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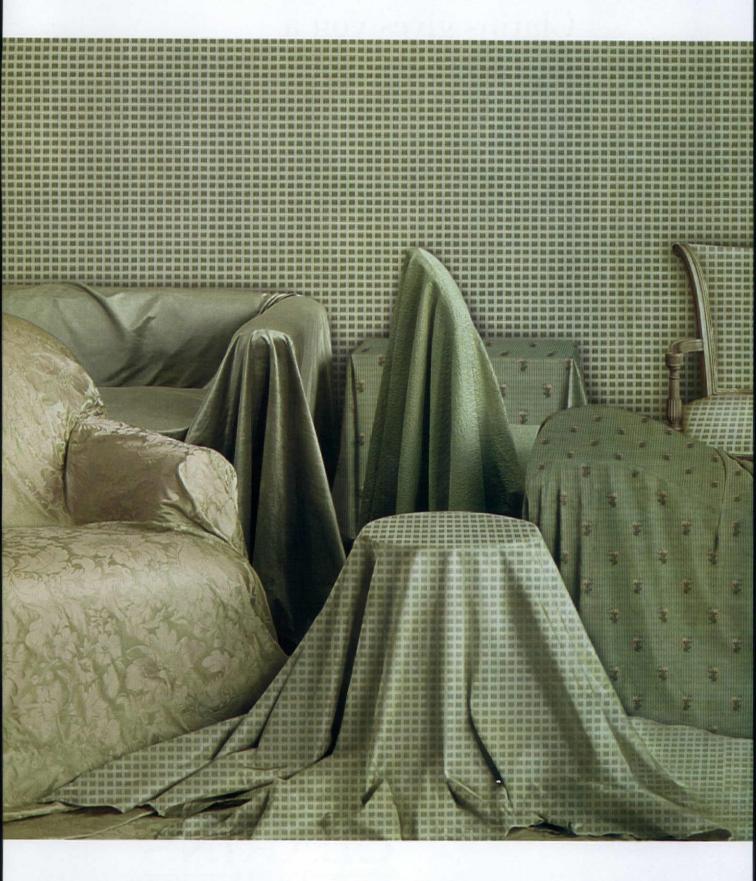
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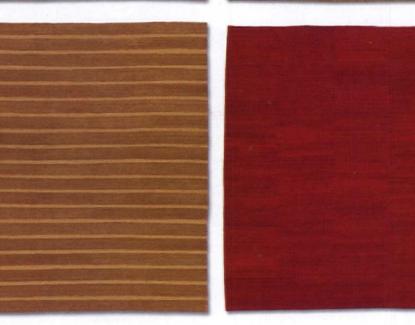






