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## LUCKY LIFE

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# Nothing Precious

The Brooklyn brownstone of jewelry designer Lyndsay Caleo is an oasis of let-your-hair-down cool filled with a mix of rustic and modern furnishings and artfully arranged personal treasures.

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The wide-plank floors in Lyndsay Caleo's Brooklyn brownstone are painted white—the pristine white of folded hotel towels. But don't expect Caleo to follow you around with a Dustbuster. "When I painted the floors, I made the decision that I wasn't going to care about scratches or spills or dirt and dents," says the 34-year-old designer and owner of Caleo Jewelry. "All of that just adds warmth—like you can live here and do anything."

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### SHOP THE ROOM OVERSIZE TABLE:

Custom-made by Fitzhugh Karol, \$9,000 to \$20,000, [fitzhughkarol.com](http://fitzhughkarol.com) for custom orders. **PETRIFIED WOOD TRAY:** Large, \$148, [jaysonhome.com](http://jaysonhome.com)

**TEXT TO BUY: JAYSON1 AT 58259**

**CONCRETELITE PLANTER:** 21" x 10" x 4", \$46, Sprout Home, 718-388-4440.

**TWISTED SCULPTURE:** Iron, \$148, [dwellstudio.com](http://dwellstudio.com) **TEXT TO BUY: DWELL AT 58259** **CLOROX BOTTLE VASE:** Porcelain, \$37, [sprouthome.com](http://sprouthome.com) **TEXT TO BUY: SPROUT1 AT 58259** **BUD VASE:** "Yoko," \$12, [sprouthome.com](http://sprouthome.com) **TEXT TO BUY: SPROUT2 AT 58259** **ON LINDSAY SHIRT:** Denim, \$82, Superdry USA, [superdry.com](http://superdry.com).

**TANK:** Jersey, \$34, [bellaluxx.com](http://bellaluxx.com) **TEXT TO BUY: LUXX AT 58259** **EARRINGS:** Brass "Matchstick," \$205, Nora Kogan for St. Kilda, [stkildajewelry.com](http://stkildajewelry.com). **NECKLACE:** 18k gold with diamond clasp, \$5,450, [caleojewelry.com](http://caleojewelry.com). **BANGLE:** Enamel, \$45, [sequin-nyc.com](http://sequin-nyc.com)



A limited palette keeps a collection of personal objects from feeling chaotic.



It's a quick climb to the guest room.

A modern classic—Panton chairs—balances a way-organic farm table.



The office is built into a hallway—transforming a little-used space into something practical.

**SHOP THE ROOM** **FILE CABINET:** Three-drawer “Bedford,” \$279, potterybarn.com **TEXT TO BUY: BEDFORD** AT 58259 **DESK CHAIR:** “Sigurd,” \$60, ikea.com for similar **TRICOT BUD VASE:** Short, \$9, sprouthome.com **TEXT TO BUY: SPROUT3** AT 58259 **DRIED HAKEA:** \$10 for bunch, sprouthome.com **TEXT TO BUY: SPROUT4** AT 58259 **BLACK-AND-WHITE LUMIERE VOTIVE:** Tall, \$54 for set of six, bhldn.com **TEXT TO BUY: BHLDN1** AT 58259

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*Bedside clutter is tucked away in pretty keepsake boxes.*

**SHOP THE ROOM ZIGZAG PILLOWS:** Cotton "Amagansett" 24" x 24", \$250 each, madelineweinrib.com. **OVERSIZE CUSHIONS:** "Kantha," \$98 each, jaysonhome.com **TEXT TO BUY: JAYSON2 AT 58259 ON LINDSAY WRAP DRESS:** Tencel cotton, \$250, Rebecca Taylor, 212-243-2600. **EARRINGS:** Sterling silver and labradorite, \$1,095, caleojewelry.com. **NECKLACE:** Sterling silver chain, \$425, onyx and silver pendant, \$655, caleojewelry.com. **RING:** Labradorite, pavé diamond and silver, \$1,850, caleojewelry.com. **PUMPS:** Suede "Esther-S," \$450, loefflerrandall.com



*Carved from a fallen tree, these two heavy tables have wheels so Caleo can easily move them around the room.*

