



At Nickey Kehoe's new NYC shop, a chair, sofa and coffee table from their own furniture collection sit nicely with a mix of vintage items.

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AFTER A DECADE ON THE WEST COAST, A DESIGN DUO RETURN TO THE CITY WHERE THEY GOT THEIR START. —ALLISON BERG



NK Modern Swival Chair, \$3,675

NK Convex Flushmount, \$1,850



NK Classic Tufted Sofa, \$7,150

Mimicking their interior design philosophy, Todd Nickey and Amy Kehoe's decision to plant roots at the 1stdibs Gallery within the New York Design Center was a combination of nostalgia and a growing local demand for their modern-meets-vintage furniture and lighting collections. The two creatives met in New York in 1999. He comes from retail—having conceived store windows and interiors for Ralph Lauren—while she cut her design teeth working with Starwood Hotels.

After each independently relocated to Los Angeles in 2004, they reunited and in 2008 opened a shop on Beverly Boulevard. Since, their signature collection and eclectic finds from around the globe have made their store a beloved destination for an esteemed clientele. But East Coast devotees like Celerie Kemble, Hernandez Greene and Robert Stilin eventually warranted a New York presence. "There is a craftsmanship level that doesn't come through in photographs," explains Nickey, noting nuances like a Japanese *shou sugi ban* firing finish as something one needs to experience in person.

In Manhattan, apartments have to feel more like a sanctuary than anywhere else. "When I lived in New York, I was probably home 10 hours a day and slept for eight of them," laughs Nickey, continuing that the top priority is cultivating a client's vision of how they want to live. "There is no formula, and we aren't trying to find a match set. You need balance, and when it's right, it's right." *1stdibs Gallery, 200 Lexington Ave., 646.293.6633, nickeykehoe.com*

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