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PROJECT LOCATION: Meatpacking District, NY
DESIGN DETAILS: Banquettes have a cleaner look and ultimately take up less space. Chairs can't be pushed to one wall, so a dining setup with chairs needs breathing and circulation room around it, whereas banquettes can be offset to one side. This was an architectural strategy. As the three-story townhouse was only 12 feet wide, our goal was to add more light and air to the space; to do so, we cut back the ground floor where the kitchen and dining area is, giving the lower level a double-height ceiling. Creating a cantilevered banquette out of steel on the side facing the glass enables greater use of the opening. **BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR BRUNCH?** I prefer to serve a plant-based dish at brunch or lunch. I have a Mediterranean palette, which includes a lot of fruits and veggies — a healthier approach. I learn from chefs like Ottolenghi, who have empowered me to be creative, and the food always looks beautiful.



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PROJECT LOCATION: River Oaks, TX
DESIGN DETAILS: This space wasn't deep enough to have chairs on both sides of the table, so I opted for a lengthy, button-tufted leather banquette. When using a piece of this length, I will often opt for tufting or channeling to add interest and to break up the vast amount of leather or fabric. This client wanted maximal seating, as they enjoy having casual dinner parties in this area. **BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR BRUNCH?** I'm a "foodie" and enjoy a great meal anytime during the day; however, I particularly love brunch! A simple buttery omelet, eggs Benedict, and my secret recipe for iron-skillet hash are a few faves!