

Bohemian Babe

An ode to the rebellious spirit of the 60's with Mister Zimi





A luxury family home at One Beacon Court, midtown Manhattan by New York based interior designer, Tara Benet





he sweeping views of New York City are what inspired the design of this luxurious home. Sitting on the 47th floor, the home features strong clean lines and bold art to complement the breathtaking skyline. The light-flooded home features modern Italian furniture from brands such as B&B Italia and Poliform as well as classic, iconic pieces such as an Arco lamp by Flos.

The client is an art collector and constantly rotates the pieces that he showcases, so Tara made the apartment a luxurious backdrop that would not conflict with his ever changing collection. To make the home feel warm, the designer used different textures such as the calacatta marble dining table by Poliform and the Kasthall shag rug - while neutral, those choices brought in texture, depth and interest.

The apartment features a high ceiling so it was important that not everything was low. Modern furniture tends to sit low so Tara relied on large sculptural arts, a tall and statuesque wall to wall bookcase and an arched lamp by Flos. She chose light fabrics to contrast against the dark Wenge floors and added decorative elements in strong dark tones as well as bright fabrics from Missoni.











Taras Tips

- When choosing furniture with light upholstery fabrics, pick something with a striation (not completely flat) as it lasts longer. Also, look for brands that have removable covers so that you have the options to dry clean or replace the cover without having to reupholster the entire sofa.
- If all the upholstery is light, play with the textures. I used Mongolian lamb fur for two of the chairs by the window, linen for the sofa and leather for the rest of the chairs.
- Opt for bold colours for pillows to add interest and contrast.
- Create height with art and lighting.
- Don't block the view. Keep anything that is hanging translucent and/or skinny. Put anything opaque on/or against the walls!
- Remember with minimalist design, everything counts since there are fewer pieces. Make sure everything flows and if it's there, it should have a purpose.







