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MADISON AVENUE DUPLEX BY LEONORA MAHLE

Location: New York, NY

Date Completed: May 2017

Interior Designer: Leonora Mahle, LLC

Construction Company: Mullins Interiors

This project involved the remodel of a residential duplex apartment located in a Manhattan Cooperative building on 65th Street and Madison Ave. The clients on this project are semi-retired and spend their time between Florida, Vermont and New York. The NYC apartment is a pied-à-terre for them, he is originally from New York and she is Austrian.

The clients wanted a space that felt “calm and peaceful,” with a neutral scheme that was warm and welcoming. The living room area rug, which is a 19th Century Kerman antique purchased from Beauvais Carpets, determined the colour palette for the lower floor, where the den and dining room are also located. Leonora Mahle liked the idea of using classic modern design pieces with the antique rug and accessories, keeping things open and airy, with the focus on the views and art.

The existing living room, den and dining room built-ins were of very poor quality and craftsmanship, with cheap adjustable shelves. While the clients liked their general layout, Leonora Mahle agreed to remove them and start from scratch, making the shelves thicker, the crown and baseboard mouldings simpler, and adding sconces to the den built-in, where the TV is located.

While the living room and den are large open areas, the dining room in this apartment is quite small and enclosed, so Leonora Mahle needed a table with a simple design. The Saarinen table worked out well there, making the small room look uncluttered. Both table and chairs also worked well with the Asian-inspired pendant from Carpyen and many of the Asian artefacts the clients collect and have on display in the dining room.