

Completely Livable

Whole house design by New Age Interiors

The task of building a 6000 square foot home in the suburbs of Long Island was a bit daunting for this young family of four. To accomplish this undertaking, they turned to New Age Interiors, Inc. to guide them every step of the way. It's an understatement to say this family is thrilled with the end result and are lavish in their praise for Melissa Fenigstein and Linda Pravata-Fenigstein, co-owners of the Syosset based company.

"The Kohn family wanted a home that was completely livable," says Fenigstein.

"I never wanted those off-limit rooms," Dr. Kohn explained. "Melissa turned a house with a 22-foot ceiling into a warm and cozy home – that was essential. We wanted to have a practical and comfortable home."

What comes to mind in describing this center hall colonial is bright and inviting. Walking through the entrance, guests are greeted by a warm gray stone floor flanked by complementing wood floors, a sweeping iron and wood staircase that leads up to the second floor and a custom iron and handcrafted glass hurricane chandelier. To the left of the foyer is a bar room and to the right a dining room. "Decorated in shades of gray, creams and black, the bar sitting area has the ambiance of a posh lounge with a speak easy mystery to it," notes Pravata-Fenigstein.

The dining room to the right is a lesson in exquisite sophistication. Centered is a custom 80-inch



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Next to the elegant staircase, is a beautiful antiqued mirror console and wall hung mirror.

dark espresso round dining table surrounded by platinum toned wood chairs. The faux finished ceiling balances the large scale wall covering. "I love the two over-sized mirrors that reflect the

beautiful silver and crystal chandelier," Dr. Kohn commented.

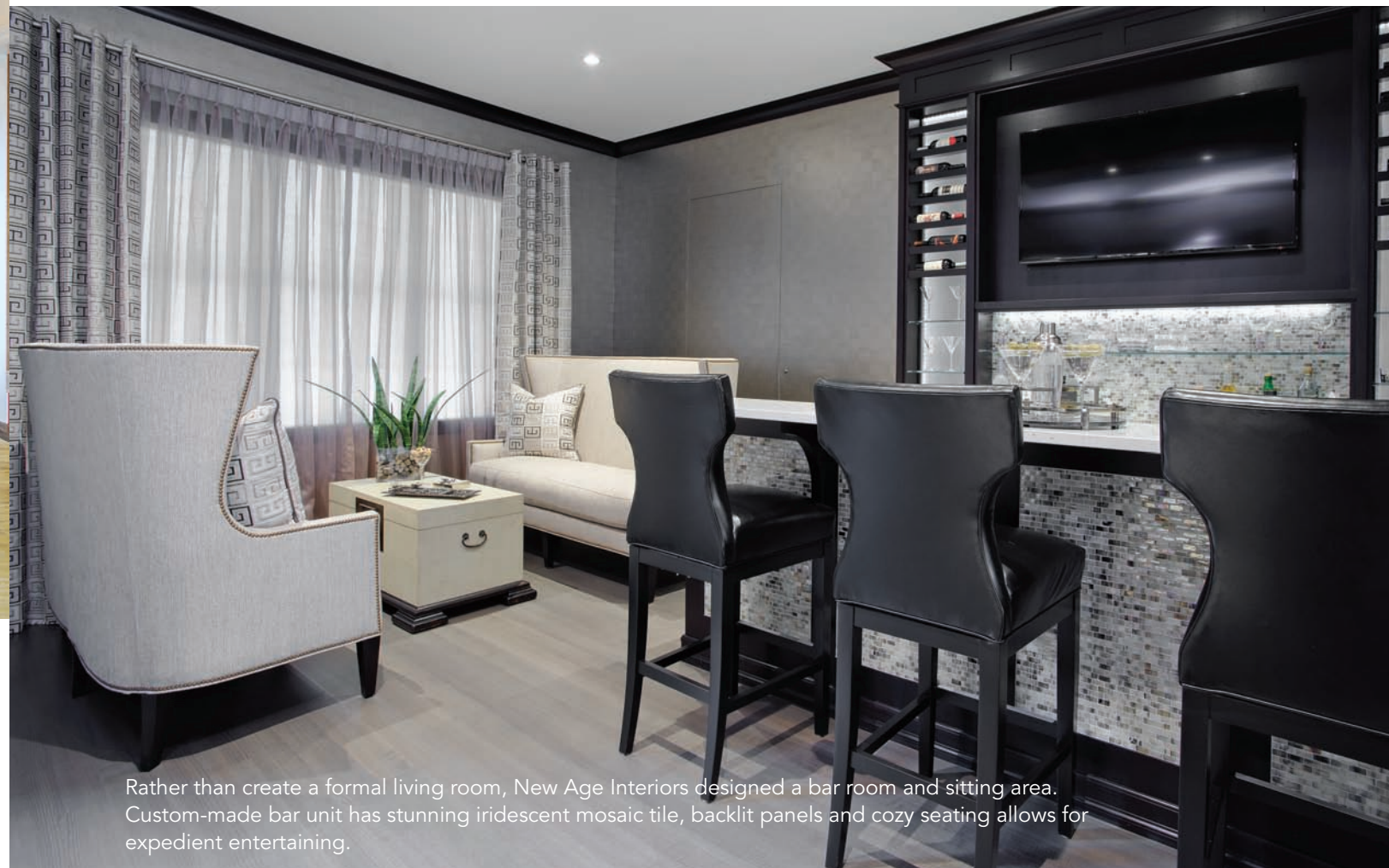
"For a family that puts a premium on being consummate hosts, this is an important facet of the house," says Fenigstein.



