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Interior designer **Robert Knighton** elevates the art of living well

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

In Emma Nuzzo's Brooklyn townhome, Knighton juxtaposed contemporary, rich hues with existing architectural detailing to create a modern, urban haven. An organic lighting fixture illuminates a monochromatic study. Designer Robert Knighton. In the kitchen, classic white cabinetry allows waterfall stone countertops to take center stage.

Robert Knighton knows a thing or two about creating beauty—at work and in life—and the celebrated interior designer's personal journey serves as an apt metaphor for the ideals exemplified in his designs.

"Define your vision, and don't hold back," says Knighton, principal designer and founder of full-service interior design firm ViVODOMi INTERIOR DESIGN. "Make your dreams your reality."

It's an ethos he's carried with him since childhood. On a determined path to achieve success, he supported himself through college and put in the work to triumph both personally and professionally. Now the go-to interior designer for a slate of celebrities, luminaries, and design-savvy New Yorkers, Knighton balances the demands of two thriving businesses (including ultra-luxury concierge ViVODOMi) and the joys of fatherhood.

"My life inspires my work, and my work inspires my life," he says. "Enjoying the journey is central to both."

Renowned for his contemporary interiors, Knighton specializes in creating luxury bespoke environments that are warm and livable, and his classic-with-a-twist aesthetic is a sought-after design trademark. A recent project for the owner of Cereus Art, Emma Nuzzo's Brooklyn townhouse features bold



colors and modern finishes complementing the traditional elements of the home's prewar architectural fabric. An ambitious and perfectly realized composition of old and new, it offers a clean, structural backdrop to the client's stunning collection of art by femmes, artists of the global majority, and LGBTQIA artists.

"The space is not only beautiful but evokes a feeling that is deeply personal and meaningful to Emma," Knighton says. "That's ultimately my goal in work and in life—creating spaces, whether metaphorical or physical, that elevate and inspire us."

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