

COOUTURE CONDO

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With an eye for style, proportion, colour, texture and pattern, designer Sabrina Albanese dresses this Toronto condo to the nines.





Dark yet far from dreary, the den is simple and streamlined with a floating shelf, slender desk and curvy Mid-Century Modern-style chair. The monochromatic palette makes the small space seem larger, while the retro wall-to-wall graphic Wonderwalls Collection wallpaper by Carlucci di Chivasso wallpaper embellished with glass beads makes the room feel like the inside of a jewellery box, providing texture and interest without being distracting – a perfect place for getting work done.



Designer and fashionista Sabrina Albanese's penchant for layering texture and pattern is apparent in the living room of this open-concept Toronto condo. The textile expert energized the space via a cacophony of colour on the sleek mohair sectional – specifically, toss cushions of various sizes in bright solids and bold prints, such as the signature zigzags of famous Italian fashion house Missoni.

She's a Canadian jetsetter who studied fashion in Toronto and London, England, before starting her own clothing label and pursuing fashion in New York. But five years ago, she returned to her Toronto roots (setting up an office in upscale Rosedale) and switched her focus from clothing to

interior design. And the décor world couldn't be happier. At once both upscale-elegant and comfortable-chic, Sabrina's style is both classic and unique. Her fashionista roots shine through in her projects, from the skillful mastery of pattern, texture and colour (just check out the wallpaper in the home office shown here) to including

major fashion labels like Missoni (those toss cushions on the living room sofa – need we say more?) and selecting clean-lined, well-tailored furnishings.

The spacious 1,732-square-foot open-concept condo in Toronto's exclusive Yorkville neighbourhood is a perfect example of Sabrina's fresh and fashionable signature look. Seeking to create a comfortable and serene look that exudes effortless elegance, she started with a neutral base of warm woods and casual textures like linen and wool and layered in playful patterns, bold colours and whimsical accessories, achieving pared-back beauty as classic as a little black dress, stilettos and statement necklace. Sabrina's fashionable eye made the condo confident and chic, easy and breezy – a top-model downtown retreat ready for its close-up. 📷



The bedroom's custom media unit serves three purposes: It provides extra storage (something every couple needs), is positioned perfectly for cuddling up to watch a movie in bed and, perhaps best of all, it divides the room, creating a private dressing area behind it.



Casual elegance abounds in the dining room. A round wool rug defines the area from the rest of the great room, echoing the curves of the dining table, which are both complemented by the square-ness of the linen slipcovered chairs. The architectural wall molding adds an air of sophistication, while the antler chandelier and linen drapes keep things casual and whimsical.



Plush, cozy and inviting, the bedroom boasts a darker, more moody palette, clean-lines, with organic cotton linens and a whitewashed solid oak bed. In lieu of a bulky headboard, simple architectural molding arches above the bed – reminiscent of a rainbow, are sure to inspire sweet dreams.