

1. Hamptons Home
Private Residence, Library
The Hamptons, New York, USA
2019

2. Long Island Home
Private Residence, Family Room
Southampton, New York, USA
2013

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Designer Kelly Behun lives among the clouds in a Manhattan high-rise, and there's an airy, ethereal quality to the spaces she designs. After arriving in New York with a business degree, Behun entered the design world by working in an in-house studio for Ian Schrager Hotels, collaborating with Andrée Putman and Philippe Starck, among others. She launched Kelly Behun Studio in 2001 to design interiors, as well as accessories and furniture. It is steered by Behun's elegant but practical approach: objects are chosen for their affective possibilities instead of pedigree or price. Behun builds environments for contemplation—and she isn't afraid of a white wall.

In 2017 Behun designed her first model apartment, which happens to be inside the Matchstick Building, the Manhattan skyscraper at 432 Park Avenue that's one of the tallest buildings in the world. It's no exaggeration to say that Matchstick dwellers are living in the sky. Accordingly, Behun designed an aerie from which to observe the world below. For the apartment's light-drenched main room, she collaborated with surfaces specialists Callidus Guild to create a wall that features a motif based on a sketch by Behun, etched by artisans into the plaster. A cozy library space holds ceramics by the artist Cody Hoyt, which seem to both absorb and emanate light.

It is a testament to Behun's craft that she can adapt this celestial, luminous aesthetic to earthbound spaces—such as her family getaway on Long Island, New York, a gorgeous, Minimalist beach house. Vintage and custom-made pieces personalize the space, from a walnut-slab bar in the kitchen and a bleached-walnut bed in the main bedroom to a statement braided couch by the Campana Brothers near a glass wall in the family room, a cloud-soft spot from which to watch the tides arrive and depart in seaside sunlight. Wherever she works, Behun invites the light.



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5. Midtown Penthouse
Private Residence, Living Room
New York City, New York, USA
2017

6. Midtown Penthouse
Private Residence, Library
New York City, New York, USA
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