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Comfort and clean lines

Warm colors, rich fabrics and modern design
give a Gotham couple a living room they love



Clean-lined furnishings combine with lush fabrics to fashion a new Park Avenue living room.

WITH AN INTERIOR DESIGNER for a grandmother, it seems natural that one Manhattanite has an innate sense of design. But while growing up surrounded by swatches and sample books provided her an eye for style, she didn't quite pick up the skill to pull it all together. So when she and her husband purchased their first apartment, they knew the look they liked but not how to achieve it. Fortunately, Joseph Stabilito, principal of Joseph Stabilito Design, did know just what to do.

The pair was moving from a smaller city abode, and they'd never worked with an interior designer

before, so they sought the advice of Karen Fisher of Designer Previews, who connects homeowners with design professionals. After interviewing three city-based interior designers, they found the perfect fit in Stabilito. The wife says his "impeccable organization" and "great listening skills" earned him the job.

The main focus of the 1,100-square-foot two-bedroom Park Avenue apartment was the living room. The couple's style leans toward modern with an emphasis on comfort, so they wanted the space to feature clean lines yet have enough



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room for relaxing. With this in mind, Stabilito presented two floor plans and a variety of options for fabrics, wall coverings and furnishings.

In the end, the couple selected a neutral shell—a tobacco-hued Wolf-Gordon wall covering—to allow the