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long and lively Amy Lau's tribute to the dramatic setting of Big Sur, California—that's this vibrant and playful lounge at the Kips Bay Decorator Show House. The nature-inspired room mixes modern furnishings with a tropical blend of cobalt, citron and turquoise. But it took careful calculations to make it work in this 30-foot by 15-foot space. "I decided to create different seating areas to stop and draw your eye," explains the principal of the eponymous Manhattan-based firm, "and that's why I chose the serpentine sofa." To minimize the bulk in this skinny space, the designer opted for sleek cigarette tables rather than a large coffee table. And with an adjacent terrace overlooking the Upper East Side, the multiple seating areas are an invitation to sit back and enjoy the view.

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