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# INSIDE NEW YORK'S LOFTS

Inside some of New York's cast iron buildings, enterprising architects have transformed these once decrepit loft-style warehouses into beautiful homes that represent New York's transition from an industrial to post-industrial city in today's modern day.

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Former printing press turned loft by Design42 Architecture

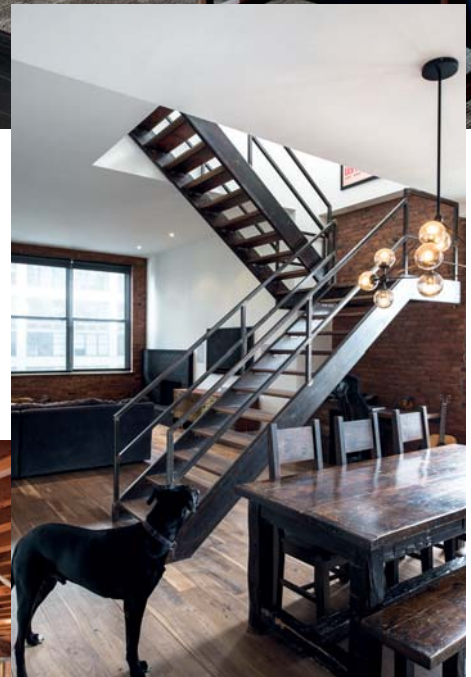
There is an uplifting quality about New York's loft style apartments – modern furnishings against the raw brick walls, large floor-to-ceiling windows that allow the generous flow of natural light—all of which work together to conjure an aesthetic that pays homage to the New York of old and new. Particularly in TriBeCa and SoHo, once desolate areas of New York City, loft-style living is booming. Over the past forty years, property values have sky rocketed, and simple loft apartments are fetching price tags above the \$1.5 million bracket. If you're talking lofts in New York, there are two kinds: "hard" and "soft". "Hard" or raw lofts are pre-existing industrial buildings that have been converted both structurally and cosmetically while "soft" lofts take on similar characteristics of a loft design, such as its high ceilings, but are brand new and built from the ground up. It's no secret spacious apartments are a real rarity in New York these days, making lofts a true urban gem in the Big Apple cityscape. [rtd](#)



Nexus Designs created a cosy sanctuary in a former paper factory in TriBeCa



19th century warehouse converted into loft apartment at TriBeCa by David Howell Design



13th Street East Village Penthouse by Jane Kim Design



Mabbott Seidel Architecture connected the upper and lower floors of a TriBeCa loft duplex, while retaining light and view along the Hudson River