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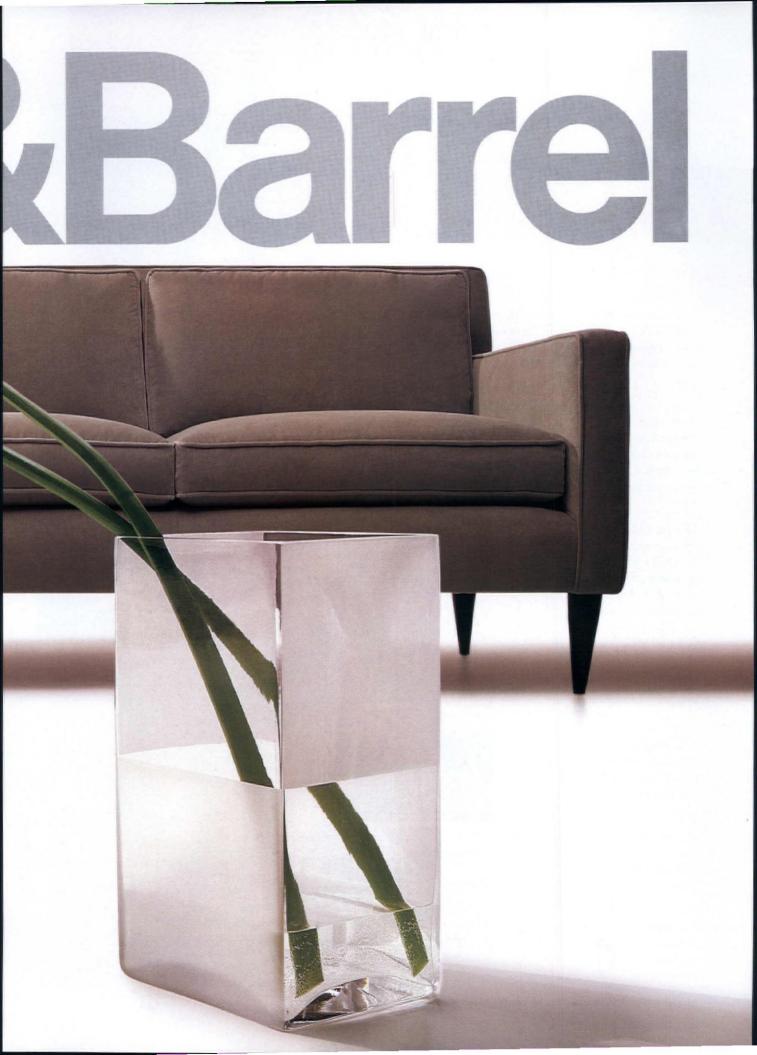
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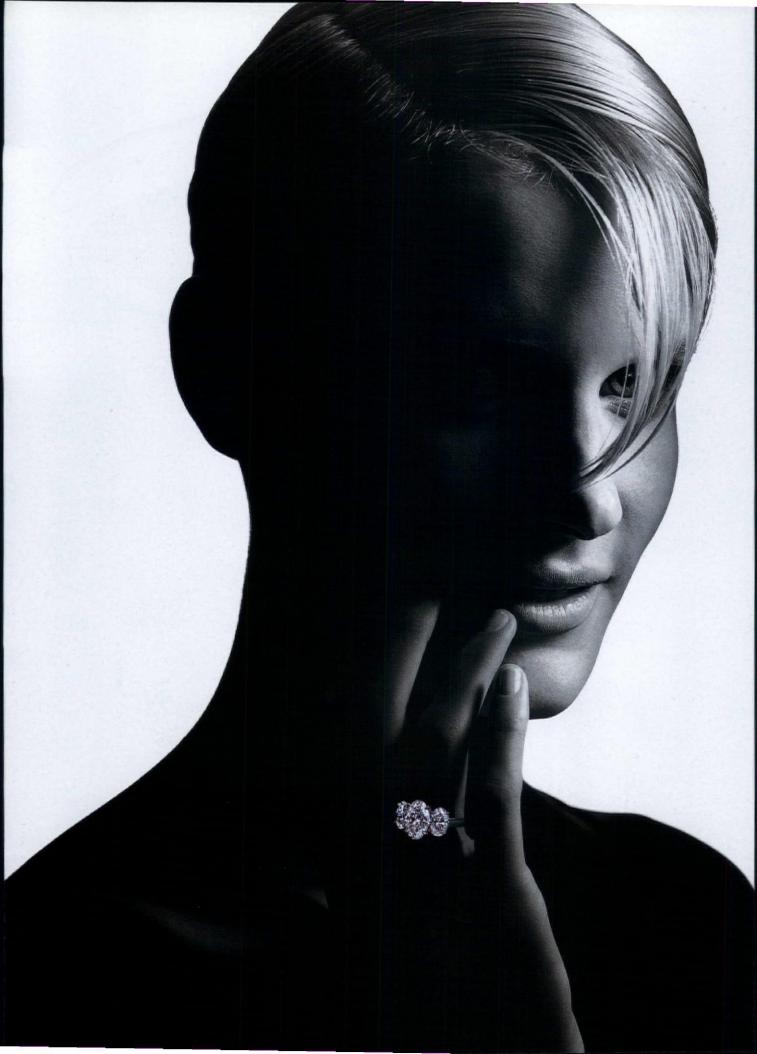






