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# SOCIAL SPACES

Have a drab living room you're tired of looking at? A kitchen used only for boiling water? A terrace so neglected even birds don't stop by to perch? Here is how to get those spaces ready for relaxing, eating and entertaining in style.

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## ▶ THE LIVING ROOM The perfect place for a statement piece.



**SITTING PRETTY**  
Interior designer Purvi Padia in her Tribeca home, where she mixes contemporary design with innovative functionality

### TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Not even a designer's own home is safe from client-imposed compromises, but for her Tribeca living room, **Purvi Padia** came up with elegant solutions to her family's unruly demands. In plain sight she concealed the toys of both her 2-year-old son (vibrant playthings) and her husband (a massive flat-screen TV). Her David Blaine-worthy

tricks? The toys are tucked in uniform flax bins, while the fireplace wall (home to the TV) is sheathed in bronze panels nearly the same color as the screen—the chicest camouflage ever. Still, there's space for Purvi, with pops of orange that “bring a little happiness to the room,” says the woman who, in the end, didn't relinquish one iota of style. [purvipadia.com](http://purvipadia.com)

### THE SCORE



**FLOORED** The Feathers rug is one of four Alexander McQueen designs.

### ALEXANDER MCQUEEN RUG

Leave it to the fashionable **Rug Company** to introduce a collection of carpets from **Alexander McQueen**. The new line utilizes traditional hand-knotting techniques and a combination of wool, silk and cashmere to create the four available styles: Military Brocade, Feathers, Hummingbird and, no surprise here, Skull. 9'x6', \$11,660–\$16,520, *The Rug Company*, 88 Wooster St., 212.274.0444, [therugcompany.com](http://therugcompany.com)