

Bonjour! My name is Ann Huff of Huff Harrington in Atlanta. My team and I had the privilege of working with Maddy and the Paris Perfect Shared team to design the Vivant fractional apartment. Maddy, the co-founder of Paris Perfect, asked us to give a little background on a couple of our favorite things ... and, of course, the list just grew and grew!



# Ann Huff & **Madelyn Byrne**



#### Hermès Scarf

The symbolic Les Clefs design was released in 1965 and was designed by Caty Latham, whose iconic work at Hermès included much of the equestrian series, the Egypt series and the tassels. We bought this vintage scarf in the Paris puces (antiques market). We thought the keys made for a perfect symbol to welcome you to your very own Paris apartment. Plus, it is just so pretty!





# The Kitchen

We chose a sleek and modern kitchen for this apartment, with a high-gloss finish that reflects the afternoon glow of the sun. We felt that by tucking the cabinets into the existing niche that was created by the doorway and load-bearing wall, the kitchen would be elegant without being intrusive, just like the proper stylish host of a dinner party. The key to a great kitchen, in addition to appliances (and sharp knives!), is great task lighting. We focused on getting the right level of LEDs under the countertops where all the action takes place.



## **Living Room Wallpaper**

The molding was originally present in 1890 when the building was constructed, but removed by the previous owner. We chose to bring back some of the room's original bones. As not to overwhelm the room with wallpaper, we selected a subtle design from Thibaut, called Mamba Pearl, that fit nicely inside the molding. We think it adds a touch of warmth and sophistication, while remaining very much in the background of the players surrounding it.





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# The Pièce de Résistance

Other than our favorite guest, *La Grande Dame*, who sparkles nightly outside the window, our *pièce de résistance* is the beautiful 19th C. Louis XVI commode and the painting of Notre-Dame by Huff Harrington artist Sarah Robertson, that sits above it. Frankly, I was a little worried that we wouldn't find the right antique piece for this spot, since we had such a clear vision of what it should be (always dangerous). But in a little shop in Pezenas, in the South of France, this impeccable, perfectly proportioned, elegant Louis XVI mahogany chest, with inlaid walnut, peeked out at me and smiled. The rest is history!

