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I wasn't convinced when my best friend told me I'd dig Showtime's "Dexter."

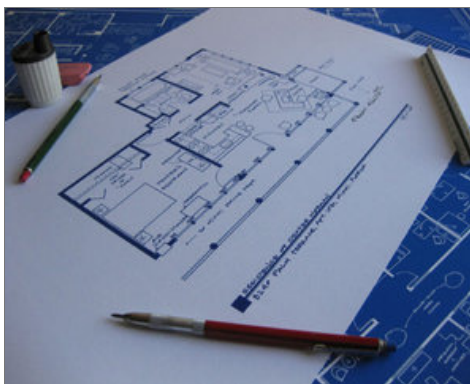
The show centers on Dexter Morgan (Michael C. Hall), a blood-splatter analyst for the Miami Metro Police Department. Off hours, Dexter is like Robin Hood with a much darker side: He robs criminals of their lives to help the poor innocents and himself.

This slice-of-life series about a serial killer of killers didn't seem like my cup of tea.

But when "Dexter" became available at the library, I checked it out. Its plot, characters and cinematography are loaded with undeniable style. Show me a better opening-credits sequence (preparing breakfast and getting dressed in the morning have never looked like this).

And you're treated to glimpses of the art deco architecture and vivid colors of Miami. Dexter's bachelor pad apartment also has chic design going on with a modern blue clock and a cantilevered bookshelf that acts as a room divider. As I was studying the sets of the show, I stumbled upon a quirky resource: fantasyfloorplans.com.

The woman behind the site is Brandi Roberts of Columbia, S.C., an interior design graduate with an interest in pop culture who hand draws blueprints of homes depicted in TV shows from the 1950s through current times. You can frame her works as an unusual homage to your favorites. For Dexter's one-bedroom apartment, she includes his minimalist furnishings as well as the places where he hides his, um, tools and (gulp) trophies.



A blueprint-style rendering of Dexter's bachelor pad is available starting for \$49 for an 11-by-17-inch archival print at FantasyFloorplans.com



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