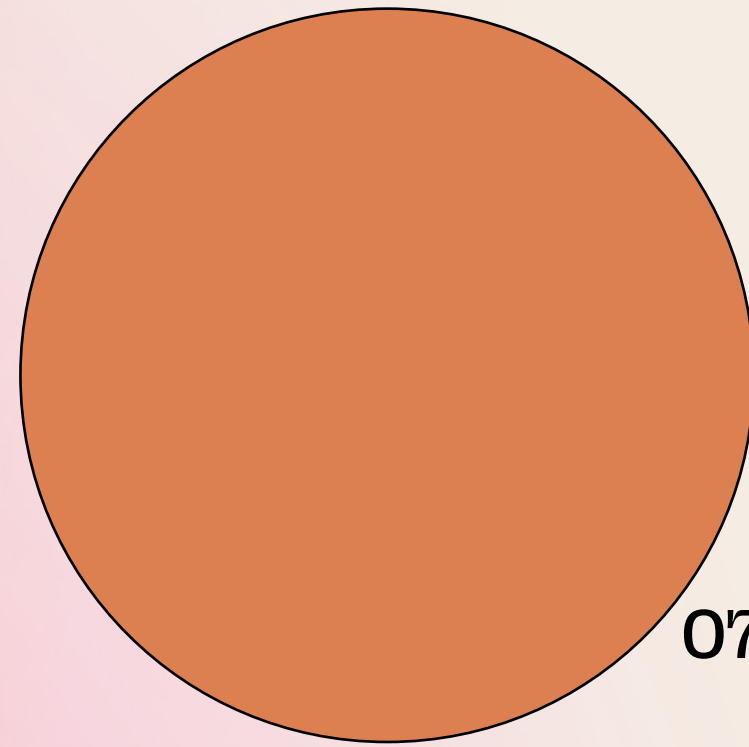


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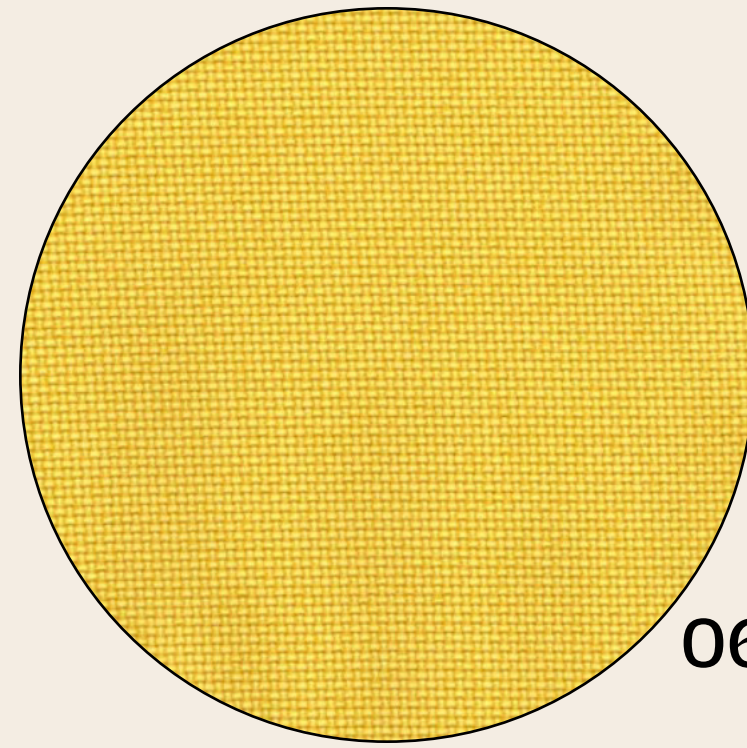
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Key Selections - Bold.



07

**Benjamin Moore Orange Blossom
ADVANCE Interior Paint.**
Low VOC.
(Miscellaneous Spaces)



06

Luna Fabrics Trapeze - Acrobat.
50% Post-Consumer Recycled
Polyester, 50% Polyester. SCS
Indoor Advantage Gold Rating,
Healthier Hospitals Compliant,
FR Free.
(Used for Pillows)



05

Herman Miller Mags Sectional Sofa in Pink.
Indoor Advantage Gold Certification. Made
using renewable energy.
(Living/Dining)



04

Chicago Plants Print.
Locally sourced in Chicago!
(Living/Dining)



