Tour two-for-one at this art collector's Moscow home

Designed by interior designers Natalia Vorobyeva and Dmitry Kuznetsov of PropertyLab+Art studio, the apartment of 90 m2 as it is called, invites Italian charm against contemporary art to rest on the bare canvas of its walls.

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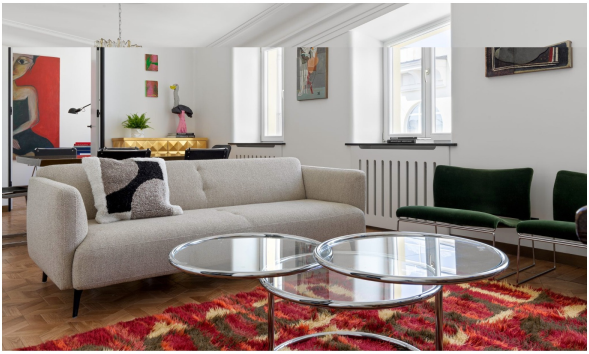
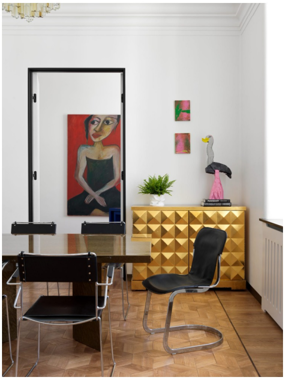
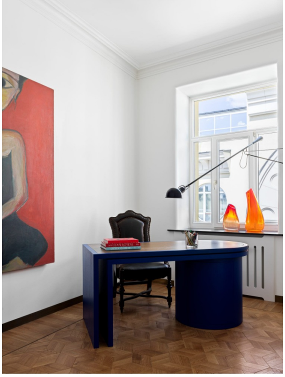


The apartment is located in the center of Moscow just near Patriarch's Ponds in an apartment house built in 1913. Initially, it was in a very poor condition. The designers were faced with the task of changing the layout, making it more convenient for the customer, the restoration of the main historical elements that date to the time when the house was built and accommodating the collection of contemporary art owned by the clients.

The owners of the apartment love traveling, they are fond of modern design and are well versed in contemporary art, therefore the objects of 20th-century Italian design, vintage and modern art prevail in the interior of the space.

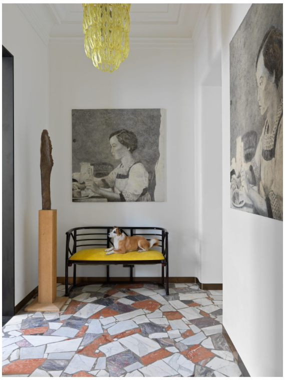
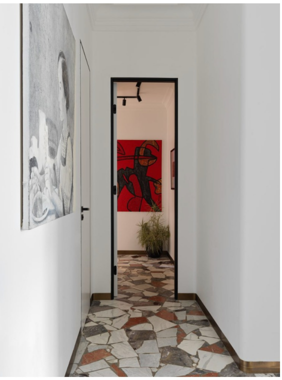
Reminders of Rome

The area of the 90 m^2 home is divided into a combined kitchen/living/dining room, a study, a bedroom, a bathroom, a guest bathroom, and a dressing room. The classic architecture of the house was taken as the basis for interior decoration, the apartment had to be in the same style. The designers have recreated the plaster moldings and parquet and retained the design of the windows and the height of the door portals. The work on this project was ongoing during a pandemic and the owners missed traveling to Italy, so we added a bright breccia stone floor, which can often be found in this country. Nymphaeum in the bathroom, covering the technical constructions, is yet another reminder of Italy.

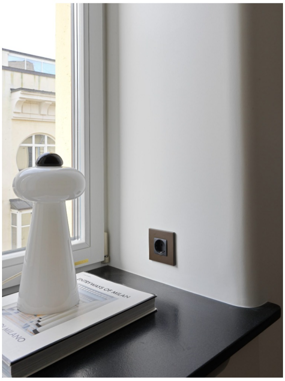
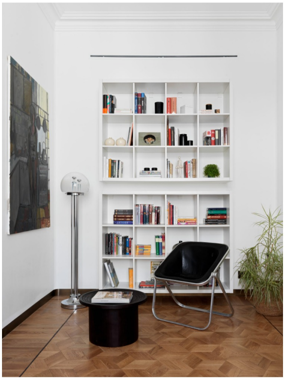



Coloring blank canvas

Organic and natural materials: gypsum ceilings, Sheremetyevskaya Star wooden parquet, painted walls, breccia stone floors, stone window sills, countertops, and kitchen backsplash with matte leather effect, brass plinth, and switches were used as accent elements.

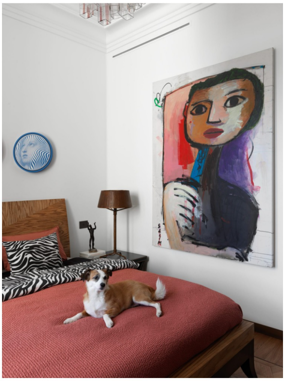
White walls, natural-colored parquet flooring, and black graphic elements provide the perfect background for large, vibrant artworks.

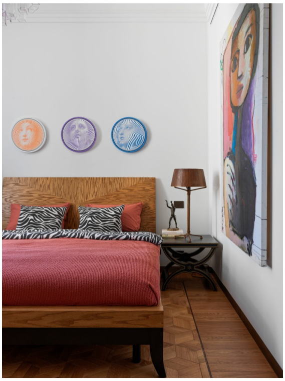



The corners of the walls were given a rounded finish, brass plinth and metal switches were picked in the same color, thin graphic window sills and portals of doorways, smooth facades of doors, and kitchen painted in the color of the walls in this apartment.

Abode for art

Love for vintage items has become the basis of this interior. The owners had a collection of art, an antique sofa “Die Fledermaus”, made in the early 20th century by Josef Hofmann for the cabaret of the same name, Baker armchair and leather tables, Jean Louis Deniot table lamps, and a gold chest of drawers from Barbara Barry.





The owners also love and appreciate vintage, especially Italian glass from the 1960s and 70s of the 20th century. Therefore, all the lamps in the apartment are from that time period. The first pair of chandeliers bought were for the living room. Then a real collection came together. The dining table and chairs in the living room are also from vintage sellers in Italy.

The blue color of a custom-made desk echoes the blue spots on the abstraction in the living room, a cabinet in the bathroom, and mirrors. The customers met the artist who made the mirrors at an exhibition of design objects and asked him to come up with something unusual. This is how unconventional mirror-art objects appeared in the bathrooms.

Fact file:

Name of the project: Apartment of 90 m^2
Location: Moscow, Russia
Area: 90 sq m
Type: Residential interior
Design firm: PropertyLab + Art studio
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About the design firm:

Interior designers ***Natalia Vorobyeva*** *and* ***Dmitry Kuznetsov*** *created* ***PropertyLab+Art studio*** *in 2006. The Laboratory includes a real estate agency, a design bureau, and a contemporary art gallery. They are constantly in search of all the latest and most interesting things for their friends and clients. For each client, the lab offers something special that corresponds to their lifestyle, taking into account their location, preferences, and hobbies.*

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