

A Wall of Reassurance

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When adults want privacy from a child, how can they separate their domain without entirely disappearing from view? That was the question facing David Gauld, a Manhattan architect, whose client was about to marry a woman with a young child and combine his apartment with one next door. "He wanted the old apartment to be the master bedroom-home office suite and the new one to be the living room, kitchen and child's room," Mr. Gauld said. So he divided the two wings with a wall filled with sand-blasted glass windows. When the couple disappear behind it, the young girl can see the lights and know they are there, as if the wall were a very large night light.

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