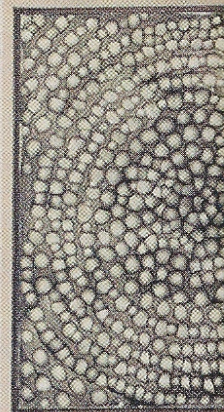


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Manhattan Transfer

Nate Berkus has a new apartment, and he shows Ariel Foxman how he took the place from ho hum to humdinger.

"YOU'VE GOT TO TRY THE BEET SALAD. They serve it with this terrific house-made vinaigrette," Nate Berkus says. We're settling in with lunch menus at the New York City restaurant that's kitty-corner to the building where he's just finished decorating his new home away from home. "And they have this really awesome matzo-ball soup, too." Like many of Nate's suggestions, these are delivered with the fervor of gospel, and before I realize it, I am having an "I'll have what he's having" moment.

And while it should surprise no one that a man like Nate offers up design-for-living recommendations on a dime—it's a short leap from window dressing to salad dressing—it is amazing to witness how quickly this Chicago boy has

