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Six Apartments on the Upper East Side Become One



One of New York's hottest young designers, Lori Feldman, has just completed the four-year renovation of this 4,000 square-foot, Upper East Side townhouse. Feldman's challenge was to combine six apartments into one Manhattan residence, with all the light, architectural details, and contemporary luxury of a suburban estate.

The designer used many creative solutions to combine the spaces in the most comfortable and functional way. Since the homeowner shares his abode with two cats and a dog, durability also played a part in decorating decisions. Feldman chose commercial-grade materials for rugs and seating fabrics.

Since the clients have friends and family who love visiting, the home includes three guest bedrooms that also function as sitting/study areas, as well as a bedroom that also serves as a Zen meditation room. The home also has four fireplaces, two terraces, a floor-through living room/entertainment space with full bar, a home office, a conservatory, and the kitchen on the top floor.

Feldman's use of bleached maple wood throughout provides striking visual impact and texture. A three-story, free-floating stairway makes a dramatic statement. Color schemes and materials were carefully thought out to create an airy, contemporary look, which is both trendy yet timeless. Calming tones of gray, celadon, taupe, and cream fuse the multitude of rooms seamlessly in this three-story home.