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Modern Tapestry, Brilliant Lighting, and Mid-Century Furniture to Lust After



Photo: Wendy Goodman

The Lighting Designer's Project Board

I went out to Williamsburg to visit the artist and lighting designer Linnaea Tillett, who has a wonderful lighting design studio, tilletlighting.com. Linnaea does residential and public spaces and has collaborated with artists including Kiki Smith and Maya Lin. This is a project commissioned by the city showing the Brooklyn Bridge underpass and the dramatic change in atmosphere that innovative lighting can bring.

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Illuminated Ice

This is an installation Linnaea worked on with Kiki Smith in Finland using fiber optic lights within the ice, creating an ethereal experience.

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The Serene Kitchen

I was interested to see how Linnaea lives in her Brooklyn Heights apartment, vis-à-vis her lighting, since she does such sophisticated installations for her clients. I discovered that her apartment is serene, and filled with all sorts of different styles of lighting.

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How the Lighting Designer Lights

There's this little solar-powered desk lamp from Ikea, for example.

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The Fire Fly Light

And there's this "Fire Fly" light, designed by Seth Tillett (Linnaea's brother) and Nicole Rauscher of TAR.

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Sibling Collaboration

This standing lamp by the angel was designed by Linnaea and Seth.

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When You're Reading on the Sofa
The standing lamp by the sofa is by Tango.

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So You Can See the Books
As is the bookshelf lighting.

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Watching Over It All

And this angel is from Linnaea's parents' house.

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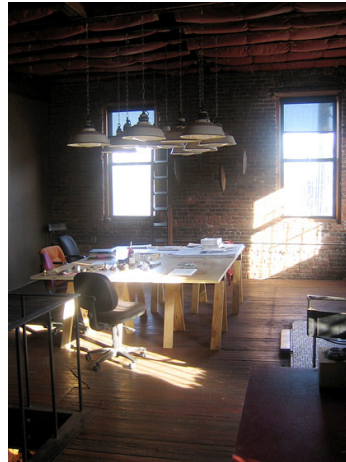


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A Handy Discovery

Linnaea introduced me to a fantastic resource in the same building where she has her studio. It's called Aurora Lampworks at 172 North 11th Street in Williamsburg (auroralampworks.com). I loved their office upstairs; it harks back to a fast-disappearing look of the city, but happily still exists in pockets.

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Wire It Up

You know all those funny objects you find at the flea markets that you want to make into lamps? This is the place to come. They'll wire or fix anything.

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Where Would You Put It?

They also restore incredible pieces. This is a huge lantern that must have been on the side of a building at some point. It's about six feet high.

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