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MIXING IT UP

A New Jersey-based interior designer dreams up the ideal kitchen and dining room space with hints of glamour and a thoughtful blend of materials in her family home.

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For her own kitchen and dining room, designer Abby Gruman of Abby Leigh Designs in Tenafly, New Jersey, knew she wanted to incorporate subtleties of glamour. "I decided to mix in brass pendants to warm up the space and give the

kitchen that homey, lived-in feeling," adds Gruman. "I'm a glam girl at heart with a love for history so I love mixing eras and styles."

The home, purchased by Gruman and her husband one year before the pandemic, was intended to

provide a respite from their once buzzing life in New York City with a careful combination of metals, materials, and furnishings. "I wanted to create a relaxed environment for my children where nothing felt off-limits," says Gruman. "I also love entertaining friends, so I wanted it to feel upscale but also relaxed. I have always loved the Pierre Jeanneret dining chairs and knew I needed something similar in my home. I chose to use them with a black base to create a

more modern feel."

Now, the multifunctional space is calm, yet cohesive. "I love that it feels warm and inviting from the second you step into the kitchen," says Gruman. "It is also unique and doesn't look the same as every other white kitchen we are so used to seeing. It has an eclectic feel."

1. Artistic Frame dining chairs and cushion fabric by Kelly Wearstler, kellywearstler.com

2. Park Ave. Dining Table, desiron.com

3. Resin Everyday x-large bowl by Nashi Home, nashihome.com

4. Cloud pendant by Apparatus, apparatusstudio.com

5. Precision small pendant by Kelly Wearstler, kellywearstler.com

6. High Woven Back Stools by Mark Albrecht Studio, markalbrechtstudio.com

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