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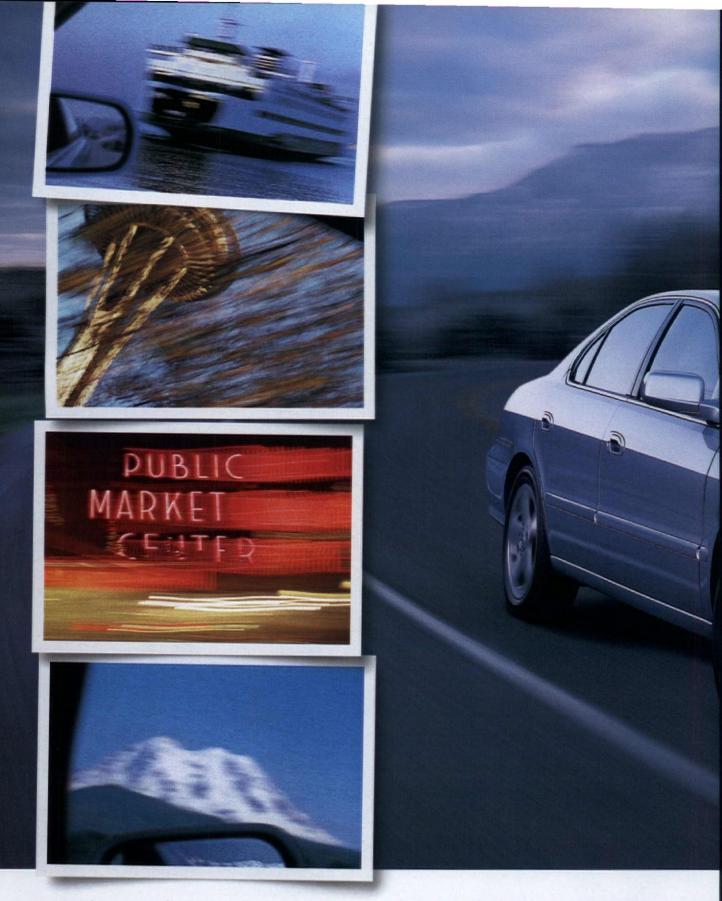




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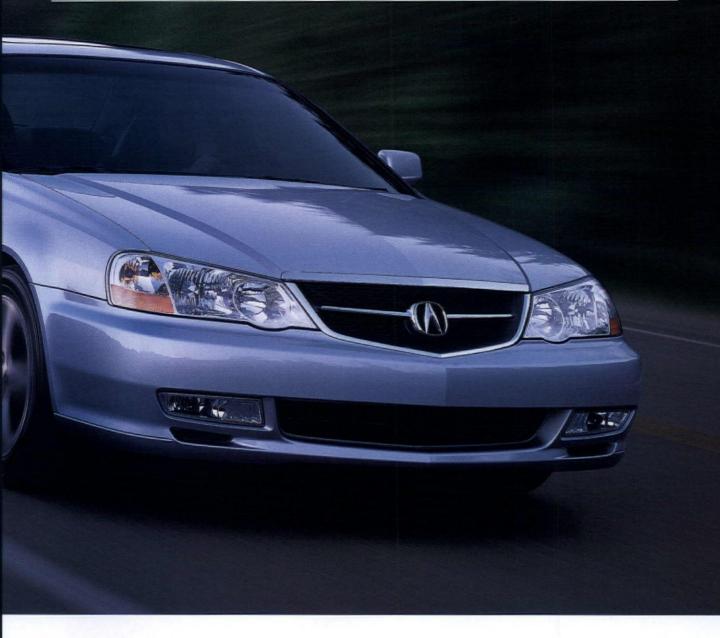
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Welcome LAVENDER'S BLUE

HE CLAY CAVE IS NO MORE. That was my bedroom, which I had years ago painted the color of Georgia clay. It had taken me forever to get that color right, as it was inspired by a photograph of a vein of earth that was being mined. I loved the feel of that room for a long time. I was mostly in it at night, and the deep saturation of the walls felt peaceful, enveloping in the most comforting way, especially by candlelight or firelight. I think I wanted a place to crawl into and rest.

And I still want that peaceful place. But one day, several months ago, I woke up and thought, I want to change the feeling of the rooms around me. I want to rest in a different sort of place. Time to redecorate? Worse. Time to repaint. Then I did the smartest thing I have done in a long time: I called an artist.