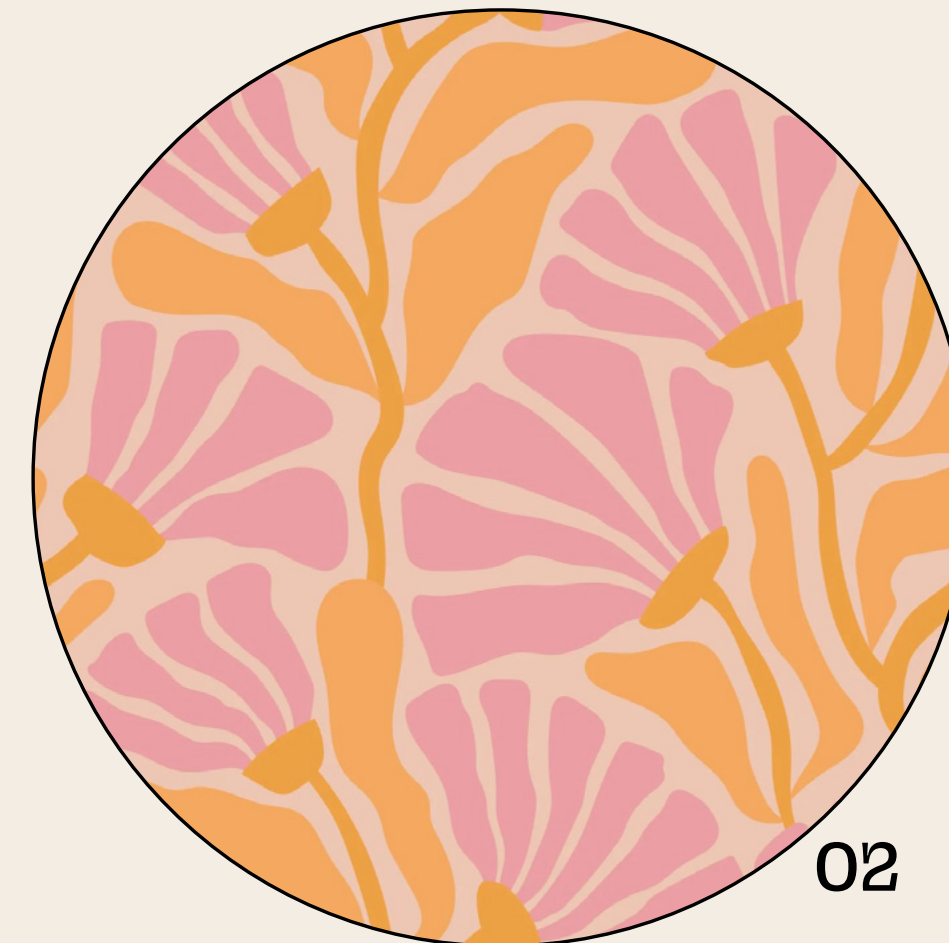
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TrabA Metis DOT Open Back Metal Chair.
TrabA uses renewable materials
and eco-friendly packaging.
(Miscellaneous Spaces)



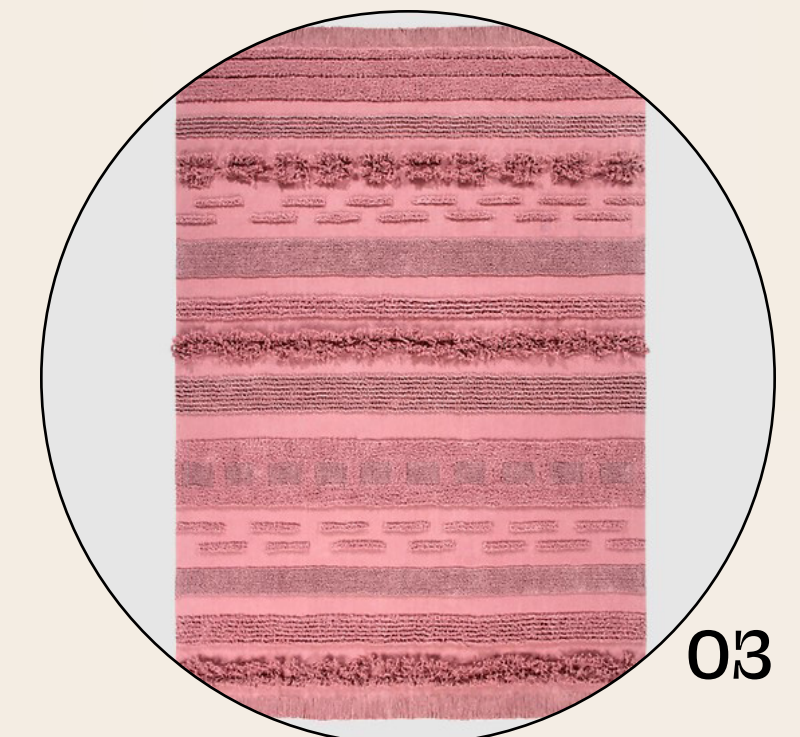
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Wallsneedlove Bracht Floral Wallpaper.
GreenGuard Certified Inks, Sustainably
Made through recycled material.
(Loft)