# **The Tulip Table**

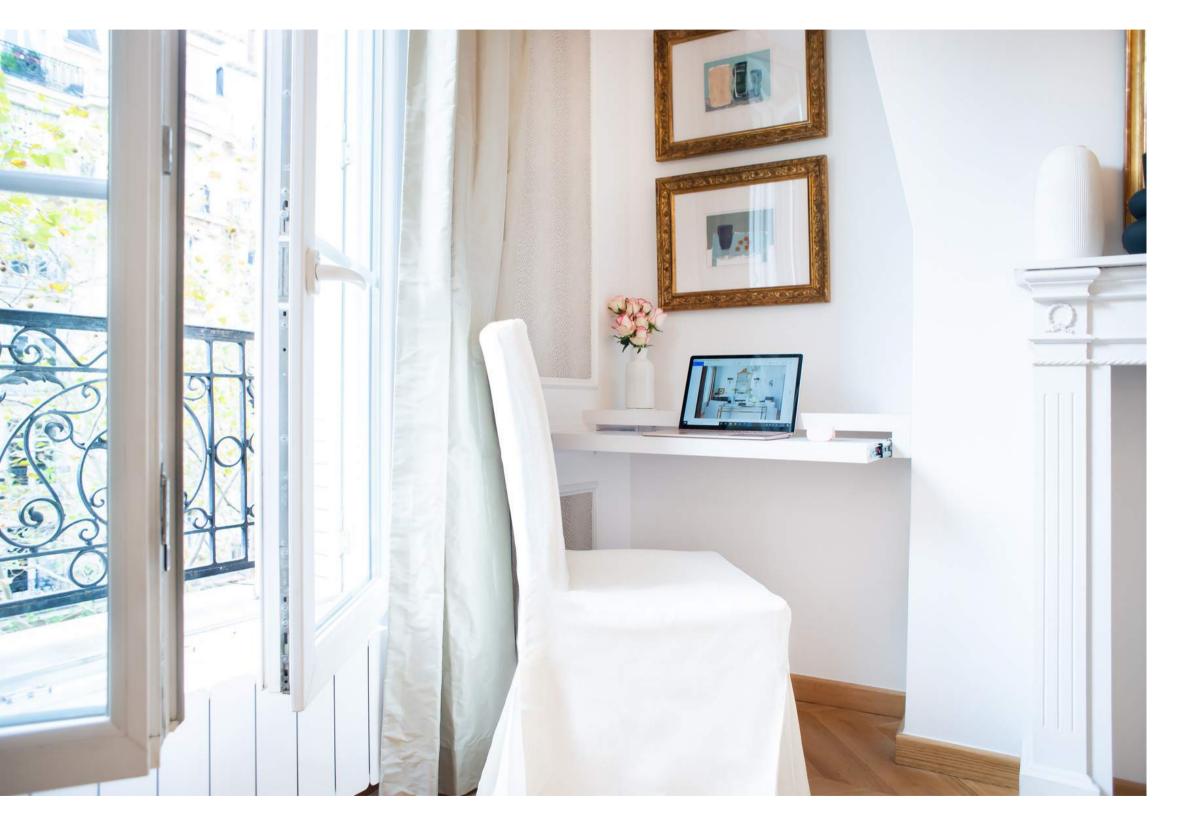
Admittedly, we were a tad nervous when we found a marble tulip table for the dining room, thinking it might be too jarring for such a classic interior. However, we realize that a table like this not only stands the test of time, but it's also so convenient. The table seats four comfortably (and actually squeezes in six); it's easy to care for; there are no extra legs fighting the chairs; and yes, it's so pretty! We chose the chairs because they suit us North Americans: Well built, solid and comfy. They're pretty good looking too!











# The Desk

We had lots and lots of discussions about the desk. I see it more as a parking station, where my computer, the unfortunate omnipresent accoutrement these days, sits comfortably when not in use. If my husband is working at the table, which is my natural go-to place for everything, then I'll be happy in the nook. But if not, I use this space as a charging station and computer garage – and it's wonderful to have these items out of the way.

### The Art

The two paintings above the desk are from Huff Harrington artist Ellen Rolli. Interestingly, we found the frames in France and took them to the U.S. There we framed the paintings and decided they were the perfect fit for the apartment, so we brought them back! We love the marriage of modern art and vintage 19th C. frames. To the right of the mantel is a painting that we actually "stole" from Maddy's collection: a 19th C. artist that she has collected over time, and that we begged her to part with for this special place.







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# The Sofa

Let's just say this is not your mother's sofa bed! Paris Perfect has worked with a company in Italy for many years that has perfected mattresses and sofa beds. We think the sofa is good looking, comfortable and perfect for the person who wants to lay down and watch TV (I know that person well!). For the guests that you will undoubtedly have once they learn you have an apartment in Paris, this sofa easily converts into two comfy single beds.



### **The Light**

We have many sources of light in this apartment, including the most beautiful light streaming in from outside the windows. For six months of the year, this light will filter through the trees and provide a tempered glow from afternoon through evening. During the darker months, the afternoon light floods in through the windows, and when darkness hits, the sparkle of the twin chandeliers, reflected in the mirrors, which creates a Versailles effect, is enhanced by the twinkling Eiffel Tower in the background.







### **The Floors**

The original floors were in the same *point de Hongrie* style, but unfortunately were in poor shape. We were afraid the creaks might overwhelm the comfort and replaced them with strong white oak, but kept the same pattern and hue as the original – minus the creaks and with double insulation.

# **Double-Glazed Windows**

Although this stretch of Avenue de la Bourdonnais is not particularly noisy, due to its wide sidewalks and one-way traffic, we did want to provide the option to close off the external noise completely. Thus, all the windows are double glazed, but can be opened fully to let in the pleasant street sound and rustling of the leaves.