**SHOP THE ROOM**

**BABY DEER PHOTOGRAPH:** 7" x 9" image, \$25 unframed, theanimalprintshop.com **TEXT TO BUY: DEER AT 58259 TAPER HOLDER:** Wood, \$34, bhldn.com **TEXT TO BUY: BHLDN2 AT 58259 DALMATIAN SPOT PILLOWS:** Cotton, \$78 each, virginiajohnson.com **TEXT TO BUY: VIRGINIA AT 58259 KNOTTED PILLOW:** Felt, \$39, westelm.com. **WOOL BLANKET:** King size, \$228, garnethill.com **TEXT TO BUY: GARNET AT 58259**

And there are plenty of diversions in this airy artist's retreat, which Caleo bought five years ago and renovated with the help of Fitzhugh Karol, whom she met in graduate school at the Rhode Island School of Design. (The two are design partners at the architectural design firm Brooklyn Home Company.) Like hanging out in the lofted sleeping nook that's perched eight feet above the dining

room—or gliding along the rolling library ladder, which clips onto the built-in bookshelves. "When you're a kid, you think about all the fun stuff you want in your house someday," she says. "I wanted to hold on to that sense of play." Of course, when you're a grown-up, play takes on new forms: serving dinner for 12, for example, at the mammoth table Karol built from a fallen walnut tree found at the Caleo

family's upstate New York home. Or cozying up for movie night with heaps of pillows and blankets in the downstairs den. (The "couch" is actually two perpendicular twin beds covered in linen sheets.) Or showing off your treasures: Caleo's bookshelves house her childhood collection of masks and a selection of iron balls she found at an abandoned silver mine while hiking in *continued...*

The objects Caleo displays “are things I’ve collected over the years, from found natural objects to items friends and family have given to me.”

**SHOP THE ROOM KITCHEN ISLAND CUTTING**

**BOARD:** Custom-designed by Fitzhugh Karol, \$2,000 to \$7,000, brooklynhomecompany.com for custom orders. **SHELL PLATES:** Nicholas Newcomb Pottery & Sculpture ceramic, \$36 each, nicholasnewcomb.com



↳ Caleo's design partner Fitzhugh Karol carved these wooden counter stools.

Colorado. “It looked like the people who worked the mines just got up and left one day, leaving behind a story that I found really fascinating. The art of display is very important to me,” she adds. “I’m very selective about the things I choose to look at every day.”

Which may explain the absence of the ever-popular accent wall or flashy pillow—or hardly any color at all, really. “In my work and in my home, I want to create a sense of departure,” Caleo says. “I want you to look down at your ring and remember where you were and how you felt when you got it. And when I walk in my front door, I want to escape from the clutter and craziness of the city.” ■

**SHOP THE ROOM COUNTER**

**STOOLS:** Custom-made by Fitzhugh Karol, \$750 to \$2,000, fitzhughkarol.com for custom orders. **TEA TOWEL:** Linen, \$26, makelike.com. **VINTAGE CUTTING BOARDS:** Wood, \$65 each, jaysonhome.com **TEXT TO BUY: JAYSON3 AT 58259 CAPE WINLAND CUTTING BOARD:** Oak, \$38, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com for locations. **ON LINDSAY DRESS:** Matte jersey, \$595, Zero + Maria Cornejo, zeromariacornejo.com **TEXT TO BUY: ZERO AT 58259 ANCHOR BRACELET:** Gold-plate and waxed cotton, \$50, vanessaamalia.com **TEXT TO BUY: ANCHOR AT 58259 BRACELETS:** Beaded, \$120 each, ariलगordonjewelry.com **TEXT TO BUY: BEADED AT 58259 STRAPPY PUMPS:** Suede “Onora,” \$388, Repetto, 800-858-5855

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Reclaimed wood shelves and soapstone counters add a casual contrast to stainless steel appliances and white walls.

A farmhouse sink on eBay? You bet.

**SHOP THE ROOM** **TUMBLERS:** Knitwear glazed and unglazed, \$35 each, [alyssaettinger.com](http://alyssaettinger.com) **TEXT TO BUY:** ETINGER AT 58259 **PITCHER:** Porcelain "Renaissance," \$128, [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com) **TEXT TO BUY:** ANTHRO AT 58259