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OMG, I Want This House: Norman Mailer's Brooklyn Heights Flat

The Daily Beast presents a look at one of the most insane houses in the world.



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When you make your home on the coveted shores of the East River, it's important to make sure said home reflects all the nautical inspiration of its surroundings. The sloping wooden ceilings and two-story, light-filled atrium were meant to reflect the charms of a sailboat. Welcome aboard!



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This stained glass flourish has been enjoyed by such celebrated eyes as John Lennon and Bob Dylan. The challenge has been set: Who are you going to invite to party in your new pad?



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With 1,636 square feet of interior space, the home is positively palatial in New York-terms. But the only space that really matters is this gorgeous desk with a view.



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Walls on walls of books and knickknacks join the colorful furnishings and accent pieces to feed your eyes and spirit. Once you've soaked up this quirky inspiration, sit your butt down and get to work spinning the creativity into literary gold.



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Oh the stories this dining room table could tell! A who's who list of famous guests would attend the parties Mailer threw in this brownstone.



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The home didn't come with all the trappings of a sailboat. Mailer cut through the ceiling and extended his apartment into the sky in order to create a playground of nautical features like this vertical ladder that leads to a skywalk and the "crow's nest" Mailer used for writing.



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With the addition of parapets and gangplanks and crows nests, not to mention the covered natural light that streams into the home, Mailer created a seaworthy world on the top of a Brooklyn brownstone.



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The apartment boasts three bedrooms and two bathrooms. But only one of those rooms is graced with this charmingly quaint floral wallpaper. (Spotted: an outrageous amount of closet space hidden in floral camouflage.)



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This apartment is like a permanent New York City postcard. Bordering the Brooklyn Heights Promenade, you have views of downtown Manhattan, the Statue of Liberty, and the Brooklyn Bridge all from your very own backyard terrace.



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As if the natural light beaming in from the roof wasn't grand enough, the apartment features several terraces like this one. All the better to spy those East River pirates.



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This unique skylight was added by Mailer. It pops up out of the roof and maximizes the coveted natural New York sunlight that streams into the space below.



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Behind the red brick walls of this classic brownstone is a world of inspiration just waiting to happen... and maybe a little help from the ghost of Norman Mailer.