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## Make a rooftop refuge as urbane as your modern penthouse



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**R**ight smack dab in the middle of town / I found a paradise that's troubleproof," the Drifters sang in 1963's *Up on the Roof*, a tune that captures the sentiments of air, light, and greenery-starved urbanites everywhere. By day the rooftop is a private beach; by night you drink and dine surrounded by constellations of city lights. Landscape architect Brian Sawyer, of the firm Sawyer/Berson, created this lean and uncommonly lush terrace above a loft in a former factory in Manhattan. It features sleek but sturdy furniture and tough plants that can stand up to windy, dry conditions—bayberry, Japanese white pine, hydrangea, lavender, and others. The pergola will eventually be overgrown by a canopy of clematis. "In the city, the terrace is a precious place," says Sawyer. "Some can be more invigorating than relaxing. This one is beautiful, functional, and, rarest of all, comfortable." ▷

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