

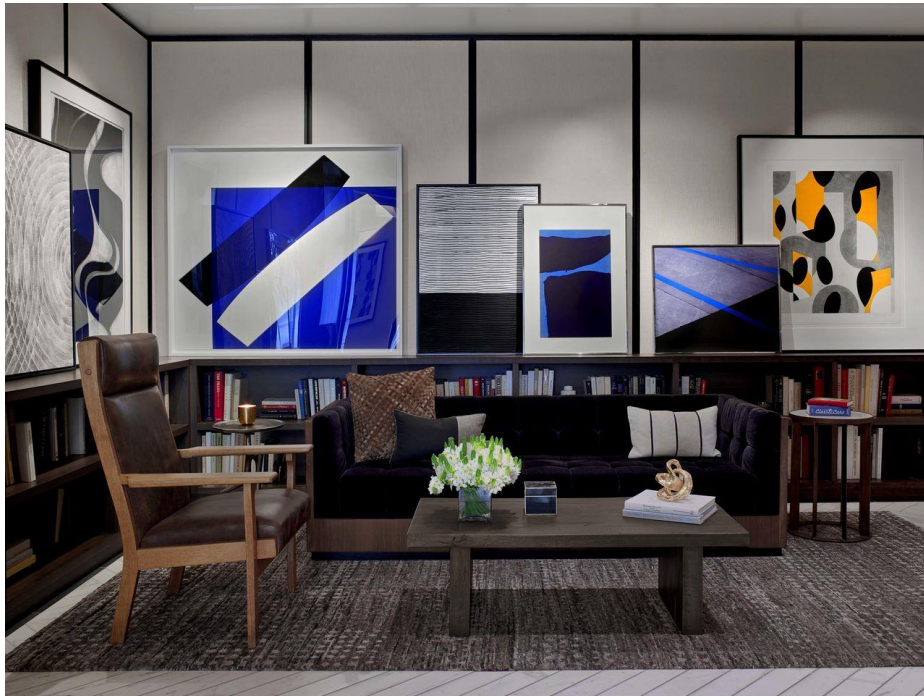
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Designing a Space for Entertaining

Make sure your home is the ultimate party spot with these tips

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At 100 Barclay in lower Manhattan designed by Jeffrey Beers, cozy seating and warm textures encourage a relaxed atmosphere. *Eric Laignel*

Each week, Mansion Global tackles a topic with an elite group of designers from around the world who work on luxury properties. This week we look at how to create a home that's perfectly suited for entertaining .

Having a home that's built for guests and gatherings not only makes life richer but creates a space that's inviting to all. It also blurs form and function.

"It enables you to approach the design of your home from the perspective of hospitality design," said design expert yJeffrey Beers of Jeffrey Beers International in New York.

"Take an architectural approach to layout and function and play with lush complementary materials and artistry to ensure the atmosphere is inviting and warm," Mr. Beers said.

To help your place become the ultimate party space, follow these tips from the design pros.

Create Distinctive Spaces

“Create a separation of space between public areas (the living room and dining room) and the private spaces (bedrooms and bathrooms). We favor open-plan living for public areas. With careful attention to layout, materials and art, you can create fluidity between your kitchen, dining area and living room. The overall effect is warm and social.

“Dimmers help adjust the lighting to fit the mood, and lighting wired into shelving elevates a bookcase or a display cabinet. It can transform a room and take it from day to night.

“For the public spaces, furnishings should not disrupt the overall design, specifically, its balance, function and space. Add warmth and character to an open room through the elegant and playful layering of textured materials, different mediums of art and warm tones.

“I like a versatile space where carpets can be moved for different functions and entertaining.”

— **Jeffrey Beers of Jeffrey Beers International in New York**