





By shuffling the arrangement of rooms, Julianne Moore brings new life to her beloved New York City townhouse



gines. It has the slightly peiorntive connotation of something entirery, the entitlesis of the design is meant to inspire. Yet, when one enters the Manhattan home of actress Julianne Moore. ing normality, Teenagers buzz about, doing whatever it is that affectionately for attention. The

someone has paid close attention to proper scale.

pool, Turkish-style hammam, James Turrell sky-

proportion, and period detail. There is no indoor lap

space, or any other conspicuously lavish signifier of

layury. It feels like a home-delightfully, unapolo-

getically normal.

rooms possess the kind of engaging homeyness that emerges, seemingly without effort, in spaces where

building," Moore says. Refere the reposition began. Moore married her locatime partner, writer/director Bart Freundlich. in the garden at the rear of the house. Both of their children... Cal. now 10 and a conhomore in college. and Liv. a 15-year-old high school student-were present for the low-key ceremony, effectively putting the family's stamp on the property even before the

"For years I dreamed about living in a townhouse in the West Village," says the Oscar-winning actress. who lights up the big screen this fall with a hat trick of high-profile films: Todd Haynes's Wenderstruck, George Clooney's Suburbion, and Marthew Youtho's Kingsman: The Golden Circle. "The first time I walked into this one, I knew this was it-I fell in love," Moore the original front-and-back-parlor configuration was without destroying the soul and texture of the







"If it's coming into my home, it has to have real meaning."

cian moved in. In fact, the renovation itself was something of a family affait, orchestrated by Bart's architect boother, Oliver Freundlich, and his thenpartners Ben Bischoff and Brian Paps, in collaboration with Moore, a missionant design insula-

The makeower lanced a year and a half, after which the actives stocked the house with ne retiring array of decountive treasures that evidence a distinct prediction for organic forms, warm materials, and sprace midcenture places a George Nakashina cockoul table, lamp by Isamu Nogacha, Florence Knoll credenas with rattant doors, and a host of un-pedigreed but sympathetic vistage finds. "I like things that have real necessaallist and authenticity," Moore says. "I have real necessaallist and authenticity of Moore says." I have

As months and years passed, the actress expanded her collections, refined the rooms they inhabit, and implemented an extensive redesign of her garden by Brian Sawyer of the AD100 firm Sawyer/Berson (AD, March 2012). But something was still not quite right with Moore's deem house. "Me originally rear

a knockoff."

the kitchen downstairs, where it's supposed so be. That's where we always ended up, crassmed on a loose seat, wasching televisies. We never gathered in the living soom on the parier floor; "she recalls. And then the epithusy artsch—why ne mose the living room downstairs, where it could serve as a casual, upstair!" Cannel or could serve as a casual, upstair!" Cannel or countered more trengtly puring your kinden somewhere with lets of natural light. It changed everything. Now we use the whole house, if I changed everything. Now we use the whole house, if I changed everything. Now we use the whole house, if I changed everything. Now we use the whole house, if we have here the work of the counter of the counter of the server of the counter of the counter of the server of the s

The transformative spatial inversion—again execused by bother-in-law Officer Freundlich—may have taken liberies with period erchodocy, but the effect is anything but jurring. The kitchen feels like an invining social space, centered on a schoder Parassonstyle table (custom-made to fit the room's proportions) that sits a spen a Morocoura carpet. Cooking and a sterage functions are held to the perimeter. "I don't really like traditional likethen colorisor or islands, on