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FRESH COLORS AND TIMELESS FURNISHINGS WEAVE THROUGH AN INTERESTING MATERIAL PALETTE IN A COZY APARTMENT HIGH ABOVE THE HUDSON RIVER FOR A PRO GOLFER AND HER HUSBAND.

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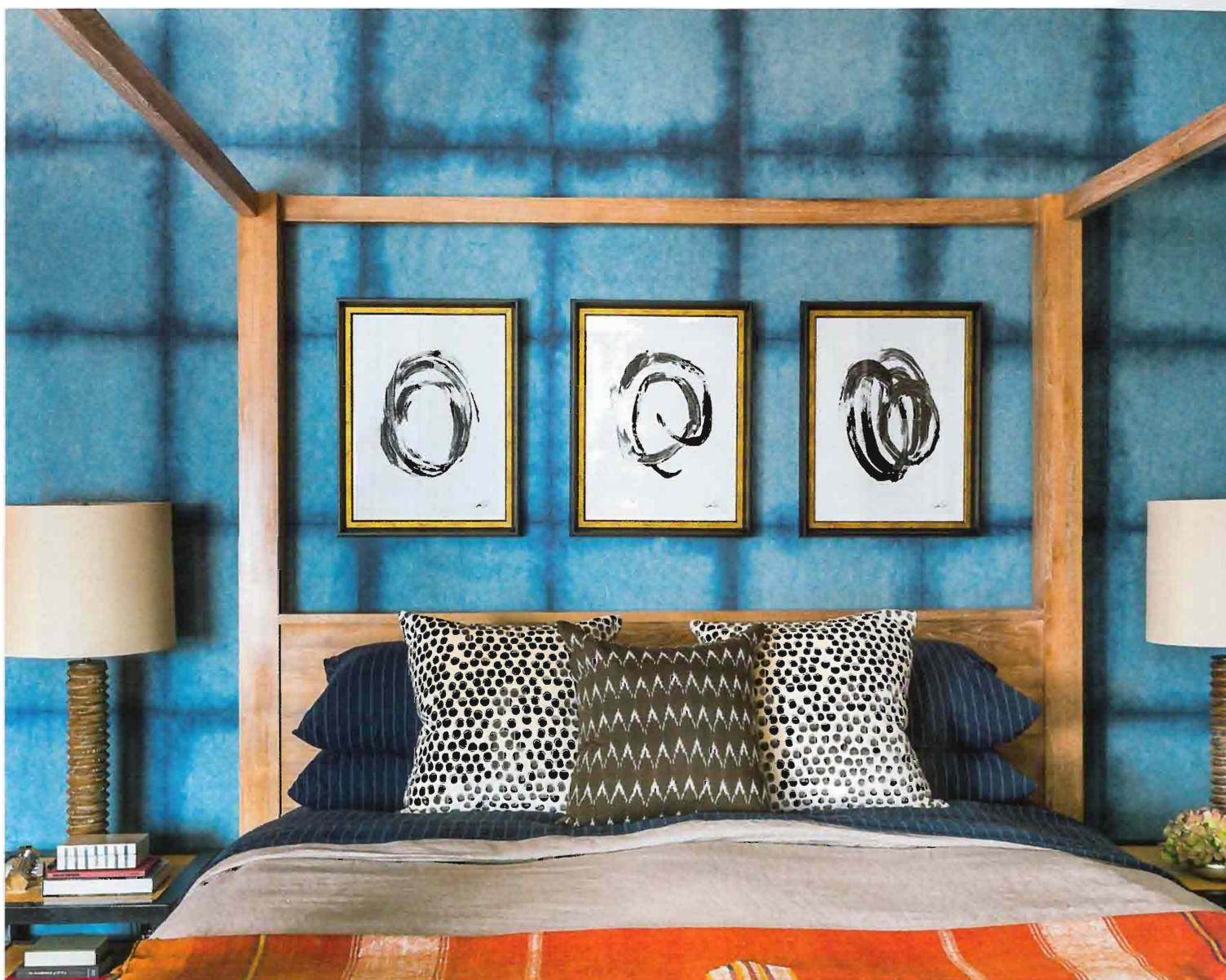
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A mix of textures set the tone in the study of this apartment by designer Thom Filicia. Weitzner Limited's Newsworthy wallcovering provides the backdrop for a custom leather sofa from Room & Board, lacquered parchment side chairs from Steven Sclaroff with Madeline Weinrib-upholstered seats, and a Cameroon coffee table from Mecox Gardens. The artwork, *Out of Town*, is from the Thom Filicia Home Collection through Sedgwick & Brattle.



