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EVA GENTRY DESIGN

371 Atlantic Ave., nr. Bond St., Boerum Hill
718-522-3522; evagentry.com/design
Husband-and-wife team Eva and Gentry Dayton hail from the school of "tough minimalism," producing stark, rugged interiors with a vintage-industrial feel. Their own Brooklyn abode looks like the home of a rich Scandinavian Hell's Angel—a stellar embodiment of their avant-garde aesthetic.

EVE ROBINSON ASSOCIATES

2091 Broadway, nr. 73rd St., third fl.
212-595-0661; everobinson.net
Robinson's designs employ a mixture of conservative colors, lots of texture, and eye-popping details. Her meticulous cabinetry designs include a built-in office bookshelf and a desk made from elm wood with high-gloss lacquered drawers.

FOLEY & COX

135 W. 29th St., nr. Sixth Ave., Ste. 900
212-529-5800; foleyandcox.com
Given that they're both Ralph Lauren vets, it comes as no surprise that Mary Foley and Michael Cox have a predilection for infusing interiors with select vintage and antique touches. For a home desk chair, for example, expect woven and well-weathered brown-leather seating—at once graceful and practical.

FOX-NAHEM ASSOCIATES

4 W. 22nd St., nr. Fifth Ave., fifth fl.
212-358-1411; foxnahemdesign.com
This firm delivers tailored luxury for powerful professionals who want homes in which to entertain and retreat. Expect polished public rooms with cozy personal areas tucked away.

FRANK DE BIASI INTERIORS

79 Mercer St., nr. Spring St.
212-431-1222; frankdebiasi.com
De Biasi collaborates with clients to create modern, classic, or bold spaces. For a family who wanted to showcase its contemporary Latin American art collection, he kept the furniture understated and allowed the artwork to speak for itself.

GHISLAINE VIÑAS INTERIOR DESIGN

67 Vestry St., nr. Washington St., Ste. 8B
212-219-7678; gvinteriors.com
Viñas infuses her warm and witty interiors with color palettes that pulsate with life. Recently, she installed a custom stainless-steel tube slide running through four floors of a New York penthouse, which transports people to the dining room.

GLENN GISSLER DESIGN

1123 Broadway, at 25th St., Ste. 1100
212-228-9880; glenngislerdesign.com
Gissler balances rooms with lighting and woodwork before adding color and furniture. His clients are often art dealers or collectors, since he's willing to let the art command the room.

GOMEZ ASSOCIATES

504 E. 74th St., nr. York Ave., Ste. 1E
212-288-6856; gomezassociates.com
Mariette Himes Gomez is a modern classicist who creates fresh, unpretentious spaces. "Even the mildest of rooms deserves a shot of color," she says. "When used in moderation, cobalt blue, pale blue, and celadon can supply just the right punch."

HAMILTON DESIGN ASSOCIATES

1 Union Sq. W., at 14th St., Ste. 709
212-620-0800; hdnyc.com
With an eye for vibrant color and unexpected mixes of zippy prints and textures, Ellen Hamilton is the designer of choice for boisterous and eclectic personalities. A recent project includes a living room with a blue velvet couch, offset by chartreuse walls and a pair of brown-leather armchairs.

HARRY HEISSMANN INC.

545 W. 45th St., nr. Eleventh Ave., Ste. 1104
212-586-0600; harryheissmanninc.com
Wit and worldliness color Heissmann's design philosophy of classic luxury mixed with quirky, funny objects such as a Kidrobot unicorn. Having worked for nine years under design legend Albert Hadley, he's an expert in combining exotic objects and textiles from around the world.

HENRY MITCHELL INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

646-831-8313; hmiastudio.com
This architect and designer made his name via budget-conscious, clever renovations. Mitchell specializes in kitchens and bathrooms, and is known to use concrete in innovative ways, from clean primitive floors or walls to high-polished countertops that resemble stone.

HOMEPOLISH

214 E. 24th St., nr. Third Ave., Ste. 5J
917-426-1841; homepolish.com
Founded by Noa Santos and Will Nathan, this network of 25 up-and-coming interior designers makes professional decoration affordable with its flexible model: \$50 for a 50-minute consultation. Beyond that, design plans begin at just \$400.

HOWARD SLATKIN

66 Stonebridge Rd., Montclair, N.J.
973-783-4544; howardslatkin.com
Quiet opulence is the word here. Slatkin incorporates painted ceilings, rare eighteenth-century chandeliers, and inlaid wood floors, like the one made from six types of wood to resemble a basket-weave pattern.

HUNIFORD

210 Eleventh Ave., at 25th St., Ste. 601
212-717-9177; huniford.com
Ford (as he is professionally known) creates calm interiors that meld eclectic modern furnishings with vintage items. He once decorated a river-view apartment using a hanging rattan chair with fur-hide pivots to create a Zen-like, industrial feel.

