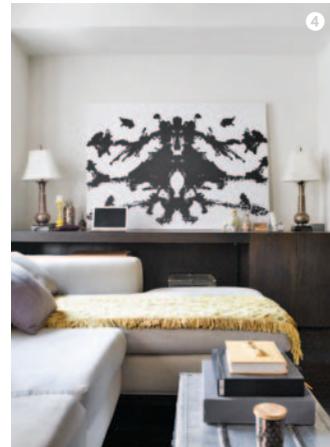
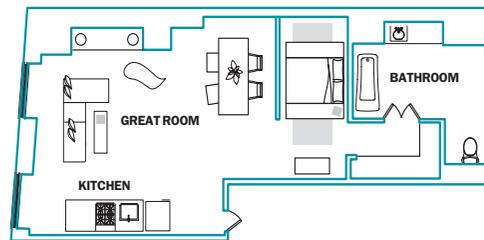


# Apartment tour

## Studio in the Financial District

Designer Christopher Crawford mixes antiques with modern pieces for a totally timeless aesthetic. By **Cristina Velocci**



**1** For the past four years, fashion designer Christopher Crawford has rented his loftlike 900-square-foot studio in the swank Armani/Casa—designed condo 20 Pine the Collection ([20pine.com](http://20pine.com)). But it didn't take long for those around him to notice his artistic flair for interior design: Once his neighbor started doing the sales push for the building, she immediately tapped Crawford to decorate some of its model apartments. "I have a whole storage unit in the building filled with the weird stuff I pick up, and this is a good opportunity to use a lot of it," he notes. "It's either that or I become a hoarder."

**2** A few coats of canary-yellow paint enliven a once-gold mirror from New Jersey auction house Time and Again Antiques ([timeandagainantiques.com](http://timeandagainantiques.com)).

**3** To separate the dining room from his bedroom, Crawford had green contractor Ed Nugent ([nugentcm.com](http://nugentcm.com)) create this reclaimed-wood divider. "I was at Frette and they have headboards made out of this wood in the showroom," he says of his inspiration. As a result, this CB2 table—flanked by Kartell chairs and stools from a stoop sale—has its own defined area. The crystal chandelier is from a Paris flea market.

**4** Crawford used house paint and fabric to create this Rorschach ink-blot-inspired piece. "I made one for a model apartment and then I liked it so much, I made one for myself," he explains. The sectional sofa was a showroom sample from a now-closed New Jersey furniture store owned by Crawford's friend. "It's cream-colored cashmere, which I thought, when I didn't have dogs, was a good idea—but now it's their jungle gym," he sighs.

**5** "When you're back here, you feel like you're in another room, but you still have light," says Crawford, referring to his bedroom nook. He hangs his own self-portraits and a triptych from his friend Angela Deane ([angela.deane.com](http://angela.deane.com))

alongside a gallery of paintings that were all gifts.

**6** Rather than use a shower caddy, Crawford displays his bath products on top of a tree stump in his shower. "Fortunately I'm not a girl, so there aren't many things that I need," he points out.

**7** Decorative fragrance lamps from French company Lampe Berger ([lampeberger.com](http://lampeberger.com)) jazz up the living room console. "My parents went to Paris on their honeymoon a million years ago and [brought back] one for their house," says Crawford, who now collects them himself.



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► **Frette** 799 Madison Ave between 67th and 68th Sts (212-988-5221, [frette.com](http://frette.com)) Crawford buys nearly all of his bedsheets and bath towels from this high-end linens shop. "The sheets always look pretty, but you have to iron them," he laments.

► **Pearl Paint** 308 Canal St between Broadway and Church St (212-431-7932, [pearlpaint.com](http://pearlpaint.com)) This megastore is where Crawford picks up canvases and paint for the wall art he creates.

► **West 25th Street Market** W 25th St between Broadway and Sixth Ave ([hellskitchenfleamarket.com](http://hellskitchenfleamarket.com)) "It's hands-down the best if you want something that's really interesting and you don't have a huge budget," enthuses Crawford of this weekends-only bazaar.