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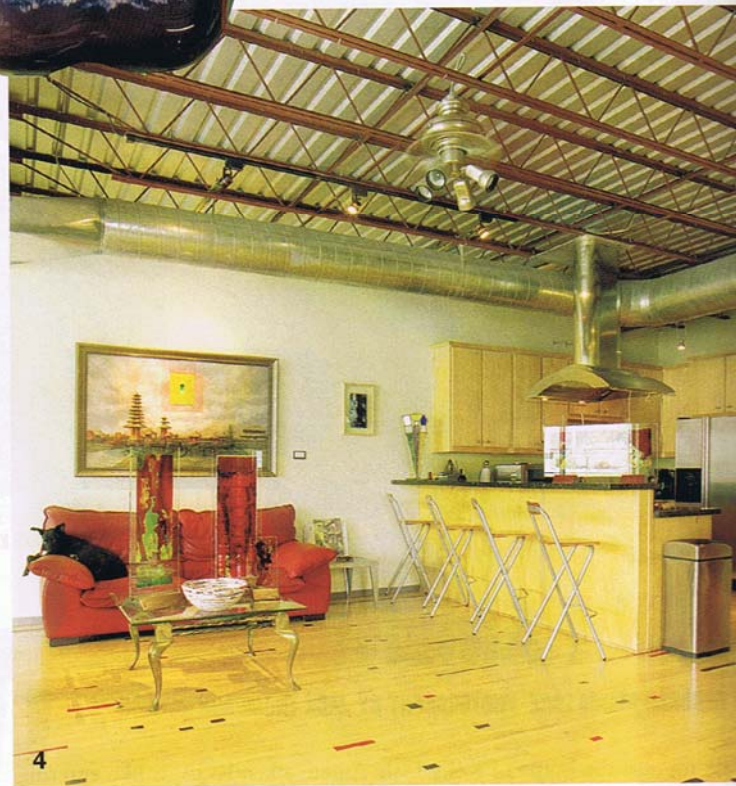
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## STROKES OF GENIUS...

**GET FLOORED** After spending years looking for an old basketball court from which he could salvage floors, one blew in with the rain. A storm knocked out a window and damaged the court at First Baptist Church, and worshippers decided to replace the floor. So Rodewald asked for the scraps. "Didn't cost me a thing." Now the maple flooring, with bits of painted black and red left over from court lines, fills his living room and kitchen [4]. **MIX MASTER** His décor includes a motorcycle gas tank he airbrushed with a funky design [3] when he first moved to Houston at age 24—and a painting of a tiger that his father brought back from the Korean War. He also prizes his brightly painted wooden sculpture from Bali, which he showcases in a tabletop array with clear glass balls painted



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from the inside out by artists in China [1]. His own partly abstract depiction of an above-the-clouds horizon graces the guest room [2]. **BRUSH UP** Years ago, the artist's mom gave him four big wooden paintbrushes, which he eventually worked into a "reclaimed" glass and metal coffee table. There's another giant paintbrush wired to the stairwell and another, made of foam, out by his pool. The pool [5], which he paid for by refinancing the home in 2003—"It raised my monthly mortgage payment \$9," he boasts—is shaped like an artist's palette, with dots of color on the bottom.