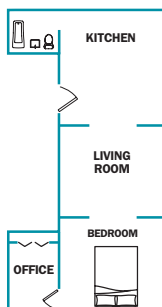


# Apartment tour 1BR in Park Slope

Interior decorator Lily Zingman updates traditional aesthetics with her modern, multicultural sensibility. By **Sarah Bruning**



**1** Born in Israel and raised in South Africa, design guru Lily Zingman ([lilyzdesign.com](http://lilyzdesign.com)) subtly infuses her diverse upbringing into her chic aesthetic. “My style is about bringing traditional things back with a modern twist,” she says. “I love [living in] New York because it’s a mix of all different worlds.” She shares an approximately 600-square-foot rental pad with her husband, Cobi Tiomkin, an aspiring restaurateur, plus their two dogs, Jack and Wiley. “[When we moved in,] I warned the landlord that I’m a decorator and was planning to bring it on,” recalls Zingman. “He was totally cool with [us modernizing] the place.”

**2** The two leather chairs that rest at the foot of the couple’s queen-size Italian wood bed—a Craigslist find they had professionally stained—were procured from antique store Soho Treasures (123 Mercer St between Prince and Spring Sts; 212-966-4390, [soho-treasures.com](http://soho-treasures.com)). “The owner told us they were production pieces used in *American Gangsters*,” notes Zingman. A decorative chandelier from a Bowery lighting store lends sparkle—and underwateresque shadows at night—to the couple’s boudoir, while a Chinese garden stool from e-commerce site Wisteria ([wisteria.com](http://wisteria.com)) adds an international accent.

**3** Zingman constructed this banquette from two Ikea benches and custom seat pillows from e-tailer CushionsXpress



([cushionsxpress.com](http://cushionsxpress.com)). “They do any fabric and piping you want, and they’re so cheap,” she enthuses. A CB2 table, purchased off Craigslist, is adorned with a porcelain vase from Jonathan Adler (*locations throughout the city; visit [jonathanadler.com](http://jonathanadler.com)*), where Zingman worked as a sales associate for about a year. Additional seating comes in the form of a chair from Time Galleries (562 Fifth Ave between 15th and 16th Sts, Park Slope, Brooklyn; 718-788-8300). “They sell beautiful antique furniture at amazing prices,” she gushes.

**4** “I got an orange Le Creuset pot as an engagement present, and the color just kind of hit me,” says Zingman. “I really wanted that tone in the kitchen.” She achieved the vibrant shade with Benjamin Moore’s mandarin orange interior paint. Three white-framed chalkboards were used in the couple’s June 2009 wedding and still display the celebration’s menu.

**5** “I work from home a lot, so it had to be a sanctuary,” Zingman says of her cheerful office space. She ripped up the original linoleum floor and painted the wood floor underneath white. She also used black-and-white-patterned cotton from Mood Fabric (225 W 37th St between Seventh and Eighth Aves, third floor; 212-730-5003, [moodfabrics.com](http://moodfabrics.com)) to create a curtain that hides office supplies. “People make fun of me that I do a lot of stripes, but it works for me,” she says of the vibrant walls, painted using Benjamin Moore’s sun porch tone. A white mirror from Time Galleries hangs above the desk.

**6** The side of the hall doorway displays pieces that allude to the couple’s wanderlust and passion for far-flung destinations: The top frame holds a collection of Chinese calligraphy brushes Zingman found while scouting items for a client, while the carved wood puzzle is a souvenir from Santorini, where the couple spent their honeymoon.



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► **Bob & Judi’s Collectibles** 217 Fifth Ave between President and Union Sts, Park Slope, Brooklyn (718-638-5770) Zingman scours stores throughout the city for eclectic accent pieces and favors this antiques shop for trinkets. “They source their wares from garage sales throughout the United States,” she notes.

► **Jamali Floral & Garden Supplies** 149 W 28th St between Sixth and Seventh Aves (212-244-4025, [jamaligarden.com](http://jamaligarden.com)) “They have so much artistic inspiration there,” says Zingman of this Flower District staple. “They sell peacock feathers, coral reefs and shells—you can get really creative.”

► **Swallow** 361 Smith St between 1st and 2nd Pls, Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn (718-222-8201) “It has a collection of all kinds of little faux bugs,” says Zingman, who incorporated several of its gold bees into her bathroom decor.