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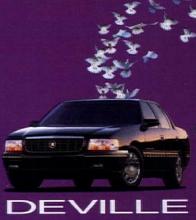
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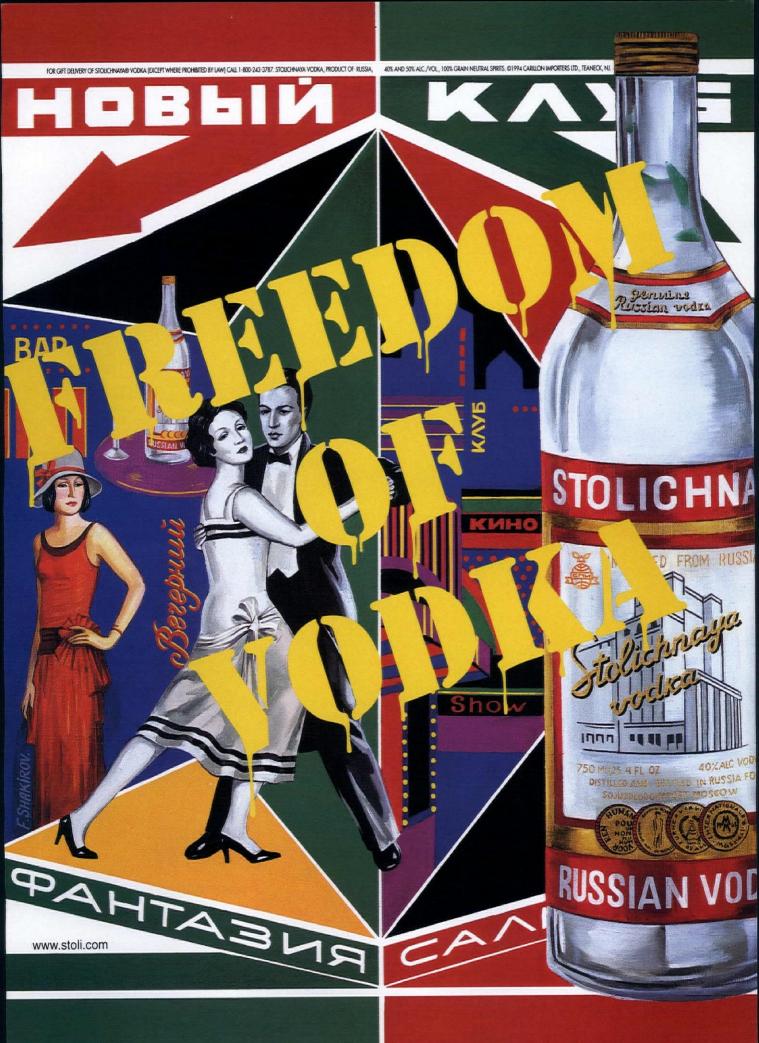


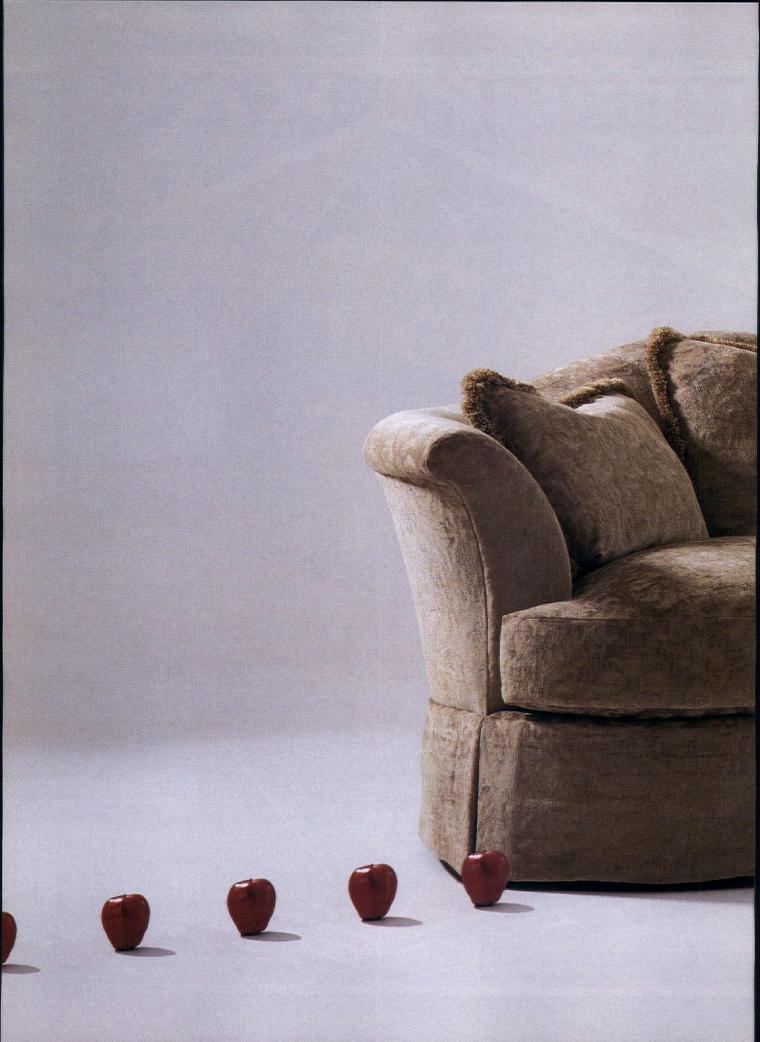
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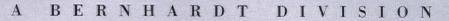
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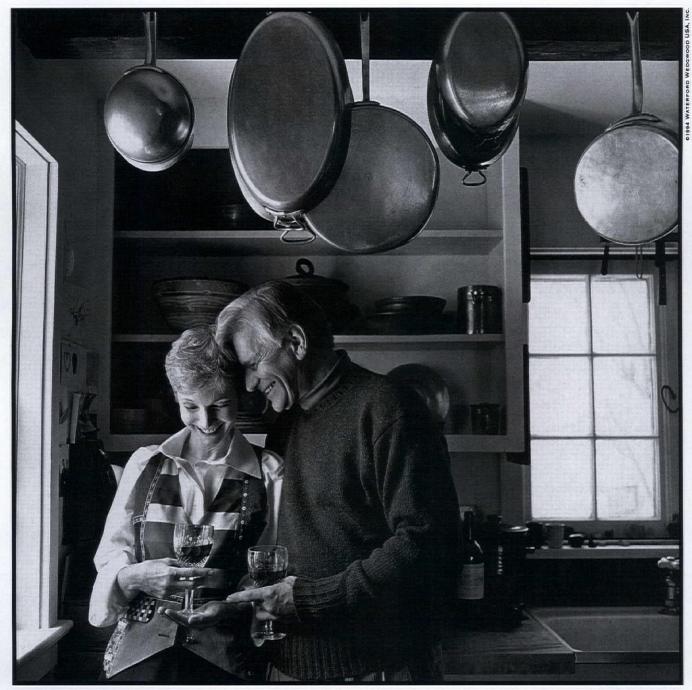


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feel like you're inside a crystal building. Bubble cathedrals. Bubbles are like the glitter in the sidewalk, or ice crystals shimmering in a shaft of winter sunlight: they're magic.

We all find magic in different parts of our homes. Clearly, the tub is part of one of my favorite rooms in the house, and, yes, I think a tub should be as roomy as possible. But then again, I'm a tub person, an oddity. This month, "Domestic Bliss" explores how we've become a nation of shower people. Besides a great tub, bathrooms should be filled with any or all of the things that make our other rooms inviting: a comfortable armchair or chaise; a soft rug; a table to hold special things; a large vase sitting on the floor, full of fragrant flowers; candles burning; a pile of books and magazines. Exercise equipment. Even a fireplace. Why not? More and more of the projects coming into House & Garden's offices include just such roomy bathrooms, as more home renovations include turning spare bedrooms into small spas. Places of luxurious, sensuous retreat. We feature several of these in "First Principle: Signature Bathrooms." Architects and decorators seem to be moving beyond the Grand Hotel style of bath-polished, tailored, white marbled (not that it isn't still handsome) - and into more creative, individualistic designs using mosaics, glass tiles,

hand-glazed ceramics: things that give a room the signature of the owner.

But bathrooms are, most of all, places for privacy and peace. Bathrooms have become a favorite retreat because they are rooms that can be many things to many people. I had a phone call from a friend in Boston late one night; she really wanted a high-security heart-to-heart, and her children really wanted just one more glass of water. Harried, she kept picking up different phone extensions in one room after another—kitchen to library to hallway to bedroom. Things finally got quieter, and at the end of the conversation, she said, "Guess where I finally found a private place?" In the bathroom, behind the only locking door left in the house, where she was sitting in the tub—no water—with the glass doors shut. Tub as phone booth. And why not?

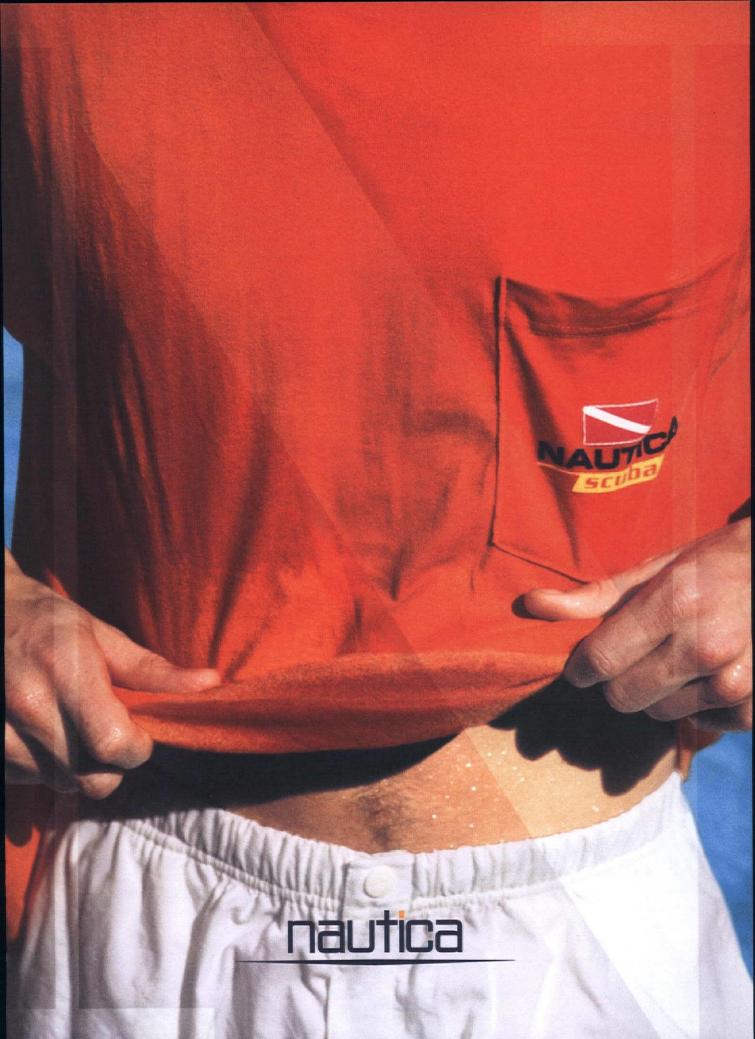
HODGEPODGE: Two items I can't resist passing along. The first comes from the amiably cranky pen of the beloved Amos Pettingill, writing in the White Flower Farm catalogue, and is a sublime example of one of my favorite genres-Price-Tag Rationales, or, the art of defending how much something costs, as in: If I sit in that \$1,000 wing chair every evening for half an hour for ten years and etc. ... This one falls into the subcategory Garden Expenses, and I quote in full: "Wise gardeners don't cut Lilies from their garden because severing the stem prevents the bulb from developing the following year, thus making an annual out of what would otherwise be a perennial. But it requires supreme self-control to ignore the glorious possibilities for a summer bouquet, especially when the florist wants six bucks a stem for Lilies that have been on the road for several days. At 80 cents a bulb, you can easily afford a season of fabulous flowers for the house and, if the bulbs fail to recover, you're still ahead of the game." We're right with you, Amos. We believe that the smallest luxuries

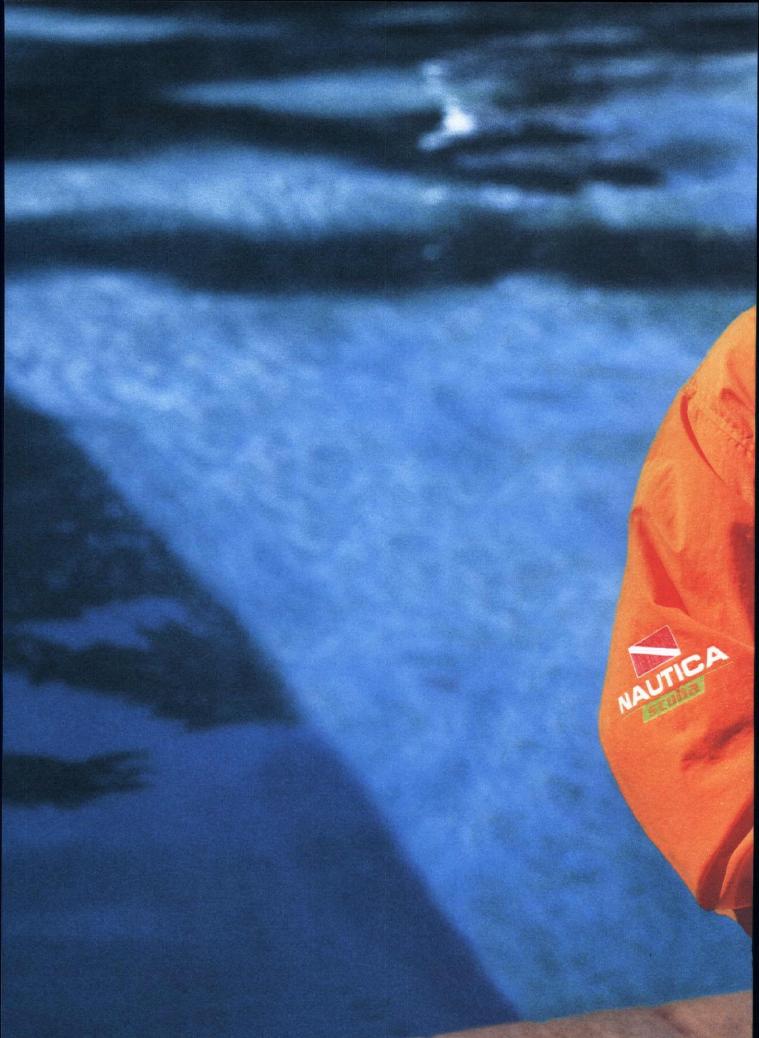
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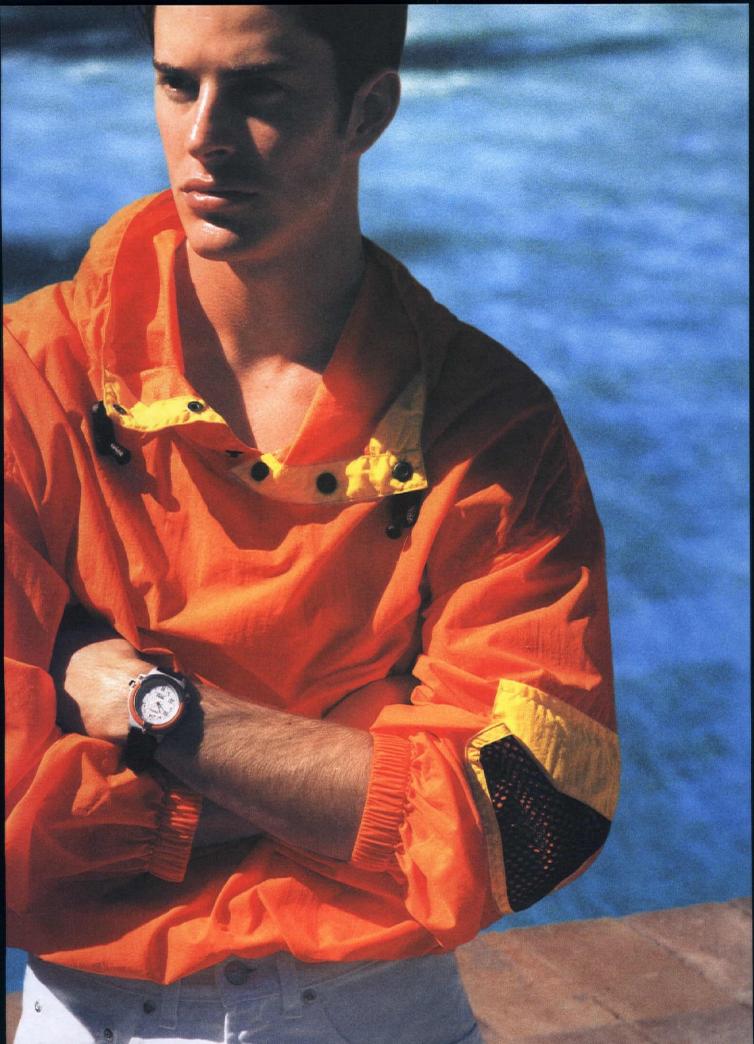
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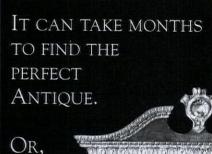


