

steeped in style



## A TriBeCa Townhouse



In transforming the interior of a TriBeCa townhouse, interior designer Betty Wasserman, in close collaboration with architect Glenn Leitch, has deftly combined style, livability, and accommodations for as many as 20 people. The owner, a banker, together with her daughter, a nanny, and two dogs live there full time. But they have numerous and frequent out-of-town guests,

many from the owner's native England. So, in addition to the gracious public spaces where the owner entertains frequently, the designers also managed to incorporate seven bedrooms, six full baths plus a powder room, a home office with a pullout sofa, a media room, and a wine cellar... all in 6,800 square feet.

It helped that the designers had worked with their client before on previous projects, which meant they had already developed a kind of shorthand for interpreting her tastes and requirements. Wasserman describes the house as a "very upstairs/downstairs place" where every effort was made to ease the traffic flow between floors. For example, a wet bar was installed on the same floor as the dining room to make it easy to get drinks for guests during dinner.

Integral to the project was the contractor Scordio Construction and cabinetmaker Andre Joyau. Furnishings resources include Donghia, Ralph Pucci, Holly Hunt, Bergano, and Rogers & Goffigan, and lighting designer Helen Gifford.

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