Well, to be truthful, an artist had started me down this path of change, but he was no longer in the picture. And though he had given me one inspiration about color—paint your living room lavender, he had said one day, with great aplomb—I quaked at the idea but could never shake it. Lavender's blue, dilly dilly, and it is also red, that much I knew. So I called on Donald Kaufman and Taffy Dahl, artists who have made such a thorough study of wall color that they have created their own line of house paints.

Well, Donald and Taffy came in, and right away they understood about lavender, and thought it splendid, and knew exactly what shade would be right. And that was when we started talking about light. Everyone knows light is an important factor in paint color. We all talk about how the color changes with the light, morning or evening, sunny or dim. But somehow a critical concept had eluded me—light has its own colors. Green light filters through trees, blue light bounces off water, yellow light planes in across meadows. And this makes all the difference in the world, if

you can but train your eye to see it. As we wandered from room to room in my house, I began to understand Donald's explanations about getting the light right, that color didn't exist in the paint on the walls but was something that happened before your very eyes, somewhere between the pigments, reflected light, and the shadows. It seemed kind of magical to me, but for wall after wall, Donald and Taffy saw the light, and suggested colors that brought life bouncing into the rooms.

And, indeed, when the painters started laying on the color, my

house underwent a metamorphosis. I had once painted the living room a pale green, an elegant shade, and yet the room had always looked dull, a bit somber, the way a woman can look perfectly turned out but lifeless. My house is hidden behind a wall of trees, and the green light from outside was perfectly matched to the green paint within, so there was no chemistry, as I've come to see it. (The way two people can seem perfectly matched, and yet they pale as a couple, I suppose.) Then the lavender hit the walls; it is vibrant, but in a reserved, subtle way that is easy to live with. Today the library has the thick, glossy, wine-stained skin of an elephant's heart plum; it's a color from an old book binding, now that I think of it.

I long ago stopped being able to live in paler shades of white. Now I'll never pick a paint color by riffling through chip boards again. I prefer the new way that people like Kaufman and Dahl approach color. You dream out loud about the feeling you want, or the flower you love, or the striation in the silk you noticed; or you talk about where you want



your rooms to take you. And Kaufman translates such palpitations of the heart into pigment. I'll soon be sleeping deep under the blue-greengray horizon of the sea. Perhaps I've sailed away to someplace new. Or maybe I'm looking for an ancient place, a mermaid's haunt. All winter, I long to be swimming in the ocean. Tell that to an artist, and you get a grotto.

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GRETCHEN JORDAN San Diego, CA

diamond in the rough

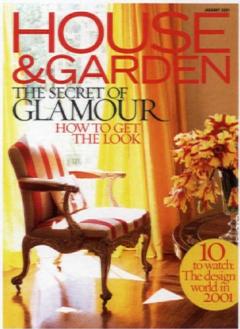
MY WIFE CALLED my attention to the article "Appraising the Appraisers" [February] because I had a nearly identical experience a couple of years ago. I had recently bought an unsigned print at a house sale, but neither the owner nor the person running the sale could tell us much about it. I took the print to American Illustrators Gallery and Sotheby's. Sotheby's said, "Try Swann Galleries." So I did just that. As soon as I unpacked the print, the Swann representative said, "You have a little Picasso there!" I left Swann Galleries with important and accurate information as well as solid respect and appreciation for the expertise and professional attitude of the gallery's staff.

> TOM KREHBIEL Buffalo, NY

fireside chats

FOR THE PAST several years, I have enjoyed, first and foremost, Ms. Browning's editorials. Some are funny, some sad, and some downright piercing as they cut to the heart of people's deeds and misdeeds. I only wish that I had kept a file of them all, as they are direct to the heart. When I read her "Light My Fire" [January], I found an activity that I really enjoy, every day. When the weather is bad, I suspect we break the burning law, but the last and best enjoyment for my husband and me is a wonderful fire, each other, and perhaps a glass of something warm or cold.

> LINDA SMITH Federal Way, WA



chic shades

THE THEME of the January issue, "The Secret of Glamour—How to Get the Look," had me poring over the details in every layout. I found designer Michael Smith's fabulous decorating style particularly inspiring. To add a bit of glamour to my own decor, I am planning window treatments similar to those you show.

