



Urbane RENEWAL

An urban professional
downsizes to a sleek retreat

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*Previous pages: Dramatic colors and comfortable, yet luxurious, fabrics make Kurt Knapstein's living room an urban oasis. **Left:** It's all in the details. A cluster of eggs nested under a crystal and brass lamp provides focus and style. **Right:** Across from the terrace, an oversized mirror and Ralph Lauren lacquered-rosewood credenza reflect light into the space. All flowers by Studio Dan Meiners.*

For interior designer Kurt Knapstein,

the start of his own business prompted a move from a cut-the-grass-on-weekends, two-story Colonial home in Brookside to the chic, contemporary condo he now calls home. "I work so much that it's great to come home and not have to do anything but relax," he says.

When Knapstein found the perfect Wornall Plaza condo to customize, he made the move. Now the three-room condo reflects his personal design aesthetic as well as his need to live a streamlined, everything-at-your-fingertips life.

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Knapstein worked with Portfolio Kitchen & Home to create a space that could do double duty as gathering spot for friends and home office. The black granite island and surrounding bar stools are chic and functional, while decorative touches like the oversized ceramic pear add a touch of whimsy.



*Opposite: In a compact space, every angle counts. In the foyer, painted, textured wallpaper makes a bold statement, while the highly polished inlaid floors gleam with reflected light. **This page:** Knapstein designed the stylish bedroom as an immediate focal point in the apartment. Grasscloth walls, alabaster sconces and a masculine duvet with covered-button detail are refined and elegant.*