The dining room opens to the foyer and kitchen. A custom-made 80-inch round dining table with chairs in platinum finish. The attractive detail on the back of the chairs adds grace and complements the delicate crystal ribbon feature of the chandelier. Two large scale mirrors enhance the wallcovering and faux painted ceiling.



A closer view is necessary to emphasize the drama of the crystal ribbons that make up the dining chandelier.



Rather than create a formal living room, New Age Interiors designed a bar room and sitting area. Custom-made bar unit has stunning iridescent mosaic tile, backlit panels and cozy seating allows for expedient entertaining.



Grand eat-in kitchen overlooking the magnificent outdoor gardens. Complementing marbles combined with a poured concrete table top are attention-grabbing features. New Age Interiors used contrast wood and metal finishes to create further interest.

Family room off the kitchen with dark gray coffered ceiling. An iron and hand-blown glass light fixture meshes with the continuity of the ceiling. The fireplace with the opposing sofas and leather recliners is welcoming.



Beyond the foyer is the kitchen with an extravagantly sized center island – an oasis for food preparation. Whether whipping up a quick breakfast to serve at the marble counter or dinner seated at the custom poured concrete table top, family and friends feast on their surroundings.

The family room is off the kitchen, and “it completes the flow of rooms for entertaining,” Pravata-Fenigstein notes. At the far end of the room is a gas fireplace with TV above. Two opposing sofas with contrast pleats give everyone a view of both the fireplace and the TV while keeping the space open and inviting.

“The contrast pleat detail is a great option when sofas will be floating,” explains Fenigstein. “The deep taupe coffered ceiling brings depth and drama to the room,” Pravata-Fenigstein adds. The sisal area rug grounds the sofas and



Splashes of color abound in this outdoor living space. Accommodations were made for ample lounging around the pool.



Outdoor fireplace with a television above. Generous swivel chairs permit entertaining and relaxing by the fire. Various sized hurricane lanterns offer subtle illumination. New Age Interiors covered all chairs and pillows in Sunbrella fabrics to withstand the outdoor elements.

leather recliners provide additional warmth and texture with a nod to durability, since this room leads to the outdoor living space. “It’s the attention to details that gives me a sense of joy in this room,” says Dr. Kohn.

With Dr. Kohn’s penchant for

entertaining in her backyard when the temperature rises, creating an impressive outdoor space was an imperative. “Melissa nailed it!” exclaims Dr. Kohn. “We lead very busy lives, so when we spend time at home we want to feel like we’re at a resort.”

“I brought all the comforts of being inside to the outdoor environment,” says Fenigstein.

“Everything from the fireplace and the TV above to the furniture and fabrics as well as the fan under the pergola, are all rated for outdoor use,” adds Pravata-Fenigstein

"It's bright, cheery and cozy – all the necessities for outdoor living," states Dr. Kohn. "We love to watch Met games by the fire and roast marshmallows. When we are not entertaining for friends, we are enjoying it ourselves."

Upstairs, away from the rest of the world, is a sitting room off the master bedroom. It is the perfect place to put your feet up on the chaise or tufted storage ottoman for quiet reading, watching TV, or just sitting by the fire.

"At times during this process, I would get deliveries and have some concern about the new pieces fitting in," remarks Dr. Kohn. "Melissa and Linda – with calm reassurance – would say that I should just live with it for a few days and that we would speak again. Always, and without exception, I would realize that I could not picture living without the new additions. In fact, I can honestly say to this day, I would not change a thing." 🏠



A shaped tufted headboard in the master bedroom is covered in a raw silk. The mirrored nightstands, gold and crystal lamps with their laser cut and crystal shades add a touch of graceful charm. This room blends romance and elegance with a soft palette of gray and gold.



The private master sanctuary. This sitting room off the master bedroom is a welcome retreat at the end of the day or early morning. A thick shag rug grounds a petite sectional with chaise and storage tufted ottoman covered in a metallic vinyl. The custom wall unit with gas fireplace is the ultimate luxury.

Continuing with the soft palate from the master bedroom, the master bath features a luxurious soaking tub as well as an elaborate shower. The custom vanities are in a glazed gray finish. White Carrara marble is handsomely bordered with a gold basket weave marble. The window treatments are an embroidered linen.



Guests lavish in comfort and privacy in this guest suite. The guest bedroom radiates with soft lavender tones and lightly distressed gray woods. The custom carved white painted wood vanity induces a spa like quality to the adjoining bath.