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## THE NEW DORM IN NORM

**Armed with high-end furniture and top-name designers, savvy students — like the stylish Hadid sisters — are splashing out on luxed-up living spaces**

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**M**ARTI Satnick, who just started her first year at Fordham Law School, has one thing in common with models Gigi and Bella Hadid: a \$1,895 couch.

These days, co-eds of every stripe — be they uptown or downtown, art majors or computer science savants — live and study in snazzy surrounds.

Satnick is one of the lucky ones, with a sweet celebrity connection. “Now I feel really cool,” Satnick, 22, tells *The Post*. That’s because Satnick and her mom worked with Erik R.

Galiana at furniture brand Tui Lifestyle (*tuilifestyle.com*) to kit out her alcove studio near Lincoln Center.

As for the Hadids, when the fashion-famous daughters of “*Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*” star Yolanda Foster moved from L.A. to attend the New School, Galiana also decorated their pads. (Though hopping from runway to runway means they’re on hiatus from classes.)

Gigi moved into a Village one-bedroom in 2013, capturing her living room on Instagram (right). Bella moved to the city a year later and settled into East Village digs with the same Tui pullout sofa.

“Students want a place for people to crash,” Galiana says.

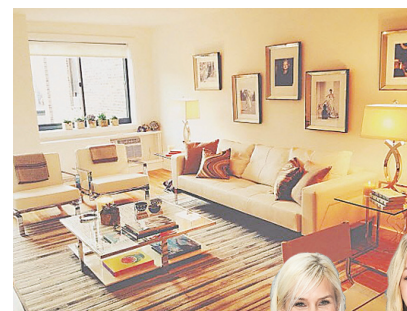
Other highlights from the Hadids? Lots of clothing storage using the Container Store’s Elfa system — which also graces Satnick’s closet.

RHOBH’s Foster says Galiana has “impeccable taste with a great sense of detail.”

Satnick’s apartment is mostly white, like Gigi’s. Light gray walls allow the furniture to subtly stand out, explains Galiana, who charges clients \$8,000 to \$30,000 for his services.

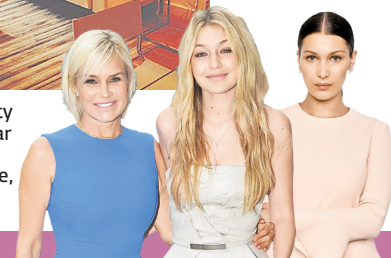
“He really utilized every square foot of space, making a kitchen, a dining

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**STUDY HAUL:** Law student Marti Satnick (above) shares a couch — and interior designer Erik R. Galiana — with models Gigi and Bella Hadid (below, center and right).

**MODEL HOMES:** Reality star Yolanda Foster (near right) helped her girls settle downtown; above, Gigi’s old living room.



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# GET HOME SCHOOLED

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room area, a living room and a bedroom,” says Satnick, who can even see Fordham through her floor-to-ceiling windows. “There are at least three places where I can sit down and read, which is nice, because it gets repetitive if you are sitting in a library cubicle for eight hours a day.”

Gigi and Bella have walls adorned with rows of painted squares decorated by California friends at their going-away parties; meanwhile, artwork of blueberries inspired the bright blue backsplash in Satnick’s kitchen.

Galiana approves of his Upper West Side handiwork: “I’m really fussy, but after we finished it, I was like, ‘I could live here.’”

Meanwhile, across town on the Upper East Side, two young women share a 350-square-foot studio that they’ve

tricked out all by themselves.

Think of it like a miniature training ground for the professional world: Faith Hoops and Emily Kent are undergrads at the New York School of Interior Design. By applying budding skills to their own pad with the limitations of a tight budget, they’re prime examples for how to be stylish without breaking the bank.

Hoops, 23, and Kent, 20, met when they shared a dorm room.

But after two years of no kitchen and a fee for overnight guests, they were ready to move on. The apartment hunt began in earnest in August, with an upper limit of \$2,200 per month. They wanted to be near NYSID’s campus, and knew that meant they would have to share a studio — despite boyfriend-friends who stay over. (“We didn’t even look at one-bedrooms,” Hoops says.)

