When Paige and Patrick gave Oprah Winfrey's interior-design guru Nate Berkus free reign to make over their 1,100-square-foot NYC apartment, they fell in love with the results.

THE FORMER *TRADING SPACES* HOST INVITES *OK!* INTO HER REVAMPED HOME

A NEW PAIGE

Paige Davis, the quirky former host of TLC's *Trading Spaces*, knows what it's like to have your home turned inside out by strangers. In 2004, she and her husband, Broadway star Patrick Page, surrendered the keys of their 1,100-square-foot New York City apartment over to *The Oprah Winfrey Show*'s interiors expert, Nate Berkus. Fortunately, Patrick and Paige fell in love with the designer's open and airy concept, and have truly made it their own by adding some personal touches.

Fresh off her stint as a celebrity competitor on CBS' *Gameshow Marathon*, Paige, 36, is enjoying some deserved downtime with her devoted spouse and their baby, a seven-year-old Maltese named Sophie. They invited *OK!* to visit their oasis in the city as they indulged in some of their favorite at-home activities and prepared a refreshingly healthy summer lunch.

Tell us about the nightly ritual that takes place in your bedroom...

Paige: It's playtime on the bed — with our dog, Sophie! She loves running all over the pillows and jumping up and down. She loves wrestling. She just loves being on the bed. It's her favorite way to play. She was a surprise birthday present to me from Patrick on my 29th birthday.

Patrick: Paige came unglued. She was crying her eyes out.

Paige: Sophie as a 10-week-old puppy was looking up at me like, "This is my mother? She can't handle anything!"

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Paige is best known for her hosting duties on TLC's *Trading Spaces*.

Patrick says that Paige cooks gourmet food, while he sticks to everyday stuff.

But Paige says that she's really not much for experimenting in the kitchen.

Regardless, they both love to enjoy a good meal together.

What do you do to set the mood for a little romance at home?
Patrick: I came home once and there were dozens of candles lit all over. Paige had put on a little something, something — that's pretty romantic. That usually means I can make a move and I won't get turned down.
Paige: It definitely means I'm saying yes [laughs].

Do you have any plans to start a family?
Patrick: We don't have any plans. It's like if you ask Hillary Clinton if she wants to be president. She says, "I have no intention and no plans at this time. I am focused on running for Senate." [laughs]
Paige: We're focused on raising our dog at the moment.

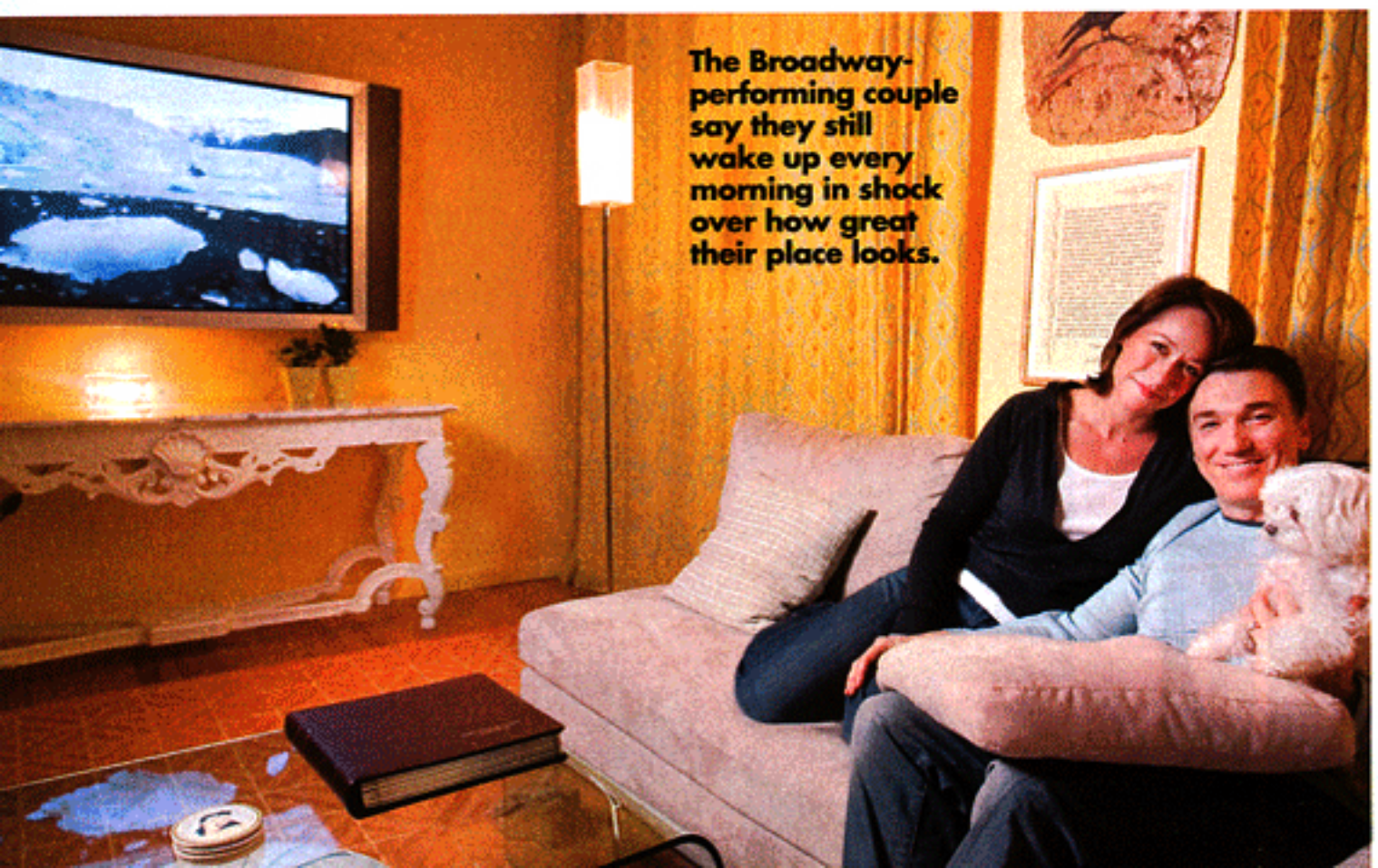
Your place was renovated two years ago. What do you like most about this design?
Patrick: When you live in New York City, everywhere you go — traveling on the subway, walking down the street, sitting in a restaurant — you very rarely have a sense of space around you. Nate was very careful to open up space in our apartment.
Paige: I think that's why Nate did that

