

S+H Construction  
and Taylor Interior  
Design created  
a masterpiece of  
modernity in the  
Millennium Tower.







# ISLAND

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A FAMILY CREATES A CITY  
GETAWAY THAT'S PERFECT FOR  
ENTERTAINING FRIENDS ON  
WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

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hen a city like Boston beckons—with its exceptional theater, restaurants, nightlife and sports venues—having a place

downtown is heaven. Especially if that place resides inside the 60-story Millennium Tower ([millenniumtowerboston.com](http://millenniumtowerboston.com)). A couple who own a home in the Boston suburbs wanted a downtown lair to hang out with their four children and take advantage of downtown fun. Sarah Lawson, owner of Cambridge-based S+H Construction ([shconstruction.com](http://shconstruction.com)), and Courtney Taylor of Taylor Interior Design ([taylorinteriordesign.com](http://taylorinteriordesign.com)), were tapped to completely revitalize the 2,000-square-foot condo.

"The project was an entire retrofit without tearing down walls," says Lawson. "Instead, our work consisted of millwork modifications, all-new casework, over-the-top lighting design with custom lighting fixtures, replacement of all plumbing fixtures—some custom fabricated—new custom door and cabinet hardware, carpet, automated shades and a top-of-the-line audiovisual system. This was all in collaboration with the exquisite work of Courtney."



Clockwise from top: Designer Courtney Taylor created rooms with monochromatic colors to establish a serene atmosphere; the family's glass collection is used extensively to accent rooms; the living room lighting is from Abalor Alain Ellouz.





Each bedroom features vibrant wallpaper behind the headboards to add depth and color to the space—each wall is framed to give the appearance of artwork.



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The Providence, R.I.-based designer had worked with the clients on four other occasions. “The condo was basically a blank slate,” says Taylor. “The design aesthetic was to create a cool, high-end modern, luxury city home with character.”

Many high-rise interior projects bring a range of challenges and limitations, says Lawson, and this one was no different—especially the lighting design and its call for exceptional fixtures. “With the addition of these surface-mounted light fixtures draping from the ceiling, we were required to drop the ceiling depth to accommodate their electric wiring,” she says. “We encountered the same issue with their impressive audiovisual systems, but we managed to install this wiring without interrupting or encroaching into the windows and fire-suppression system. We also added dropped soffit ceilings at specific locations to frame the lighting and add dimension to the space.”

Millennium Tower features countless selling points, but the views, without a doubt, are why investments are made here. Taylor designed the most striking spaces—master bedroom,

living and dining rooms—with the Boston skyline in mind. She used monochromatic colors in each room, establishing a serene atmosphere since the view itself plays such a significant role in each room’s aesthetic. Taylor also custom designed the zebra wood and nickel bar in the living room-dining area. In other spaces, like the hallways, guest bedrooms (especially the wallpaper behind headboards) and bath, the designer applied generous splashes of color. Nanz (nanz.com) hardware is used throughout the home, and Taylor made sure to switch the styles in every room.

Art also plays a big part in the condo, as the family has an extensive collection. Taylor says the family owns a collection of antique Czech case-glass bottles and vessels from Manhattan’s End of History (@theendofhistory). This glass collection now sits on custom-designed glass shelves suspended from the ceiling; the pieces are illuminated by lighting from Roll & Hill (rollandhill.com).

“This lively family of six loves to entertain,” says Taylor, who, along with the team at S+H Construction, created a city getaway that might make it hard to leave after the weekend ends. ■



From left: Pillows and wallpaper add pops of color to a bedroom; a Roll & Hill light fixture amps the hallway’s design.

## DESIGN DETAILS

### TYPE

Condo

### LOCATION

Millennium Tower

### BUILDER & CONTRACTOR

S+H Construction  
shconstruction.com

### INTERIOR DESIGN

Taylor Interior Design  
taylorinteriordesign.com

## RESOURCES

### A. RUDIN

Custom sectional, living room  
arudin.com

### ANEE'S FURNITURE

Dining chairs, island stools,

master bed

aneesupholstery.com

### ATELIER ALAIN ELLOUZ

Light fixture, living room  
atelier-alain-ellouz.com

### THE END OF HISTORY

Czech case-glass bottles  
& vessels  
@theendofhistory

### PHILIPPE HUREL

Hourglass table, living room  
philippe-hurel.com

### ROLL & HILL

Light fixture, hallway  
rollandhill.com

### THE RUG COMPANY

Rugs throughout condo  
therugcompany.com