02

Wall Blush Willow Wallpaper.
PVC-free & eco-friendly, made
with sustainable materials.
(Bedrooms)



03

**Healthier Homes Diva Pink 100% cotton
eco-friendly organic rug.**
Nontoxic dyes and no chemical additives.
(Bedroom)

Key Selections - Natural.



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Luxcambra Oxygen Hanging Lamp

Luxcambra manufactures lamps with materials of natural or recycled origin. They also produce everything locally in Belgium.
(Loft)



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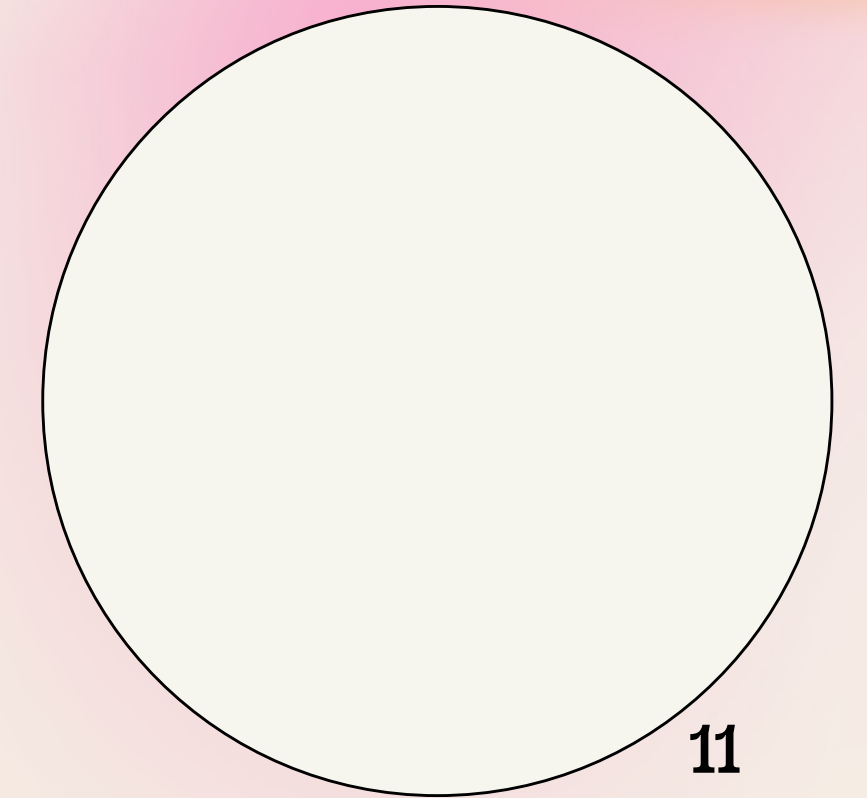
Santa & Cole Cesta Table Lamp by Miguel Mila.

Santa & Cole meets ISO 14001 and 9001 standards.



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Herman Miller Doubleframe Table.
responsibly sourced timber, made with renewable energy.
(Living/Dining)