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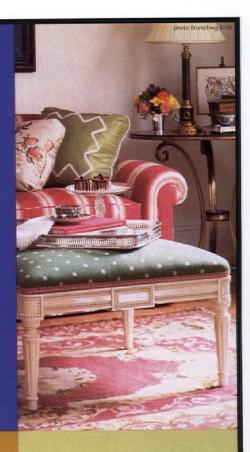
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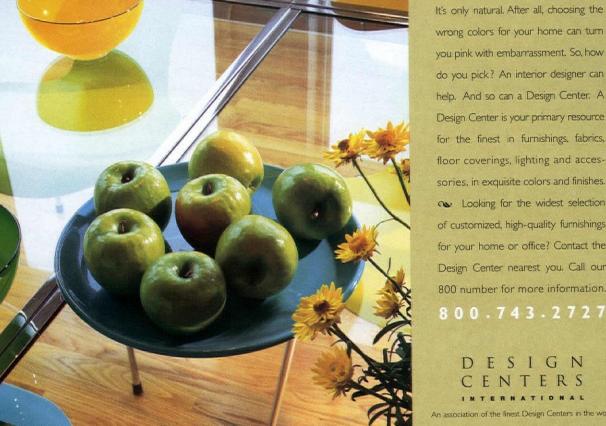
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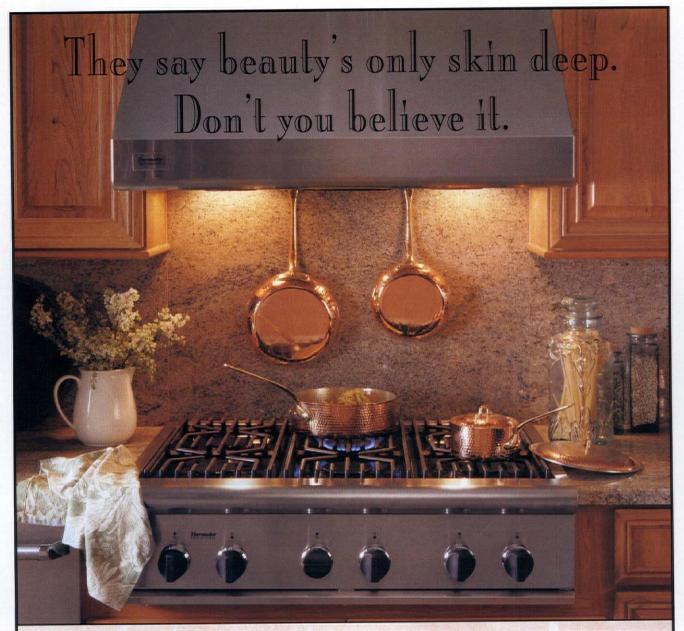
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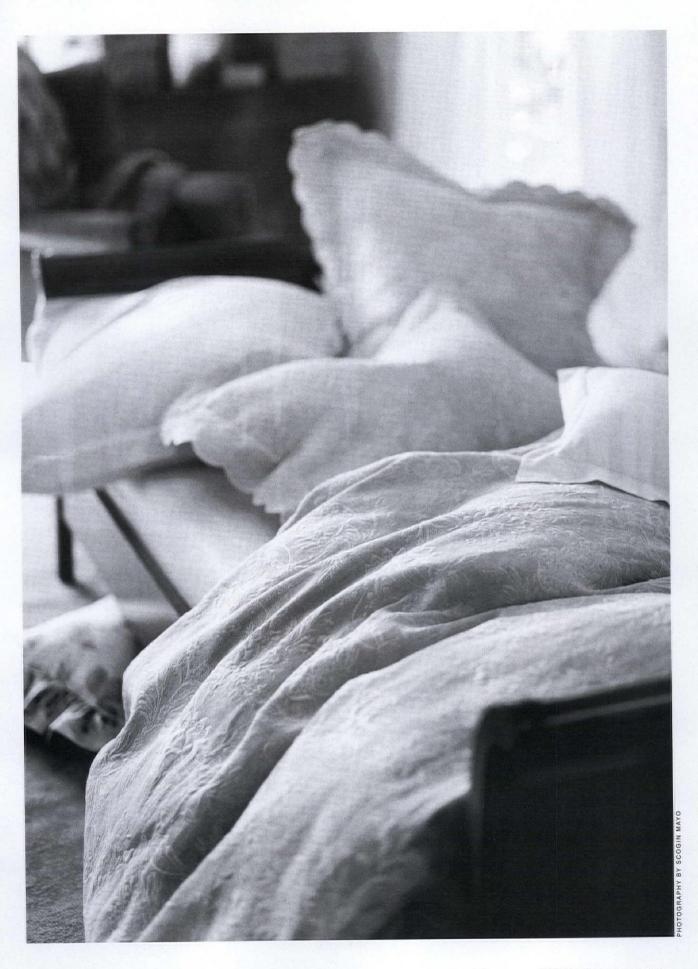
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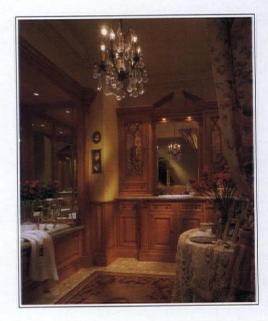
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# Shower Power

Like so many once simple rituals, showering has become a phantasmagoria of possibilities. Keeping America clean and upright, in the showering sense, has become a national obsession. Just choosing a **showerhead** can be daunting—but we have some suggestions. In addition, this month, we examine the reinvention of **Ethan Allen**—and we reconsider **Louis Vuitton**. And we introduce **"The 20-Minute Gardener,"** a monthly column for all of us who are short on digging time.

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#### SHOWER POWER

Roy Jacuzzi, the California businessman who redefined our concept of the bathtub, is set on transforming the shower, too. "We're primarily a nation of shower-takers," says Jacuzzi, who started selling his trademark whirlpool tubs in 1968 and "standup whirlpools" twenty-two years later. "There's really a larger market for showers than tubs." His company's latest unit, the J-Dream II. which sells for about \$10,000, is the epitome of the modern American shower: Designed for side-by-side showering, it has two seats, two sets of sixteen hydrotherapy jets, a concealed closet with built-in

#### THE WAY WE WASH

Percent of new or renovated bathrooms with showers that are separate from tubs: 50

Percent of new or renovated bathrooms that have separate showers with more than one nozzle: 33

Percent of new bathrooms with stereos or TVs: 10

Percent of women who use a washcloth when bathing: 77

Percent of men who use a washcloth when bathing: 65

Percent of women who take only baths: 12

Percent of women who take only showers: 61

Time when American women shower or bathe: 47 PERCENT IN THE MORNING; 38 PERCENT IN THE EVENING; 15 PERCENT MIDDAY

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau; National Kitchen & Bath Association; Colgate-Palmolive shelves, a steam bath, handheld showers, and a built-in stereo with a CD player and four speakers. "We call it the J-Dream because this is the shower of my dreams," says Jacuzzi.

The fantasy shower is becoming a reality for more and more Americans. Larger showers-with benches, skylights, both handheld and overhead nozzles, niches for storing shampoos and lotions-are the norm now. "The bathroom is to the '90s what kitchens were to the '80s," says Chris Casson Madden, author of Bathrooms, which is filled with pictures of over-the-top showers. "The spa experience we've all had has had an impact on the shower," she says. "We all travel and stay in these great places, and then decide we should live like that at home."

Los Angeles designer Matthew White steers his clients away from building overblown, spa-style showers: "They're great when you're in a hotel and have time to luxuriate in the bathroom," says White. "But who has time for that in their daily life? For everyday use, you want to get in and out of the shower quickly."

The craving for up-tothe-minute showers, however, is often matched by a yen for a nostalgic look. "A lot of people don't want a shower that looks like a car wash," says Peter Sallick, the president of Waterworks, a Connecticutbased manufacturer and retailer of old-fashioned-looking plumbing. "They want an architectural statement," he says. But at the end of the day (and certainly at the beginning), it's a shower's performance that counts most. As Kramer said on a memorable episode of Seinfeld: "If I don't have a good shower, I am not myself."

ROSE The perforated nozzle that delivers water in fine jets (a.k.a. rainwater head)

> "I like a shower not to look too trendy. I like to do an ultra-fancy 1920s hotel look"

> > MATTHEW WHITE DECORATOR LOS ANGELES

> > > RISER The exposed pipework that connects the faucet to the rose

#### HEAD OF THE CLASS

Exposed shower systems, like Waterworks's Norfolk model here, in brass, are hot. "The shower has become the focal point of the bathroom," says Waterworks President Peter Sallick.

DIVERTER Usually fixed to a riser on a faucet, allowing the user to switch between an overhead shower and a handheld shower

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#### THE STATUS MERCHANT

For prestige showerheads and fittings, Americans inevitably turn to the land of Range Rovers and Rolls-Royces. At the Czech & Speake shop on London's Jermyn Street, Edwardian-style shower risers and mixers

that have the rakish charm of vintage sports cars are sold to an international clientele, including Bill Gates, John Kluge, and Calvin Klein. For those who equate luxury with venerable London hotels like The Savoy and Claridge's, Czech & Speake is terribly chic.

"Forty percent of what we make ends up in the United States," says Frank Sawkins, a former interior designer who founded the company in 1979, after having trouble finding suitably elegant plumbing for his projects. "At that

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time, if you wanted luxury plumbing, there was only Sherle Wagner," he says, referring to the New York company that is known for gold-plated, rococo fixtures. Sawkins came up

"A shower is fundamentally sexy stuff," says Czech & Speake's Frank Sawkins.

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ing spray promises to "stimulate the circulation

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"When you buy a car, you get it serviced on a regular basis, so we're starting a campaign to encourage people to service our fittings," says Sawkins. "Even a Rolex watch needs to be cleaned occasionally."

with a less flashy alternative based on an

Edwardian theme and reintroduced the con-

cept of exposed plumbing as a decorative state-

ment. In fact, Czech & Speake's fixtures are so

handsome, they've helped make exposed bath-

room pipes de rigueur-

gestion of high tech.

good-looking: the

especially for traditional-

ists who abhor even a sug-

But Czech & Speake's

products are more than

Thermostatic Shower

Mixer, for instance, pre-

vents accidental scalding,

shut off automatically if

Czech & Speake shower

systems (which can easily

cost more than \$1,000)

are a good investment-

if properly maintained.

the cold water stops.

since the hot water flow is

Like many luxury goods,

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turers are now trying to persuade us not to bathe in it either. The culprit is chlorine, which allegedly can produce carcinogenic traces when combined with some elements in tap water. Of more immediate concern to many people is chlorine's culpability for bad-hair days. Chlorine "makes hair brittle and unmanageable," warns the package for Sterling Spring's Shower Filter. "It bonds chemically with protein in hair and skin-disrupting the effect of shampoos." At \$59.95, the filter is certainly less extravagant than washing your hair in Evian.



INTERBATH/ONDINE describes Clio's aerated spray as "bubbly and champagne like

#### **BEST-SELLERS**

The rage for Edwardian fittings hasn't (yet) swept the country. Most Americans still seem to want showerheads with three "speeds" and contemporary styling.

"I have had a good many more uplifting thoughts, creative and expansive-while soaking in comfortable baths or drying myself after bracing showers ... than I have ever had in any cathedral"

EDMUND WILSON

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#### PAPER PLATES

John Derian, right, is so sweetly unaffected that he is not even sure of one of the names for the art he so masterfully practices. "One day, a woman walked in and told me what it was called," he says, searching his Rolodex for the card on which he wrote down the word. "Here it is.

'Potichomania.'" While the dictionary defines "potichomania" as the art of imitating painted porcelain ware, Derian has a simpler way to describe how he makes plates, bowls, and umbrella stands: "It's collage under glass."

An insatiable collector of old paper-faded ledgers, receipts, and letters, as well as colorful prints and illustrations-Derian has found an elegant way of preserving and disseminating his treasure trove. He makes copies of antique documents, combining faded words and numbers with vibrant pictures of flowers, fruits, and animals to create decorative accessories (about \$45 for a paperweight, \$78 and up for a small plate, and as much as \$585 for a lamp). Since he and his staff of seven basically paste the papers under glass and back them with felt, most of his pieces cannot be submerged in water. "A few things are lightly functional," he says, "but nothing is dishwasher-safe."

THE WRITER

THE GARDEN



Derian's wares are now sold at about four hundred stores around the world, but only his recently opened studio and shop in New York's East Village has his entire oeuvre-as well as a handpicked assortment of antique and vintage furniture. Though he got into retailing accidentally-because the space he rented happened to be on street level-Derian enjoys moonlighting: "Being a shopkeeper brings me great joy."



#### The Muses Are Heard

What to listen to while driving to the nursery for peat moss and pansies? The Writer in the Garden fits the bill. The two audiocassettes (\$16.95/pair; to order, call 800-755-8532) feature thoughts on gardening from forty-four authors. including Colette, Emily Dickinson, Gertrude Jekyll, Russell Paige, Vita Sackville-West, and E. B. White. Culled from essays, novels, poems, diaries, and letters, the readings by five actors are so engrossing and inspiring that you'll want to listen to them on your Walkman while weeding, too.

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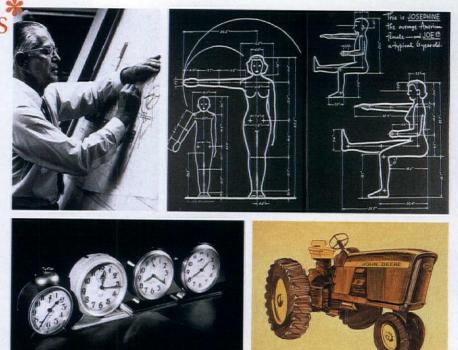
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#### REGARDING HENRY

"Henry Dreyfuss: Directing Design," which runs from March 18 through August 17 at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in New York City, makes clear why so many Dreyfuss designs—Honeywell's Round Thermostat, AT&T's Trimline telephone, Deere & Co. tractors—have become classics. Dreyfuss (1904-1972) pioneered the consideration of "human factors" reach, grasp, and many other physical and mental aspects of using an object in industrial design, which has made life easier for all of us.

Henry Dreyfuss's blueprint for industrial design required that everything, from clocks to tractors, respond to human needs.





### The China Syndrome

"I needed plates and cups for my garden," jokes Christian Tortu, the fashionable French florist who has a shop in Paris and a boutique at Takashimaya in New York. Tortu has designed a line of china called Verdures (for A. Raynaud & Co., the venerable French firm), which was inspired by plants that grow in his own backyard. He has decorated the plates with the obvious-ivv, olive branches, ferns-and the ambiguous. "I think it's important that there are some things that you can't identify," he says.

While Tortu can pull together a magnificent centerpiece in minutes, developing the china pattern required a year. "It took a month just to explain to the painters that the gold rim was not supposed to be perfect," he says. "For them it is very wrong." Two months were spent on the saucers, whose recesses are surrounded by a pale-blue wash, which suggests (depending on your point of view) a spill or a pond. "You can't have a garden without water," Tortu says.

The mix-and-match collection is sold by the piece, not by the place setting, and includes Japanese-style teacups and bowls. "It's eclectic," he says, "which reflects how we eat now."



#### Rabbit Redux

Swid Powell, which is known for producing tableware designed by architects and artists such as Robert Venturi and Michael Graves, is now minting limited-edition Bugs Bunny-inspired merchandise. What's up? A curvy, carrotlike, silver-plated ice bucket, right, with whimsical rabbit-ear handles (\$350); silver-plated, paw-shaped ice tongs (\$85); a silver-plated pitcher with a Bugs-silhouette handle (\$350); and a handblown, carrotorange glass salad bowl with rabbit-foot-shaped servers (\$225). —Leslie Brenner

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#### When Lightning Strikes

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Last spring, over a relaxed dinner at Mecca, a hip San Francisco supper club, Pottery Barn president Gary Friedman challenged his top lieutenants to devise the company's next best-seller. He led the discussion, suggesting they develop a good-looking clamp lamp - an item that nobody can find and that almost everybody needs at some point. Many of his staff laughed at the notion. After all, a clamp lamp is a staple of dormitory decor, and Pottery Barn now prides itself on being a source for a more grown-up style of decorating.

But Friedman persisted. "If I talk about something long enough,

usually someone will do something about it," he says. That dinner led to the creation of a sophisticated clip-on lamp with a flexible stem and polished-nickel shade (\$49). He's so enamored of the concept that he plans to introduce clamp lamps in other styles. "It could be a huge category for us," says Friedman, who sees the lights attached to desks, side tables, and headboards. "Clamp lamps are usually crappy lights you buy when you can't afford or find anything else. We're taking a useful item and trying to make it more attractive."

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#### DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM

WHAT The vintage Louis Vuitton trunk used as a coffee table.

WHY NOW Even as Louis Vuitton (following the precedent set by Chanel and Gucci) becomes fashionable again, there's nothing quite so chic as really old Louis Vuitton, which connotes the glory days of transatlantic cruises and Pullman cars. Adapted as tables, the trunks suggest that one's good taste, like one's money, is inherited. In some zip codes, they're as common as Coromandel screens

#### INITIAL IMPRESSIONS

Though the founder opened his first eponymous shop in Paris in 1854, the famous LV monogrammed canvas was not developed until 1896, as his heirs fought to differentiate their trunks from imitations. Thus, many of the most

sought-after pieces are not immediately identifiable as Vuitton except to aficionados, who recognize the old striped or checked canvases. That even his oldest designs can be used as tables is due to Vuitton's introduction of flat-topped trunks (to replace round-topped ones) that could be stacked on trains and ocean liners.

SENTIMENTAL EDUCATION "At boarding school and college,

everybody uses their trunks as coffee tables," says Helen Lee Schifter, explaining how she got the idea to use trunks as a TV stand and a table in her Park Avenue apartment.

COMME IL FAUT "I love using them as tables, but they have to be old," says Italian decorator Milly de Cabrol. "They have to look like they

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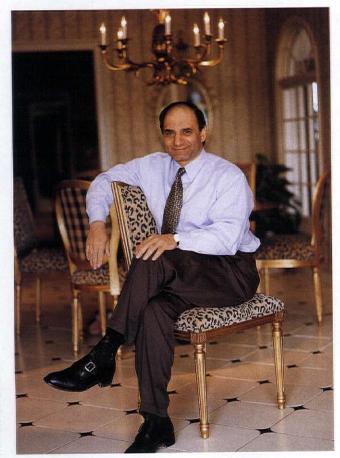
The laundry room may never be the same. Amana, the lowa-based appliance manufacturer, introduced a professional-style, stainlesssteel washer and dryer for residential use at the National Association of Home Builders Convention in Houston in January. Taller and bolder than standard models, these muscular machines should appeal to the same people who put restaurant-quality stainless-steel ranges and refrigerators in their kitchens. Can extra-virgin bleach and herbal fabric softeners be far behind?

have lived."

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Ethan Allen President Farooq Kathwari, below, has given the chain a radical makeover. The company's new sensibility is evident in its eclectic accessories, such as the Studio Pottery Lamp, candle wall sconce, Murano glass vase, nature collage, and wood trays, above.



#### The Business of Bliss \* AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION

It's not your grandparents' Ethan Allen.

The sixty-five-year-old manufacturer and retailer whose name is synonymous with genteel Yankee furniture has undergone a metamorphosis. Beginning in 1991, the company discontinued its Colonial line and redesigned 85 percent of its merchandise. This spring, Ethan Allen is embarking on another ambitious expansion, by introducing hundreds of new accessories. They will be showcased in their own storewithin-a-store at the new Ethan Allen in Stamford, Connecticut, which, at 30,000 square feet, will be the company's largest. Unlike furniture and upholstery that have to be ordered, many accessories will be sold on a cash-and-carry basis. "One of our objectives is getting consumers to come into our stores not only for major purchases," says President Farooq Kathwari.

Now there's something for everyone — from weatheredstone cachepots to gold-leafed lamps with leopard-print shades. "You would never have seen a lamp like *that* here a few years ago," says Craig Stout, vice president of merchandising.

Though the accessories are divided into seven categoriesincluding EuroGarden, American Crafts, and Neoclassics-Kathwari says the modern way to decorate transcends categories. "The changes in how people furnish their homes have accelerated in the past seven or eight vears," he observes, which is why Ethan Allen had to change, too. "This approach is radically different from how people decorated thirty years ago, which was based on the

design of their houses. A Colonial house had Colonial furniture and a contemporary house had contemporary furniture."

But convincing consumers that Ethan Allen understands eclecticism has been a hard sell—even though sales have increased by 55 percent in the past five years. The company will spend \$24 million on TV ads this year to get its new message across to those who still think Ethan Allen embodies eighteenth-century aesthetics. "It's hard to change a well-established image," Kathwari acknowledges.

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shows up best by moonlight. But as a group, they are exceptionally sweet-smellingfor on moonless nights, moths must follow their noses. Just one of these nightbloomers can perfume a whole garden, doing the same duty that would require squadrons of day-bloomers. We recommend three plants in particular (Tom finds the names romantic): flowering tobacco, 'Only the Lonely' (Nicotiana alata); moonflower (Ipomoea alba); and birdhouse gourd (Lagenaria siceraria). Arrange the plants around a bench or garden seat-you'll break your neck strolling around in the dark. And be realistic: a cluster of tobacco alongside the back door, a single gourd vine climbing the arbor, and a pot of moonflowers will

utes of daily gardening. These are satisfying plants. The gourd grows like kudzu, draping trellis, trees, and shrubs with ghostly crêpe blossoms, and later, huge, bulbous fruits that the aesthetically challenged can turn into bottles, musical instruments, or birdhouses. Most bugs apparently have more sense than people, for common varieties will not chew the tobacco, which bears threefoot-tall spikes of white flowers. The moonflower vine's spiraling buds open to huge ivory bowls that are sure to be the garden's most exotic ornament.

absorb the entire twenty min-

All these beauties will be waiting for you when you get home. Whatever time that is,

The 20-Minute Gardener is an original column by Tom Christopher and Marty Asher, whose recent book is The 20-Minute Gardener (Random House).