When Cristie Kerr and Erik Stevens first stepped into the apartment they now own—perched up high overlooking the Hudson River—they were transfixed by the nearly endless vistas. “You could see the Statue of Liberty from the bedroom,” Cristie says. “It had huge windows, and from every room, there were these great views of Manhattan.” But the apartment’s less than inspiring interior didn’t live up to those breathtaking panoramas, so the couple brought in designer Thom Filicia to spin some magic.

The touring pro golfer who has topped the world rankings and her husband are in constant motion, so they envisioned a restful sanctuary to come home to and entertain in. “With our travel schedule, we’re not anywhere for more than a couple months out of the year,” says Cristie, who is also an avid philanthropist. “We wanted a place to just sit down and take a deep breath.”

Larsen’s indigo Palisades wallcovering from Cowtan & Tout and eclectic bedding give the master bedroom a youthful effervescence. The Paris Loft canopy bed by French Heritage frames three *Shut the Door, Have a Seat* works from the Thom Filicia Home Collection through Sedgwick & Brattle, Filicia’s to-the-trade showroom.

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With the owners' desires in mind, Filicia set out to design calm interior spaces. "They wanted it to be stylish but not too contrived," he says. "It had to be young but not silly, elegant but not too precious. They wanted to be able to go from reading the newspaper on a Sunday afternoon to having people come over for a glass of wine." Lucky guests might even get to enjoy a glass of Curvature, a wine label Cristie launched in partnership with Pride Mountain Vineyards in Napa to benefit breast cancer research.

The original layout didn't make the best use of the square footage—particularly for entertaining—so Filicia had contractor Leon Katselnik remove the walls between the kitchen and the main living space, for example, to create a more free-flowing interior. An avid cook, the lady of the house desired a functional, well-conceived kitchen. "Everybody congregates in the kitchen when you're entertaining, so we wanted a large island that would not only serve as a place to cook meals, but also to set out appetizers and enjoy drinks," she says.

"The kitchen was quite a feat, because the oven and other appliances got moved to the center island," says Katselnik, whose team had to reroute the electrical to accommodate the shift. "But luckily, they changed the floors, and we were able to modify it."





Elegant and streamlined, the living room offers comfortable seating via a Villa sofa from Holly Hunt and a curved-back lounge chair from Baker. The matching Rue De Seine cocktail tables are also from Holly Hunt. A wool-and-silk rug from Sacco Carpet adds a geometric element to the space, where draperies, fabricated by MT Custom from Filicia's Headson fabric for Kravet, frame the view.



An abaca wallcovering from Holland & Sherry envelops the kitchen. Teak cabinetry, custom-designed by Filicia and fabricated by CKS Architectural Millwork in Durham, North Carolina, evokes a ship's interior. The faucet, from Davis & Warshow, is by Dornbracht and the refrigerator and wine storage are by Viking.



The homeowners enjoy meals at a white oak Bordino dining table from the Thom Filicia Home Collection. The Greek Peak side chairs, also from the Thom Filicia Home Collection, are covered in Ossature fabric from Kravet. The Chinese white glazed ceramic jar is from Sedgwick & Brattle.

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In the master suite, Filicia had the bedroom and bathroom configuration altered so the bed would face west, toward the view, and in the master bathroom, the freestanding tub and tiny shower were replaced with a large luxurious shower that better suits the couple's needs. Much-needed closet space was also added.

With the layout reworked, Cristie and Erik wanted all of the furnishings throughout their home to stand the test of time, so Filicia chose pieces that were fresh yet timeless. He warmed up the spaces with rich finishes as well as interesting wallcoverings, such as the recycled newspaper backdrop of the study and the textural abaca in the kitchen that even covers the ceiling. "They give the apartment depth and personality," he explains.



Above: A custom-upholstered linen bed is dressed in Trellis sheets and pillowcases from John Robshaw. The vintage artwork above is from Aero. *Right:* In the master bath, the Wetstyle sink is from Davis & Warshow, as are the Horus faucets. The Tall Keeley pivoting sconces are from Circa Lighting.

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Throughout the renovation, the couple was traveling, so the team would send packages with materials for them to look at. “I’m a golfer, so I’m visual with my plan to hit a golf shot,” she says. “I feel the grass, I feel the clubs, and different shots have different feels, so I think that carried over into the design process.”

These days, there isn’t much the homeowners like more than lounging in their cozy Manhattan aerie, looking out across the dazzling city. In the very midst of it all—with world-class restaurants and shopping just steps away—they now have a peaceful retreat. “It really feels like home,” Cristie says. “There are times when we don’t even want to leave.” **L**





The guest room gives visitors a tranquil oasis from the city's energy. A Chinoiserie long pillow from ABC Carpet & Home complements a rattan Hopkins lounge chair from Jerry Pair, upholstered in a Junkanoo linen. The Boom arm floor lamp, by Ralph Lauren Home, provides reading light, and the calipers by the window are from Mondo Cane.