

Shelter Me

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Despite the very strange timing, high-end, state-of-the-art, family-friendly apartment buildings seem to be springing up throughout the city. So whether you're seriously looking, or just looking to see how the other half lives, check out these baby-worthy buildings in a nabe near you:

[Chelsea Enclave](#): Located on the former grounds of the oldest seminary in the United States, Chelsea Enclave was designed to blend in with the neighboring Gothic revival buildings. Chelsea Enclave boasts an expansive garden complete with meandering paths and a playground. The roof lounge features a sundeck and children's play area. And as a bonus, it is home to its own apple seeds indoor playground.



[255 East 74th](#): An enormous Equinox Fitness Club anchors this 30-story glass tower that's helping breathe new life into Second Avenue. The ultra modern apartments are equipped with the coveted kitchen appliances du jour as well as a washer and dryer. A children's pavilion includes a mini rock-climbing wall, reading area and toddler room plus an arcade for older kids.

[535 West End Avenue](#): No more strollers to trip over in the apartment — hello, pram storage. This brand-new building (in the pre-war style) holds court on 86th Street with prices that nod to the pre-bailout world. Only five-, six- and seven-bedroom apartments are on offer unless you want to purchase a studio for staff quarters. His-and-her steam rooms, an indoor pool, billiards and even ping-pong are sure to help residents unwind.