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This \$845K Chelsea studio's sleep loft, brick walls and terrace are dreamy



This Chelsea-meets-Meatpacking studio at 221 West 14th Street checks the boxes for charm, neighborhood amenities and convenience, and it possesses that elusive bonus item: an attractive outdoor space with at least enough room for a rosé al fresco. For \$845,000 it's not exactly a steal, though if neighborhood comps are a factor—which of course they are—then it becomes one. The second-floor townhouse condominium's layout works, allowing the space to be a small studio, yet solving the problem of having your bed next to the fridge.



Taking more inventory, there are 13.5-foot ceilings, exposed brick, a fireplace, a sleeping loft, an updated kitchen and bath and a walk-in closet. The listing calls this adorable aerie a “dramatic bohemian duplex,” and while dramatic and bohemian we can agree with, duplex is a bit of a stretch.



The sleeping loft efficiently hoists your bed up and out of the way and measures 10-foot-by-10-feet.



The kitchen is indeed updated, and it's modern, tidy and looks well-appointed with a dishwasher and a built-in cooktop and range. We love that little “extra” spice/oven mitt/flatware drawer.



Focusing for a minute on that lovely private terrace: Big double glass doors with a transom open onto it, and it in turn overlooks the neighborhood's envy-inspiring townhouses and carriage houses.

Though the apartment is conveniently located in the middle of pretty much everything awesome with subways galore, it's also on 14th Street. And no matter how much times have changed, at this particular point in time, 14th Street is still 14th Street, a scruffy jumble of storefronts and pizza joints with a wall of cabs and buses rushing by, all seemingly held together by scaffolding. But the apartment appears to be set in the back, so peace and quiet is still very possible.