



HARMONY IN AN OPEN SPACE

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In restructuring this apartment in an East Village building from the turn of the 20th century, GRT Architects have created distinct and discrete living, dining, and kitchen areas within an ostensibly open-plan space. The boundaries are subtle. Framed openings replace walls, and transitions are signaled simply by a change in flooring; the checkered tile of the kitchen gives way to parquet where the dining room starts, and a neat strip of herringbone demarcates the dining room/living room threshold. The design of the kitchen itself embraces its functionality with tiled surfaces, flush cabinetry, and a custom-made island to house electrical appliances. The finishes are soft and warm—brass fittings, white oak carpentry, and a satin white countertop. Cabinets are either raised above the floor or suspended from the ceiling on brass pins, allowing the kitchen to feel more fluid within the open-plan space and less “built-in.” From here, although materials and colors shift from room to room, they do so in harmony and with recurring themes—brass elements and oversized door pulls—that tie the spaces together aesthetically.