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Inside This Young Family's Cozy West Village Townhouse

A New York City couple with three young children enlists designer *Alisa Bloom* to create a home for all ages

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Anna Flett and Brandon Haley gather with their three children, Anders, Ada, and Willem, in the kitchen of their home in Manhattan. The cabinetry is custom by designer *Alisa Bloom*. Isabel Parra

Anna Flett was pregnant with her first son when she and her husband, Brandon Haley, took on the renovation of their dream town house in Manhattan's West Village. And like all first-time parents, they imagined life would continue apace with their bundle of joy. "We designed that house thinking the baby would simply join our sophisticated-adult lives," says Flett. After they lived there for about three-and-a-half years—along with their second son and a daughter on the way—it became clear that silk velvet sofas, sumptuous rugs, layers and layers of furnishings, and, most pointedly, a ground-floor kitchen were designed for, well, sophisticated adults. "It was such a beautiful house—every room—but we spent all of our time in the kitchen, naturally. Whenever I walked up the stairs to the third- and fourth-floor bedrooms, I'd stop for a minute on the way to admire the front- and back-parlor floors. But we were never in them!" says Flett.