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*Gary Ciuffo of Ciuffo  
Cabinetry puts his high  
end touch in every room*

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When the owners of the Central Park West apartment wanted to fully gut and redesign their very large apartment, they sought out the design firm of Ornstein Rabiner of Kings Point, New York, who collaborated with McKenna Custom Homes of Pleasantville, New York, and Ciuffo Cabinetry of Deer Park, Long Island.

Their collaboration started by reconfiguring the huge main room into comfortable, proportional spaces: a kitchen, breakfast room, family room, dining room and living room. These rooms combine beautiful cabinetry, exotic woods and finishes with modern amenities, storage space, and innovative ways to conceal unsightly wiring and

electronics.

The modern design of the kitchen features rosewood covered integrated appliances and a support column covered with matching rosewood, with very close attention to the matching of the exotic wood grain as it was cut and installed. Some of its many modern amenities include Hafele pull-out metal





rack systems, pocket doors to access the appliance garage and upper cabinet lift-up door systems for ease of access to storage space.

Beyond the Sub-Zero integrated refrigerator, a rosewood pocket door leads to the walk-in food pantry. This entire space was built of rosewood panels accented with white high-gloss hand polished pearlescent panels and stainless steel linear hardware. Behind the 2" thick Calcutta marble counter is a mirrored tile backsplash. The cabinets have roll-out shelves, a knife block and specially built storage for flatware, cutlery and spices. Careful planning and collaboration among Ornstein Rabiner, Ciuffo Cabinetry and the client insured that this well-working kitchen has great flow and storage for all needs.

A large peninsula separates the breakfast room from the family room. The breakfast room has a large wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling wall unit with long linear floating shelves supporting a gallery of family photos, a two-



person computer station for the children and lots of storage behind closed doors. This unit is adorned by custom-made rosewood and white pearlescent wood handles.

On the breakfast room side, the peninsula has a separate full adult-size integrated desk





with storage behind closed doors and rollout shelving. On the family room side, the peninsula holds a 44" flat screen television with audio-visual and television game storage behind a pocket door. Audio-visual cooling systems have fresh air vent intakes or heat sensors to keep the equipment cool. Star Fire glass tops protect the desk surfaces.

A dramatic focal point of the dining room comes alive with this Macassar ebony wall unit that complements the shape of the round dining room table. Behind the doors of the wall unit are pullouts and plenty of storage for linens, crystal and silverware. This unit is equipped with four telescopic doors to close off the space during formal gatherings. The face of the doors on the dining room side have Macassar diamond-shaped inlays and glass vision panels. The opposite sides



twin-size trundle underneath. Each room has a large storage armoire with doors over a chest of drawers. At the head of the bunk bed is a full-sized upholstered headboard and open shelving. The back wall has additional shelving. A custom-made detachable ladder leads to the

upper bunk bed. At the foot of the bunk beds is an open bookcase with diagonal cubbies. Both rooms have secondary armoire storage, closets and complete double pedestal desks. The heating and air-conditioning system are built into the desks, and architectural grills are integrated

into the desk surface. All furniture in the boys rooms were made of rift-cut white oak, stained, hand wire brushed and Cerused. To differentiate the two rooms, the wood in one was stained green and the other gray.

The outside wall of this girls' room has a wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling built-in combined armoire and double-pedestal desk with a connecting light bridge over the window. The very fine, soft detailed columns and carved out relief molding pattern in this unit is repeated in all the furniture. The tall armoire has an abundance of clothing storage with dresser drawers below. The large double pedestal desk with a light bridge above gives great storage and adequate lighting. As in the other rooms, the heating and air conditioning systems are built into the desks, and architectural grills are integrated into the desk surface.



of the doors are covered with rosewood matching the family room décor. This furniture has a high-gloss acrylic hand-rubbed finish.

The cabinetry in the living room was also built out of Macassar ebony and placed with absolutely gorgeous detailed diamond-shaped antique silver-leafed storage doors. The left wall has a large, built-in television with DVD storage below.

The back wall houses the audiovisual equipment including the sub woofer. The center bar area has floating 3/4" thick Star Fire glass shelves with antique mirrored backs and a Macassar ebony counter. To the right behind closed doors is a Sub-Zero wine center with pull-out liquor storage. One great challenge Gary Ciuffo of Ciuffo Cabinetry and his team had was installing this large L-shaped, wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling unit, scribing it on all sides for an installation that is second to none.

For the study, Ornstein Rabiner and Ciuffo Cabinetry designed an L-shaped desk and bookcase unit made of a very special Mapa burl. This unit has open shelving, a large desk housing eight computer monitors. Hidden CPU storage, all wires and back up battery are stored in a cabinet at the back of the knee space, with lots of extra door, drawer and cabinet storage. This unit was carefully built around existing windows, heating and air condition system ducts and pipes. A flat screen TV is built into the wood column. The doors and drawers were accented with leather pulls and polished nickel metal details.

For the two boys' rooms, the clients' requirement for three beds in each of the two boys' rooms - six beds total - Ornstein Rabiner and Ciuffo came up with the solution of full-size bunk beds with twin beds above and a





Across the room is a tall slender open shelving unit with matching details and left-to-right wall-to-wall open shelving unit above the entrance and doorways.

The master bedroom has a wall-hung combination dresser and television console unit built from imported exotic Cocobolo veneer. Ciuffo handpicked all the veneers for this entire apartment project, including this Cocobolo veneer, with the aid of Scott Roberts, owner of Roberts Plywood in Deer Park. The Cocobolo leaves for this unit have distinct blonde striations and the width of each leaf varies from 3" to 18", depending on the tree size and the way it is cut. The veneer for this unit was hand-selected by sifting through hundreds of leaves of Cocobolo veneer from Roberts' grand stock. Ciuffo was not satisfied until all blond striations naturally lined up and matched perfectly along the center seam of every drawer.



Full-length polished nickel linear edge pulls give a perfect finishing touch to this piece. The multiple drawers have removable dividers for clothes storage and the pocket door on the end hides audio visual equipment. McKenna Custom Homes installed special supporting systems inside the wall to help hold up this 13' long wall-hung credenza.

In the master bath, a his and hers bathroom vanity incorporates the feeling of an apothecary with modern designed thick column details. This unit has pull-outs, double hampers and multiple storage drawers. The finish is a custom metallic gray paint. Handmade leather pulls with polished nickel buttons dress this unit beautifully.

The elegant, custom cabinetry which combines exquisite design, fine woods, expert workmanship and installation and practicality in this apartment is an example of the innovation of Ciuffo Cabinetry. ■