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PICTURE PERFECT PENTHOUSE

With the natural light, panoramic views and a great central location, living sky-high has its perks. A busy cosmetic surgeon travelling overseas, Ali Rashid purchased his 1,400 sq. ft. penthouse from the builder with the intention of moving his family in when he returns to the country.



A blank slate, he called in designer **Jackie Connolly** of **Parsons Interiors**. “We had a few long meetings to discuss what I was looking for,” says Rashid. “She also enjoyed that kind of design, so it all worked out organically. I chose the colour palette and Connolly chose the fabrics and furniture.”

“I designed the condo with the family in mind,” says Connolly. She and Rashid corresponded by email, forming a symbiotic relationship as they discussed options and choices. Connolly’s vision was to create a sophisticated, luxurious, yet comfortable aesthetic. “This kind of style has always attracted me,” says Rashid. “I wanted a style that was classy yet homey. Something that was not too extravagant but subtle, high quality and soothing.”

For the living room, Connolly chose a rug with a subtle pattern in blue, grey and cream, and inspiration flowed from there. “I used the same palette, and chose darker and lighter variations for each

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Designer Jackie Connolly

Beautiful blue was the inspiration for the home's colour scheme. Connolly incorporated variations in colour and texture for softness and interest.



room throughout the condo, and it all came together,” says Connolly. The large windows were treated to custom side panels to formalize the space.

She added hints of gold and silver for a touch of glamour. A glass-topped gold coffee table with tapered legs creates openness. The carpet, cut to fit the space, is accented with a custom sofa that seats four comfortably and two navy swivel chairs that turn to create different conversation areas. Artwork and custom pillows add texture and complete the space.

The colour scheme carries into the artwork in the dining room unifying the rooms from

every vantage point. “I like to take a colour and intensify it from one room to another, creating a space that flows throughout. The colour can be made stronger or lighter to suit the space, something that works especially well in condos.”

In the adjacent kitchen, integrated appliances add luxury, and grey upholstered bar stools soften the clean lines. In a small area meant for dining, Connolly incorporated a console and a luxe gold starburst mirror to break up the visual space between the rooms. Now functional, the piece can be used as additional desk space or as a buffet table for serving and entertaining. *Continued on page 44*

TOP LEFT: Grey barstools were added to soften the darker tones and clean lines of the kitchen. **TOP RIGHT:** Mixed metal elements, large or small, add warmth. **ABOVE:** The peninsula helps define the kitchen in the open-concept space and looks into the family room. **OPPOSITE:** With much thought to the custom furnishings in the dining room, it cleverly serves double duty as an office space.



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Connolly designated the alcove that the builder slated as an office space as the dining room instead. "My design intent there was to create a space that can be used as an office space and as a dining room," she says. The custom table extends with extra leafs for easy entertaining, and can be easily transported to another home and slide into any aesthetic should the family decide to move in the future. "We didn't know how a dining table wouldn't impede and overwhelm the space completely," Rashid says. "Connolly brilliantly suggested the half dining table idea."

A custom buffet with open shelving is designed to showcase books and pretty accents. Storage below conceals pots and pans, cutlery and dishes out of sight. Low profile chairs and a bench offer plenty of seating for family and guests, and can be easily moved around when needed. *Continued on page 46*



TOP LEFT: Fresh and neutral, the bathroom blends effortlessly into the condo's design. **TOP RIGHT:** A bold graphic rug adds an element of playfulness. **LEFT:** A pretty glass table helps maintain the visual space and adds function. **ABOVE:** A tufted headboard adds softness to the upholstered bedframe.



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The master bedroom is a delight for the senses. A grey-tufted headboard adds simple elegance, and surprise, the footboard opens to reveal additional storage. A graphic rug adds a little boldness. Linens in cream and oatmeal create a restful backdrop after a long day. Gold accents in the lamps and the arabesque mirror above the bed give the room a hotel-chic vibe.

The simple black, white and grey palette in the bathrooms throughout are treated with graphic artwork to add visual interest. In a room outfitted for a teenage girl, subtle blue was introduced to the neutral colour scheme and a glass table and mirror were added to serve double duty as a desk space and a makeup vanity.

Connolly breathed beauty and life into the space from top to bottom, and with her discerning eye, created a home that the family can now simply move into and enjoy when the time comes. “Connolly is a one man army,” says Rashid. “I couldn’t have done this without her. She went well beyond for me and my family. I am truly indebted to her for her ability to make our vision even better than what I had imagined.” **OH**



TOP: A hint of beautiful blue adds colour to the neutral bath. **ABOVE:** Artwork draws on the hues found throughout the space. **RIGHT:** Gold makes a statement, adding warmth and a little glamour.

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