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Uptown Glamour at Manhattan House by Celerie Kemble *Showhouse Tour*



Name: Celerie Kemble

Location: Upper East Side — New York, New York

Size: 1,861-square-feet — 2-bedroom condo

The recent renovation of the Manhattan House buffs an already treasured architectural gem. Giving Celerie Kemble the opportunity to design and create an extravagant two-bedroom residence brings to life the ultimate urban living experience.





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Celerie had access to an extensive design budget and about five months to put together this model apartment — the lap of luxury high above the upper east side. She juxtaposed 60's era furniture in homage to the building's vintage, with classic upholstery patterns. For a very personal touch, she brought in artists and illustrators to paint the walls as if they were canvases. These wall treatments are delicate patterns and murals that resemble but surpass wallpaper. A visitor can't help but get very close to touch, look and debate whether it is wallpaper after all.

Textures, subtle coloring and beautiful vignettes work together to form a 'done' space. One feels instantly elegant upon crossing the threshold.



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Apartment Therapy Survey

Style: Eclectic, moody, and glamorous with a touch of retro fashion fun.

Inspiration: Old black and white films, the idea of a Palm Beacher in New York.

Favorite Element: Horizontal striped walls in a high gloss lacquer done by [Cheron Tomkins](#) and a custom dyed dahlia-pink shagreen coffee table by Etched Design.

Biggest Challenge: A model apartment is a financial, not personal investment. This was an unusual challenge — to make a space feel like a distinct personality and shape it, when in fact every step taken was to cater to a very rational objective.

What Friends Say: They would love to entertain here.

Biggest Embarrassment: Eating my nine month pregnant body weight in beef lollypops at the opening night party. A ban on martini drinking makes for an even more gluttonous, grabby decorator. The wait staff were desperately against me...hoping to distribute at least a few hors d'oeuvres to the guests.

Proudest DIY: Using fabric glue to apply a tape trim to the skirted sofas, curtains, and lamp shades.

Biggest Indulgence: The Odegard dining table — a apricot and grey sandstone slab with carved pedestal bases.

Dream Source: Waylande Gregory — yheir gold ceramic plates and pottery capture exactly the old New York, retro, glam-meets-Palm Beach vibe we sought.



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Resources:

MEDIA ROOM

- Wallpaper & fabric: F. Schumacher
- Rug: Merida Meridian
- Sectional: Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams
- Art: Blaire Voltz Clark consultant. Artists &mdash Luci Soni, Dan Bennett

ENTRYWAY

- Mirror: Vintage
- Art: Blaire Voltz Clark Gallery
- Console: Worlds Away
- Chairs: Celestina
- Paint finish [Cheron Tomkins](#)
- Art in Back Hallways Karen Tompkins from Blaire Voltz Clark Gallery

DINING ROOM

- Table: Odegard
- Chairs: Celestina
- Chandelier: Stripe Vintage Interiors
- Miami Placemats and Napkins: Dransfield & Ross
- Buffet: Architecture and Interiors
- Miami Lamps: Vintage from Cashmere Buffalo and Dolce Antiques West Palm Beach, Florida

LIVING ROOM

- Sofas: J. Edlin Interiors and Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams Coffee
- Table: Custom shagreen by Etched Designs
- Art above mantle: Gracie
- Frame by Steven Amedee "Flower"
- Chairs: Vintage from Bruce Ernhard
- Black and white chests: Custom by Design Quest Custom
- Art above sofa: Revival
- Gray seagrass rug: Merida Meridian
- Faded oriental rug: JD Staron
- Mirror and gold fish table: Coup D'Etat
- Two gray striped slipper chairs: Hickory Chair
- Custom built in brass and lucite bookshelves: Dog Productions
- Decorative plates: Waylande Gregory
- Faux plants: Diane James
- Celestina drum and ball side tables
- Bojay bone boxes and trays
- Standing lamps Gustav Olivieri

MASTER BEDROOM

- Bed: Noir
- Wallpaper: DeGournay
- Bedding: DEA linens Julia B. Throw blanket and baby pillows
- Dresser: Noir
- Rug: Merida Meridan
- Art in hallway and master bedroom by Karen Tompkins

KIDS' ROOM

- Murphy bunk beds and desk: Lollisoft from Resource Furniture
- Custom skyline and starry night mural: Alpha Workshops
- Table and Chairs: Magus
- Black Desk Chair: CB2
- Art Shane Bradford, Mark Boomershine