#### THE GAME PLAN



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\* Sow seeds in peat pots filled with commercial seedstarting mix. Combine nicotiana seeds with a handful of clean sand to make sowing easier; rub moonflower seeds across medium sandpaper to weaken hard seed coat. Water and set on a sunny windowsill.



LATE MAY \* Two weeks after the last spring frost (ask your local nursery for date), transplant seedlings into the garden.

\* Chill bottle of good Chardonnay.

#### The 20-Minute Gardener \*

#### A POSTMODERN NOCTURNE

By Tom Christopher and Marty Asher

According to Marty, 20-minute gardening is the art of the possible — though how would he know? A suburbanite now, he was city born and bred, and remains a horticultural tabula rasa. But Marty's friend Tom is a professional horticulturist, and even he admits that traditional gardens fly in the face of the harried postmodern lifestyle.

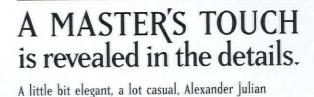
Conventional gardens are designed to be enjoyed during the daylight hours, yet everyone we know (do we move in the wrong circles?) spends all day at work. Afterward, there is a commute, children (maybe), Lean Cuisine, and another episode of *Seinfeld*. So if we ever do slip out for a breath of air, the garden, such as it is, has gone to sleep. The roses and daylily blossoms that opened that morning are spent, and the birds and butterflies have gone to roost. While surveying this under-

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achieving scene one evening, Tom and Marty decided to design a truly contemporary garden, one that would keep the same caffeine-driven hours they do. A garden that would reach the peak of bloom and fragrance during that brief interval of leisure that comes right before slumber. One that would require no more than twenty minutes of work a day. After all, Marty reasoned, if Seinfeld can fit a whole episode (excluding the commercials) into twenty-two minutes, then that ought to be enough time to do a garden.

The secret, they soon realized, is to forget the birds and the bees. Instead, think moths. The flowers that moths pollinate typically open at sunset. True, these blossoms are pallid, because white is the color that





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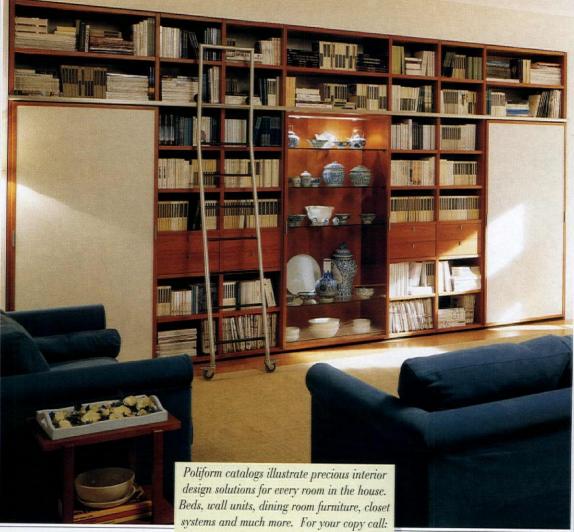
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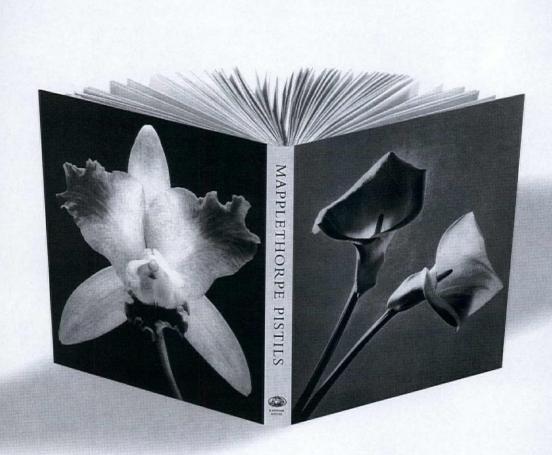
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Tropical in origin, water hyacinth and sea grass furniture will travel well to cooler climes if you provide it with the proper changes of clothes. Paul Fortune, a Los Angelesbased interior designer, suggests trying one or more of the following seasonal improvisations: **1** Throw a tartan blanket over the back of a chair or sofa for fall.

**2** For winter, have the cushions upholstered in a good leather.

**3** Dress the upholstery in a beautiful crewel to give the pieces a springlike feeling.

4 In summer, bring the outdoor feeling of the furniture indoors with slipcovers in a striped fabric.
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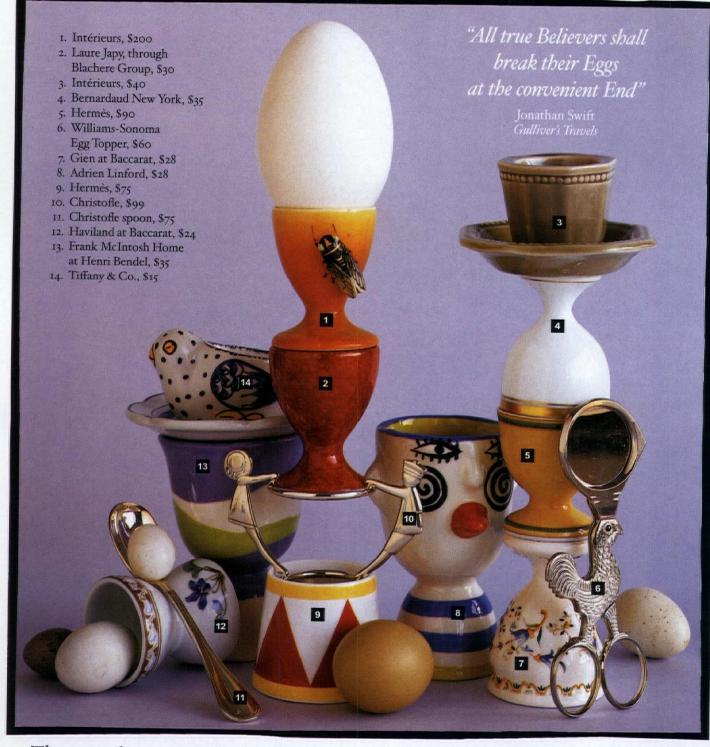
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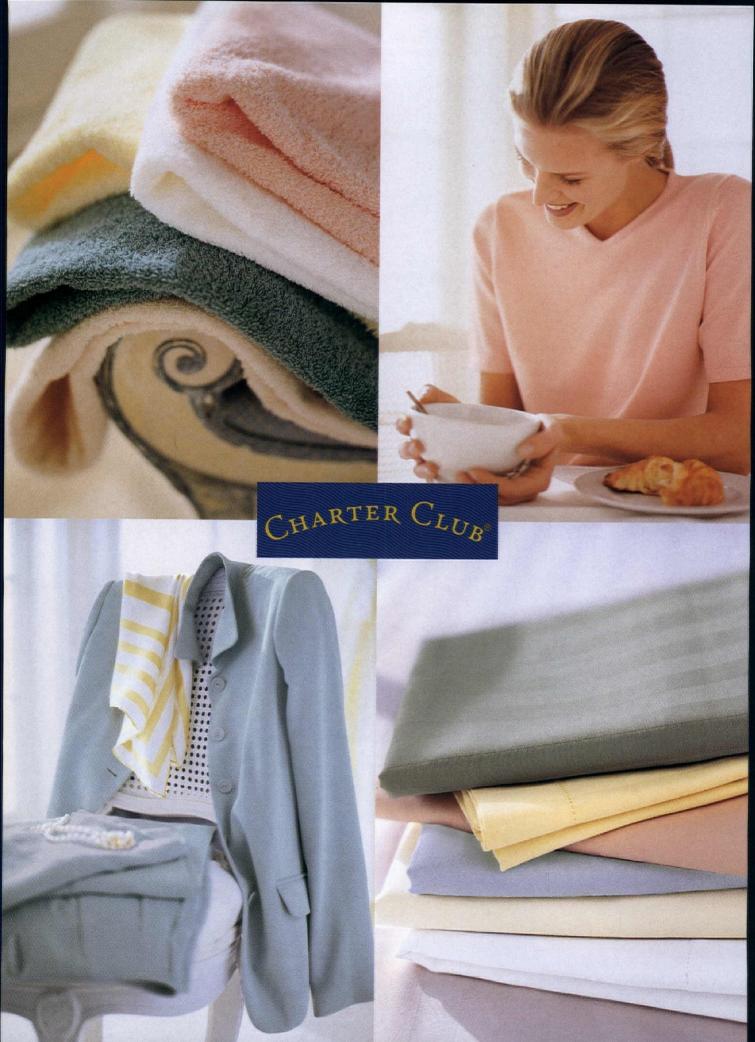


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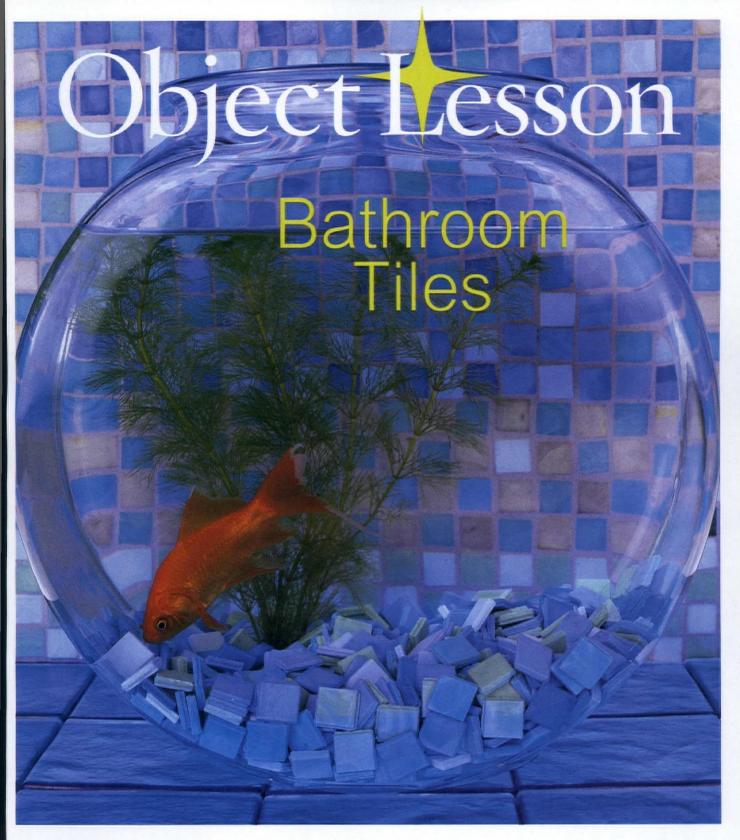
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The prestige of a bathroom has usually been measured by how much distance it puts between us and our primitive ancestors: the higher the tech, the harder the edge, the better the room. But that trend is over. Designers and decorators are moving toward bathrooms in softer, more individual styles. "I have a problem with big bathrooms filled with lots of glass and dark, polished marble," Los Angeles decorator Jarrett Hedborg declares. "They have the ambience of a bank."

"Anything that appears old and natural is popular," Caroline Fairley of Country Floors reports. "People want something reminiscent of the preindustrial era. Nobody wants anything too glitzy." Handpainted tiles, crackled glazes, and tumbled stone in pale colors—anything that evokes a feeling of history—fill the showrooms. Even metallic accents appear in muted copper, pewter, and antiqued gold. Variety and individuality are introduced by breaking up monochromatic schemes and rigid geometry with irregular patterns, hand-painted motifs, and border tiles that mimic architectural moldings.

Color also takes a cue either from the distant past, in the form of muted mosaic tiles, or from the mid-twentieth century, with the vivid colors that were favored by early modernists. Personal choice is all. Manufacturers will match tile glazes to your paint chips and fabric swatches. Computer programs allow you to create your own mosaic pattern and have it made into preset sheets by your tile dealer. "You should feel that this environment was specifically created for you," New York designer Vicente Wolf insists. So lay it on.

NATURAL SELECTION Previous page: Murano mosaics, \$11-\$15/sq. ft., by Sicis; blue glass tiles, 4"x 4", \$4/ea., by Americana Glass, all through Hastings Tile. This page, above left: Tumbled mosaics, Limestone Variations, \$70/sq. ft.; shell tiles, 5" x 5", \$72/ea., all from Paris Ceramics. Pale pink, square tile, Levante, 5" x 5", \$13/sq. ft., Ann Sacks Tile & Stone. Marble borders, RJ Ostia Antica, 1" x 4", \$3/ea, Country Floors. Above right: Owls, WTC LJ Hook Owl, 4" x 4", \$23/ea., with branch connectors, WTC BBD, \$16/ea.; plain tiles, \$31/sq. ft; frog, 4" x 4". \$16/ea.; dragonfly, WTC LJD, 4" x 4", \$16/ea.; branch tiles, WTC BHRB, 1.5" x 8", \$21/ea.; snake, WTC LJC, 1" x 8", \$19/ea.; all by Pratt & Larson/Country Floors. Stacked octagonal stones, PI Beaumanière Avignon, 6" x 6", \$22/sq. ft., Country Floors. Slate, 12" x 12", \$5/sq. ft., Stvdivm V. Terra-cotta tile, Tierra Valenciana, 12" x 12", \$6/ sq. ft., Ann Sacks.

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**Glass** tiles are experiencing a renaissance due to the brilliant array of colors now on the market. Unless glass tiles have a textured finish or are cut into mosaic pieces, they are best for walls and countertops, as they are slippery. They can also be more expensive than many ceramic tiles.

Terra-cotta tiles are made from extruded or hand-formed clay. Often unglazed, these tiles are prized for their rustic look and are available in a variety of shapes and sizes suitable for both walls and floors. Porous, softer, and generally less costly than ceramic, terra-cotta can be finished with linseed oil and waxed for protection. Quarry tile, which is not quarried but made of fired clay and shale, is exceptionally durable. Ideal for floors, quarry tile is now available in a number of shades.

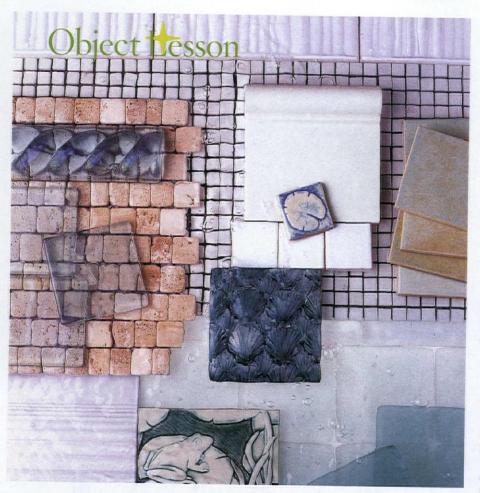
Limestone, slate, and sandstone are part of the trend toward textured, natural materials in the bathroom. Since limestone is porous and stains easily, it should be sealed and should not be used on countertops. Slate is practical for any surface and is an inexpensive way of achieving a natural look. The gritty surface of sandstone provides good traction for shower floors, but if used on counters, it can be difficult to clean.

**Tumbled marble** Slick, polished slabs of marble are a thing of the past. In their place, soft, rounded, and weathered tiles of tumbled marble are bringing texture and warmth to the bathroom. Some marbles are too porous for use in a shower or on countertops because they are easily discolored by soaps and the minerals in water, and all tumbled marble should be properly sealed.

NOT-SO-PLAIN GEOMETRY Mosaics, top, can be laid in a delightfully haphazard manner or positioned according to strict patterns, as in the mosaic square, left, which comes preassembled. In another variation from standard practice, corner tiles from a border were laid in sand, where they resemble pebbles. To make a floor or wall from these border tiles, you can set them in cement. Sources, see diagrams, back of book.

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"When it comes to resale value, the simpler the bathroom, the better. You can use color, but stick to varying tones of a single one"

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#### WELL-LAID PLANS

> Floor tiles should be thicker, harder, and more slip-resistant than wall tiles.

➤ A child's bathroom should be tiled at least halfway up the wall for easy cleanup.

> Floor tile laid on a diagonal makes a room look more expansive.

Small tiles in a small room may make everything look miniature. Large or oversized tiles can open up a room.

Colored grout may overwhelm tile. Stick with grout in neutral tones.

➤ To add color to a neutral room, put in a mosaic tile rug or trim a wall with preassembled mosaic borders. If you want a spontaneous look, don't work from a pattern, counsels Judyth van Amringe, editor at large. Simply chose a color palette, mark out a space for the mosaic, and let your imagination take over..

> Treat the shower as a room within a room—you needn't repeat the design that appears elsewhere. Use the same colors in different patterns, or use different colors.

➤ For balance, you might want the floors to be darker and rougher than the walls.

> Tile a ceiling. DeBare Saunders, of Stingray Hornsby Interior Design in Watertown, CT, likes to cover arches and domes with mosaics of tiny mirrors. "It is great in a powder room," he says.

If you prefer one color, add interest by using the color in different shapes and by mixing it in various patterns.

➤ Be careful when mixing tiles from different companies, warns tile designer Stephen Spretnjak. Tile sizes are not always standard, because manufacturers often calculate size to include the width of the grout line, which can vary.

> Order 10 percent more tile than you anticipate needing, because of uneven room dimensions, and breakage.

> Save leftover tiles when the job is done. You may need them for making repairs.

Finally, the quality of the installation really counts. Speak with former clients when interviewing a prospective installer, and try to visit previous job sites.

AQUATICS Glass and tumbled mosaic tiles can work well together. You might make a shower's floor with the sand-colored mosaics, top, and use the squares of clear glass tile for an iridescent effect on its walls. Because of its roughness, the sandblasted glass, top, lower right corner, would work well as a bathroom or shower floor and give the feeling of a pool of water underfoot. For sources, see diagrams, back of book. Left: Van Amringe made a bathmat out of blue tiles from Hastings Tile; around it are tumbled-marble tiles, RJ Ostia Antica, \$15 and up/sq. ft., from Country Floors. U

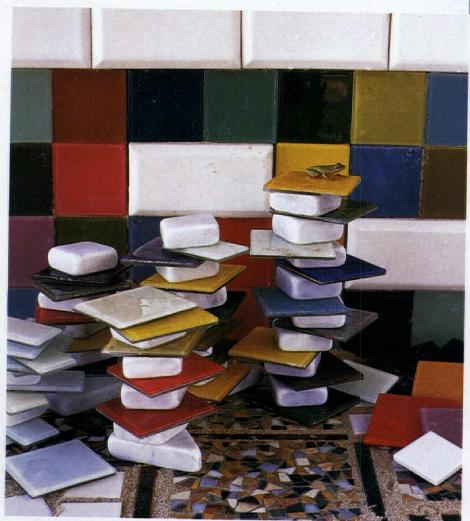
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The Home Decorator's Bible, by Anoop Parikh, Debora Robertson, Thomas Lane, Elizabeth Hilliard, Melanie Paine (Crown, \$40). This essential book on home decoration contains two useful sections on tiles and installation.

Fired Earth: 1000 Years of Tiles in Europe, edited by Hans van Lemmen and John Malam (Richard Dennis Publications, \$39.50). A fascinating pictorial survey of the history of tile, especially those made in Britain.

HARD CONFETTI Top: Colored tiles of enameled lava stone, price upon request, by Pyrolave, Paris, France, through Amsterdam Corporation. Pewter LNK rope border, 1"x 6", \$21/ea., and PPAP3 vine, \$28/ea., by Paloma, from Hastings Tile. Large ceramic tiles, verdigris, ST02; ash, ST03; limestone, ST01; \$3/sq. ft., from American Olean. Left: Colorful glass tiles become brighter when mixed with white. Sources, see diagrams, back of book.

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### SKETCHES



## Chair Couture

The late decorator Roger Banks-Pye, of Colefax and Fowler, dressed up classic chairs with an eye for fabric and finish

OT EVERY INTERIOR DEsigner would think to upholster a chair in fabric turned inside out—particularly not a decorator at one of England's most venerable decorating, fabric, and wallpaper firms. The late Roger Banks-Pye was clearly not just any designer. His irreverent approach to decorating is the subject of a new book, *Inspirational Interiors: Colefax and Fowler*, which well illustrates Banks-Pye's guiding principle: "There are no rules."

