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Here are creative, city-tested solutions to meeting the challenges of metro living. In The New City Home, Leslie Plummer Clagett provides you with design ideas for a wide variety of urban living spaces -- from lofts to apartments to townhouses. Throughout the book, Clagett looks at a variety of specific examples that show ingenuity and practicality. For example, you'll learn how a New York brownstone was restored to its original condition while its interior was opened up for a refreshingly modern feel. You'll discover how to make the most of limited space, bring in light and views, reduce noise, maintain privacy, and live in a building with historic-landmark status. Whether you're already at

home in the metropolis or contemplating a move there, *The New City Home* will help you create your personal space in an impersonal place. *The New City Home* features: 25 of the most well-planned and appealing urban spaces in the United States and Canada innovative ideas for creating a comfortable, well-crafted city home Houses that represent a broad range of metro building types and the full spectrum of homeowner type (single young people, married couples, empty nesters) design solutions that can be applied to many multi-residential situations, not just major metros

From Publishers Weekly Well-to-do homeowners looking for ideas on how to improve their city living space and readers with an interest in urban architecture will enjoy these presentations of the best in metropolitan design. Clagett, who coauthored *The Art of Mosaic Design* (1998), has written widely in the field of home design, and here she details two dozen examples of renovated lofts, apartments and townhouses in locations such as Manhattan, Philadelphia, Toronto and Portland. Though varying widely in style, the spaces chosen share a blend of artistry and practicality shaped to serve the needs of those who live there. Each dwelling is accompanied by an architectural history, floor plans and photographs that lavishly illustrate how the finished home overcame the drawbacks of urban living how intelligent design and craftsmanship were employed to address a lack of space and light, for example, or provide a refuge from the frenetic pace of city life. New movable walls, constructed from aluminum and acrylic in ways that maximized rather than blocked sunlight, transformed an empty concrete loft in Boston. In Manhattan, a peaceful environment was created in a high rise through windows that functioned as "framed photographs" of the city's skyline. Of particular interest is Clagett's description of how two historic Philadelphia town houses, purchased by a couple as their urban retirement home, were made wheelchair accessible after one of the owners became unable to walk. Color photos. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Clagett, who has written about urban residential architecture, presents a look at the interior design of lofts, town houses, apartments, and studios. Detailed case studies of individual urban living spaces in the United States and Canada, complete with numerous color photographs and floor plans, show how the architects and designers worked with the occupants to accommodate their needs and solve the particular design challenges of each space. Sidebars in each chapter look at the particular concerns of urban living, such as security, space efficiency, and graffiti. Tolliver's overview of loft living considers choosing lighting, defining space, and creating comfortable settings; numerous color photographs depict the areas discussed. Clagett's book is highly recommended for professional and academic libraries, while Tolliver's book is recommended for urban libraries. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist There is a little untapped voyeur in all of us as we sneak glances at drawn-curtain windows and pore over decorating magazines. That tendency is magnified through Clagett's honest appraisal of 25 different urban homes, divided into three categories: lofts, apartments, and town homes. Each is presented as a design challenge--from accommodating a wheelchair to enlightening dark rooms--usually solved by an architect. Also included are floor plans, plenty of photographs, and at least one sidebar delving into issues exclusive to city homes, such as storage success, double-duty furniture, small appliances, and inside doors. There is no bicoastal prejudice here, for cities such as Baltimore, Richmond, Minneapolis, and Toronto hold their own with the likes of New York and California cities. Barbara Jacobs Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved