# MACKNIGHT ROOM · NORTH WALL



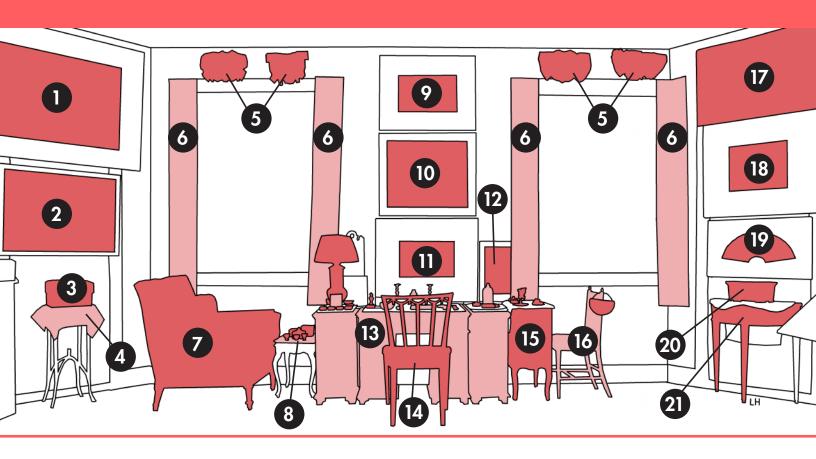
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- **5.** Casts of medallions for the Boston Public Library, 1903-1916. John S. Sargent (American, 1856–1925). Plaster
- **6. Window Curtain.** Modern reproduction of a 16th century original. Painted and gilded leather
- 7. Armchair. Italian (Venice), about 1790–1800. Wood
- 8. Tray. Italian (Venice), 18th century. Painted wood
- On the tray: three silver **Zarfs** (coffee cup holders), Turkish, 19th century; silver **Box**, Indian, 19th centuryr; **Workbox**, Korean, 19th century; brass **Vessel**, (Chinese, mid 19th century)
- **9. Moonrise,** 1886. Denis Miller Bunker (American, 1861–1890). Pastel on paper
- **10. Peonies,** 1914. Wilton Lockwood (American 1861–1914). Oil on canvas
- **11. A Japanese Tea-House,** 1891. Ralph Wormeley Curtis (American 1854–1922). Watercolor on paper
- **12. Matthew Stewart Prichard,** 1905. John Briggs Potter (American, 1864–1949). Pen and watercolor on paper
- **13. Writing Desk with two side cupboards.** Italian (Venice), about 1780. Painted wood

On the desk (left to right): glazed pottery **Table**Lamp; watercolor of **Notre Dame de Rheims:**La Chapelle Obsidiale by French artist Adrian
Senechal, 1913; four tray **Box**, Japanese; cloisonné enamel **Salt Shaker**, Chinese; slate with inlaid mosaic **Torcello**, Italian, 19th century; silver
Hand Mirror, Dutch, 19th century; brass **Bowl** 

Near Eastern or Indian; two lacquer with quail egg shell Cigarette Boxes, Japanese; silver Candlesticks, Italian, 18th century; creamware Inkstand, English or French, 18th century with a photograph of Isabella Gardner; pottery Jar made by Mona Freer; Portfolio, Italian; Magnifying Glass, German; lacquer Box, Japanese, early 19th century; ivory Letter Opener; round ivory Box, Japanese, 19th century; glass Bottle with a pewter top, Dutch, 18th century; brass, tin and lac Tray, Indian, about 1880.

- On the tray: bronze **Block** with snake, 19th century; silver filigree **Box**, East Indian, 19th century; alabaster **Figure** with carved ankh, Egyptian, 19th century(?); **Sword Guard**, Japanese, 18th century; wood inlaid with ivory Box, Indian, 19th century
- 14. Side Chair. Italian, 1750–1800. Wood
- **15. Inlaid Night Stand.** Italian, 18th century. Wood
- On top: Sheffield plate candlestick, trays with candlesnuffers
- **16. Side Chair.** English (?), 19th century.
- Hanging on the chair: **Basket.** American, 19th century (?). Stained reed
- **17. Venice: The Grand Canal with S. Maria della Salute,** about 1880. F. Hopkinson Smith (American, 1838–1915). Gouache and pencil on card
- **18. Moonrise on a Canal,** about 1878. Sarah Wyman Whitman (American, 1842–1904). Pastel on paper
- **19. Fan Design: La Maladetta,** 1922. Louis Kronberg (American, 1872–1965). Pastel on paper
- **20. Flowerpot.** Chinese, 18th century. Porcelain
- 21. Table. English (?), 19th century. Wood

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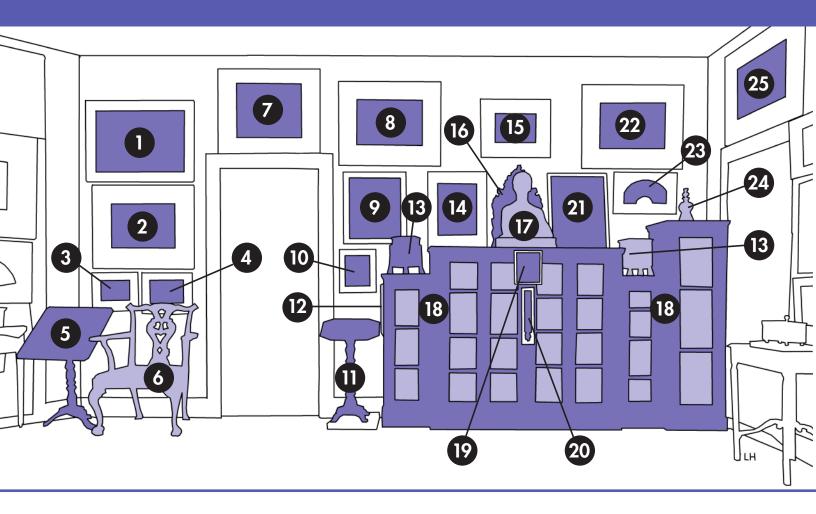
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- **1. Porpoises,** before 1921. Charles Herbert Woodbury (American, 1864–1940). Watercolor on paper
- **2. A Woman in a Lane,** 1907. Dodge Macknight (American, 1860–1950). Watercolor on paper
- **3. Back to Back,** 1913. Louis Kronberg (American, 1872–1965). Watercolor on paper
- **4. The Grand Canal, Venice,** 1914. Louis Kronberg. Watercolor on paper
- **5. Tip-Top Table.** Japanese, 19th century. Lacquer inlaid with mother of pearl
- 6. Armchair. English, 19th century. Mahogany
- **7. Towering Castles, Grand Canyon,** 1914. Dodge Macknight. Watercolor on paper
- **8. The Basin, Shelburne,** 1910. Dodge Macknight. Watercolor on paper
- **9. Gladioli,** 1915. Sara Choate Sears (American, 1858–1935). Pastel on paper
- **10. A Girl of Nabeul,** 1921. Caleb Arnold Slade (American, 1882–1961). Oil on paper
- **11. Tip-Top Table.** Japanese, 19th century. Lacquer inlaid with mother of pearl
- **12. Engraving Block with Saint Anthony.** Italian, 16th or 17th century. Wood
- **13. Box** (two). Japanese, early 19th century. Lacquer with gilt metal mountings

- **14. Mrs. Gardner in White,** 1922. John S. Sargent (American, 1856–1925). Photographic reproduction of watercolor
- **15. Rio di San Salvatore, Venice,** 1903–1904. John S. Sargent. Watercolor on paper
- **16. Mirror.** Italian, 18th century. Painted and gilded wood
- **17. Maria de Acosta Sargent,** 1915. Anna Coleman Ladd (American 1878–1939). Bronze
- **18.** Cupid With Bénetier (holy water container). Italian, 19th century. Silver
- **19. A Gateway in Tunis,** 1921. C. Arnold Slade (American, 1882–1961). Oil on paper
- **20. Badge.** French, about 1917. Photographic reproduction of a linen textile embroidered with silk
- **21. Thomas Whittemore,** 1922. John S. Sargent. Charcoal on paper
- **22. A Road in Winter, Cape Cod,** 1901–1904. Dodge Macknight. Watercolor on paper
- **23. Fan Design: Coppelia,** 1911. Louis Kronberg. Pastel on paper
- **24. Decanter in the Shape of a Thistle.** Scottish, 19th century. Cut glass
- **25. Along the Stream, Valserres,** 1894–95. Dodge Macknight. Watercolor on paper



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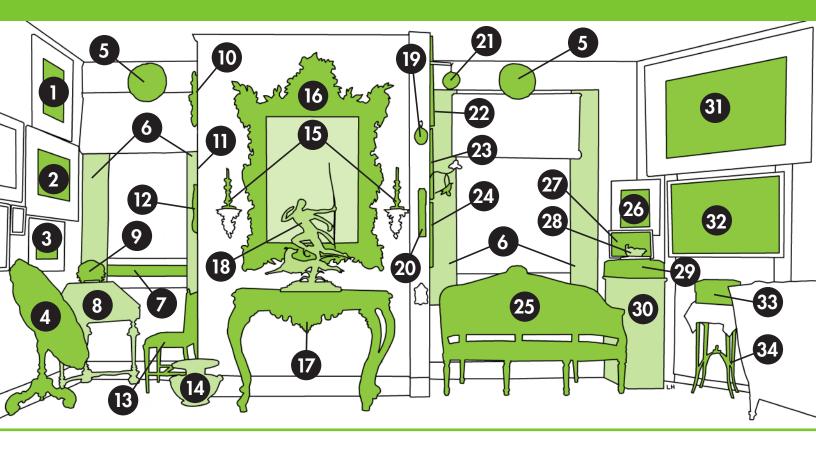
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- **2. The Road to Cordoba, Mexico,** 1907. Dodge Macknight (American 1860–1950). Watercolor on paper
- **3. Beaulieu,** date unknown. Hercules Brabazon (English, 1821–1906). Watercolor and pastel on paper
- **4. Tip-Top Table.** Italian, 18th century. Painted wood
- **5.** Cast of a Medallion for the Boston Public Library, 1903–1916. John S. Sargent (American, 1856–1925). Plaster
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- 7. Aeolian Harp. American (Boston), 1906. Wood
- **8. William and Mary Corner Desk.** English, late 17th century. Wood
- **9. Incense Burner in the shape of a persimmon.** Japanese, 19th century. Bronze
- **10. Venice,** 1886. Paul Tilton (American, 1859–1917). Oil on wood panel
- **11. An Italian (Venice) Lagoon,** 1884. Pietro Fragiacomo (Italian, 1856–1922). Oil on panel
- **12. The Dead Lion.** Raphaele Mainella (Italian, 1858–1942). Watercolor on paper
- 13. Side Chair. English (?), 19th century. Wood
- **14. Large Flower Basket.** Japanese, mid-19th century. Bamboo
- **15. Candlesticks** (two). Italian (Venice), 19th century. Glass
- **16. Mirror.** Italian (Venice), 18th century. Painted and gilded wood
- **17. Console Table.** Italian, late 18th century. Painted and gilded wood