Banks-Pye grew up in Sheffield, and

moved to London in the late 1960s to study interior design. There he combed antique and junk shops, looking for the odd pieces that others had passed over. He was never much interested in what was generally considered fine in antiques: scale, form, pattern, and color were the essential qualities he looked for.

In 1977, he joined Colefax and Fowler, the firm that is synonymous with traditional English decoration and chintzfilled interiors. For fifteen years, he cut a swath through overdecorated English drawing rooms, mixing high and low TABLEAU VIVANT Roger Banks-Pye loved any object with beautiful form and pattern. He lined up three humble farmhouse chairs, above left, painting each in two shades of yellow and giving them blueand-white seat covers. To complete the tableau, he placed the three chairs in front of a yellow wall hung with framed samples of American homespun fabric. Banks-Pye covered a chair with a green-checked fabric, above right, by his client Valentino and added a hand-crocheted, tasseled fringe. "Roger understood my taste perfectly," said the fashion designer.

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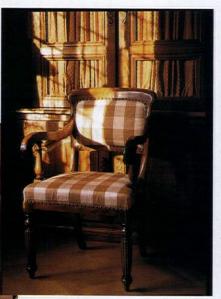
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#### SKETCHES



JUST A TRIM, PLEASE Banks-Pye was legendary for the intricate trimmings he used on upholstery. He liked the way nails accentuate the lines of a chair. above, but instead of employing the popular close-nailing, he spaced nails farther apart for a less severe look. Here, each panel of an antique wing chair was finished with space-nailing over braid. Banks-Pye often used piping as a detail, above right. On a chair covered in Claremont's green Parma Damask, tricolored cord winds its way down the arm. Banks-Pye's couture hand was evident in the way he layered fringe at a chair's base. Center, an armchair in Bennison fabric has a bullion fringe overlaid with





TAKE COVER There is no one right fabric for a specific kind of chair, Banks-Pye felt. He used Colefax and Fowler's informal beige-and-white Eaton Check on a set of delicate Louis XVI side chairs, left, and on a dark-wood dining chair, above. pieces in a modern take on classic English home style. "If a room looks nervous," he said, "people will never feel comfortable."

Banks-Pye's supreme talent was in handling fabric. He had a passion for material, which he draped and embellished with the skills of an haute couturier. It is hardly surprising that among his devotees were several well-known clothing designers, including Valentino and Sir Hardy Amies. "Roger had a meticulous eye for detail, a great sensitivity for beautiful objects, a natural instinct for scale," says Valentino in a foreword to the book.

The English designer's originality is especially evident in his chairs. Among upholstered chairs, he particularly liked classic shapes; but his attention to detail elevated them. Where someone else might add just a single bullion fringe to the base of a chair, he would add another, smaller fringe above the first one. Instead of the traditional finish of closenailing over braid, he spaced the nails farther apart (space-nailing, it's called) for a more delicate look.

Banks-Pye had an eccentric sense of humor but never indulged it at the expense of style. He turned three farmhouse chairs into a tableau and put a vinyl seat on a kitchen chair so it could be wiped down after muddy hunters' lunches. But nothing must have raised more eyebrows among his colleagues than when he turned classic upholstery fabrics the wrong way round.  $\infty$ 



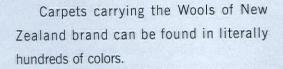
INSIDE STORY Banks-Pye thought some fabrics looked lovely on the reverse, muted and soft, like a watercolor. He covered a chair, above, with an inside-out cretonne.







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#### BY ALISON COOK

Alfredo Ayala, deep into the rhythms of Sunday lunch. There is a sudden shout: "Ai, shit!"

On a broad sweep of veranda, early arrivals grin knowingly; the flamboyant and protean Ayala is famously excitable. Inside a small kitchen that opens onto a swath of tamed jungle,

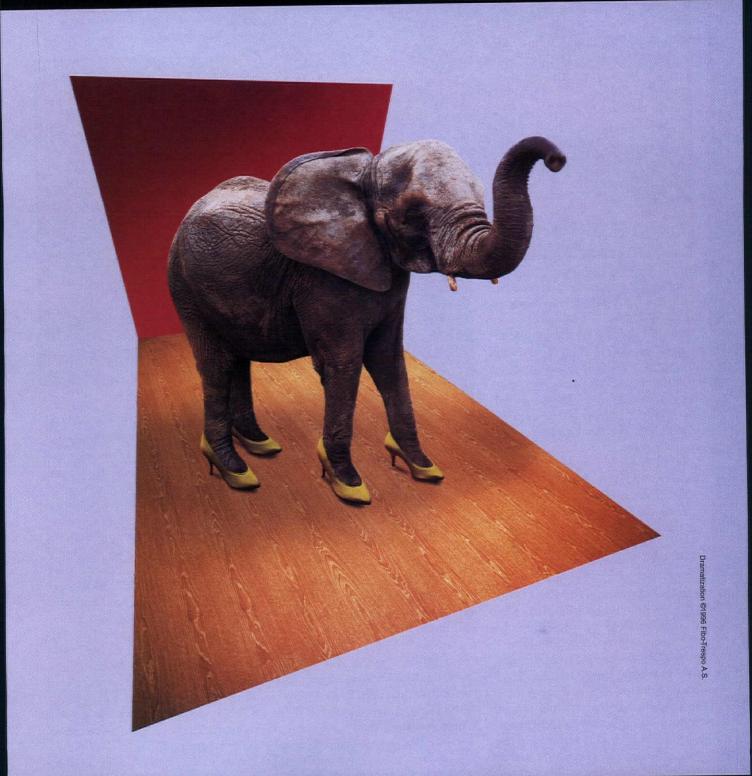
WELL-HEELED SOUL Ayala gives tamales an elegant spin while his following anticipates further delights. Glass dishes from Bergdorf Goodman. Folding chairs from the Table and Chair Shop, Inc. in San Juan. he bobs frantically over a fleet of the small fritters he calls *almojabanas*. These are not the substantial fritters so beloved of his countrymen, who flock to eat deep-fried taro root or salt cod at small roadside kiosks that seem only steps removed from Africa. Instead, Ayala's delicacies are elegant small puffs of rice-flour batter flavored with Gouda and the local farmer cheese—a cogent expression of the tension between island soul and big-city ambition characteristic of Ayala's exuberant cuisine.

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A PERFECT DAY FOR BANANA LEAVES Guests at the Tugwell Cottage, left, pose with the local flora. A table setting needs to be as spirited as the one below if it is to live up to Ayala's fritters, below left. The glassware is Genova from Baccarat. The silverware is Christofle's Chinon.



hunches over a bowl of verdant guacamole, gauging its subtle (and quintessentially Puerto Rican) undertow of dried cod, adding a splash of the homebrewed pepper vinegar you see everywhere on the island, tasting again, his pale gray eyes going round with expectation. An idea forms. "Mira! Rolando!" he calls. The blender falls silent as Ayala's assistant abandons his ceaseless daiquiri manufacture, marches up the hillside, hacks off a massive banana frond, and lugs it flapping into the kitchen. Ayala unfurls it across a tray, piles on the fritters, and sends them out to the porch, pale green peeking from browned clouds. "Wow!" someone says. Suddenly, the party is on.

A vanic as his cooking. Half of the disparate crew popping fritters on this remote mountain porch—jeweler, caterer, model, artist, diva, architect, stockbroker, petrochemical guy, photographer, doctor, kitchen-shop owner don't know the other half, but they all know Ayala, an inveterate party animal with a kaleidoscopic entourage. And they know his food. They go to Chayote, his rarefied *nuevo* Puerto Rican restaurant in San Juan; they showed up when he opened the city's first sushi bar; they'll gravitate to his rootsy new place,



Su Casa, where he's serving up his own riff on *comida criolla*, the Puerto Rican home cooking he grew up on. They did not have to be coaxed to leave the city and drive up into El Yunque, the rain forest that is unique in the U.S. National Forest system, where the Tugwell Cottage roosts on an odd corner of private land not subsumed by the forest.

The house, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright protégé Henry Klumb for Governor Rex Tugwell (and now owned by a former ballet company director and a retired executive), suits the chef. With its dizzying ocean vistas and powerfully green backdrop, its wraparound porches, broad overhangs, and natural ventilation, it is open to the tropics in much the same way that Ayala is. His lunch would taste swell in an air-conditioned box, but here in the sensual, sticky heat, the food seems to resonate.

"Tamale!" people cry joyfully, as fat cornmeal packages are borne forth, swathed in papery shucks. "Buen provecho!" they declaim as they probe for its pearly shrimp and sop up its pearly sauce. Ayala's celebrated green salad appears, a party on a plate. Avocado and papaya render it soft and rain-forest lush; sherry vinaigrette spiked with grenadine and lots of freshly ground nutmeg sings of the West Indies. Shaved coconut adds the improbable Ayala surprise; against the peppery bite of arugula, it works better than it has any right to. "This arugula is Puerto Rican-grown, more spicier," brags Ayala, and damned if he isn't right.

Now, in the Tugwell Cottage kitchen, he is slicing roasted pork from its bones with extreme dispatch. "We need more skin," he cries. "Be careful! If it's not crisp, don't give it!" He (CONTINUED ON PAGE 166)



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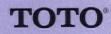


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son, was ideal for Pinot Noir. In 1980, his suspicions seemed to be verified by the results of a major tasting organized in the heart of Burgundy by Robert Drouhin. Lett's 1975 Eyrie

#### BY JAY MCINERNEY

Vineyard Pinot Noir, South Block Reserve came in second, by two tenths of a point, to a 1959 Chambolle-Musigny from the venerable Burgundian house of Drouhin. The Drouhins, no dummies, visited Oregon and eventually invested \$10 million in a state-of-the-art winery up the hill from Eyrie. Drouhin is the excepand bottling, and delivers much of his production to Northwest buyers in his old Peugeot station wagon. Adelsheim Vineyard somehow manages to produce fine wine in an aboveground *chai* that is set into the side of a hill partially beneath the family dwelling; the day I visited the "cellar," the temperature was better suited to baking pizza than

to making Pinot Noir.



tion: most of Oregon's hundred-plus wineries are still undercapitalized, seatof-the-pants operations. John Thomas, for instance, tends three and a half acres of Pinot Noir, does his own crushing

Compared to imperial Napa, with its mansions and its multinational millions, Willamette is still a frontier. But with the excellent '93 and '94 vintages, Oregon Pinot Noir is coming into its own, and the town of McMinnville has become the Beaune of the New World-site of the annual International Pinot Noir Celebration. where Pinot freaks from Australia to Auxev-Duresses gather every summer, formerly in July and henceforth in August, to celebrate their weird, difficult passion. Last summer, David Lett presided over the tenth anniversary-a bearded, Papa Hemingway figure in a safari shirt. Such Burgundian giants as the Lacosteshirted Comte Lafon

and Domaine Dujac's elegant Jacques Seysses mingled democratically with their admirers. Californians who cruised north to catch the buzz included Jim Clenenden of Au Bon Climat, wear-

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- 2 links Italian sweet sausage. removed from casings and crumbled (optional)
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- 1 tsp. minced garlic 2 cups cubed (about 1/4-inch) day-old Italian bread (crusts trimmed) 2 Tbsp. pignoli (pine nuts) Salt and freshly ground black pepper 2 Tbsp. grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

To prepare artichokes: Cut stems off, remove small leaves from base. Lay artichoke on side; slice off tip of artichoke about 1-inch from top. Use scissors to trim off prickly tips of remaining leaves. Rub cut edges with lemon juice to prevent darkening.

Place artichokes in saucepan small enough to hold snugly. Add water to cover and 1/2 tsp. salt. Cover; cook until tender, about 20-25 min. or until a lead can be pulled out easily. Drain; cool until lukewarm. To remove choke, spread center leaves; reach down in center and pull out purple tipped prickly leaves. Use small spoon to scoop out fuzzy part from heart. To make stuffing: Brown sausage (if using); set aside. Heat Bertolli Classico olive oli and gartic in skillet until gartic begins to sizzle. Add crumbs, pignoli and cook; stirring, until bread is golden, about 5 min. Add sausage.

Coat small deep baking dish with olive oil; add artichokes. Spread leaves from center, creating an opening for stuffing. Lightly spoon stuffing into centers distributing ingredients evenly. Sprinkle tops evenly with cheese. Add 3 Tbsp. water to baking dish.

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ing—you guessed it—a Hawaiian shirt and backward cap, the David Lee Roth of the Pinot world. And yes, that *was* Beaux Frères wine maker Mike Etzel, with carrots in his ears—perhaps trying to entertain the Frogs by imitating Jerry Lewis.

ESTIVALGOERS DISCOVERED that Oregon Pinots are often bet-

ter balanced and more Burgundian than their relatives from California, But they're usually more approachable and flirtatious than their French cousins, if not quite as perfumed. Still, there is a wide range of Willamette Valley styles, from the blockbuster "Is this a Châteauneufdu-Pape?" kick of Beaux Frères to the daintier pleasures of the well-bred Domaine Drouhin. Lett, whose Evries are lighter in color and body than most of the pack (and often awkward in their youth), fervently believes that the new kids are picking too late, achieving showy ripeness at the expense of true Pinot finesse and aging potential (basically, a tortoise-and-hare kind of argument). Tasting twenty of his older vintage Reserves dating back to 1970, I couldn't help admiring his achievement: the famed '75 was still brilliant, as were half a dozen of the older vintages. It's good to remember, as Lett insists, that Pinot Noir is traditionally

valued for its delicacy and aromatic nuance. On the other hand, faced with, say, a lush, richly extracted bottle of 1990 Domaine Serene Evenstad Reserve, it's tough to argue dogma. It's a little like complaining of a lover that he or she is too beautiful.

As in Burgundy, vintages are widely variable in Oregon. Depending on your taste, the '93 vintage was almost as good, if more delicate, as the very ripe '94. The harvest was tricky in 1995, complicated by rain and mildew, but

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If these '94s are unavailable, the '95s should be a good bet.

HONORABLE MENTION: Adelsheim Elizabeth's Reserve; Broadley Claudia's Choice; Domaine Drouhin Laurène; Ponzi Reserve; Domaine Serene Evenstad Reserve; Cristom Reserve promptly ordered a couple of cases. Actually I begged for them. The advance word on his '96s is excellent. What you don't usually taste from Oregon is that hint of actual dirt that Burgundy freaks often

makers, like Ken

Wright, who hand-

sorted their grapes

did very well. Tasting

his '95s in barrel, I

actual dirt that Burgundy freaks often believe to be the funky soul of their beloved-like sweat on a handkerchiefthe deep, signature Côte d'Or grit, which can be as distinctive as the loamy growl of a real Delta bluesman. (Funny how French wines tend to possess the exact quality that their so-called popular music notoriously lacks.) Let's say that in recent years Oregon Pinot Noir has been a little like Clapton playing "Crossroads." It ain't exactly Robert Johnson. But it's more danceable. And the '94 vintage may well be Oregon's "Layla."

Jay McInerney's wine column is a regular feature of the magazine.

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## Bottle Trees, Bananas, and Elephant-ear Ferns

African-American yard art is making itself felt in the southern garden

FEW YEARS AGO, ACCORDing to Felder Rushing, a seventh-generation Mississippian and the South's greatest garden pundit, Mississippi's bottle tree was an endangered species. The traditional centerpiece of the African-American garden, a bottle tree is made by cutting back the branches of any small tree to stubs. Colored-glass bottles—ideally the cobalt-blue empties from milk of magnesia—are then slipped over the stubs, creating an impromptu

#### BY TOM CHRISTOPHER

sculpture and, some say, a trap for "bottle imps," or bad spirits. But agents for northern art galleries had been uprooting the trees and shipping them back to wealthy collectors.

Another part of southern heritage lost to carpetbaggers? Not exactly. According to Rushing, bottle trees are making

YARD ARTISTRY The buoyant entrance to his garden, above, is one part of Felder Rushing's homage to the regional style of African-American gardening. a comeback. But this time, they are sprouting in the gardens of middle-class, white southerners.

To an outsider—some Yankee who thinks hamburgers are barbecue, say the migration of the bottle tree from one neighborhood to another may seem minor. But to initiates, it marks a historic moment. Gardeners of European descent, like Rushing, have begun to acknowledge the contributions and influence of their African-American neighbors. And this simple recognition





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accounts for a new style of horticulture. In the region's most exciting gardens, the clipped-boxwood formality of generations past is giving way to a richer and more casual mix—hot colors and bold textures intermingled in a jostling spirit far better suited to a subtropical clime.

You can see this new style around Rushing's bungalow in Jackson, Mississippi, where old-fashioned flowers such as *Gomphrenas* and four-o'clocks tangle with bottle trees, a picket fence topped with bottles, festoons of Mardi Gras beads, ornamental grass spray-painted maroon, a fire pit made from an old iron basin, and planters of car tires turned inside out.



GOING BACK TO THE SOURCE James Powell, above, has steeped himself in the garden culture of his ancestors.

Rushing's enthusiasm for tropical colors and for mixing decorative arts with gardening is thoroughly familiar to Richard Westmacott, a professor of landscape architecture at the University of Georgia in Athens. Westmacott, a British transplant, discovered the rich tradition of African-American gardening in the yards of his neighbors in Georgia's rural Oglethorpe County. Having grown up in the English countryside during the spartan years of World War II, Westmacott says he felt at home with what he calls the "spiritual self-sufficiency" of the local African-American gardeners. He admired the way they turned slips of passed-along plants and objects that others labeled as waste into exotic compositions that are always works-in-progress. In 1990, with a grant from his university, he began a formal study of the African-American garden, interviewing those gardeners the local community considered most skilled.

Each of the gardens he visited—and he eventually expanded his study to include parts of South Carolina and Alabama—was different, of course, but Westmacott was struck by what united them. Plants were not treated as materi-

> als or structural elements to be massed into hedges, backgrounds, and foundation plantings. Instead they were admired and showcased individually. Many of them were part of the gardener's personal history: this rose was a gift from a sister, that dogwood tree had been hauled in from the woods with a wagon and mule. As personalities rather than materials, the plants were almost always allowed to flourish unclipped. That, as Westmacott's neighbor and guide Magnolia Moses told him, was the difference: "White people's gardens are all shaped up." Moses's garden and those of her friends were not.

Westmacott also found that ground covers were not a part of traditional African-American gardens. Nor were lawns much val-

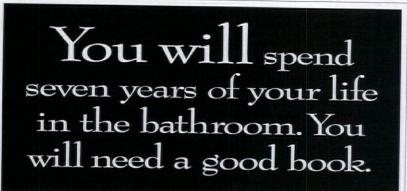
ued. Instead, according to a practice that he traces back to West Africa, gardeners hoed out weeds and grasses from around flowers, trees, and shrubs, and kept the bare earth swept clean with a broom made of twigs. This swept yard is a sensible adaptation to a climate in which turf does not thrive without constant watering.

Westmacott worries that this tradition

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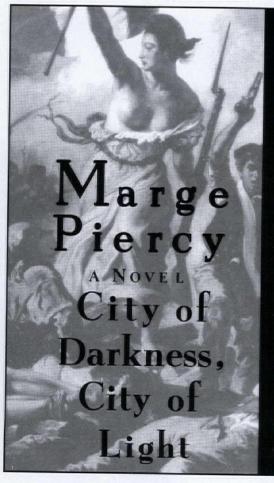




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is dying. The gardeners he met were all elderly, and because their children had moved to cities in search of work, there was no one to take over the gardens. For Westmacott, the excitement of discovery has been tempered with regret.

But if he were to visit Rushing's friend James Powell, he would find that the shift to city life can sometimes leave a gardener's relationship to plants unchanged. Powell has chosen to live in a working-class, African-American neighborhood in Jackson. He moved there ten years ago, when he left an executive career in banking and insurance to reinvent his life through gardening. Since



ENDANGERED SPECIES Despite being hunted by collectors from northern galleries, the Mississippi bottle tree, above, is making a comeback throughout its native region.

1987, he has operated a landscape business, but his serious work takes place in his own backyard: "That's my own country, you might say." And it is here that Powell has joined his love of gardening to an exploration of his West African heritage. His yard measures some 60 by 40 feet; part of it had been a paved parking space. Powell didn't hoe it out, but he did turn it into an outdoor living space. Down one side, he planted plum trees—his late wife, Melba, used to come out every afternoon at the same time to shake down fruit to a crowd of children



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waiting outside the fence. He then put a deck over the paved area and decorated it with the African art that he and his wife had collected.

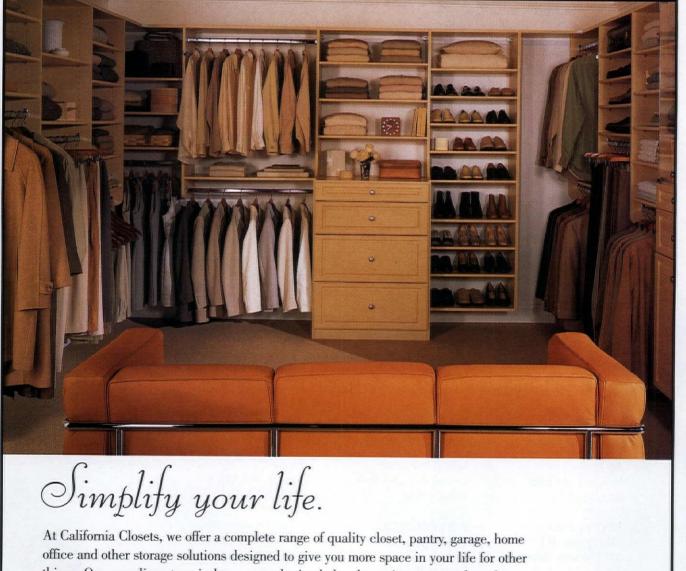
Nearby is Powell's forest—a square patch stuffed with bold-leaved banana trees, elephant-ear ferns, and nandinas. To penetrate this space you must push your way through, and for Powell that is the point. You need to be touched by your plants, he says. Like Westmacott's traditionalists, Powell lets his plants grow free. Even when lightning struck two of the plums, he left their trunks to serve as props for the enormous, glossy-leaved 'Lady Bank's Rose' that bears a waterfall of tiny yellow flowers in the spring.

Powell is not particularly Afrocentric in his choice of plants. The rose is a Chinese antique variety, and even the bananas, though they are a standard crop in Africa, are Asian in origin. This eclecticism is typical of African-American gardening and may be one of its most pervasive contributions to the regional style, although if he chose, Powell could garden entirely with African plants. Rushing has identified forty-two species of African origin that are southern garden standbys. But the real influence, Rushing maintains, is African-American taste, which has shaped the entire region's garden flora.

Like the numerous plants of African origin that Rushing points to in southern gardens—everything from impatiens to holly ferns—the influence of this eclecticism has largely gone unsung.

Recognition of this heritage may have been slow to arrive, but Rushing likens the impact of African-American gardening to that of the blues. "Look at the blues, how far they've come. There are very few authentic, original blues singers around. But blues influence is everywhere."

"Dig It" is an occasional column about garden matters. Tom Christopher is a writer and horticulturist, whose most recent book, with Marty Asher, is The 20-Minute Gardener.



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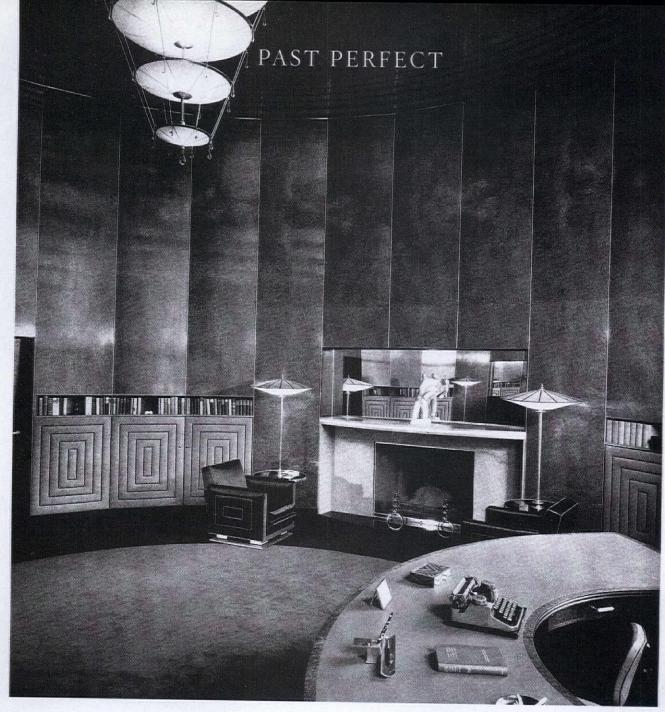
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uncomfortable Brush was with Urban's Depression-era masterpiece, it nevertheless became the showpiece of her fourteen-room duplex at 322 East Fiftyseventh Street in Manhattan—a building that also boasted Lily Pons and Orson Welles among its celebrity inhabitants. Almost as soon as the

project was completed, *House & Garden* rushed to photograph it.

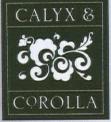
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and boasted a green-leather wainscot welted in black. The carpet, the leathertopped desk, a satin sofa, and two overstuffed chairs were also done in the same black and green color scheme. A lighting fixture in the shape of an inverted pagoda swung from a ceiling painted in silver leaf.

For Brush, the soaring emptiness of the two-story-high, soundproofed silo was more intimidating than the blank Marienbad, and Rio-Brush had been careful not to let her lifestyle interfere with her productivity.

So she was totally unprepared for the effect that Urban's setting had on her craft. To overcome the writer's block it induced, she tried to work in her bedroom but found the silver-andyellow wallpaper too distracting, and in her son's room while he was away at school. She even booked a hotel room downtown and had three desks installed in it. All to no avail. "I couldn't have felt more wretched about it," she wrote. "I

"I never heard an uproar like that silence. The typewriter keys crashed and echoed, a short sentence sounded like an avalanche, and it was really better not to write one"

page she faced every day. During the three years she tried to work at the huge, half-moon desk, she reports staring off at the burls on the paneling and writing at best no more than one line a day. "I never heard an uproar like that silence," she said in her autobiography, *This Is On Me*. "The typewriter keys crashed and echoed, a short sentence sounded like an avalanche, and it was really better not to write one. Easier on the nerves."

PROLIFIC WORDSMITH UP TO that point, Brush was a journalist by training. She had been hired out of high school as a reporter for the Boston Traveler. By twenty-nine, she was divorced, remarried to wealthy financier Hubert Charles Winans, and the author of two best-sellers, Young Man of Manhattan (for which she got approximately \$50,000, an astonishing sum in 1930) and Red-Headed Woman-both made into films starring, respectively, Ginger Rogers and Jean Harlow. Her brittle short stories about ambitious young ladies and polite gentlemen were the staple of leading magazines such as Colliers and The Saturday Evening Post. Famous for taking her typewriter wherever she went-on transatlantic crossings, transcontinental trains, and even to romantic interludes in Paris,

would rather work than eat cake, did I tell you? Anytime."

She described the creative drought between 1932 and 1936 as the "Silly Season." "I had a full-time secretary and a high pressure one and much of my creative ability was devoted to the invention of tasks to while away the hours for her, so she wouldn't be too bored," she said. Her name did appear in print during those dry years, but it was often as someone who owned a Joseph Urban interior, not as a productive novelist.

Eventually she had to choose between Joseph Urban and Katharine Brush. Cunningly, she convinced her husband to take her studio as his home office. He reluctantly moved in there in 1936, and disturbed the decor with his big, battered desk, Ping-Pong table, and goosenecked office lamps. Brush bought eight grim, black file cabinets, lots of bookshelves, and two desks that didn't match and crammed them into her son's playroom. The walls needed painting, but she couldn't be bothered. "Money is for rich people," she wrote. "From now on, I want just enough, and not a penny more." ŝ

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THE ROMANS FOUND BATHING SO GLORIOUS THEY BUILT palaces for their cleansing routines. At some point—blame the Victorians if you will—bathrooms became tiny cubicles. But the more comfortable we become with daily routines, the more we want bathrooms to fit our lifestyles. The following pages highlight three approaches to bathroom style: soothing white rooms accented by cool green; wake-me-up rooms saturated with color; and sensuous environments that draw on nature. Often, a change of accessories is all that's needed to alter a bathroom's ambience.

### the MODERN oasis

# **Bathing Beauties**

Coolly efficient, energizing, or sensuous, the bathroom should speak your body's language

WRITTEN BY INGRID ABRAMOVITCH STYLED BY MICHAEL REYNOLDS

"I see this bathroom as a Calm, uncluttered place, compared to my professional life. It's a place where I can close the door and no one comes in, a little private spot in my house"

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ALISON SPEAR, ARCHITECT, NYC

A glass-enclosed shower, which doubles as a steam bath, has a showerhead by George Taylor that hangs from the ceiling and chrome fixtures from Kohler, all of which have been nickel-plated. Transparent accessories like the Plexiglas table from Plexi-Craft Quality Products Corp., NYC, opposite page, blend into the bathroom.

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**CR** NEW YORK ARCHITECT ALISON SPEAR, THE bathroom is one of the most important places in her home—a command central where she and her husband not only shower and get dressed but also communicate with their offices via wall phone and look over paperwork while brushing their teeth. To keep the morning rush efficient, Spear designed a bathroom with three separate zones—a toilet and bidet room, a shower and bath section, and a vanity area with sinks and drawers. Each zone can be sealed off by shutting a door. "That way, I don't get my makeup steamed off while he's in the shower," Spear says.

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Because the bathroom is the hub of so much activity, Spear knew the atmosphere in the room would need to be soothing. She wanted a "pure, almost clinical" feeling, which she achieved by using all-white materials. To give a sense of luxury, she installed warm sconce lighting and countertops made of the same fine marble used in Greek statuary.

A room that stark needed at least one "funny human element," Spear says. She found it in her collection of green opaline apothecary jars and perfume bottles. That pale shade also appears in other quiet accents, from the monograms on her towels to the wood stain on the ash drawers and cabinets. Lighten Up! Singing in the shower isn't the only way to make your bathroom resonate. You can also jazz it up with shape and light. Sconces come in almost every imaginable form, and provide light that is, remarkably, both natural and flattering.

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A pair of sconces with 60-watt bulbs roughly 30 inches apart and flanking a mirror should give enough illumination for shaving or applying makeup. With very high wattage, you risk creating glare.

"We prefer a combination of up lighting and down lighting in using sconces," says interior designer Rita J. Falkener of FSI of New York. Recessed lighting directly over a mirror is popular but harsh, she says. "Women will make mistakes when making themselves up in this kind of lighting."

Make sure you light your face, not your mirror. Unless you're a munchkin or a power forward in the NBA, place sconces about 5 feet above the floor. Shaded or shielded sconces can result in a more flattering light. Etched and frosted glass (or thermal plastic) soften light; Pyrex is a good idea around halogen lights because it won't crack when the bulbs get hot.

The best way to eliminate shadows on the face is to illuminate a mirror by positioning the light fixtures above it and along its sides, according to Tony DeLaurentis of the lighting company Flos, USA.

Two sconces are better than one. "You get a more even light," says New York interior decorator Thomas Jayne, "which is more true to life."

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 Reading light, plated brass, custom-made, Ann-Morris Antiques. 2. Robbia, handblown glass, \$630, by Ennio Pasini for VeArt Collection from Artemide. 3. Pyramid, Murano glass, \$330, by Roberto Pamio for Leucos USA. 4. Golf, Murano glass, \$242, by Renato Toso and Noti Massari for Leucos USA.
 Giulia, \$6455, by Michael Graves for Baldinger Architectural Lighting. 6. Rolla, sandblasted glass and steel, \$280, VeArt Collection from Artemide. 7. Porthole, aluminum/frosted glass, custom-made, Ann-Morris Antiques. 8. Lights Up, parchment, \$160, by Dennis Higgins for George Kovacs Lighting Inc.

### "The correct way to light a bathroom is to light the face" TONY DELAURENTIS, FLOS, USA

Sconces provide the best natural light. Spear chose several with frosted glass shades from Urban Archaeology. A bottle of Bulgari's Eau Parfumé sits beside Spear's collection of pale-green glassware. Clear glass canisters from Calvin Klein Home.

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#### the MODERN oasis #2

### "The taps pour into the terrazzo sink like water going down a stream. It's about sharing and washing at the same trough"

JAMES BIBER CARCHITECT, NYC

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Pentagram's James Biber designed the terrazzo sink, oval mirrors, and glass shower doors. Biber chose sink fixtures from the Chicago Faucets architectural line, as well as a Kohler bathtub and an American Standard toilet. The walls were covered in ceramic tile from Country Floors; the floors with old-fashioned tile from Nemo Tile. The heated towel bar is by Myson, Inc. (See page 126 for the rest of the loft). **TRADE SECRETS** If you're not planning a renovation, you can get the modern-oasis look by going on a shopping trip

Alison Spear suggests buying inexpensive chrome hardware for the bathroom and having it nickel-plated, giving it the luxurious finish of sterling silver.



wall. Spear likes the linear look and feel of a showerhead that is suspended from the ceiling.

Flowers should be used the way they are in other rooms. Here, a calla lily complements the cool green theme.

THE SPA FEEL

Bulgari Eau Parfumé \$225, Saks Fifth Avenue.

Mirror by Allied Brass \$203, Klaff's.

Bath towel, pool \$25, Calvin Klein Home.

Paris showerhead \$385, by Altmans.

Clean soap \$12 for 5, Mxyplyzyk.

Green votive glass \$10, Takashimaya.

Bath foam, \$40; bath salts, \$32, both from Emporio Armani.

Italian green-glass vase \$350, Aero Ltd.

Double soap basket \$300, Waterworks.

Ecstasy soap \$6.50, Mxyplyzyk. Gucci's Envy eau de toilette \$85, Saks Fifth Avenue.

Translucent, green handblownglass bottle, \$225, Troy.

When used as an accent on a white background, green can create a feeling of watery calm, like a swim in the Caribbean.

### barbroom drenched in color is energizing mee complement to the morning double espresso

ALEXANDER GORLIN, ARCHITECT, NTC

Architect Alexander Gorlin likes the feel of anacrylic tub, like this one from Kohler. The tiles are cobalt-blue Italian glass. The Venetian glass vase on the side of the tub is from Troy. The red towel, striped bath mat, and white ceramic soap dish are from Ad Hoc.

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E IS A TELEVISION EXECUTIVE; she is a venture capitalist. When New York architect Alexander Gorlin was hired to renovate their Tribeca loft, he noticed that the space designated for the bathroom had no windows at all—just one small skylight. To make up for the lack of light, Gorlin decided to bathe the room in saturated blue—a power color, as he puts it, for a power couple.

"I chose blue because I love blue," Gorlin says. "It's cheerful and a little astringent, and it signifies water. I was thinking of the stained-glass windows in the cathedral at Chartres, a blue with a healing quality."

While the all-white bathroom is a classic, there are those bold personalities who like to sing the body electric when they get in the shower. For them, a bathroom drenched in color is energizing, a nice complement to their morning double espressos.

"Suddenly, brights are very high-fashion in the bathroom," says Cynthia Lerner, a design director for WestPoint Stevens, Inc. "Especially cobalt or French blue and bright yellow." In designing this bathroom,

Gorlin looked at photographs of Pierre Chareau's Maison de Verre in Paris (built between 1928 and 1932), with its fastidious tile work. As luck would have it, he found the perfect tiles in Italian cobalt-blue glass.

Gorlin used this tile to cover the bathroom's walls, the shower stall, and the wall that curves around the oval bathtub. The tub is acrylic, with molded armrests. "There is nothing about the human body that demands cast iron," Gorlin observes. "There are more shapes available in acrylic, and some people love the slippery feel of it."

Before you do a bathroom in a single bold color, Gorlin warns, "be sure you love it, because you will probably live with it for a long time."

An alternative to making a long-term commitment is experimenting with a few brightly colored towels or accessories—a towel rack in tomato red or a bowl in daffodil yellow. In the end, that may be all the color lift your bathroom really needs—a sin-

gle shot of espresso rather than a double.

### Color hits

MULTICOLOR SHOWERHEAD \$95, by Ondine, Davis & Warshaw 212-593-0435

COTTON TOWEL \$19.99, by Designers Guild, Neiman Marcus 800-456-7000

TOWEL BAR \$65, by Colorella, Davis & Warshaw 212-593-0435 HANDBLOWN GLASS BOWL \$450, by Craig Winer, Margaret Bodell Gallery 212-477-1820

> TOILETRY BASKET \$155, by Gingers, Simon's Hardware & Bath 212-532-9220

or me, memorable bathrooms are in old houses, in rooms not originally designed as bathrooms, where there is *natural light*, a little more space, and one can see out" WITOLD RYBCZTNSKI, AUTHOR OF HOME

the **ROMANTIC** retreat

This bathhouse, with its vintage tub, feels like a sitting room, complete with a soft chair, antique screens, and a Greek flokati rug from Einstein Moomjy. The Noguchiesque paper lamp is from Mxyplyzyk; the white-metal, antique hospital chair is from Historical Materialism.



MAGINE A BATHROOM SO FAR removed from the stress of everyday life that it is literally separate from the main house, with not a telephone in sight. The owner of the bathroom on the two preceding pages had a rickety garden shack on her property near the ocean, on the east end of Long Island, New York. She also had an antique enameled tub. Her fantasy was to turn the shack into a freestanding



bathhouse where she could take long hot baths while looking out mullioned windows screened by the woods outside.

While the original structure could not be salvaged, architect Michael Pierce, of Pierce Allen, New York City, retained its footprint, a perfect square measuring 13 by 13 feet. On top of this square, he built what he calls a bath pavilion—a one-room building with a peaked roof and cedar walls. From the bathtub, you can stare up at the exposed-beam hip roof, where screened windows let in sea breezes. "I wanted it to feel like nature is just beyond," Pierce says.

The owner of this bathhouse furnished it like a salon, with antique French screens, a Victorian armchair, and a Greek flokati rug of shaggy sheep's wool. The muted color scheme off-whites and naturals—shows up throughout the room in the fabric, painted antiques, and rice-paper lamps.

With its views of trees and lawns, as well as a garden filled with roses, this bathing pavilion is such a pleasant place that the owner uses it for much more than bathing. "I have lunches and dinners there, and it's also quite nice to work in during the day," she says. "Recently, I lent it to a friend who was writing a book."

A ceramic cat from Rooms & Gardens, above left, is perched below a white towel from the Ralph Lauren Home Collection and, above right, a ribbed towel, a scrub brush and soap from Ad Hoc.

### The Best Soaks From cast iron to vintage zinc

There is nothing like a bath in a cast-iron tub, but what about a hot soak in cast polymer? Bathtubs come in a wide range of materials, each with benefits and disadvantages. Regardless of the kind of tub you choose, make sure your floor has adequate structural support—particularly if the room is on an upper story or has been converted from another use.

CAST IRON Cast-iron tubs retain heat well and soften the noise of running water. They are also extremely durable (many last more than fifty years) and can have a rich, deep color. On the other hand, cast-iron bathtubs can be costly and rarely come in sizes larger than 36" x 72". To protect cast-iron tubs from scratches, manufacturers coat them with an enamel or a porcelain finish that is fired at a high temperature.

