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A Modern Design Scheme Revives
A New York City Apartment

A dazzling apartment design was recently completed at 100 UN Plaza in New York City's sought-after Turtle Bay neighborhood. This sky-high unit is filled with modernist details and sleek rooms, a special request of the owner who sought a peaceful refuge in the city. Sophisticated interiors match the dramatic city and water views in this reconfigured space designed by Melissa Fenigstein of New Age Interiors in Syosset, NY.



“My client called me right after he purchased his apartment, which is almost 50 stories high,” Fenigstein said. “Since it was boxy and segmented with a closed-in kitchen, I immediately knew that we should open up the walls to create an open living and kitchen area. My client wanted to create a chic home yet still maintain an element of warmth and serenity.”

After the construction phase opened up the apartment walls, Fenigstein collaborated with her client about the finishes and fixtures that best suited his aesthetic. The results completely transformed the new layout and added multiple layers of color and texture. “I love the earthy tones and colors, the oiled finished floors and the raked texture on the kitchen cabinets,” Fenigstein said. “I also love the way the textures interact and live with one another, like the jute rug and nubuck suede chair over the oiled floors.”

A favorite space of the client is the ethereal dining area, Fenigstein noted. “The theatrical scale of the chandelier acts like a halo over the large round concrete table that commands a space in front of the magnificent view overlooking the 59th Street Bridge and the East River. The views really are an amazing backdrop to both bedrooms and the living space.”

The collaborative approach is Fenigstein’s professional trademark; she said this project flowed effortlessly due to open communication and mutual understanding between the designer and her client. “Looking back at the original vision and inspiration photos that I collected to begin a dialogue with my client, I am so pleased that the end result really matched our initial vision.”

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