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## Combining Apartments

### The Ultimate Open House Tour of Harlem

# Clodagh Merges Four Apartments Into One in Midtown



Photographer: Eric Laignel

In a massive feat of engineering, designer Clodagh merged four apartments acquired by a young family in a contemporary Midtown high-rise into a single highly livable duplex apartment—4,000 square feet with great views.

The couple first bought a two-bedroom apartment on the 39th floor; then purchased a two-bedroom apartment next door and—two children later—the two smaller apartments on the floor below. When they decided to combine all four spaces, they turned to Karen Fisher of Designer Previews, who matched them with Clodagh—they had already admired Clodagh's work from the Kips Bay Designer Show House. She and her team came up with a plan that completely reconfigured the space, while allowing the family to remain living there throughout the renovation, moving their quarters as required to accommodate construction.

Critical to the scheme were a large, open kitchen, a child-friendly décor, and, at Clodagh's suggestion, a consultation with a top feng shui expert to assure harmony and balance throughout. Also key was a negotiation with the building to allow the installation of a stairway between the two floors. Thanks to Clodagh, the family has the perfect setting to raise their children, entertain, and take advantage of all that New York has to offer.

