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Ryann Swan Design caters to the needs of a growing NYC family, completing a

FAMILY

Gramercy apartment transformation in an impressive 12 months.

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THE PROJECT

Transforming a spacious 2,600-square-foot Gramercy apartment into an abode that supports the dynamic lifestyle of a growing family of four requires meticulous planning and creative design. The family tapped Ryann Swan Hackett of Ryann Swan Design to create a dynamic and thoughtfully designed space amid the city’s skyline. “The clients purchased the apartment during the pandemic when their two boys were toddlers and infants, and they quickly began to outgrow their space once monster trucks and gross motor play became a part

Storage was a top priority for the space, leading Hackett to incorporate a built-in dining area with bonus storage beneath the seats. Opposite page: Hackett appreciates the striking juxtaposition in the kitchen, where the sleek, rectilinear millwork contrasts with the curvy barstools and vintage pendants from 1stDibs.

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THE DESIGN

With an apartment of grand proportions, Ryann Swan Design tested its design skills by implementing a limited color palette and bright lighting. This choice helped connect the home, balancing the multifunctional needs



With two young kids, Ryann Swan Hacket designed the primary bedroom as a serene sanctuary, adding softness with Rogers & Goffigon drapery and a fabric-wrapped table lamp. Opposite page: A cozy built-in retreat—where books, texture and thoughtful design create the perfect reading nook.



imposed by the family’s lifestyle—the great room, designed for versatility, uniting the kitchen, living and dining areas. Sturdy furniture defined its edges, while the open center adapted seamlessly to activities from winter play to family meals. Drawing on the couple’s travels, the design showcased their treasured finds as curated displays throughout the home.

THE DETAILS

A key challenge of the project was seamlessly integrating custom millwork without needing a major renovation. This required meticulous planning to accommodate existing HVAC systems, align finishes with the preexisting millwork, and precisely incorporate electrical needs. The result was millwork that enhanced the home’s functionality with valuable storage solutions and elevated each space with a thoughtful, cohesive design.

THE OUTCOME

The project showcases how thoughtful, resourceful design can transform a house into a personalized family sanctuary. A highlight was reimagining the flex office/guest room, which shifted from a cluttered space to a versatile, book-filled retreat with fully functional guest facilities. Clever millwork provided practical storage for an extensive book collection and elevated the room’s functionality and charm.

From top: Hackett infused the kids’ rooms with a vintage Danish floor lamp from Round Top Market and Pierre Frey window treatments; Hackett embraced a Lego theme, arranging custom Etsy wall decals. Opposite page: style meets play in the entryway.



Design Details

TYPE

Single-family apartment

LOCATION

Gramercy

INTERIOR DESIGN

Ryann Swan Hackett of
Ryann Swan Design,
ryannswandesign.com

ELECTRICIAN

Alba Electric
albaelectric.net

RESOURCES

1ST DIBS

Kitchen pendants
1stdibs.com

GABRIEL SCOTT

Dining pendant
gabriel-scott.com

PIERRE PAULIN

Living room chairs
paulinpaulinpaulin.com

ZAK+FOX

Boy's room drapery fabric
zakandfox.com

PIERRE FREY

Baby's drapery fabric
pierrefrey.com