ACRYLIC Molded-acrylic tubs are vacuumformed and reinforced with fiberglass. These tubs are a popular option since they are light, easy to install, and come in a variety of colors and sizes. And while they are not as durable as cast iron, acrylic tubs can be less expensive. Acrylic can become scratched, but the damage is easily repaired by a refinisher.

ENAMELED STEEL Much less expensive than cast iron and acrylic, steel tubs are

lighter and easier to install. However, because they are molded from sheets of steel, the sound of water pouring into a



metal tub can be loud. Steel tubs lose heat quickly and dent easily, and the enamel finish is thin and vulnerable to chipping.

GEL-COATED FIBERGLASS Before acrylic, there was gel-coated fiberglass, which is basically a molded polyester gel coat sprayed over fiberglass. This material is a cheap, attractive option for a bathtub. Unfortunately, these tubs lack depth of color and are prone to cracks and scratches. But like acrylic tubs, they are easily repaired by a refinisher.

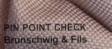
CAST POLYMERS While marble and stone are too porous to work as bathtub materials, there is an alternative: cast polymer, also known as cultured marble, cultured onyx, and cultured granite. Cast polymers are made by mixing marble dust, resins, and epoxies. Less expensive than acrylics, these tubs are typically installed in modules, with matching wall guards and tub skirts, eliminating the need for tiles and grout. However, they are not very durable; their colors fade, and their finishes tend to crack around drains.

VINTAGE TUBS Vintage tubs come in cast iron, copper, zinc, and porcelain. They are usually heavier and thicker than their modern counterparts. Vintage cast-iron tubs (which can be dated by a manufacturer's stamp on the tub's underbelly) also hold heat longer. But because bathtub dimensions were not standardized until the late 1940s (most modern tubs measure 60" by 31"), you may need to order custom fixtures to go with your vintage tub. A simple alternative is to fill any predrilled holes with stoppers and to use freestanding faucets and mixers mounted on the wall or floor. —LYGEIA GRACE

### Fabric Softeners Curtains and slipcovers can work in the bathroom

Fabric can change the whole look of a bathroom. A few ideas:

TERRY: Designer Vicente Wolf uses terry for more than towels. He uses terry fabric for slipcovers and even shower curtains. "Terry has a plush, sybaritic, spa-like feel," he says. WASHABLE FABRICS: Since fabric absorbs moisture, use washable textiles like cotton rather than silks and wools. Michael Smith, a Los Angeles interior decorator, covers bathroom furniture with slipcovers that can be laundered in a washing machine. TEXTURE: Smooth fabrics show stains, so choose textured fabrics like cotton piqué and matelassé. These give furniture a "crisp look," says New York interior designer Renny Saltzman, who uses Summer Hill's Waffle Waffle piqué on daybeds, which he finishes with a piqué dust ruffle.



TARRY Rogers & Goffingon Ltd. MOUTON J. Robert Scott

WAFFLE WAFFLE Summer Hill Ltd. PATTERN #15682 Kravet

FAB POOL HOUSE Ralph Lauren Home Collection

SUNBURST Waverly JULIETTE Manuel Canovas Inc

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"Bathrooms are about more than tile and fixtures: sometimes you need fabric to pull the overall scheme together and soften it up"

VICTORIA HAGAN, INTERIOR DESIGNER, NYC

TRADE SECRETS Candles, leopard prints, and textured fabric bring nature to the romantic retreat

Don't put romance on a budget. Cover a table with beeswax candles and light them all, making the bathroom a sensuous place.

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Give a bathroom the feel of a bedroom by bringing in a soft wool or cotton rug, or a comfortable armchair. Natural products such as wool and sisal can soften the edges of a room, especially a bathroom. But if you use them there, don't forget to air them regularly.

Search the pantry for accessories. An antique dough bowl can hold scrub mitts and cakes of soap. SENSUAL AND NATURAL: OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:

Turkish natural terry robe, cotton \$110, Terra Verde. Wooden comb and brush \$22 and \$31, Emporio Armani. Leopard-printed bath towel \$20, Ralph Lauren Home Collection. Bath towel, \$14.99, Martex. Sponge, \$18, Takashimaya. White-wood-and-metal antique chair \$275, Aero Ltd. Bamboo candle, \$38, Ad Hoc. Wrapped beeswax candle \$30, Portico Bed & Bath. Birch bath salts, \$15, Ad Hoc. Scented candles from Donna Karan Beauty's Scents & Sensuality Collection, \$42-\$58. Natural waffle-fabric slippers \$35, Takashimaya. THIS PAGE FROM TOP Russel Wright ceramic vase \$125, Mood Indigo. Friction mitt, \$48, L'Occitane. Antique ceramic bowl \$480, Rooms & Gardens. Swiss Co. bath brush, \$19, Ad Hoc. Olive/laurel soap, \$9.50, Ad Hoc. Pool towel, cotton \$40, Calvin Klein Home.

Horn bowl and brush \$78 and \$165, Portico Bed & Bath.

Tub made of Japanese white cedar \$3,700, Oriental Hinoki Products.

# BETTER THAN

### JAMES BIBER, OF PENTAGRAM, DESIGNS A LOFT

### THAT'S NOT CUTTING-EDGE MODERN, JUST SMART

James Biber is a rarity among designers: a modernist who is not above letting his arm be twisted by clients who can't make up their minds about the style they want for their Greenwich Village loft. "We went through

a lot," explains Biber, a forty-four-year-old architect who is a partner at Pentagram, the multifaceted New York design firm.

There was an Art Deco phase, a Mission phase, and a kind of high-tech, industrial phase before the 2,500-square-foot loft that belongs to a young couple took its final form. "What they wanted was something invented just for them, rather than simply borrowing the visual imagery from all these modern styles," Biber says.

Enter Biber's own distillation of some of the ideas and furniture designs of "early modern"—with an emphasis on the 1940s. "They liked the design integrity of that period," he explains. From the custom-made, hand-milled, brushed-aluminum door handles to the eight-foot-long double bathroom sink that is a trough of sparkling green-andwhite terrazzo (see page 114) to the luxurious, sweeping, padded-leather door, the loft is a clever combination of past and present design. "My notion is that nothing in design is really new," says Biber. "It's just reinterpreted and given new meaning."

While it borrows iconic references from earlier in the century, the loft casts these classic forms in a new light: A 1953 bookcase by Charlotte Perriand and Jean Prouvé was the inspiration for the two large, floor-to-ceiling storage units in the living room that hold tapes, CDs, knickknacks, and books; the legs of Jean-Michel Frank's famous 1940 sandedoak table became the catalyst for Biber's own version of the shapely legs. In their reincarnation, they become the conduits for the

BY SUZANNE SLESIN PHOTOGRAPHED BY MICHEL ARNAUD STYLED BY BARBARA KURGAN

A colorful storage unit, designed by Pentagram, which harks back to a bookcase by Charlotte Perriand and Jean Prouvé, anchors the living area. The T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbings table came from the Lin Weinberg shop in New York. The vase is from Troy. Dialogica chairs are covered in a Glant Textiles chenille. The rug is by Christine Van Der Hurd.





The expansive open kitchen was installed as two large armoires and a freestanding worktable, the latter inspired by the worktables in traditional Italian houses. The shapely table legs mimic those on a 1940 Jean-Michel Frank table and contain the plumbing, gas lines, and electrical wiring. All the cabinetry, of Makassar ebony and dyed tulipwood, was designed by Biber and made by the Craftsman Workshop in Eastwood, New York. The hardware was custom-made by Giovannitti, Inc. The industrial faucets on the stainless-steel sink, top, are from Chicago Faucets. The Miele oven, above, and dishwasher, right, have been fitted into cabinets. The cooktop, right, is from Russell Range. The Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer are hidden behind doors or in pullout drawers.

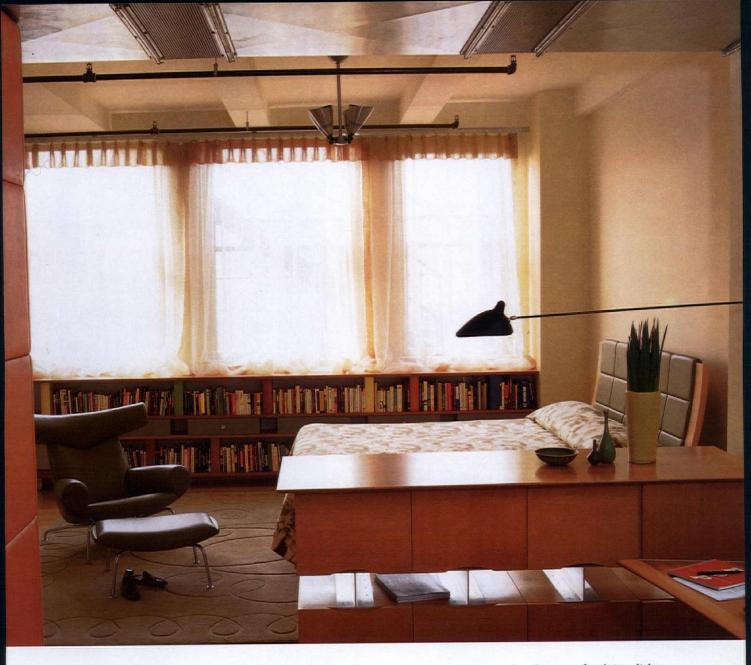


THE COMPLETELY CUSTOM-DESIGNED KITCHEN IS "A KIND OF BALANCING ACT BETWEEN EXPRESSING AND CONCEALING EVERYTHING"

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electrical, gas, and plumbing lines to the kitchen island; and Frank's luxurious, leather-upholstered walls, originally designed for a Parisian gentleman's smoking room, are the models for the nine-foot-square combination partition and door that allows the bedroom to be closed off from the rest of the space.

The kitchen—a large table and two large cabinets—takes up the central part of the loft, and was meant to be, Biber says, "as presentable as any room in the house." That meant custom-made spice and wine racks, a broom closet, and recycling bins, and an oven and refrigerator that are enclosed behind cabinet doors finished in Makassar ebony and tulipwood veneer dyed in shades of yellow and green. "It's a kind of balancing act between expressing and concealing everything," says the architect. A Sub-Zero freezer and refrigerator are ensconced in pullout drawers—the latest kitchen must-haves—and there is what the architect describes as a "little chapel to dishwashing": an industrial restaurant sprayer has been installed in a stainless-steel alcove along with teak-lined drying racks. "That's obsessively indulgent, but he genuinely enjoys it all," says Biber of one of the owners' unusual enthusiasm for doing dishes.

Vintage pieces from the 1940s and 1950s—including lighting by Jean Royère and Serge Mouille, a chair by Hans Wegner, a cabinet by Jean Prouvé, as well as a dining-room table and chairs by T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbings—add a layer of authenticity to the interior. "I feel it's not an accident that people today are interested in the forties and fifties, because that was a time of inventions with a mass-market appeal that reached a broader audience than ever before," Biber says. "I feel we're in an optimistic, new, modern period." The architect pauses. "But it's always different the second time around." And how does he define the look he has wrought? "Just my latest," he says.

The dining area, opposite page, has a table and chairs by T.H. Robsjohn-Gibbings, from Design for Living. The chairs are covered in a Larsen chenille. The rug is by Maurice Vellekoop, the accessories from Calvin Klein Home, and the vase from Troy. In the bedroom, above, the Hans Wegner lounge and ottoman are in a Spinneybeck leather. Larsen's Cumulus fabric and Carnegie's Serenade were made into draperies by Mary Bright. Sources, see back of book.

## Boston Uncommon

TIMOTHY HAYNES AND KEVIN ROBERTS MAKE A PRIM NEW ENGLAND HOUSE COME ALIVE WITH OPULENCE AND COLOR

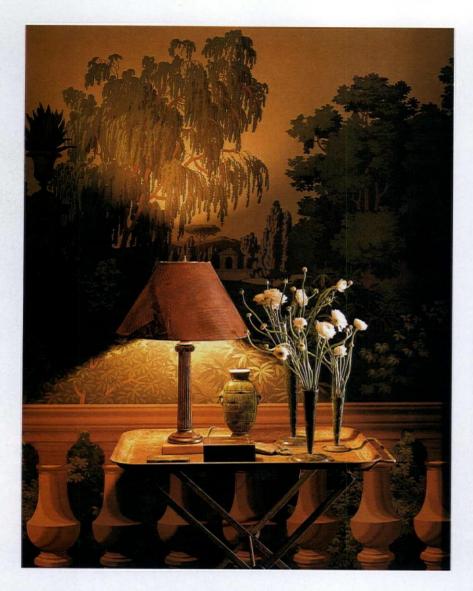
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Scenic wallpaper from Zuber & Cie helps make the library cozy and enveloping, a place you can "just flop," says Roberts. French Art Deco leather chairs from James Hepner Antiques in New York coexist happily with a Ralph Lauren Home Collection sofa whose pillows are covered in Clarence House's Strapwork and Aubrac. The English captain's chest and mahogany chair are from Ann-Morris Antiques in New York. The mohair curtains are by Clarence House; the Oushak rug is from Frank Swim Antiques in Hudson, New York.

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An antique trolley from Anthony Garden Boutique in New York is in the library, above. The dining room, right, is an international (and largely 18th-century) feast. The table is from Victor Antiques in New York; chairs are from Sentimento. The chandelier is from Pierre Deux Antiques. Antique French mirror, on the right, is from John Rosselli International; Chinese chairs flank an Italian commode, all from Richard Kazarian Antiques in Providence, Rhode Island. The Italian sconce is from John J. Gredler Works of Art in New York.

IMOTHY HAYNES HAS a word for the habit some architects have of swaddling the most unattractive projects in swirls of theory and verbiage: he calls it "talkitecture." His wry criticism is typical of the straightforward approach of the Haynes-Roberts design team. The company is an unusual combination of the design expertise that Haynes acquired at Harvard and the eclecticism that Kevin Roberts learned to prize on his way to earning advanced degrees in cultural anthropology.

When the team was called in by their friends and clients Joan and Elon Kohlberg to take a look at a three-story Georgian Revival house in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Haynes and Roberts didn't try to minimize the problems. The house, they agreed, was in many ways perfect for the Kohlbergs. It was nestled in a cul-de-sac in a lovely, historic neighborhood dotted with architectural gems. It was close to Harvard, where Elon teaches at the business school. The third floor could be turned





over to the couple's two young sons. "It only had three problems," Roberts says. "It lacked architectural detail, dignity, and style."

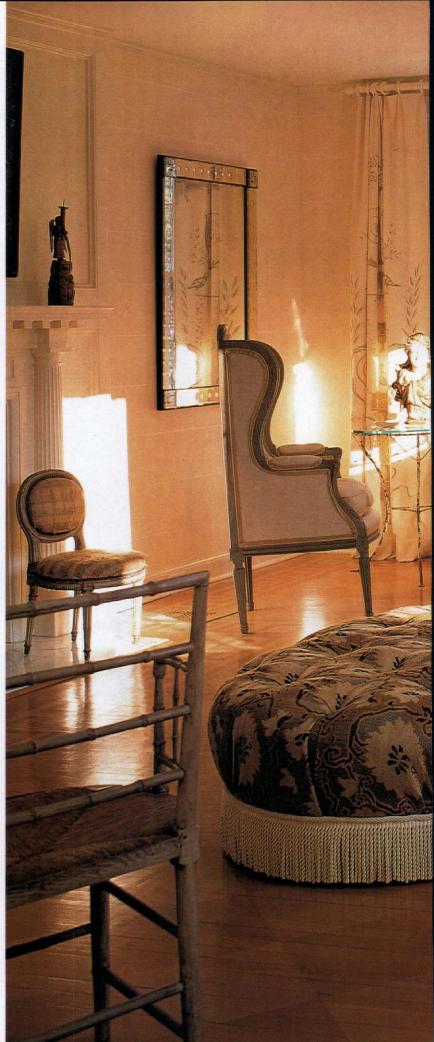
Whoops. The Kohlbergs wanted the house because of its location, but since they also have an eye for design and are accustomed to elegant living, making the house live up to their standards was, as Roberts admits, "a challenge."

Before the Kohlbergs bought the house, it had dark floors, dark furniture, and low ceilings. The design team decided to make the rooms feel more expansive by painting the entry hall, dining room, and living room floors in a light saffronand-butterscotch chessboard pattern. "You get the sense of the floor as one plane that moves out," says Roberts.

Now, when you sit in the dining room, your eye is pulled right through the hall and the living room, so you feel as if you're in one 50-foot room. Because the floor is beautiful, it grabs your eye, and because it has a pattern to it, your eye remains interested. It's one of the most successful features of the house.

Once the floors were transformed, the furniture had to change. Everything had to be up on legs so the plane established by the floor wouldn't be broken. "That was an eighteenth-century style," Roberts says, "so I knew I had to use eighteenth-century furniture." And because expanding and lightening the rooms were priorities, Roberts also wanted the furniture and drapes to be done in light colors.





To preserve the plane created by saffron-and-butterscotch, chessboard-patterned floors, the designers used furniture with bare legs, an 18thcentury favorite. The wing chair, left, from Richard Kazarian, is covered in Brunschwig & Fils fabric. An Italian sofa from Boston's Charles River Street Antiques is upholstered in Artois Silk from Christopher Norman. The ottoman from Rose Cumming Ltd. in New York is upholstered in Clarence House's Mosaico with a Houlès trim. The curtain fabric is Zuber & Cie's Vase et Oiseaux. The room's muted palette gets sparkle from a mirrored coffee table, also from Rose Cumming. Cumming herself once owned the 17th-century Italian dog bed, lower right and opposite page.





An antique French dressing table from Wyeth in New York and a reproduction footed bathtub by George Taylor Specialties dominate the master bathroom, opposite page. New but old-fashioned-looking floor tiles are by American Olean; the lighting fixtures are from Urban Archaeology. Family photographs, which withstand steam heat in a way some art won't, hang on the wall, whose intense, bright-gold paint gives the room added boldness. Haynes-Roberts designed the master-bedroom headboard, above, which is covered in Rose Cumming's Wiltshire cotton chintz. The black-striped Antibes draperies with gilded tiebacks are also from Rose Cumming. The quilt is from Paula Rubenstein in New York; the tables are from Robert Altman Antiques in New York.

The curtains in the dining and living rooms are hand-blocked in a creamcolored pattern on artist's muslin. Roberts describes the design as well suited to "a family that wanted elegance without formality."

HROUGHOUT THE HOUSE the color scheme is light buttery creams, whites, some touches of olive green and dove gray for depth and variety. The designers removed dark-green marble from the fireplace and replaced it with white statuary marble, and added mirrors—most of them eighteenth-century—wherever they could to give a sense of space.

Dealing with the absence of significant architectural detail was trickier. The designers' usual response would have been to add elegant moldings and trim, but that would have made some ceilings seem even lower. They decided to start by returning the rooms to their original style. That meant, for example, ripping out the granite-and-Formica kitchen and redoing all the modernized bathrooms. "We wanted those rooms to look inevitable," Roberts says. They painted the kitchen cream, added wainscoting, and installed a painted tin ceiling to add texture and detail. They laid octagonal white tiles on the kitchen and bathroom floors and installed raised wooden wall panels in the dining room.

The small den off the kitchen presented another problem: the entry to it was cramped. They opened it up, creating a large, rectangular doorway. "You had these elegant rooms that were perfect for dining and cocktails," Roberts says, "but where could you just flop?" The den was designated for that purpose, but it was small and needed texture. To make it cozy, they turned to scenic wallpaper.

