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*Living Room: mix of furnishings, suede wall from Moore Pearsall Toronto.
Master Bedroom: mix of custom furnishings and clients own pieces. Photo credit: Kim Sargent, Palm Beach*

After many years of working between Toronto and New York, interior designer Sabrina Balsky knows just how to blend the best elements of New York design with urban Toronto flair, pleasing clients on both sides of the border.

Implementing her expert color sense and refined style Balsky turned this typical New York loft space into a comfortable, livable home for her empty nester clients.

As is often the case, the clients consulted with Balsky before purchasing to discuss whether their architectural and design needs could be achieved with this particular property. The couple required a kitchen and an office that could be closed off from the rest of the apartment, and a floor plan that would feel less like a loft and more like a traditional home.

A library/foyer was created to distinguish the common areas from the bedroom/office area and to house the client's extensive collection of rare books. The overall space was divided into two wings—a master suite and home office in one, and the kitchen, conjoined living/dining rooms and guest rooms in the other. The elegant, not-so-simple solution has proved exceedingly simple to live with.

Toronto interior designer Sabrina Balsky has taken her unique style and penchant for mixing exotic materials, patterns and colour to the Big Apple and set up shop.



*Dressing Room/Hallway Cabinets and Sconces, Sabrina Balsky Interior Design.
Photo Credit: Kim Sargent, Palm Beach.*

The flow of the rooms was carefully laid out to allow for the couple's entertaining and frequent houseguests. Thus the need for a luxurious guest bathroom and a closed off kitchen to contain cooking smells and preps when entertaining.

In order to delineate the dining area from the living area, the ceiling was coffered in the living area portion of the room and the dining area was treated as a flat ceiling.

The idea to achieve a home feel to the condo space was a must. Balsky executed this perfectly by using warm toned exotic materials throughout the home. African Tigerwood, Rosewood, polished nickel, semi precious tiger eye, mother of pearl, blue marble, onyx and silver leaf were just a handful of the materials that Balsky had the pleasure of sourcing and working with.

The soft blues and warm golden tones used throughout give the feeling of a home, especially for empty nesters or for people who have made the transition from a home to a condo. Color is a wonderful way to add your own personality to the space.

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Opposite Page: Foyer bookshelves in African Tigerwood and lacquer.
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