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We set the tone of the bedroom with Thibaut's Seton Scallop wallpaper because we love the soothing spa blue color with gold highlights. Even before finding the Louis XVI chandelier and sconces, we knew that gold would play an important role in the bedroom. And to honor the longstanding Franco-American heritage, we found the perfect American eagle mirror, that was actually made in France, copying an American interpretation of a French design! This seemed so appropriate to us all and fit so nicely!

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# **The Bedroom Décor**



#### **The Bedroom Art**

The paintings in the bedroom are by Charles Ross, Geri Eubanks and Pascal Bouterin, a French artist that we represent at Huff Harrington Fine Art. Although their styles are quite different, they complement each other with their pale hues, light frames and delicate strokes, and contribute to the peaceful quiet that this bedroom exudes.



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## **Bedroom Nook**

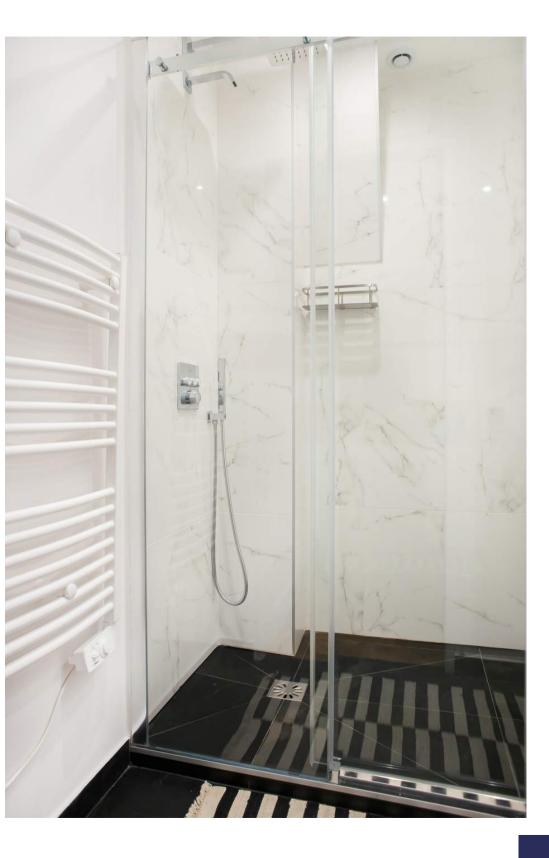
How lucky were we to find an apartment, with a bedroom nook tucked into the window! This one begged for a cozy reading area that doubles as extra storage space. Appealing to those who love privacy, we chose to have the silk curtains wrap the inside of the nook so that the bedroom, with its luxurious sheets, heavenly mattress and cozy comforters, would feel like being swathed in a cocoon!



#### **Two Bathrooms**

could write a book about the challenges of adding WCs in Paris apartments, because most Parisian apartments only have one evacuation pipe, sometimes for several apartments, which means that all toilets need to be grouped together to share the same pipe. If this is TMI, let's just say that the challenge of adding two WCs is a puzzle that we love to solve. Originally having one bathroom and a toilet, we created two shower rooms and two WCs that comfortably accommodate up to four people.





