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sandman he comes, sleep with one eye open, gripping your pi

New York calling

Once two poky rooms, this dramatic space now pulls double duty as a bedroom and home office with an ample dose of retro glamour

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Parents eager to lure their grown-up children back to the nest should take a leaf out of homeowner Andy's book: with her 25-year-old daughter Lauren due to move home after a hiatus spent working in New York, she decided to revamp her old bedroom to welcome her home. With the guidance of interior designer Shaynna Blaze, Andy set out to create a New York loft-style bedroom and study, inspired by her daughter's time in the Big Apple.

Originally two smaller rooms, the separate spaces were used by Lauren in her student days, one as her bedroom and the other as her study.

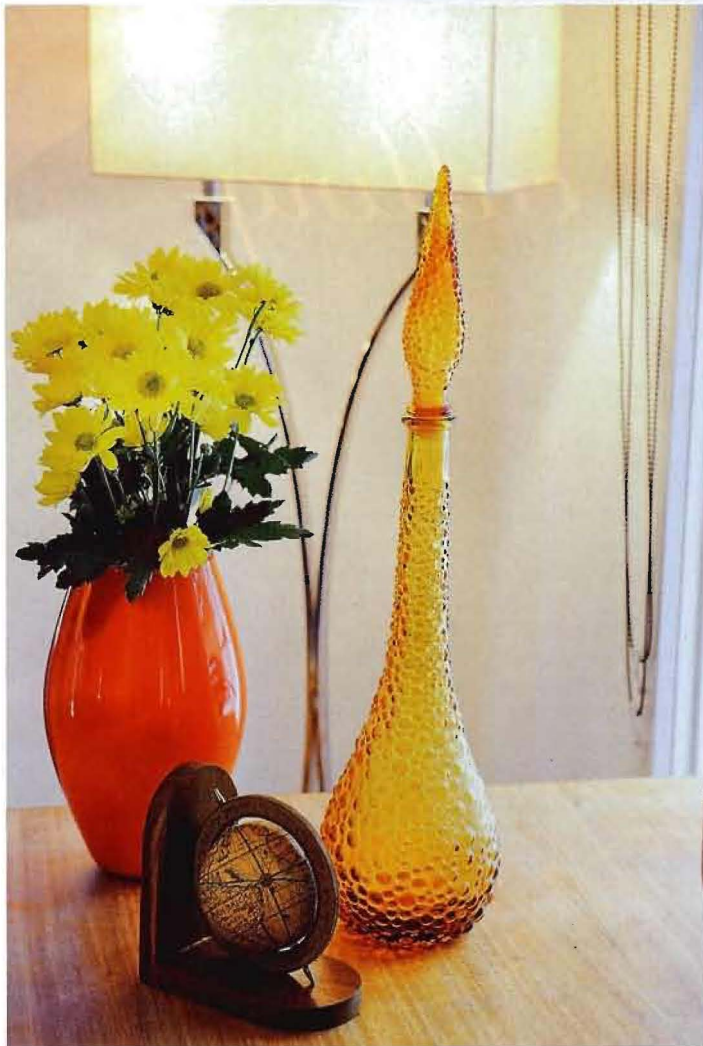
"It was just dreadful," says Andy. "You could barely fit a queen-sized bed into either room." Knocking down the dividing wall was the only solution, with a complete style overhaul part of Shaynna's brief. "Shaynna always knows what I want and I can visualise her ideas," enthuses Andy.

Andy and Shaynna worked to a tight budget to deliver an opulent boudoir and private workspace, with a black and yellow colour scheme, creating the impression that no expense was spared. "We mixed high-end pieces with budget-friendly ones," reveals Andy. The real challenge was pleasing her daughter. "She just loves it," says Andy. >



off the wall

To create a dramatic backdrop for the bed, Shaynna applied kaleidoscopic Eijffinger 'Twilight 371135' wallpaper in horizontal strips with gaps in between. Her imagination really took flight with the vivid yellow text that runs between the panels – the lyrics to a Metallica song, 'Enter Sandman', made by Scotchline Signs. Another quirky touch is the 'work/play' floor sticker, also made by Scotchline Signs. Kylie Minogue At Home bedlinen from Myer and a Hip Home 'Allure Lemongrass' shag rug pack a colourful punch.



retro a-go-go

With her daughter's love of vintage paraphernalia in mind, Andy scoured garage sales and eBay to source vases, old cameras and retro accessories to decorate the space. In her father's attic, Andy unearthed precious postcards from Las Vegas from as far back as 1963. Their nostalgic designs and artwork inspired Shaynna to top Lauren's timber bedside table with glass, then slide the cards underneath for another pop of Americana. "It's probably Lauren's favourite feature of the room," says Andy. A selection of quaint old cameras (opposite) also contributes to the 1960s feel. "I found the antique cameras for as little as \$50, and the chair and books were all eBay buys."

dual purpose

Builders Abbest Constructions were enlisted for the few structural changes, including knocking out the wall, re-plastering and installing a support beam for the new wardrobe. By putting the built-in wardrobe (by U-nique Wardrobe & Storage Solutions) in the office area, Andy freed up valuable space in the bedroom. Shaynna hung a string curtain to visually divide the two areas, for moments when Lauren wants to shut out thoughts of work! A more traditional divider is the 'Expedit' shelf from Ikea, which offers storage and display room for Lauren's trinkets.



budget breakdown

Structural changes	\$2500
Wardrobe	\$2400
Wallpaper	\$200
Vinyl stickers	\$650
Bedlinen and cushions	\$570
Bedside lamp and shelf	\$679
Rug	\$1500
Curtains	\$1800

Total.....\$10,299*

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american beauty

The room's monochromatic colour scheme was chosen to evoke the drama of the New York City skyline, punctuated by bursts of bright yellow to symbolise the iconic taxis of America's most famous city. Andy isn't at all worried by the idea that she and Lauren may one day grow tired of the bedazzling effect, admitting that they are currently head over heels. "It's easy enough to change these things," she says. **BB**