'Every day, we love the apartment more and more!' — Paige

kind of design: open shelves in the kitchen, and our bed's headboard made of tree limbs that air flows through and around. He really honored the space's loftlike feel.

Was it what you expected?
Paige: We wanted ultra-contemporary. But when it was all said and done, Nate gave us what ended up being the best for us. That was sort of the whole point, giving up control. He took the information we gave him and melded it into what he thought would be best for our space, and he really did get it right. Every day, we love the apartment more and more.

What's the latest home-decorating element that surprised you?
Paige: Since the space is relatively small, the design choices that Nate made are really specific and subtle, like the light fixtures in the bedroom mirror and the chandelier in the dining area.
Patrick: You don't notice it until you've lived in it for a while, and you learn that you don't want to change things because you're always discovering something new. So we haven't.



The Broadway-performing couple say they still wake up every morning in shock over how great their place looks.

Have you made any changes from Nate's original work?
Paige: We've added a few more pieces of art: the triptych in the living room and one we call Margo that was a present from Patrick. Nate really did do the space, and as grateful as we are for it, I never had that joy of decorating on my own. I wouldn't trade it, but Patrick knows how important it is to me. It was his idea as an anniversary present to purchase a work of art.

When the two of you are relaxing on your couch and taking in this great space, what goes through your mind?
Paige: We moved in December 2003 and had our place renovated in March 2004. Even now we wake up in the morning in shock. When you see people get things like

Paige and Patrick enjoy a little bed-time playtime with their dog, Sophie.

this on TV, it's wonderful. That it happened to us... we're absolutely dumbfounded.

Paige, do you miss *Trading Spaces*?
I miss the people very much. But it's a nice turn in my life to be able to move onto something new. It wasn't only the format or that it was great show; it was a great gelling of people. It worked because we embraced it and loved it and made it the best show it could be.

What are you planning next?
Patrick: There's been talk of a daytime talk show and possibly creating a sitcom for Paige, which would be a great display of her talents.

How did you two meet?
Paige: We did the national tour of *Beauty and the Beast* 10 and a half years ago.
Patrick: We married about six weeks after 9/11. It's easy to remember because we were asking all our relatives and friends to get on an airplane. It was a very traumatic time and people didn't want to fly planes. But they all did.

Who does the cooking at home?
Patrick: Paige cooks gourmet things, and I cook everyday things. But we're like a typical New York couple in that we take advantage of delivery and restaurants.

Paige, do you try new recipes?
I don't like experimenting at all! I like finding recipes where the ingredients are things that I like, and if I put them together in this way, I'll probably like it. I follow recipes to a T. I look, double-check and double-check again. OK!

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Paige & Patrick

Favorite TV shows:
American Idol, Desperate Housewives, Big Love, The Apprentice, The Entertainer **and** ***The Girls Next Door.***
Favorite vacation spot:
Paige: Vegas; we got married there.
Favorite NYC restaurant:
Patrick: Café Un Deux Trois. She orders escargot. They make a great Caesar salad.
Favorite exercise:
Paige: I take E.Motion Jazz Dance with Paul Liberti at Equinox [gym].