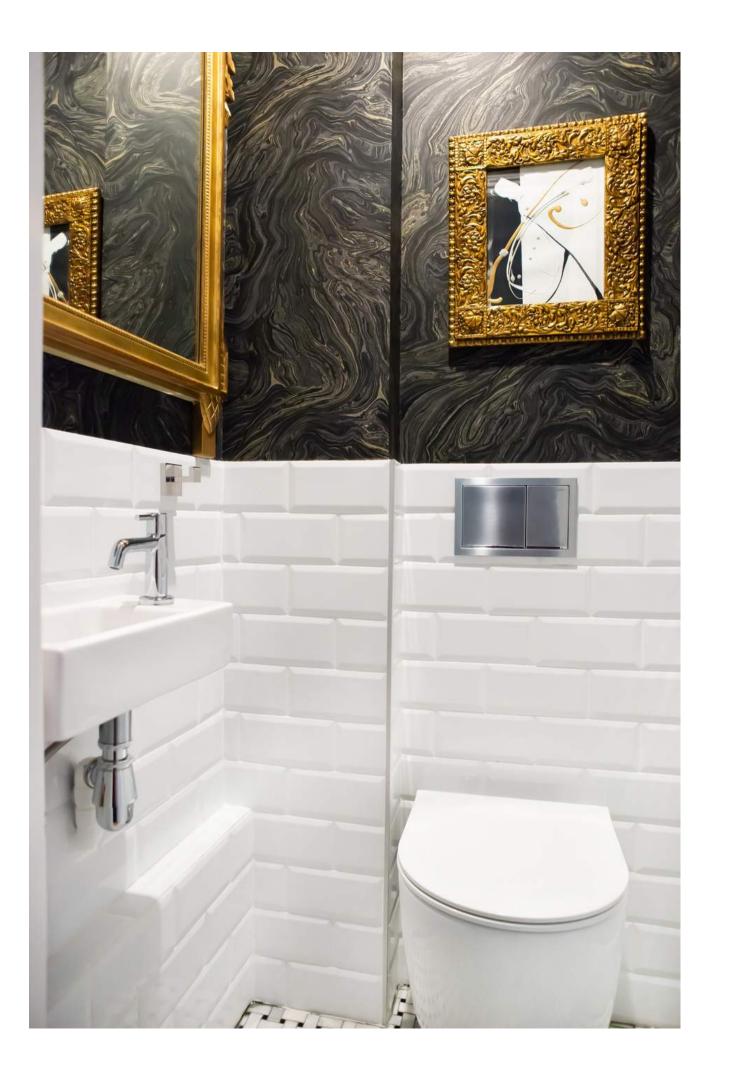




#### **Closet Space**

This is a biggie for us. Some say you can never be too rich or too thin, but we say you can never have too much closet space! We carved out every possible area for closets and extra storage – in the bedroom, the hallway and even in the nook.





# And Speaking of Toilets...

Do you like the wallpaper in the powder room? It's also from Thibaut and called Venus Black. Admittedly we were a little nervous about "what Maddy would say" – but once we added the oversized mirror and the fun piece of art from our gallery, and watched her peek into the room for the first time, we knew we'd hit it right. Like Maddy, we hope you enjoy this little space that likes to think big!



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Despite our first ever transatlantic Covid-19 renovation that was fraught with a few unexpected challenges, we loved working on this project, from the first time seeing this beautiful apartment to its rebirth nine months later. We hope you've enjoyed discovering some of our favorite things about Vivant and believe that you'll be even more thrilled when you see it in person.

Bienvenue! Ann Huff





# **The Exquisite Vivant**

- Located on Avenue de la Bourdonnais, on the Seine's left bank, in the 7th arrondissement. Avenue de la Bourdonnais is one of 50 highest-priced locations in Paris.
- This area is renowned for its village-like neighborhood, with a variety of cafés, boutiques, restaurants and open-air markets nearby.
- Built of hand-cut stone in 1890, one year after the famous 1889 World Exhibition. This exhibition is unforgettable as it marked the completion of the engineering and technology wonder of its time -- the Eiffel Tower.
- Vivant features Eiffel Tower views from the living room and dining room and the beautiful treelined avenue to the Champ-de-Mars.



# **Vivant's Fabulous Features**

- Located on the 4th floor (5th American) in a historic building with an elevator
- Features a beautiful double living room/dining room and kitchen, with two large French doors that overlook the famous Avenue de la Bourdonnais
- One bedroom, two bathrooms and sleeps up to four people
- 48.32 square meters
- This historic property has been expertly renovated to fit today's lifestyle featuring French antiques, original art and elegant finishes.
- Central air conditioning, a rarity in Paris
- Double-glazed windows
- Shared owner storage room to leave your personal essentials
- Complimentary Third Home membership, meaning a \$10,000 savings in the premier home exchange club, with luxury homes throughout the world



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