- **18. Diana,** 1921. Paul Manship (American, 1885-1966). Bronze
- 19. Ostrich Egg
- **20. Wall Clock.** Japanese, 1800. Wood with lacquer; brass movement
- 21. Fisherman's Float. Glass and net
- **22. The Bay, Belle-Ile,** 1890. Dodge Macknight (American 1860–1950). Watercolor on paper
- **23. The Lagoon, Venice,** 1884. Henry Twachtman (American, 1853–1902). Photographic reproduction of a pastel drawing
- **24. Santa Maria Dei Gesuati, Venice,** 1903/4. John S. Sargent (American, 1856–1925). Photographic reproduction of a watercolor
- 25. Settee. Italian, 18th century. Wood
- **26. Peonies,** early 20th century. Denman Waldo Ross (American, 1853–1935). Oil on canvas
- **27. A View of Popocatepetil from Cuantla,** 1923. Denman Waldo Ross. Watercolor on paper
- **28. Miniature Galleon (with two marble eggs inside).** Provenance unknown, 19th century. Gilded wood
- **29. Oblong Box.** Japanese, 1870. Lacquer
- **30. Cupboard.** American, 19th century. Walnut
- **31. The River at Concord,** 1915. Elizabeth Wentworth Roberts (American, 1871–1927). Oil on canvas
- **32. The Meet,** 1914. Martin Mower (American, 1870–1960). Pastel on canvas
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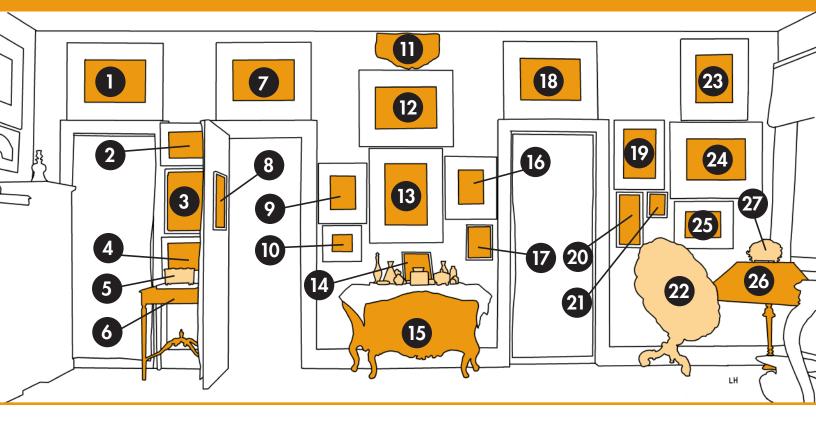
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- **2. The Pirouette,** 1904. Louis Kronberg (American, 1872–1965). Oil on paper
- **3. Panel.** Chinese, mid-19th century. Ink on soapstone
- **4. The Fountain,** 1918. Martin Mower (American 1870–1960). Watercolor on paper
- 5. Box. German, around 1600 (?). Painted metal
- 6. Writing Table. English (?), 19th century. Wood
- **7. Almond Trees, Valserres,** 1894–95. Dodge Macknight. Watercolor on paper
- 8. Photograph of a Portrait of Cherubini by Ingres, 1922
- **9. A Ballerina,** 1880. Edgar Degas (French, 1834–1917). Chalk and pastel on paper
- 10. The Bridge. Dutch, 17th century. Ink and pencil on paper
- **11.** Cast of a medallion for the Boston Public Library, 1903–1916. John S. Sargent (American, 1856–1925). Plaster
- **12. A Lane Through an Orange Grove, Orihuela,** 1904. Dodge Macknight. Watercolor on paper
- **13. In A Turkish Garden,** 1910. William Ranken (Scottish, 1881–1941). Watercolor on paper
- **14. John S. Sargent,** 1922. Alexander James (American, 1890–1946). Photographic reproduction of a drawing
- **15. Commode.** Italian (Venice), 18th century. Painted wood

On the commode: A mixture of travel souvenirs and

- gifts from friends, including glass Bottles with sand collected in Egypt, 1875; "Avalon" Tile, 1923, Henry Chapman Mercer (American, 1856-1930); glazed Rose Jar, 1931 by Anita Linzee; Green Dog and Hexagonal Box, around 1900, by Frances Curtis
- **16. The Parrot,** about 1915. E. Newell Marshall (American, 1871–1897). Watercolor on paper
- **17. Souvenir of Faust,** 1915. Louis Kronberg (American, 1872–1965). Watercolor on card
- **18. The Pool, Shelburne (New Hampshire),** 1914. Dodge Macknight. Watercolor on paper
- **19. Villa Sylvia, Saint Jean-sur-mer,** 1923. Sylvia Curtis Steinert (later Owen) (American 1899-unknown). Watercolor on paper
- **20. Nasturtiums at Fenway Court,** 1919. Arthur Pope (American 1880–1974). Oil on canvas
- **21.** The Long Gallery, Fenway Court, 1922–23. Martin Mower (American, 1870–1960). Watercolor on paper
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