

THE REPORT

Tour the 2018 Kips Bay Decorator Show House

Nowhere is there more design power than in a certain townhouse on New York's Upper East Side for a month every spring. That's when dozens of the country's best and brightest designers come together to outfit a designer show house to benefit the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club. For the last 46 years the show house, chaired by the inimitable Bunny Williams this year, has served as a nexus of design trends, a showcase of the best in the industry, and a launching pad for new talent. This year is no different. Over the jaw-dropping seven levels of a 36-foot wide townhouse on 76th street, 21 designers have devised rooms that run the gamut from modern to classic, calm and serene to colorfully kaleidoscopic. Throughout the month of May, the house is open to visitors in search of inspiration, with all proceeds benefitting the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club. Get your tickets now!

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Staircase, Sasha Bikoff When Sasha Bikoff first drew the staircase, she had a brief moment of disappointment (“There’s not much you can do in terms of furniture,” she explains), but she soon decided she’d use the shape and scale (the spiral staircase stretches a whole five floors) to create a celebration of Memphis style. “I loved the idea of this wild, wacky Memphis thing with the traditional setting,” she says. First, she devised a custom carpet with The Rug Company, whose “trippy” patterns are echoed in three equally colorful, pattern-happy wallpapers she made with George Venson of Voutsas. She pulled out colors from the patterns and painted them onto the ceiling in Farrow & Ball paint to create a rainbow effect when visitors look up. “It was important for me to do something fun and inspiring for the kids of Kips Bay,” Bikoff says. “I wanted them to walk in and relate to it and see that design can be loud and fun and colorful.”