> STEPHANIE RYAN *Tenafly, NJ*

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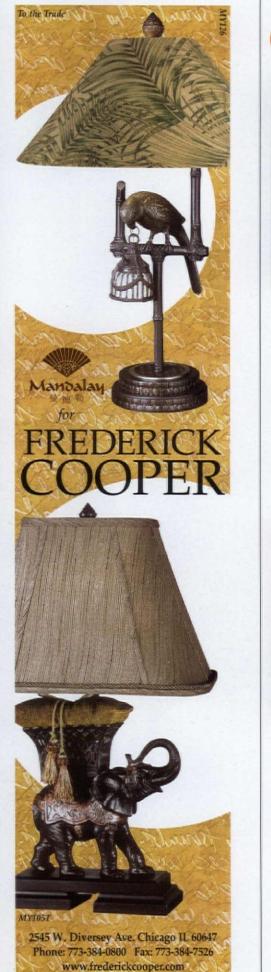
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SHELLEY VON STRUNCKEL

As a Cancer with Sagittarius rising, this mediagenic astrologer is well suited to write our new monthly horoscope column, Sign Design, page 82, which is devoted to decorating by the stars (and planets). "Cancers love creating nurturing environments," she explains. "Sagittarians take pleasure in change, and adore print." Von Strunckel, who began writing the London *Sunday Times*'s first astrology column almost ten years ago, has appeared on ABC, NBC, and the BBC. She is currently developing her own television series.





JENNY GAVACS

Whether it's furniture or fabric, tableware or trimmings, when something appears in our pages, Gavacs finds out where it comes from and where to get it. "Every morning, I put on my headset and chase details," says the editorial assistant, who compiles information for captions and produces the list of sources at the end of each issue. She also has written pieces for Domestic Bliss. Gavacs's secret tip: "Find beauty in the small things." Studying journalism *and* psychology seems to have paid off.

► JEFFREY W. MILLER

Producing photo essays such as "Back in Black," page 196, is a matter of intuition and precision for Miller. He believes that an object, placed perfectly, will tell its own story. While he has mastered the dense, layered still life, here the opening shot of a wooden vessel bears witness to his fondness for restraint. "I'd like people to see that there can be as much information in a simple image as there is in one with many elements," he says. — S.R.



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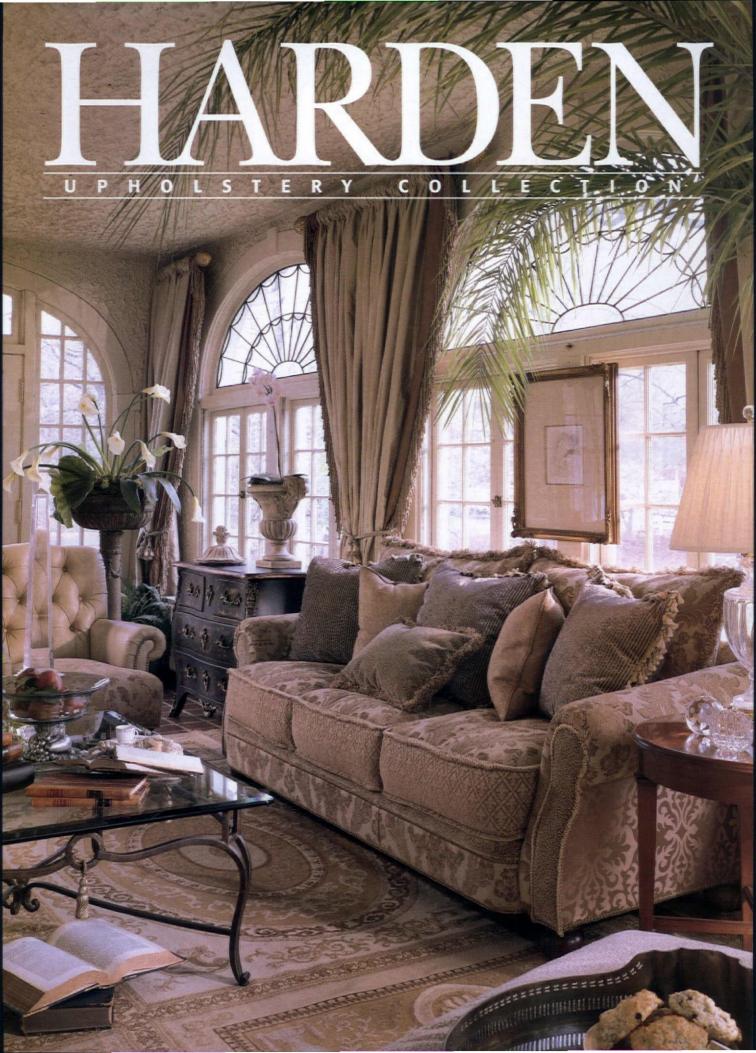
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Spin Art