They found home in a ground-floor studio — with a backyard, no less!



**HEY ROOMIES:** Design students Faith Hoops, left, and Emily Kent got creative to make their shared studio work.

Zandy Mangold (3)



**PRIVACY PLEASE:** A \$13 IKEA system shields the bed with curtains; the bowl is Nate Berkus for Target, on sale for \$7.

— on East 74th Street.

Decorating a tiny white box proved a piece of cake. To start with, their specially placed beds serve day-to-night functions.

“We wanted them to look like sofas facing each other,” says Hoops, a Plainview, Long Island, native. “We both got white comforters to make a neutral space.

You focus more on the interesting textures and objects — the things

you want to stand out more.”

Space-saving, versatile pieces abound. Bar stools at the kitchen counter, which have minimalist metal legs, were \$60 TJ. Maxx look-alikes of \$660 ones at Arteriors ([arteriorshome.com](http://arteriorshome.com)). Transparent folding chairs with metal accents (\$120 for two, from [Overstock.com](http://Overstock.com)) are easy to move.

A rug from H&M? \$20. A TJ. Maxx candleholder shaped like

an antler cost \$5, as did a unicorn statuette from thrift store Housing Works ([housingworks.org](http://housingworks.org)).

“We want to find a lot more over time,” says Kent, who’s from upstate. “I’m saving up for a cowhide rug.” Hoops also loves natural accents, like prints of tortoise shells she just mounted herself, adding, “The good thing about interior design is that it’s never fully done.”

## For students with bigger budgets

MEET 33-year-old Negev, who moved from Israel to the city last month with his wife and kids to start a master’s in computer science at



**WINGIN’ IT:** Juneja favors midcentury classics like this butterfly chair (\$275 from AllModern).

Columbia.

With a budget of about \$20,000 per month, they landed a four-bedroom in a prewar Upper West Side building. Because his family will only be in town for two years, he hired Sean Juneja of Decor Aid ([decoraid.com](http://decoraid.com)) to outfit the home to suit the adults’ bright sensibility as well as

two-year-old twins Adam and Miley’s need for safety.

The decorating budget? \$28,000. “I’m not your typical student,” jokes Negev, who scored colorful interiors with no sharp edges.

Midcentury modern

pieces abound, like Eames-inspired red dining chairs from LexMod (\$72, [lexmod.com](http://lexmod.com)), blue butterfly chairs and Moroccan-style poufs from AllModern (\$275 and \$151, [allmodern.com](http://allmodern.com)) and an abstract rug from CB2 (\$599, [cb2.com](http://cb2.com)). It’ll all be donated when the family repatriates.

It’s not uncommon for dorm-decorating budgets to total in the tens of thousands of dollars. After a Canadian couple’s daughter got admitted to NYU, they bought a \$1.5 million apartment near Gramercy Park.

Then Taylor Spellman of interior design firm August Black

([august-black.com](http://august-black.com)) got a call to redo it to the tune of \$60,000. (It will eventually double as a pied-à-terre.)

“Some parents would say, ‘We’re not going to build \$10,000 custom floor-to-ceiling bookshelves so you can have a really nice place to organize your notebooks,’” Spellman says of the 2013 project.

She lofted the bed above the kitchen and turned the “bedroom” into a library, with a ladder to reach books and supplies stored up high.

Fun, patterned pillows and window shades are from Robert Allen ([robertallendesign.com](http://robertallendesign.com)).

### CREATIVES FOR CO-EDS



Sean Juneja



Taylor Spellman



Kimberly Miller Photography

**TOP SHELF:** Spellman’s storage for an NYU undergrad costs \$10,000.

Another space Spellman masterminded had an even higher price tag. In 2012, the parents of a Hong Kong native headed to Fordham shelled out \$2 million for a pad near the United Nations, plus an extra \$200,000

for Spellman’s makeover. She combined two closets to create a built-in desk. “When the parents check in, they want to know it’s not going to be a party pad,” Spellman says.

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