Developed in the early nineteenth century, scenics made from

Joan Kohlberg, one of the house's owners, shows off Brunschwig & Fils's Gallier Diamond wallpaper, opposite page. The stair runner, designed by Haynes-Roberts, is by Stark. A pale-hued guest bedroom, this page, has an antique look that is appealing in its femininity. The sea-grass flooring is from Stark; the Kedleston wallpaper is by Quadrille. The Rose Cumming dressing table, left, is skirted in Clarion Stripe from Travers; iron beds and a painted chest are from Hope & Wilder Home. Sources, see back of book.

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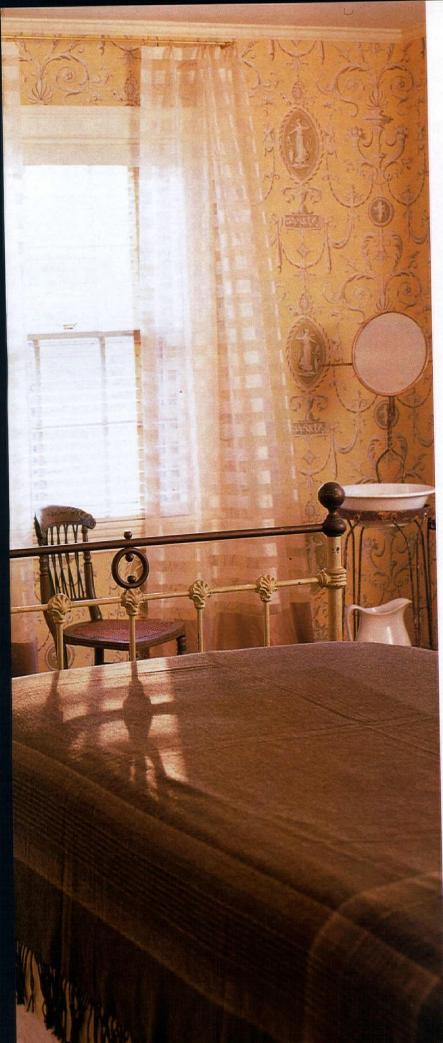
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hand-carved wooden blocks produce a lifelike landscape when hung in contiguous panels. "The effect was to envelop you, as if you had removed the walls and were looking at the scene outside," Haynes says. It was an expensive choice, but a dramatic one.

The designers chose paper from Zuber & Cie, since the company uses two-hundred-year-old blocks. They built bookcases and cabinetry on one wall to hide the TV and stereo and matched the paint on this wall to one of the colors in the lush, green garden scene on the other three walls. For comfort, the designers chose antique leather furniture (the kind that looks better the more you beat it up), a Ralph Lauren sofa, and a beautiful Oushak rug in a muted olive green. As an added touch, they covered the bottoms of the walls with wallpaper in a dark-green-andbrown balustrade design that mimics the balustrade at the front of the house.

Visiting today, you'd never imagine that the light, airy house had ever suffered from having claustrophobic rooms and almost no interesting architectural touches. The original problems have, as if by magic, disappeared. But the sorcerers' secrets are explained by the design team's brew—a tasteful and imaginative mixture of architecture, design, and psychology.

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### temporary contemporary

A dynamic couple keeps their duplex and their first-class art collection in permanent flux, thanks to DD Allen and Michael Pierce OU MIGHT CALL IT A DOUBLE CEREMONY: the actual marriage—a year ago—of Ann Tenenbaum (who sits on the boards of the DIA Center for the Arts, the Film Society of Lincoln Center, and Sarah Lawrence College) and Thomas H. Lee (who owns a Boston-based leveragedbuyout company) that joined not only man and woman but two passionate art collectors; and the harmonious union of what can sometimes be a rocky relationship—the pairing of art and furniture.

DD Allen and Michael Pierce, of Pierce Allen, a New York design and architecture firm, were the agile catalysts in the redecoration of a 4,372-square-foot duplex to suit the couple and their collections. Tenenbaum and Lee are also arranging to buy the floor below. "I wanted a home that was elegant and warm, where people would feel comfortable," says Tenenbaum, who was afraid that visitors would ask, "*Who* lives here?" instead of knowing at a glance that, as she says, "it was us."

"Furniture should work with the art, not fight it," Lee concurs. "From the paint to the window treatments, we wanted to create a pleasant environment for living with art, instead of

### "We are definitely living with art, and the furniture and decor are helping us"

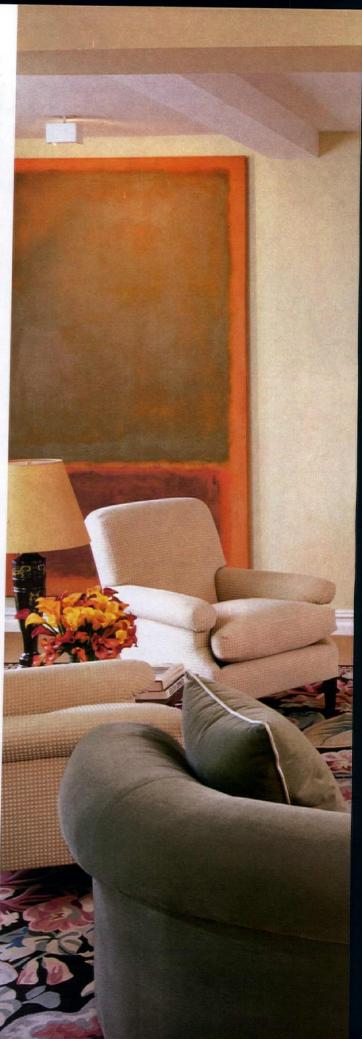
feeling as if we were in a museum. We are definitely living with the art—and the furniture and decor are helping us."

The collection—paintings by Monet, Rothko, Gorky, Pollock, Rauschenberg, Mondrian, Arp, Johns, and Clemente; photographs by Arbus, Frank, and Stieglitz; and Egyptian, Siamese, and Khmer antiquities—could have overwhelmed any interior. But Allen and Tenenbaum were determined to create a felicitous framework that would keep the art in perspective. The fireplace was stripped and made more important, walls were opened up, and Allen and Tenenbaum went shopping. They found a mid-twentieth-century French needlepoint rug for the living room; a pair of Ruhlmann armchairs from Paris; a huge silk Fortuny shade to hang over the dining-room table; and polka-dotted gilded china to add an extra note of glamour.

Tenenbaum hesitated when it came to deciding where to hang the Monet. "I thought of it as formal and fancy," she says. Allen suggested the master bedroom. "I love the idea of waking up and seeing it every day," Tenenbaum remarks.

Other successful marriages between art and space were arranged: An ancient Egyptian mummy mask sits at the bottom of a swirling stair; Clemente drawings parade along one wall of the study; jade, opaline, and Peking glass stand under a joyful Gorky still life; and Frank Moore's arresting *Freedom to Share* and Otto Decker's cutout of blue jeans are in the gym, along with exercise equipment and bottled water.

"I like to collect things from all periods," Tenenbaum says. "What they all have in common is a lot more interesting than what fifteen Rothkos have in common. And if you buy things you love, they will make sense together."

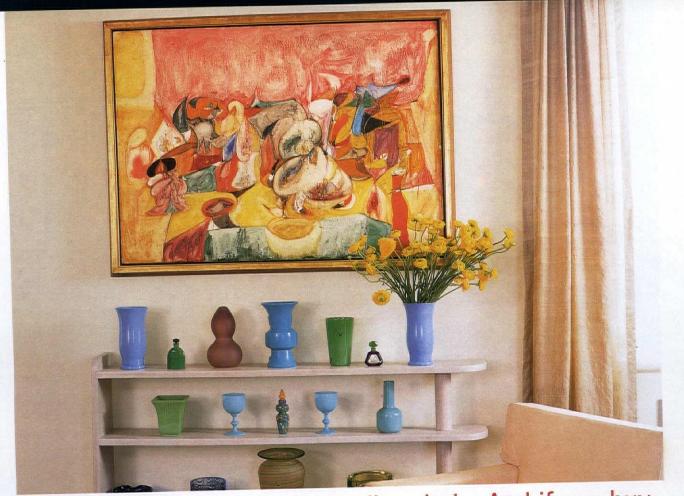




In this casual integration of art and furnishings, a sculpture by George Stoll, previous pages, sits on a French café table from Robert Altman Antiques, beneath a gouache by Mondrian. An Egyptian mummy mask marks the bottom of the circular stair. In the living room, this page, the sofa and armchairs were chosen to allow a comfortable view of paintings by Rothko, Pollock, and Sigmar Polke. The sofa fabrics are from ABC Carpet & Home, and the chair fabric is from Zimmer+Rohde. A 1970 lead relief by Jasper Johns stands to the right of the fireplace, and an Arp marble sits by the love seat. Rosewood tables from British Khaki are on a French needlepoint rug from Karl Kemp.

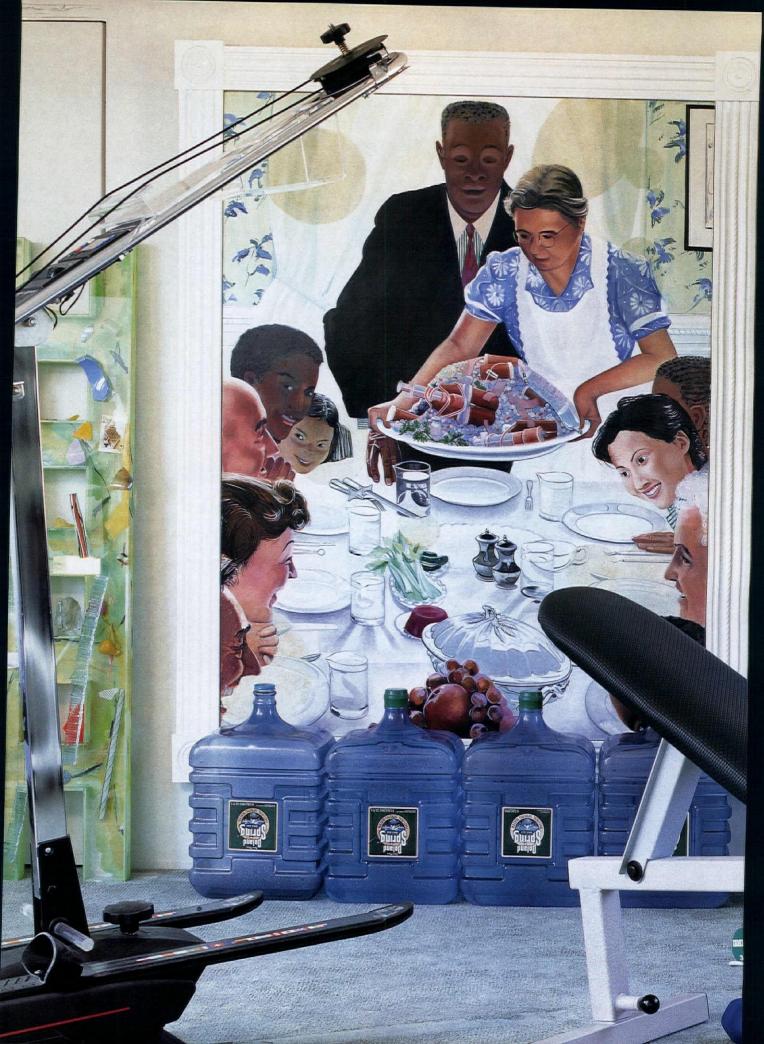
Domestic objects and high art achieve peaceful coexistence in the dining room, this page. A 15th-century sculpted monk's head from Siam stands on the windowsill, while the polka-dotted dishes from Wolfman-Gold & Good Company and the tortoiseshell glasses from Ad Hoc offer reflecting surfaces on the table. A 1950 French oak bookcase from Robert Altman Antiques, opposite page, top, displays Chinese glass that echoes the 1944 Gorky painting above it. The chair is a Jean Michel Frank design from Galerie Vallois, in Paris. The drapery fabric is from ABC Carpet & Home. In the study, bottom, the 1860 worktable, and Regency chair, now in a Clarence House mohair velour, are from Ann-Morris Antiques. Pastels by Francesco Clemente.

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The art in the exercise room, left, strikes a relaxed note: Frank Moore's *Freedom to Share* stars, along with a ladder-like mixed-media piece by Therman Statom, and Otto Decker's jeans sculpture against the 1930 French lockers from Robert Altman. The carpeting is from Stark. A 1961 Rauschenberg hangs in the living room, top, framed by Ruhlmann chairs from Vallois, in Paris; the table is from Wyeth, in New York. The drapery fabric is from ABC Carpet & Home. A Monet and a Church hang in the bedroom, above. Sources, see back of book.

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## The ROMANCE of the ROSE

Ellen Shipman's garden for a historic Virginia house has itself become a celebrated piece of landscape history

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"IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO PICK FLOWERS... A ROSE TO HOLD ALL THE WAY TO SCHOOL SEEMED WELL WORTH THE PUNISHMENT

ELLEN SHIPMAN



The statue of a cherub, an original part of Ellen Shipman's design, previous pages, stands beneath lonic columns billowing with climbing roses and underplanted with antique bearded iris. Wreathed in 'Dr. W. Van Fleet' roses, a reproduction of Michelangelo's head of David, opposite page, is affixed to a garden wall. A functional architectural ornament, the birdbath, this page above, is used to anchor the hybrid tea beds.

F GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE could take a posthumous stroll through the gardens at Chatham, the house that once belonged to his mother-in-law on the Rappahannock River in Virginia, he might be excused for believing that the South had finally won the war. The profusion of flowers and blossoming shrubs bursting from their beds, the roses entwining the beams and pillars and upholstering the walls, might help erase the painful memory of Union artillery pounding Fredericksburg from one of the South's most beautiful gardens. But if he learned that the magnificent resurrection of the grounds belonging to the house where he courted his wife was the work of a Yankee, and a Yankee divorcée at that, he might wish himself back into the grave. For the garden we see today at Chatham was the creation of the talented Ellen Biddle Shipman, who completed it around 1925.

Shipman was a prolific but largely unsung garden architect, whose career spanned the first half of this century. Only recently has the prodigious talent of this advocate for female accomplishment been examined by garden historians and feminist scholars. A new biography, by Judith Tankard, and a traveling exhibit of photographs of her gardens, as well as restorations of her work, testify to the important legacy of a woman who was largely self-taught and had few material or social advantages, but who eventually could claim Astors, du Ponts, and Fords as her clients. Shipman could work on a modest as well as a grand scale, and was equally at home doing wild gardens, colonial gardens, formal gardens, and



### "UNTIL WOMEN TOOK UP LANDSCAPING, GARDENING IN THIS COUNTRY WAS AT ITS LOWEST & BB"

ELLEN SHIPMAN



gardens compatible with Arts and Crafts architecture, all of which benefited from her romantic and intimate approach to landscaping.

Chatham's seductive and authentic antebellum atmosphere is entirely the result of Shipman's ease and familiarity with the neoclassical style, and in no way resembles the stiff restorations characteristic of Williamsburg. In fact, there is good reason to believe that the original gardens were on the other side of the house and that the present site was a cornfield. No matter. This is the design of a master gardener, whose signature touches are still instructive today and are easily identified by those familiar with her work.

Axial parterres bordered in box and bedded out with pansies, above, surround four standard wisteria planted to form a weeping umbrella of lavender racemes over garden statuary. A sculpture of the Roman goddess Ceres, robed in moss and surrounded by pink weigela, left, faces the house's gates.

Shipman's adaptation of a colonial-revival garden retained the essential elements of the colonial period geometric beds bordered with English boxwood but she softened it with her exuberant use of flowers and the strategic placement of miniature apple trees and classical garden ornaments.

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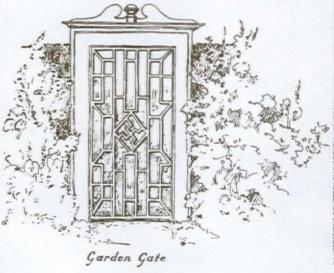


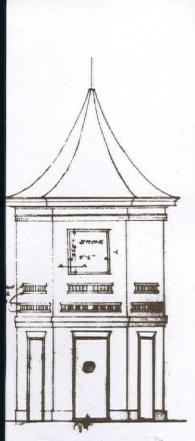
## STRUCTURES FOR A GARDEN HAVEN

 ∧ BUSTED The whitewashed brick walls enclosing the gardens at Chatham are topped with urns and statuary. Greek and Roman busts add further architectural interest to the display of climbing roses.
 ∨ SPOUTING OFF Water lilies, Siberian water iris, and a lead fish leap from the reflecting pool, below. The Chippendalestyle gate, below right, is one that Shipman used in a number of her gardens. Far right, Shipman on her eightieth birthday. NSPIRED BY AMBITION AND PRESSED BY PENURY, Ellen Shipman sought and accepted every sort of garden project during her fifty-year career, but she never wavered in her conviction that gardens were meant to provide a "domestic haven," an "intimate shelter"—a refuge from the stress of modern life. She felt that the house and garden formed a family unit: The multipurpose garden structures sketched on her landscape plans typically reflected her sense that these smaller buildings should resemble the main house "as children resemble their parents." From the walls protecting her gardens to the individually crafted gates and fences, her designs inspired a sense of security, while her lush plantings provided a measure of coziness.









FRONT ELEVATION



< GUEST AGAIN Shipman's photograph appears alongside her signature in the guest book of one of her clients. Unlike some of her male counterparts, she made a point of visiting her gardens twice a year.

#### V PENTHOUSE AVIARY

Shipman's drawing of a dovecote that sits atop a toolshed, below, was done to encourage a client from Vermont to adopt this efficient and charming structure.

### "PRIVACY IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTE OF ANY GARDEN"

< **PIGEONEER** The lines of this classical hexagon, left, recall one of the designs for a birdhouse and garden shed developed by Charles Platt, the classical and eclectic architect who first encouraged Shipman to pursue a career in landscape gardening.



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#### *<ARMED ENCOUNTERS*

A multipurpose structure—a covered arbor and garden seats—straddles a walkway of brick and slate. The uneven path, a device Shipman favored, leads to a pond surrounded by colorful summer annuals.

#### > ARCHITECTURE FOR THE BIRDS In a style that brings to mind both Lutyens and Lego, Ellen Shipman's triple-

decker brick dovehouse reveals her wry sense of humor at work in an out-of-the-way part of the garden—the parking area and garage. Sources, see back of book.







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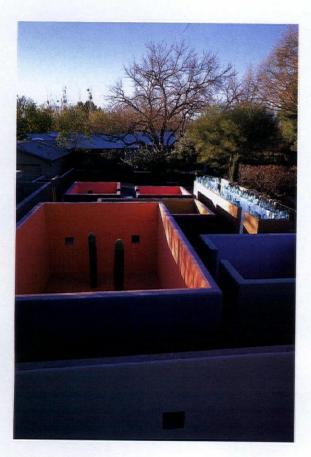
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In a Martha Schwartz garden, spiritual refreshment is served with ample helpings of color and wit written by wendy moonan photographed by christopher baker produced by senga mortimer

"Trying to find virtue in lowly, inexpensive materials is inevitable if one wishes to proceed into the future with optimism"

MARTHA SCHWARTZ





ELIGHT MAY BE THE AIM OF MOST GARDENERS, but it's not Martha Schwartz's only priority. The Cambridge, Massachusetts-based artist and landscape architect is as determined to excite the mind as she is the heart. Her edgy landscapes put you on guard and off-balance as well as soothe and refresh.

Her new garden for Sam and Anne Davis on the outskirts of El Paso, Texas, is quintessential Schwartz—an uplifting, invigorating, and puzzling experience, rather like strolling through a candy-colored maze and undergoing electroshock therapy at the same time. Surprises follow each other as you slip from one garden room to the next: one has a wall with menacing nails; another is crowned with shards of blue glass.