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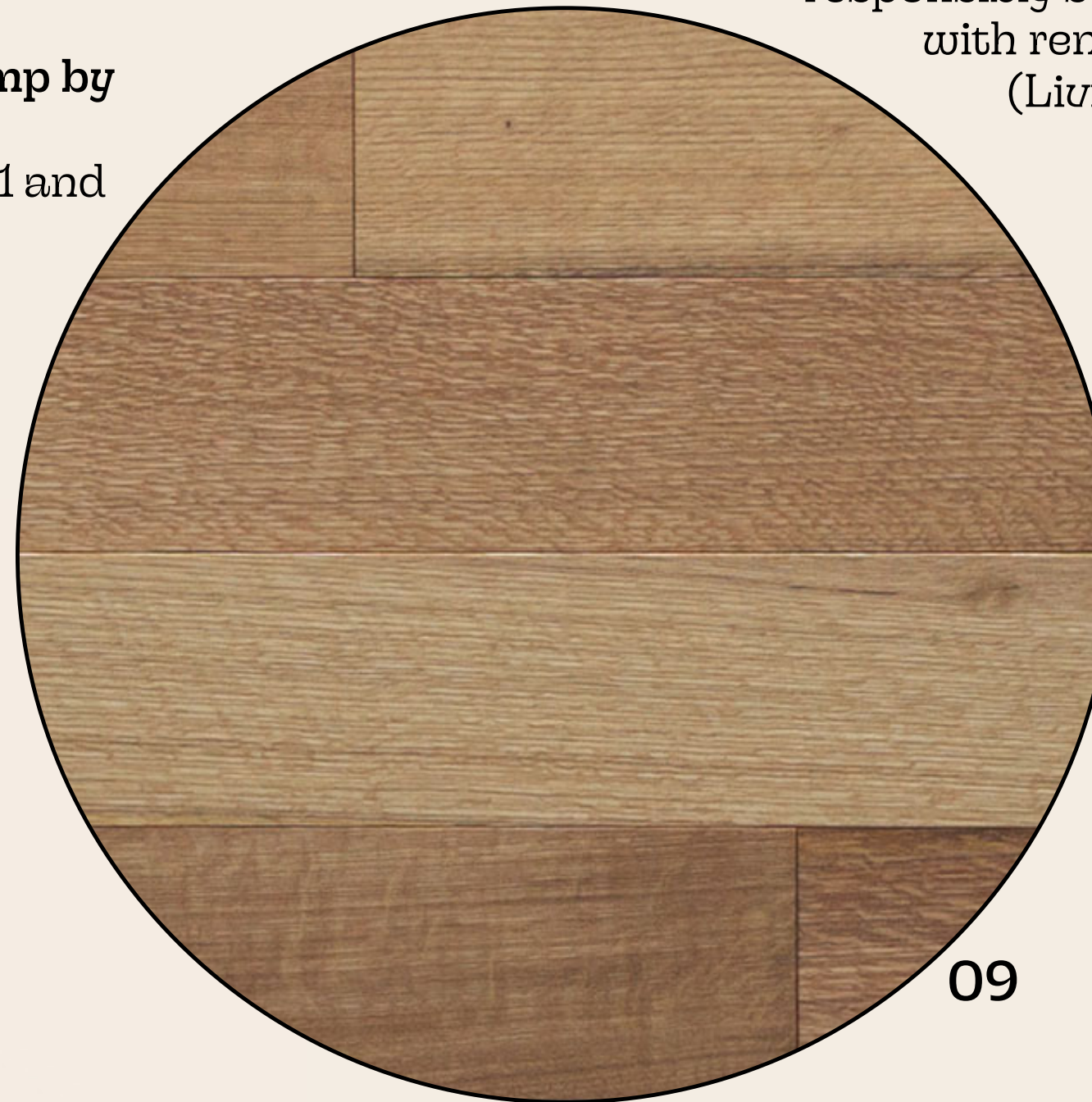
Benjamin Moore Simply White ADVANCE
Interior Paint.
Low VOC.
(Living/Dining)



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iPot 2X Modular Plant Pot System.

Compact plant pot system. iPot production has a streamlined production and shipping process that reduces waste. iPot bags are made from partially recycled cotton.
(Miscellaneous Spaces)



09

Terramai MC White Oak Flooring.
Zero-VOC clear oil finish, made from reclaimed wood.
(Miscellaneous Spaces)



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Masaya Telica Side Table.
100% solid sustainably sourced hardwood.
(Living/Dining)