That staple of church fairs and school carnivals seems to have a permanent place in our collective unconscious. The madcap designs made by pouring paint onto twirling paper never fail to surprise, delight, and amuse us. Edited by Dan Shaw

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Spin art: Why now?

Ever since we saw one of British artist Damien Hirst's round paintings hanging in a Park Avenue apartment decorated by the late Mark Hampton, we've been spellbound by spin art. It reminds us of childhood freedoms, and promotes a playful approach to color. Spin art encourages taking

art encourages taking risks, which is what Miles Redd has done in these sets, and what good decorating is all about.





Spin art: Tell me more

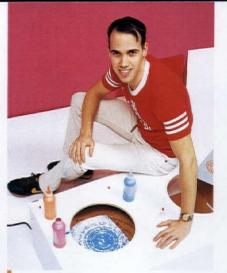
▲ **BRIT WIT** Damien Hirst, the reigning bad boy of the contemporary art world, has toyed with spin art, producing canvases like *Beautiful, Mad, Crazy, Spinning Psycho Vortex Painting,* above. One critic called this series "pompous and ineffective," but another describes his work as "a playful critique of '70s formalism."



▲ REFLECTED GLORY "The spin art pieces take on a more dynamic element when you hang them with other artlike drawings and paintings," says Redd, who took his to Skyframe (in NYC, 212-925-7856). Nevertheless, he believes that his pieces hold their own: "I think they have a modern, graphic quality. There is something free-form and organic about spin art. Friends say I should market my creations." ► SPIN ROOM "You can do many things with spin art," says Redd, who made the place mats, right, and a folding screen on the previous pages. "I had a silkscreen made of one design, and we put it on fabric and made pillows." A commercial printer turned other images into posters. "The graphic swish blown up," says Redd, "looks like something you'd find at the Annenbergs."



▲ DISC MAN Mark Lennon's band, Venice, released a CD called *Spin Art* in 1999. The title refers to more than the paintings Lennon made as a child in Venice, CA. "Our music is our art, and 'spin' is radio business terminology for how many times your songs get played," he says. "The cover of the album is a piece I made twenty years ago."



▲ MIX MASTER Miles Redd, one of New York's bright young decorators, didn't want to re-create the spin art paintings of his youth. "They were grotesque and looked tie-dyed," he recalls. "I used the machine to make art that was more Franz Kline–esque." The machine came from twirlapaint.com. "The motor is very powerful," Redd says, "and the wheel spins too fast, so I would turn it on and off and then pour on the paint. Anyone can do it. *Truly.* It's instantaneous and spontaneous, and you need not have gone to the École des Beaux-Arts."



▼CHILD'S PLAY To get kids 6 and older into the groove, order a Paint 'n Swirl (\$19.95), from creativekidstuff.com. Redd, of course, used a "professional" model from twirlapaint.com.



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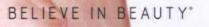
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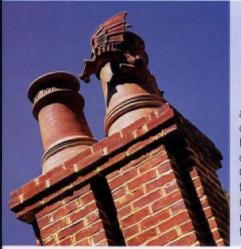
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Between the siding, the trim, the window moldings, and the doors, there are just too many color combinations for painting my house. Who can help me?

Whether your house is an elaborate Victorian or a contemporary design, choosing colors can be like piecing together a jigsaw puzzle. Fortunately, you don't have to do it alone. Your architect or someone at your local paint store may be able to recommend an architectural color consultant. Or you can send photos of your house to a through-the-mail colorist such as Robert Schweitzer, who counsels homeowners via his Web site (arts-crafts.com/market/robs/) for a \$300 fee. Clients



fill out a questionnaire, send photos, and describe their own color preferences. Schweitzer, who is based in Ann Arbor, MI, then becomes an architectural yenta. He mixes historic scholarship and design savvy with homegrown psychology to create a palette that will complement the house—and please its residents. He doesn't always get it right the first time. "Sometimes we adjust a color or two, sometimes we start with a whole new idea," he says.