Small, square windows cut into certain walls offer tantalizing glimpses of what's to come. There are no plants apart from cacti. ("I think it's more important to make a place for people than to make a place for a tree," Schwartz has said.) You could conclude that this is more a work of art than a garden, but Schwartz would probably reply that it is equal parts of both.

"You can do whatever you want within this box," Anne Davis told Schwartz when she brought her to Texas in 1994. Davis was referring to a walled area between her herbaceous borders and the garage. "We were in a kind of no-man's-land,"

Schwartz poses with swirls of her trademark Day-Glo; a saguaro cactus punctuates the Davis garden's Orange Room, previous pages. A glimpse into the Bath Room, opposite page, with shards of broken blue glass on its walls. The mirrored Changing Room, with its audience of cacti, above, and a view of the shoe-box garden, left.

"That is the function of a garden: to allow a person the psychological space



### to dream, think, rest, or disengage from the world" MARTHA SCHWARTZ

The glistening chunks of broken blue glass arranged on the walls of the Bath Room are a witty, and beautiful, reference to the menacing glass shards put on walls in Mexico to discourage burglars.



says Schwartz, "a shoe box, 37 by 60 feet."

After trying to coax an English border out of the El Paso desert for twenty-five years, Davis was ready for something new. She had three rules: "I asked for a lowmaintenance garden with some Mexican influence, since we're on the border. I asked for cacti. And I said I didn't want to to see the old garden from the new one."

The rest was up to Schwartz.

A professor at Harvard's Graduate School of Design, Schwartz was trained as an artist and a landscape architect. As mentors, she claims such environmental artists as Robert Smithson and Michael Heizer. "I approach landscape design as

an artist, not as a horticulturist or environmentalist."

She calls herself "queen of the low-budget jobs" for the cheap materials she's had to use for such new-wave landscapes as Atlanta's Rio Shopping Center and the King County Jailhouse plaza in Seattle, A garden for New York City's Federal Plaza, former site of Richard Serra's *Tilted Arc*, is just completed.

In El Paso, Schwartz envisioned a folly within the larger garden. She built six garden rooms inside the original wall. "It's my interpretation of what a Mexican garden means," she says. "Mexican gardens tend to be formal, geometric, and spare. The essence of a Mexican garden is walls. There is a clear definition between public and private, inside and outside."

Schwartz is famous for her Day-Glo palette, but here she



has mixed bright hues with somber ones. Exterior walls are "dark, gloomy, almost forbidding colors, which tend to disappear at night." Interior walls of pink and orange are like "lanterns that glow." It's like Mexico, she says, where "color is used to transform, express, individualize an environment."

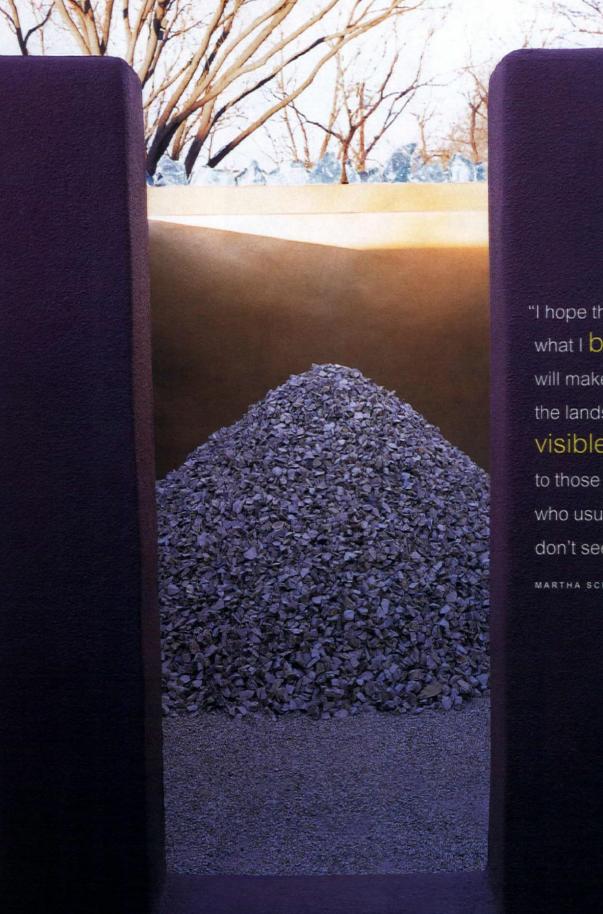
Each room has a different intention. The idea behind the Gold Room, which has a view of the Rockies, is to capture the "borrowed" landscape, the mountain peak, and bring it into the garden "to make you think about your relationship to it."

The Changing Room, with a mirrored wall and a bed of prickly cacti in front of

a pink wall, is purposely unsettling. "It's the idea of vulnerability," she says. "You are exposed, standing in a bed of cactus."

As in so much of her work, Martha Schwartz is playing a game here, to keep the visitor off balance. "It makes the whole less static," she says. "The idea is to play with your psychology. Gardens are psychological spaces. They take you from your everyday world to someplace else."

Anne Davis, above, wanted to keep her old pool, top, so Schwartz designed the garden rooms to be reflected in it. The somber exteriors of the rooms contrast with their glowing blue, white, pink, and orange interiors. In the Gold Room, opposite page, a stone-chip mound is meant to "borrow" the landscape of the Rockies. Sources, see back of book.



"I hope that what I build will make the landscape visible

who usually don't see it"

MARTHA SCHWARTZ

#### IN SEASON

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 90) holds up a perfect specimen, glazed to a mahogany frizzle by an initial oil rub and frequent water bastings. These all-important hunks of salty skin, their sharp crackle juxtaposed against a silky underlay of fat, may be the ultimate Puerto Rican soul food. They add drama to the mild, *adobo*-seasoned pork meat—a version of *lechón*, the whole, spit-roasted pig that is the island's preferred festal dish.

O THE GUESTS GREET THEIR lunch like an old friend, from the homey white-bean stew to the rice scented with garlic and thyme. Best of all is a side dish of tiny ladyfinger bananas caramelized with the indigenous sugarcane molasses, lime, and a delirious jolt of rosemary. Ayala rolls his eyeballs ecstatically as he describes the very hot butter and high heat required to cook them properly, the mere "hair" of molasses it takes. Finally alighting at the table, he reminisces about bananas past. "When I was a kid, white rice, fried egg with a soft yolk, and ladyfinger bananas-that was our meal."

It is hard not to think of the little bananas he produces in his grown-up incarnation at Chayote: molten under an airy tempura batter, turning a terrine of fresh foie gras into a vortex of softnesses that is pure Ayala. To eat it is to sample the audacity and adventuresomeness that prompted this island boy to apprentice himself to such haute cuisine gurus as Joel Robuchon, and Eric Ripert of Le Bernardin, fashioning his own culinary education. And it is also to sample a luxury that always has home at its heart.

After hours and hours of eating and drinking in the epic Puerto Rican party style, people are still picking at an array of *dulces*, the island sweets set out on Henry Klumb's serene, built-in benches. "*Mira!* I'm leaving!" Ayala announces as the sun sinks and the air begins to cool. Of course, it's not that simple. At the very foot of the rain forest, in the town of Loíza, he and Rolando pass eight conga players outside one of the open-air bars that dot the island. There's an impromptu street party right out on the sidewalk. Ayala just has to stop.



PERFECTION SALAD Fruits and vegetables with grenadine-and-nutmeg dressing.

#### RECIPES

#### ALMOJABANAS (FRITTERS) served with SALT COD GUACAMOLE

#### Makes 4 dozen

1 1/2 cups milk

- 12 ounces rice flour (whole-wheat flour, ground in a food processor until fine, may be substituted)
- 5 large eggs
- 1/2 pound grated aged Gouda cheese
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 quart peanut oil

Bring milk to a simmer over medium heat, add the flour, and whisk rapidly until the mixture is smooth and thick.

Remove from heat, and beat in eggs, one at a time, making sure that each egg is thoroughly incorporated into the flour mixture before adding the next. Add the cheese, baking powder, and salt. Let the batter stand for at least one hour before frying.

To fry the almojabanas: Pour the peanut oil into a deep, heavy, 11" skillet, and heat over medium-high heat until a deep-fat thermometer measures 375°. Exercise care when cooking with hot oil. Cover a baking rack with paper towels for draining the fritters. Using a tablespoon, spoon 8 fritters into the skillet and fry until dark golden brown on one side. (The oil should not cover the almojabanas.) Turn the fritters, and brown the other sides. Remove and place on the baking rack to drain. Repeat procedure with remaining batter.

When cool enough to handle, slice almost

all the way through, and fill with a tablespoon of the salt cod guacamole. Serve immediately.

SALT COD GUACAMOLE Makes 3 1/2 cups \*24-hour advance preparation required

- 1/4 pound dry salt cod
  - 2 ripe avocados
- 1/2 cup ripe cherry tomatoes, diced
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves, chopped Juice and zest of 2 limes
- I tsp olive oil
  - Salt and pepper to taste

To prepare the salt cod: Place in a large bowl and cover with cold water. Soak for 12 hours in the refrigerator, then change the water and soak for another 12 hours, or until cod has softened and feels almost like fresh fish.

Bring a medium-sized pot of water to a boil, add the cod, and reduce heat so that the water is barely simmering. Poach for 8 to to minutes, or until cod is tender when pierced with a knife. Remove with a slotted spoon, and allow to cool. Remove any skin or bones from fish, then shred fish into very small pieces and reserve.

Split the avocados in half, remove the pits, and scoop the flesh into a bowl. Mash with a fork until smooth. Add the cod and remaining ingredients, and mix together well. Guacamole will be slightly chunky. Salt and pepper to taste.

#### ARUGULA, PAPAYA, GRAPEFRUIT, and COCONUT SALAD with GRENADINE-and-NUTMEG DRESSING

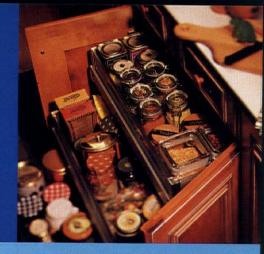
#### Serves 6 to 8

- 2 bunches of arugula, washed and dried
- 1 avocado, thinly sliced
- 2 large grapefruits, peeled and separated into segments, pith removed
- 2 ripe papayas, peeled and cut into 1" dice
- 1/2 cup thin shavings from a fresh coconut

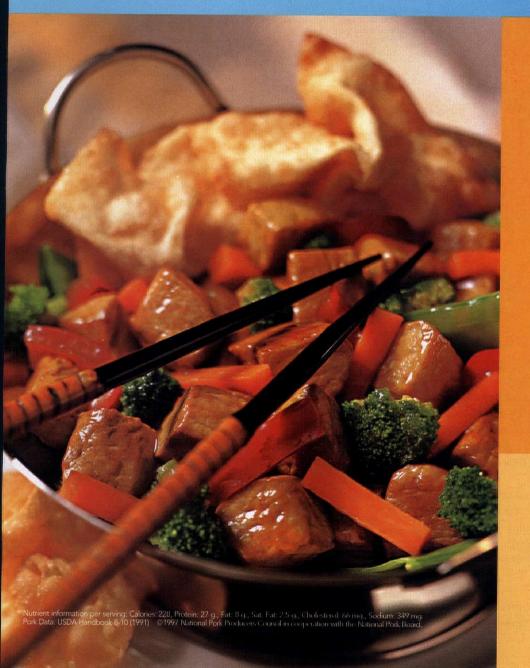
#### GRENADINE-and-NUTMEG DRESSING

- 3 Tbsp sherry vinegar
- 1 Tbsp grenadine syrup

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## If you're wondering WHAT TO COOK with pork, remember, white goes with everything.



#### GINGER PORK STIR-FRY

1 lb. boneless pork loin, cut into ¾-inch cubes

1 T. soy sauce 1 T. vinegar 1 t. sesame oil ½ t. ginger 1 clove garlic, minced 1 T. water 1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen stir-fry vegetables

Blend soy sauce, vinegar, oil, ginger and garlic in shallow dish. Add pork; marinate for 10 minutes. Spray large, non-stick skillet with vegetable spray. Heat skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add pork; stir-fry for 3 minutes. Stir water and vegetables into mixture. Cover and cook 5 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Serves 4.



#### RECIPES

- 1 tsp Dijon mustard Juice and grated rind of 2 limes
- 2 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a glass jar with a tight-fitting lid, add vinegar, grenadine syrup, mustard, lime juice and rind, and nutmeg. Shake vigorously to blend. Add the olive oil and shake again. Salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate.

To prepare the salad: Place well-dried arugula in a large bowl. Toss with half the dressing. Divide among serving plates. In a separate bowl, combine avocado, grapefruit, and papaya. Toss with the remaining dressing, then spoon evenly over the arugula. Top with the coconut shavings and serve.

#### ROAST PORK with ADOBO SEASONING

Serves 8 to 10

7- to 8-pound pork shoulder, with bone

#### ADOBO SEASONING

- 10 cloves garlic, peeled Leaves from 2 bunches fresh oregano
- 2 jalapeños, seeded and halved
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and quartered
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp ground coriander
  - 1 tsp ground white pepper Juice of 2 limes
  - 1 Tbsp olive oil

#### Preheat oven to 400°.

To make the adobo seasoning: Place garlic, oregano, jalapeños, and red pepper in the bowl of a food processor and use the pulse button to obtain a pastelike consistency. Scrape into a bowl and set aside. In a small bowl, combine salt, coriander, pepper, lime juice, and olive oil, and stir into paste. Rub adobo mix all over the pork and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Place pork in a deep roasting pan and bake at  $400^{\circ}$  for 30 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350° and continue baking—spritzing once or twice with water—for 2 1/2 hours, until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the roast registers 170°.

Remove roasting pan from oven, cover with foil, and allow pork to rest for 20 minutes. Slice and serve with the beans, rice, and bananas.

#### CRANBERRY BEAN STEW

#### Serves 8

pound dried cranberry beans
 pound smoked ham hock

#### SOFRITO

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
- 3 sweet chile peppers such as serrano or anaheim, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves, chopped2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - I tomato, peeled, seeded, and chopped
  - I tsp each salt and ground pepper
  - 2 cups calabasa pumpkin cut into I" cubes (or use butternut squash)



MAIN EVENT Roast pork plus fixings. Glass from Baccarat. Charger from Rosenthal.

Soak cranberry beans overnight in 2 quarts of cold water. Drain, place in a medium-sized pot, and cover with cold water by 2 inches. Add the ham hock and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour.

While the beans are cooking, heat the olive oil on medium-high heat in a sauté pan and add the sofrito ingredients. Sauté for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

After the beans have cooked for 1 hour, add the sofrito and the pumpkin and cook for 30 minutes more, or until tender.

#### RICE with GARLIC and THYME

#### Serves 8

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3 cups long-grain rice
- 1 bunch of thyme tied with string

6 cups chicken stock

1 tsp salt

In a 4-quart saucepan, heat olive oil over medium-high heat, add the garlic, and sauté until golden. Add rice, thyme, and chicken stock. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer gently, covered, for 20 minutes, or until the liquid has been almost entirely absorbed by the rice. Remove from heat and let stand for 10 minutes, covered.

Remove thyme and fluff with a fork before serving. Garnish with a sprig of fresh thyme.

#### LADYFINGER BANANAS with MOLASSES, LIME JUICE, and FRESH ROSEMARY

- 24 ladyfinger bananas, peeled(5 bananas, sliced in fifths, may be substituted)
- 4 Tbsp clarified butter
- 2 Tbsp molasses
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh rosemary

In a large, nonstick skillet melt 2 tablespoons of clarified butter over high heat. Add half the bananas and reduce heat to medium-high. Sauté for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. When the bananas are golden, add 1 tablespoon molasses and continue cooking for 1 minute. Remove bananas from heat and place in a bowl. Add 2 tablespoons lime juice and 2 tablespoons rosemary. Repeat the procedure with remaining bananas. Serve immediately, alongside the rice and beans.

#### PINEAPPLE with PUERTO RICAN RUM and FRESH TARRAGON

Serves 8

- 2 fresh pineapples, peeled, quartered and sliced in 1/4-inch wedges
- 1 cup dark Puerto Rican rum
- 1/4 cup Sambuca
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh tarragon leaves

In a medium-sized bowl, combine pineapple, rum, and Sambuca. Mix together and refrigerate for three or four hours before serving.

When ready to serve, add fresh tarragon to the pineapple and toss gently. Divide among 8 plates and pour a little rum over each serving.

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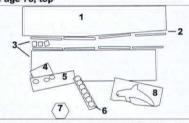
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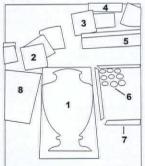
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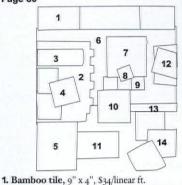


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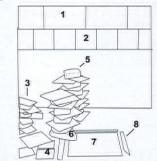


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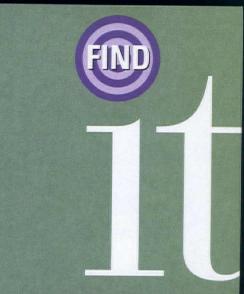
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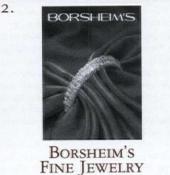
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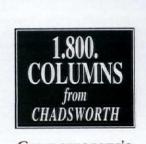


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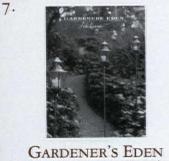
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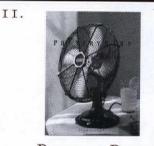
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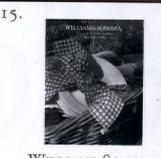
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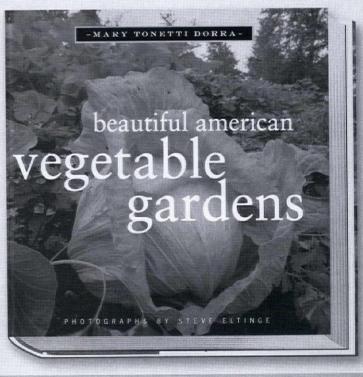
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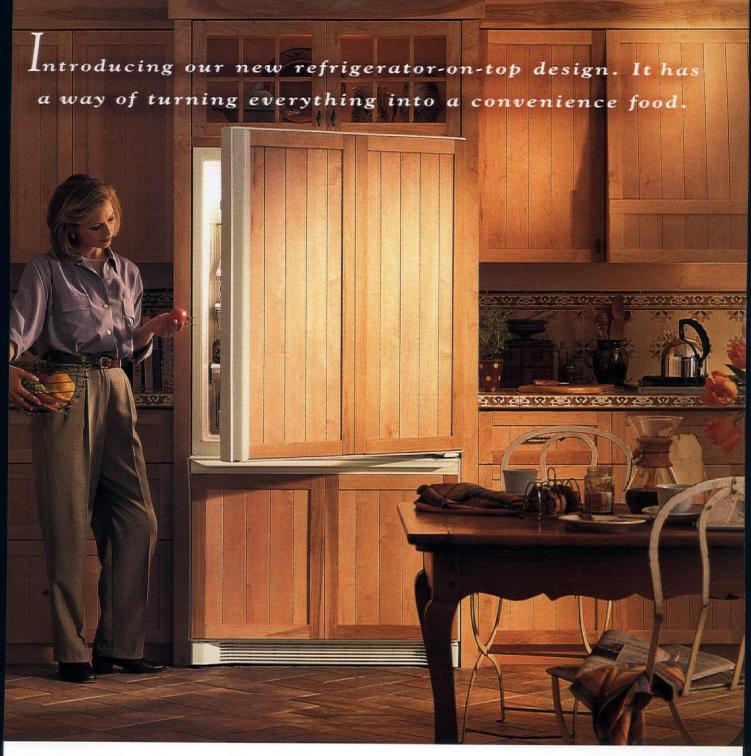


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