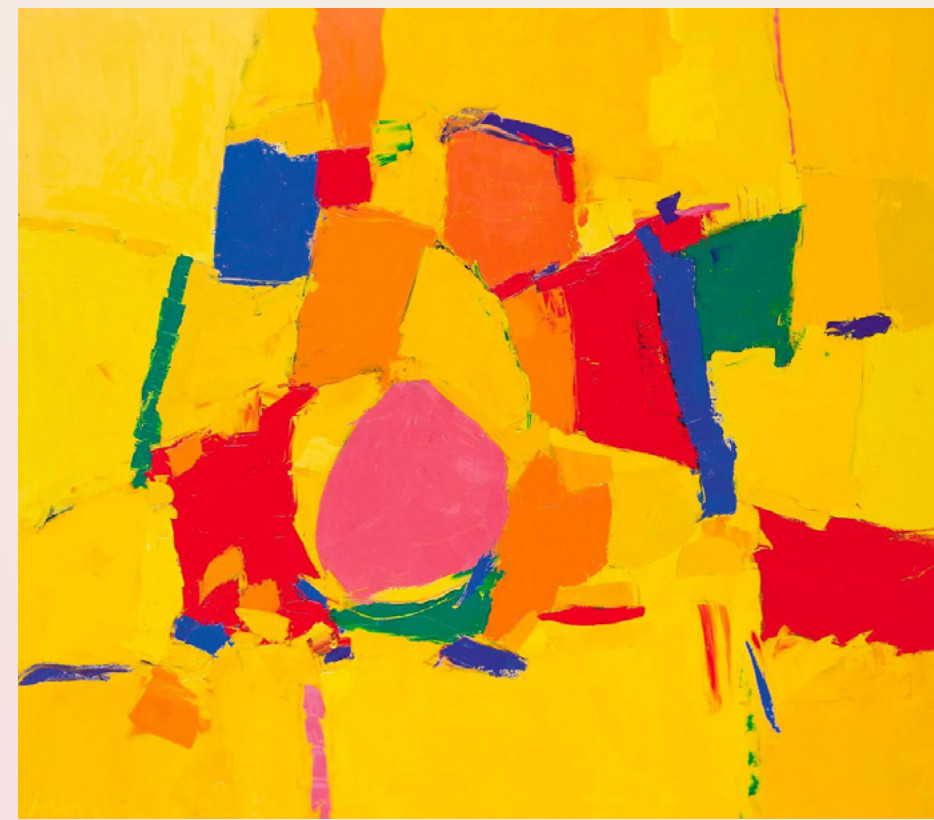
Honoring Puerto Rico and Puerto Rican Heritage

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Since Carmen and Sofia are from Puerto Rico, It was important to make them welcome in their new space by incorporating parts of Puerto Rican culture into the home. The living space features a Puerto Rican flag hanging in the living space and there are art prints by multiple Puerto Rican artists placed throughout the space which are listed below.



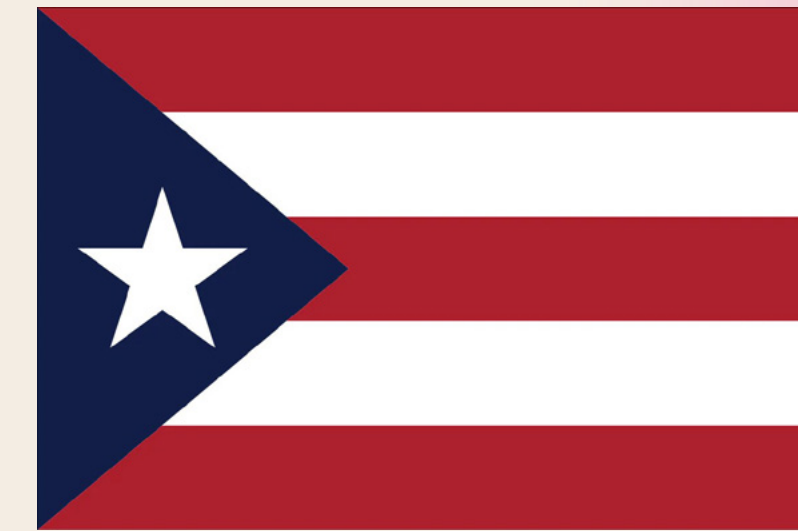
Untitled (Landscape) by
Luisina Ordonez, 1937.
- Living Room



900-50-80 by Olga Albizu, 1978
- Owner's Bathroom



Escena del Rio by
Manuel E Jordan, 19th Century
- Loft



Artwork by @izmoe



&... Honoring a love for plants and the city of Chicago

Chicago is a bustling city with lots of things going on, and Carmen and Sofia want to stay integrated within the community. They have recently solidified a partnership with Chicago Plants, a small plant shop run by other plant lovers located in Whicker Park. To celebrate this, a print of artwork made by another member in the Chicago Plants community has been installed in the loft. In the Kitchen, there are prints with art of Millennium Park and Lake Michigan, along with a print of the iconic Chicago Theater sign as the bold colors fit with the *vibe* of the loft.

Living/Dining



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Kitchen





Thank you!

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Some final things to consider as the presentation wraps up:

1. This is a sustainable loft located in downtown Chicago
2. Almost all of the furnishings and materials chosen for this space are sustainable.
3. The design concept includes taking advantage of the space to make room for plants while making the space look beautiful with bold colors, patterns, and a tropical feel.
4. Honoring Puerto Rican heritage, a love for plants, and the city of Chicago are important to make this loft feel like a true home for Carmen and Sofia.
5. Carmen and Sofia wanted a space where they could play board games and entertain guests. The entire loft was dedicated to this purpose.

