



From top: The living room is full of functional design details like a hidden TV in a 100-year-old armoire; the space is outfitted with wallpaper from Gracie.

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Unexpected and modern touches are in perfect rhythm at this elegant yet whimsical apartment on New York City's Upper East Side.

By Wendy Bowman

As childhood friends in Connecticut, Tatyana Miron and Alexandra Pappas shared a passion for beautiful interiors and decorative arts. Awaiting the day that they could collaborate, each worked for interior designers before uniting to found Pappas Miron Design (pappasmiron.com) in 2003. The duo has since completed more than 40 residential projects in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Hamptons, Florida, Boston, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Cape Cod. Among them: this light-filled Upper East Side dwelling for a professional couple with two young boys, complete with approximately 3,200 square feet of living

space highlighting spacious and functional rooms, soaring ceilings, rich hues, distinctive textiles, and an artfully curated mix of antique and custom furnishings.

"This apartment is glamorous and timeless, but also youthful," says Miron. "It is vibrant, colorful and interesting. One may recognize the Gracie wallpaper or Jacobean side table as something they grew up with, but the materials and objects have been used in a fresh new way."

Situated within the Cheshire Group's Philip House condo building at 141 E. 88th St. in Carnegie Hill, with finishes designed by Victoria Hagan, the abode (a beautiful blank slate with pale oak flooring and



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From top: The master bedroom was upholstered in green velvet; the designers sourced a mixture of new and antique goods; Pappas Miron Design founders Tatyana Miron and Alexandra Pappas.

plentiful windows) was cosmetically tailored by Pappas Miron to better suit their clients' needs. Fresh paint, wallpaper, upholstery, rugs and window treatments in subtle jewel-tone shades of green, aubergine and blue inject character alongside decorative lighting, custom millwork and a new dining/sitting

room banquette, which adds interest and storage space. Antiques and custom pieces also were culled from trips to the design duo's favorite shopping haunts, including 145 Antiques in Long Island City, Stamford Antique Centers and Doyle Auctions.

Among the highlights: an entry featuring sophisticated yet whimsical silk spring-green Gracie wallpaper showcasing a painted nature scene; a formal family room with a dramatic Moroccan rug and a TV hidden in a 100-year-old armoire; and a parlor room boasting a dining table that doubles as a desk. The coup d'etat? A stunning master bedroom suite sporting walls clad in lush moss-green velvet upholstery.

"There are certainly choices inside the apartment that were well outside the owners' comfort zone, but they love their cloisonné lamps with red lacquer shades as much as they love their giant red USM storage piece," says Pappas. "From our point of view... we had never done a sapphire blue mohair velvet sofa with yellow striped drapes, but we love the combination and end result." ■



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