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Designer Samantha Dixon gives a family home fashion-forward functionality. **page 60** PHOTO: MCKAYLA JENKINS





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# the art of SIMPLICITY

Designers Amy Lee and Ryan Adams of Clavin Design added a custom touch to a glossy Alton K&A kitchen with a CaesarStone island and wavy, handcrafted tile. It's a local piece, and a nod to the art of the American Vernacular. See CAVE: Embracing local artisans lends local sophistication.

A custom approach to store-bought finds brings sophistication and a touch of luxury to this once-industrial space.

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**ARTSCAPE** Lintress (left), an art sculpture by Knood Ferro, hangs in place of a chandelier. It picks up on the graphic weaknesses of the dining chairs and table.



**W**hen James Ruberson, an art consultant, and his partner, Davide Ruffini, went shopping for a home in Torino, they had only one must-have: walls to display lots of art. But in the end, the pair bought a 1,300-sq.-ft. open-concept loft with only four walls. "We immediately loved the raw-Sol-to-like feel, with white walls and concrete floors," says James. "But since our goal was to showcase our art and hide out clutter, a redesign to create wall space was a must."

Enter designers Amy Kent and Ryan Martin of Cozma Design, who have built a reputation for creating modern sophistication on any budget. "The loft was a square, with a wishbone bed in its one corner

**HALLWAY** Polished-concrete floors and lacquered IKEA cabinetry lend a luxe look, while the neutral palette of white, grey and taupe sets a restful tone.

**SOFT CHAIRS** Owners James Ruberson (left) and Davide Ruffini with their dog, Betty, in the living area. Arrange framed prints (these are by Marcel Dzama) in rows for a dramatic statement.



**SOFA SEATING** Instead of a coffee table, James and Davide opted for stools, which can be moved around in the background as Denise Delsajack's *The Origin of the World*.

**trend alert!**

**AT-HOME GALLERIES** Create your own personal art gallery with a mix of paintings, photographs and sculpture that you rotate regularly.

and a kitchenette in the other," says Amy, who has known James since their college days. "We put together a plan with zones: a sleeping area with two enclosed bedrooms and bathrooms, and an open-concept entertaining area with eating, dining and living spaces. It all had an inviting, natural yet industrial feel."

A splurge-and-save approach was also part of the plan. "We spent money where it was needed, and were more creative and budget-friendly in other areas, like the kitchen," says James. Amy and Ryan had great ideas about how to customize store-bought pieces. "Storage was a must in the bedrooms, so we bought IKEA dressers and added a few finishing details to make them look as if they were made specifically for James and Davide," says Ryan. To create privacy without compromising the airy loft vibe, the designers had custom pocket doors installed in the bedrooms. They slide out of sight when the rooms aren't in use.

The result? "Davide and I have a hard time living with the same set forever," says James. "Now we have a beautiful gallery-like home that has been customized to fit our belongings brilliantly." —



1,300 sq ft

Watch a walk-through of the loft with Emma Design's Ryan Martin and Jayne Lee, Dec. 22. Check your TV listings for showtimes.

look for more inspiration



**LIVING ROOM** I love mixing high-end pieces with lower-end items like the IKEA cabinets," says James. An extra-long sofa creates more seating without cluttering up the space. The bank of IKEA PS cabinets (they can be locked) is a space-savvy way to create a storage and display area. —

"Our living room windows capture the city skyline brilliantly at night, almost as if it were a photo or painting." —LUCY HERRINGTON, ZWILLER

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**OPEN-CONCEPT ROOMS** Most often found in lofts, this design style is also a great way

and strategic furniture placement do the trick and create intimacy, even in a large space.



**QUIET JOURNA** Laura Wood's Chandler #38 commands attention and echoes the greys of the bed linens and the purples of the berries. Custom shelves (left) were designed to display art.

WALLS: JOURNAL (1) SHAG BEE



**MASTER BEDROOM** A bed with built-in night tables maximizes space. The palette of Michael Batty's Seemingly Series works beautifully with the bed linens and smelter fabric.

**MAKER SQUAT** Neutral wall tiles, a leggy vanity and a glass shower enclosure add up to a light, open feel.

#### MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Create a unique home the way owners James Robertson and Davide Rupiani did.

**style specifics** "A clean, modern aesthetic with a neutral yet inviting palette and an open, airy, warm feel."

**inspiration** "The city style. We planned the entertaining area to maximize the view from every angle."

**love piece** "Two Driehaus chairs from a Toronto store called Avenue Road. They look like sculptures in our living room."

**custom touch** "A plan was created for the lighting highlights. The art box is easily adjustable when we want to change rooms. Recessed fixtures over the kitchen island brighten it up without lighting up the entire area, which is great for entertaining."

**save & splurge** "We added inexpensive hardware from Ikea to the K&A for coats in the hallway. The handles are very cool and were mounted low so the doors appear tall. We played in the custom wood door for a high-end look."



#### trend alert!

**TEXTURE, TEXTURE, TEXTURE** When you have a room with varying natural materials, try the allusion's comfort.