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Your Background in Design?

I have a Bachelor's in Architecture from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

Who was the client for this project?

DDG Partners.

Background on the project?

I was invited, together with Espasso, a Brazilian furniture store in New York, to furnish DDG Partners' model apartment at 12 Warren Street in New York. It was actually a townhouse inserted into a building, and a very unique and exquisite space. When decorating the three-floor apartment, ESPASSO's Carlos and I focused on bringing a Brazilian flavor where history, design and warmth would converge.

The intent of your design?

The thought process when decorating the 3-bedroom townhouse at 12 Warren Street was to honor the handcrafted and artisanal details featured throughout the building. I wanted to make sure the beauty and grandiosity of the space were enhanced with beautiful pieces of furniture allowing them to feel unique and homey for potential buyers – and visitors – who appreciate interior design. An exclusive art collection was also added to the apartment to complement the space.

The inspiration for your design?

It was a blank canvas ready to be filled with great Brazilian design. The grandiosity of the space was a perfect setting to generously host the Brazilian furniture from Espasso. We had in mind a young family with two kids, a family with a taste for international design.

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