

ART LESSON

A museum-worthy art collection isn't the only creative and captivating feature of this stunning New York apartment



ENTRANCE

Even the furnishings in the apartment have an artistic quality - like the plaster, paper, pulp and steel ceiling pendants and custom curved consoles featured here.

Ohne Titel artwork by Georg Baselitz. Partera marble stool, The Future Perfect. Oyster perforated pendant lights, Brent Warr. Custom console tables and mirrors, all Workshop/APD

MEDIA ROOM

'For this room, the owners had a very clear vision of an all-black space, filled with textures,' says art advisor Barbara. 'We found a large scale work by Guillem Nadal that plays with texture and has a bit of red colour contrast'

S/T 16-12-16 artwork by Guillem Nadal. Pyramides chandelier, Bourgeois Boheme Atelier. Custom sofa and coffee table, both Workshop/APD. Le Minitore chair, Studiotwentyseven. Airisto side table, Made By Choice. Dover lamp, Visual Comfort & Co

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KITCHEN

Low seating keeps the views the centre of focus. 'We chose a delicate wall sculpture by Eduardo Perez Cabrero that is small and subtle, but its multi-dimensionality and amorphous shape draw attention,' says Barbara.

Symphonia artwork by Eduardo Perez Cabrero. Treble **score** 218, David Weeks Studio. Custom **banquette** and **table**, both Workshop/APD. Tre 3 **chairs**, Angelo Mangiarotti at Studiotwentyseven

There's basically nothing to improve upon in this impressive apartment located in Tribeca, the heart of the Big Apple. Firstly, the 82-storey building in which it sits was designed by Robert A.M. Stern Architects, evoking the iconic architecture of 1920s and 1930s New York. Its classic facade features precast concrete panels that look like limestone, combined with metal screens for a contemporary twist. Secondly, the sweeping panorama provided by the massive double-height, south-facing windows overlooks the bottom tip of Manhattan and includes the Statue of Liberty as well as both the Hudson and East rivers. Thirdly, the harmonious interiors with their soft curves, luxurious plaster finishes and neutral colour palettes, enhanced by the occasional use of deeper hues for more dramatic contrasts, were created by renowned interior design and architecture firm Workshop/APD. Fourthly, the spectacular contemporary artworks that adorn the walls reflect the cohesive yet bold vision of art advisor Barbara Cartatagui.

'I was part of the project from the beginning,' remembers Barbara, who studied with one of the homeowners at Parsons School of Design. Since those days, the two have become friends. 'I previously worked with these collectors when they purchased a house in the Hamptons, and I helped them acquire and create a very special art collection for their second residence. I knew they were looking to buy a property in Manhattan for a very long time, but nothing that came to the market was special or large enough or meet their expectations. One day, during one of our frequent gallery walkthroughs, they told me they had found their dream apartment,' she says.

In parallel to the full renovation of the apartment, Barbara started to conceive of the type of art that would fit the home. The project gave her the opportunity to collaborate with the interior designers at Workshop/APD and think about every aspect of the decoration to define the perfect paintings, prints and sculptures for the apartment. 'The objective was to completely integrate the art into the space and environment,' she explains.

STAIRWELL

A sculptural staircase in a soft plaster finish echoes the curvaceous shapes elsewhere in the apartment.

Custom staircase,
Workshop/APD



Barbara's process involved researching and sourcing many different options and accompanying the homeowners to art fairs, galleries and artist's studios. She also took care of sharing market reports to guide her clients' investments. 'One of the biggest challenges was finding potential artwork that would have enough strength or "protagonism" to stand out, while also remaining minimal, subtle and broadly cohesive to the overall theme of the design,' explains Barbara.

As the couple are inclined to a monochromatic aesthetic, the art had to revolve around those guidelines, while simultaneously adding something to the apartment's atmosphere. Barbara also wanted to make sure that there would be a large number of female artists, such as Angela de la Cruz, Tracey Emin and Rania Schoretsaniti, included in the collection – their pieces currently grace the livingroom. Georg Baselitz and Jaume Plensa – on the staircase – as well as James Turrell – between the living room and formal dining room – are some other well-known names that provide big effects.

It's this level of attention to detail throughout the apartment that has delivered such a remarkable result – an ultra-contemporary, ultra-luxe home that, despite its elevated appearance, still manages to be a calm, centred and serene space, ready to be enjoyed both by the homeowners and their guests.



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FAMILY TV ROOM

'This is one of the most playful works of art that we acquired. The canvas itself was a commission from the artist, but the most special part was that he came from Spain to "finish" the piece in situ. The final element on the wall was completely spontaneous and I feel it adds an entirely different element to the room,' says Barbara.

Untitled artwork by Sergio Gomez|Srger. Custom sofa and coffee table, Workshop/APD. Side table, Made by Choice. Lamp, Visual Comfort & Co



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THE OWNERS

A young and glam couple. She is a former fashion stylist and he works in real estate. They live here with their two young sons, Windsor, aged five, and Atlantic, aged three.

THE PROPERTY

The spacious duplex features a generous living room with an office leading from it, kitchen, formal dining room and a large terrace on the 78th floor. A sculptural staircase leads to the 79th floor, which houses a music and media room, as well as an additional family TV room, plus the two children's bedrooms, family bathroom and the main bedroom suite.

KITCHEN

The cook space was largely existing, although the Workshop/APD team made changes. 'The kitchen flows seamlessly into the more public areas, expressing that same clean, minimal aesthetic. We wanted it to be comfortable and well-equipped for a family that loves to cook,' says Andrew Kotchen, founding principal, Workshop/APD.

Similar bespoke kitchen, Ledbury Studio. Carlotta stool, Studiotwentyseven

DINING ROOM

'The homeowners love to entertain, so we wanted to provide a beautiful, flexible backdrop for their gatherings. This split dining table provides opportunities for both occasions,' says Andrew.

Custom **table**, Workshop/APD. Tre 3 **dining chairs**, Angelo Mangiarotti at Studiotwentyseven. Four Arches **pendant lights**, Liz O'Brien



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MAIN BEDROOM

'Our team softened this space by adding a custom upholstered bed and a textural wall finish, both in creamy, unified neutral tones,' says Andrew.

Custom **bed** and **bedside drawers**, Workshop/APD.
Bedside **lamp**, Collier Webb