

Pied-à-Terre with **Punch!**



"I love being surrounded by things I cherish," Baratta says of his colorful, curated collection of art and furniture. The lamps once belonged to his sister, and the lacquered side tables, which he designed years ago, were inspired by the Italian architect Giuseppe Terragni.

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When Anthony Baratta heads to New York City for weekly meetings, the Long Island-based master designer, who built his reputation on whimsical, do-if-you-dare interiors, stays at a miniature version of one of his riotous manses. The walls of this light-flooded Manhattan studio in the sky are crisp white—picked precisely to contrast with the expressive objets and art. "It clears my head to be enveloped by primary colors and geometric shapes," Baratta says. The finds were pulled from his own treasure trove of storage and are ever-changing: "My homes are little laboratories, and once in a while, I need to start afresh and simplify." >

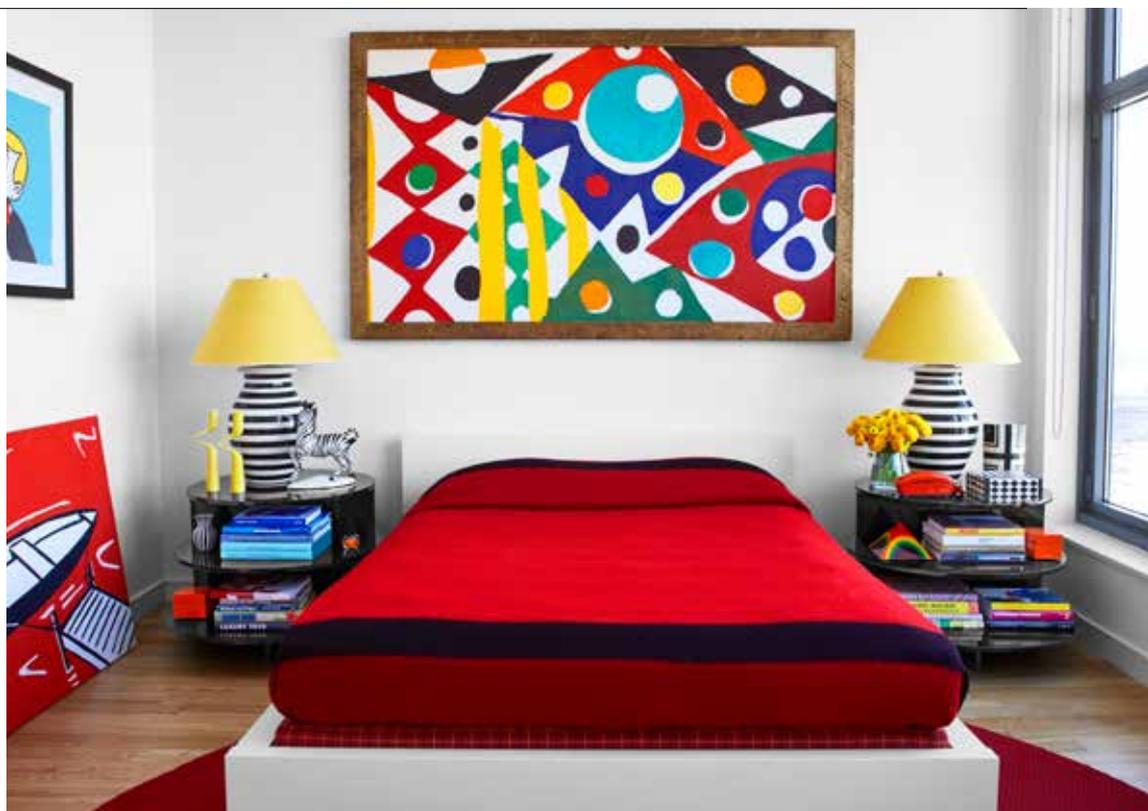


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Back to Basics

"The bold art was the starting point for the palette. I'll never get tired of red," Baratta says of the lively cherry-hued scheme. He bought the painting above the bed at auction, only to later discover it had once hung in the gallery of a close friend. The Malm bed is by Ikea, with a Hudson's Bay Point blanket. Painting, Kim MacConnel.



2.

State of the Art

"Every piece connects me to someone I hold dear," Baratta says. The Pop Art–inspired cartoons by Adam Lowenbein were owned by his late partner Bill Diamond, while the boat painting by his late friend Tom Slaughter was commissioned for his old Long Island cabin.



3.

Closet Confidential

"The cabana-inspired cabinets are from a house in Florida—they were some of the first pieces of furniture I ever designed," he says. "And here they are back with me, 30 years later! I stash my clothes and the TV in them." Lamp, chair, and Platner table, all vintage.



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