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Casey Neistat and Candice Pool Found Suburban Zen in a Concrete Jungle

The creative couple made their New York City home a Zenlike escape with the help of designer Daun Curry



The creative couple has turned their home into a space for relaxation. Architectural Digest USA

As the old adage goes, opposites attract. While that wasn't what brought Casey Neistat **and Candice Pool together**, it definitely applies to the creative couple's apartment. When Neistat isn't skateboarding around town with a GoPro, catching a red-eye flight to **Tokyo** , or scaling cliffs for his daily YouTube **vlogs** (Pool, founder of the fine jewelry company Billy! and the whimsical line Finn, as well as Neistat's wife of five years, often co-stars in his videos), their home is an urban retreat in a high-rise apartment building in midtown Manhattan; the suburbs have gone to the clouds.

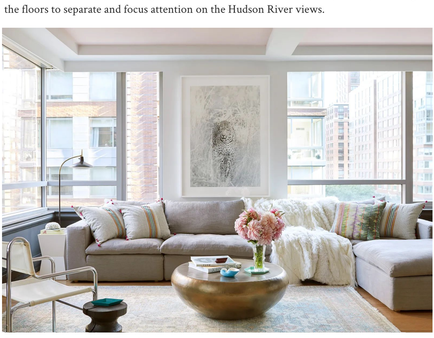
It's not what you'd expect from the couple, who could be ambassadors of *loft living*. In fact, that's exactly what they didn't want. "My home has to be the antithesis of the office," says Neistat, who works in a compact space in SoHo. "The chaos and roughness of the office need to be balanced by the kindness and warmth of home where I live, which has become exponentially easier since Candice and I started living together."



The colorful, yet relaxing, hallway in the family's home in New York City.

The skyscrapers offer views in three directions, but its three bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms are tranquil. The floor plan is open, but the rooms feel distinct ("The layout is perfect," says Pool). The building has touches of suburban living (including a laundromat, a necessity for parents of a toddler, with another on the way), and so does the apartment: the family could end up in the suburbs, but for now they live in the best of both worlds.

They had one priority. "It couldn't be a white box!" says Pool, a longtime **West Village resident who was allergic to new condo-style buildings but grew tired of tour buses and stroller-proof stairs in the pre-war** *loft* they lived in. Neistat and Pool worked with New York–based designer Daun Curry, who also designed showrooms for Pool's jewelry brands. "It's a strange thing, but an empty space actually feels smaller, and completely impersonal, when it's just a white box," Curry explains. "What feels good about a historic space with striking architectural components are the dynamic layers that come with the details and the sense of nostalgia." So Curry added matte black wood paneling to the walls and painted everything below the windowsills the same shade, visually allowing the floors to separate and focus attention on the Hudson River views.



The huge, inviting Belgian linen sofa from Restoration Hardware is decorated with embroidered textiles from ABC Carpet & Home and faux fur from Barneys New York. Emily Gilbert

The theme they invented was "Aristocratic Bohemianism": an eclectic mix that Curry describes as "relaxed luxury." The enormous, inviting beige sofa from Restoration Hardware in the living room is adorned with animal-print textiles from ABC Carpet & Home and a *faux fur* throw from Barneys New York. Three striking pieces of art couldn't be more different: a large framed photograph of a leopard by South African photographer **Caroline Gibello**, referencing Pool's upbringing in the southern tip of the African continent; a custom painting by **Shantell Martin** incorporating their initials; and a pastoral painting the couple found at the **Ocean House Hotel in Rhode Island** during one of their annual stays.

The golden skateboard sculpture, a Father's Day gift from Pool to Neistat, was a lucky find at Clic Gallery in Soho. The custom-made pieces in the bedroom, including an upholstered window seat, are reminiscent of the previous owners' obsession with cabinetry, which covered most of the entryway and living room and which Pool and Curry dismantled. Hoarding is forbidden: "We've learned that just because you expand your square footage doesn't mean you can expand your hoarding habits," Pool says. "We both crave the calm of tidiness."

"You have no idea how many times a week I walk in here and say, 'I love this apartment,'" Neistat says. "I've been in New York for almost 20 years, and I've just barely survived this city. This is the first apartment where I feel like I actually live in New York."