



LEFT: The KL Kitchen, Inc.-designed kitchen features custom stainless steel cabinetry and quartz countertops. Appliances by Sub-Zero, Wolf and Miele make for a fabulous chef's haven.

DESIGN

Paradise on Park

Interior designer Katie Lydon transforms a pre-war apartment in Midtown Manhattan into a serene sanctuary

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LEFT: In the primary bedroom, a custom bed by Dune, nightstands by Desiron, rug by Stark Carpet and vintage Murano glass lamps create a quiet oasis

As the owner of the womenswear boutique The RiverLane, in Essex, Connecticut, Robin Zubretsky knows the importance of having an appealing physical space. That's why the entrepreneur tapped her frequent collaborator, interior designer Katie Lydon, when she needed to gut renovate a pre-war apartment on Park Avenue. The resulting space is a study in calm and serenity with a neutral color palette of whites, grays, silvers and golds. "The apartment is set on a high floor in a gorgeous building on Park Avenue and has beautiful views and light throughout," says Lydon. "It is a wonderfully light and open three-bedroom apartment with a great-sized kitchen and back pantry area. Zubretsky and her husband use the home to host extended family and friends, and it's a welcome place for entertaining."



The living room features a custom sectional sofa and ottomans by Dune, stainless steel coffee table and leather ottomans by Desiron, a Warp & Weft rug, artwork by Kenneth Josephson and Damien Hirst and Venetian plaster and lacquered ceiling by Deux Femmes Decorative Art



LEFT:
In the dining room, a table by BDDW, chairs and sideboard by Dune, rug by Beauvais Carpets and custom mirror by John Boone make for a luxe space

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We worked with our decorative painters to do beautiful paint finishes throughout, and all the walls have this gorgeous luminous quality.
—KATIE LYDON
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Special paint finishes and wall treatments by decorative painters make the space feel rich and luminous. “We used plaster ceiling moldings to give the ceilings that very important lift,” says Lydon. “The ceilings in the great room are lacquered white and it really sends them soaring. To achieve that, the beams and moldings had to be perfect.” Prints from artists like Richard Serra, Donald Sultan and Damien Hirst line the walls alongside photography by Kenneth Josephson and a glass sculpture by Jeff Zimmerman. A stainless steel kitchen is a standout custom design, and bathrooms were redone using Studium and Waterworks tile with soft and interesting patterns and layouts on the floor. ■

RIGHT:
Upon entry, art by Jeff Zimmerman and Sangbin IM greets guests alongside a tiled floor by Studium



In the primary bathroom, a soaking tub sits atop tile and underneath sconces, all by Waterworks



A seated vanity area (with a chair by B&B Italia) was a must on the clients' primary bath wish list



In the primary bedroom, a lucite-and-wood desk by Profiles is paired with a chair by Baker to create a calm oasis of productivity



Outdoor furniture by Janus et Cie offers a refined perch from which to enjoy the view