


Luxe.

interiors + design®



\$ 9.95 A SANDOW PUBLICATION | LUXE SOURCE® 08>



0 71486 03366 0

JULY/AUG 2016 | DISPLAY UNTIL 09/05/16

SPACE_{x3}

NATURAL LIGHT AND STRONG COLOR STORIES HELP THREE DINING AREAS GET MORE PERSONAL.

PRODUCED BY JULIE BALTER



TRUE BLUE

THE DESIGN TEAM:

Interior Design / Mendelson Group
Home Builder / Vila Built LLC

THE CHALLENGE: Take a Greenwich Village apartment in a midcentury landmark building, add sublime architectural features, and extract its interior idiosyncrasies to design a modern masterpiece for a couple's contemporary sensibilities. "It's a rare renovation when you get to keep such beautiful plank walnut floors and steel-casement windows," says builder Christopher Vila. But it wasn't all historical architectural details: the residence also included a major eyesore in the Smurf blue-lacquered kitchen. **THE WORK:** Throughout the apartment, designer Gideon Mendelson blended old and new elements. Although blue didn't ring true in the kitchen, the designer added a fresh coat of teal lacquer to

the dining room. "It's kind of ironic, but I feel good about it," he says. Depending on the way the light hits the high-gloss wall, the turquoise takes on added richness. An acrylic-on-aluminum piece by Johannes Wohnseifer contributes a modern graphic quality, while the walnut floors and wood furnishings keep the spirited elements in check. **THE RESULT:** If the new design owes its verve to the punchy color, its unpretentious refinement, as Mendelson calls it, is a testament to the apartment's existing earthy elements, thoughtfully curated midcentury accents, and glinting brass and gold fixtures. "The home reveals itself a little bit at a time," says Mendelson. "It's like a story that's always unfolding."