JAYNE DESIGN STUDIO

36 E. 12th St., nr. University Pl., Ste. 702
212-838-9080; jaynedesignstudio.com
Known for his museum-curator knowledge, Thomas Jayne designs interiors with space enough to admire fine eighteenth- and nineteenth-century antiques, colorfully upholstered, without sacrificing comfort.

J.D. BELL, INC.

611 Broadway, nr. Houston St., Ste 405
212-339-0006; jdbellinc.com
Bell dreams up artful solutions for any décor issue, no matter how tricky. One living room was outfitted with a wool-and-silk color-blocked rug, antique lighting (including a vintage Venetian chandelier), and a Hans Wegner caramel-brown leather armchair.

JED JOHNSON ASSOCIATES

32 Sixth Ave., nr. Lispenard St., twentieth fl.
212-707-8989; jedjohnson.com
This established design company started as the late Jed Johnson's pet project on the fourth floor of Andy Warhol's Manhattan townhouse. Interiors range from contemporary beach houses to traditional urban residences, like a Manhattan triplex whose master bathroom featured floor-to-ceiling Carrara slab marble and a polished-nickel bathtub.

JENNIFER POST DESIGN

25 E. 67th St., at Madison Ave., Ste. 4A
212-734-7994; jenniferpostdesign.com
Post's immaculately conceived living spaces, where virgin-white walls provide an ethereal effect, reflect a modern-luxe sensibility. One Columbus Circle residence is white with contrasting black accents, like ebony dining-room chairs from the fifties.

JOE SERRINS STUDIO

526 W. 26th St., nr. Tenth Ave., Ste. 916
212-675-5220; joeserrins.com
This firm focuses on creating modern American spaces, furniture, and fixtures. Projects range from small downtown apartments to large Miami estates, all with an airy, light, and open feel.

JOHN BARMAN

500 Park Ave., nr. 59th St., Ste. 21A
212-838-9443; barman.com
Barman injects contemporary glamour into traditional architecture. Beneath his classic, tailored exterior beats the heart of an extreme modernist.

JUAN MONTOYA DESIGN

330 E. 59th St., nr. Second Ave., second fl.
212-421-2400; juanmontoyadesign.com
Light, lean, and Scandinavian is Montoya's mantra. The designer eschews the dark and carved in favor of Art Deco pieces by designers like Jean-Michel Frank, creating modernist arrangements set against a backdrop of complementary materials, such as Makassar wood, sharkskin, and parchment.

JULIE HILLMAN DESIGN

1063 Madison Ave., nr. 81st St., third fl.
212-396-2071; juliehillman.com
Hillman urges her clients to show off their furniture collections, and she happily works with different budgets to create personalized environments. She favors furnishings by designers Maria Pergay and Jean Royère, set against clean interiors.

KATIE RIDDER

432 Park Ave. S., nr. 30th St., eleventh fl.
212-779-9080; kateridder.com
Ridder goes for "wow factor," whether it is an unusual texture (leather tiles as wall treatments) or color (bright lacquered floors). After a recent trip to Berlin, she has begun to draw inspiration from Karl Friedrich Schinkel, using his blue-and-white stripes to amp up corner banquettes.

KELLY BEHUN STUDIO

1 Central Park W., nr. 61st St., Ste. 52B
212-581-1999; kellybehun.com
With an impressive grasp of design and art history and just a hint of irreverent humor, this Ian Schrager alum is known for her warm modern interiors that feature shrewd juxtapositions of high and low items. She loves to collaborate with artists to produce custom works for clients.

KEMBLE INTERIORS

224 W. 30th St., nr. Seventh Ave., thirteenth fl.
212-675-9576; kembleinteriors.com
Celerie Kemble incorporates textures and details inspired by the natural world to create gardenlike interiors. One Upper West Side kitchen featured mint-tiled walls, pale-purple accents, and a flurry of glass-enclosed taxidermied butterflies.

KITTY HAWKS

135 E. 74th St., nr. Lexington Ave., Ste. 11A
212-570-2760
Hawks gives clients luxurious, livable rooms using soothing colors and a fantastic array of accessories—embroidered pillows, paintings, and textiles. She often looks to Japan "for color, pattern, simple lines, and lessons in contrast."

LAURA KIRAR DESIGN

611 Broadway, at Houston St., Ste. 810
212-274-9906; laurakirar.com
Kirar creates home lines, including lighting fixtures, tile, furniture, and carpets, for an array of partners. As a designer, her creative residences cater to an eclectic mix of personalities (urban gardeners and art collectors alike). She once used curtains on a solid wall to frame the shadow of a chandelier.