



From top: The stairs serve as the home's vertical spine on four levels; A bed from B&B Italia and a study nook furnished by Poliform grace the primary suite. Opposite page: The renovated home is in SF's Telegraph Hill neighborhood.

"The floor plan was inspired by New York City townhouses, where narrow lots are the norm, but spatial efficiency and vertical connections create a sense of openness," says Lee. "By borrowing strategies from these urban precedents, we were able to design a home that feels generous, light-filled and highly functional despite its compact footprint."

LIVING & DINING ROOMS

"The goal was to create a restful sanctuary, rich in materiality and layered with sophistication," says Lee, who notes that furniture from Living Divani (livingdivani.it) sits against a backdrop of the wife's paintings, their colors harmonizing beautifully with the sofa's soothing taupe palette.

"The dining room offers a warm and inviting setting for intimate dinners or lively Friday night card games," says Lee. "A custom banquette, upholstered in sumptuous Maharam (maharam.com) Mohair Supreme, wraps the space in comfort against custom oak panels. The oval dining table encourages conversation and creates a sense of welcome for every guest."

KITCHEN

The kitchen, custom-designed by Boffi (boffi.com), serves as the heart of the home. "The island's countertops and cabinetry are seamlessly composed to evoke a monolithic stone sculpture, striking in its sculptural presence yet meticulously crafted for everyday functionality," says Lee.

PRIMARY SUITE

This critical space offers style, functionality and calm. "The room is anchored by a custom-built-in closet system from Porro (porro.com) and a bed from B&B Italia (beitalia.com), combining sleek craftsmanship with modern comfort. A discreet study nook, furnished with a Poliform (poliform.it) desk and chair, offers a quiet retreat for work or reflection," says Lee.

"In the spalike bath, ambiance unfolds with a walk-in steam shower and a deep soaking tub, both softly illuminated by concealed cove lighting," says Lee, adding that the vanity, clad entirely in elegant gray marble by Boffi and integrated with dual sinks, underscores the space's sense of refinement and tranquility.

STAIRS

"The stair serves as the home's vertical spine, gracefully linking all four levels," says Lee. "Each flight is uniquely detailed to respond to its immediate surroundings, culminating in a striking finale—floating treads ascending to the roof deck, bathed in light from a retractable skylight above."

HOW THE HOME IS LIVING

Not surprisingly, Lee says the couple is overjoyed with the home. "The wife sees it as the perfect celebration of her new lease on life, while the husband appreciates how seamlessly we incorporated his goals," she says. "Even the teenagers are delighted, enjoying a space that feels both beautiful and welcoming for their friends. The family takes pride in their home's elegance, yet loves that it remains a relaxing haven for everyday living."

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