My chimney sweep wants to put metal caps on the top of my chimneys, but the ones in his catalog are so ugly. Do I really need these things? A Your sweep speaks the truth: A chimney without a cap invites feathered friends to roost. A cap will also protect your roof from flying embers, and keep out rain and snow, which can damage your chimney lining. But you don't have to settle for a banal hat. Log on to superiorclay.com for decorative terracotta chimney tops from Superior Clay Corporation. Or consider a handcrafted English chimney pot, left, from Canada's Northern Roof Tile Sales Company (905-627-4035). A mason, a chimney sweep, or a roofer with masonry skills should do the installation; for the best price, ask one to place the order.

Whenever I'm away from my weekend home, I worry, "What if there is a power failure? Will the pipes freeze and burst?"

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Start packing. More than 350 buildings by Wright still stand, and the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy has a listing of homes you can buy at swcp.com/flw. Also consider hiring Wright's firm, Taliesin Architects (in Scottsdale, AZ, 480-614-3500), to design a custom home in the spirit of the master. Or check out the construction-ready Prairie and Usonian house plans by 4 Hills Designers at handywerks.com/fourhills. Even if your new home is not a Wright original, it can incorporate his most popular details. Andersen Windows (888-888-7020) has decorative stainedglass and handcrafted panels in four FLW designs. And the Frank Lloyd Wright Gallery catalog (800-735-2587) offers lighting, furniture, and rugs.

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Ralph Lauren's on-line charity sale of over-the-top trailers by Dan Shaw

IVEN THE CHANCE, Ralph Lauren could probably reinvent the wheel, too. He has managed to reimagine the middle-American Airstream trailer as a posh playpen that deserves to be towed by a status SUV. Working at the master's ranch in Ridgway, Colorado, the Polo creative team overhauled four vintage Airstreams in four classic Lauren themes—Western, Nautical, Utility/Surplus, and Adirondack. They will be sold on polo.com (888-475-7674), the company's five-month-old Web site, this spring, and profits will go to the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Prevention and Care, a new clinic in Harlem devoted to providing oncological services to inner-city residents. While a

new Airstream Bambi can be had for about \$20,000, these over-the-top Polo trailers are expected to fetch \$150,000 each. And you'll get what you pay for. The Western Bambi comes stocked with Ralph Lauren sheets and dishes, vintage hickory chairs, a perfectly broken-in Beacon blanket, and a library of books on horses and cowboys.

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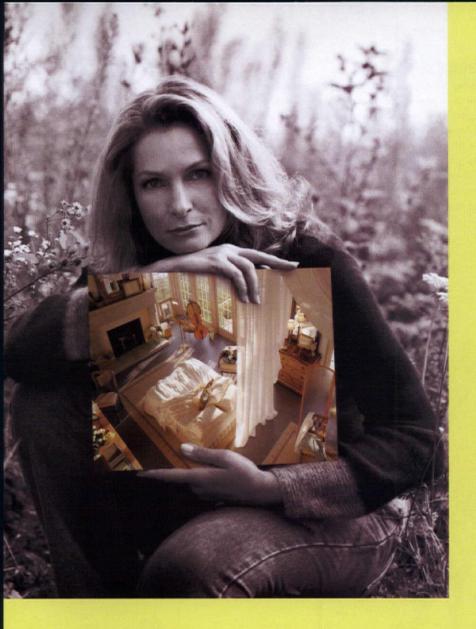








Roughing it has never been this luxurious. Will Wilkins, a Montana master blacksmith, made the custom doorknobs, handles, and drawer pulls. An antler sconce with a parchment shade, top, sheds light on a Tramp art frame. The knotty-pine walls and ceiling, left, are trimmed with 100-yearold barn wood. Vintage Navajo rugs cover the floors. For good luck, an RRL Ranch horseshoe has been hung over the doorway.



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Sweet peas made easy

For many gardeners, growing sweet peas has become too complicatedsuitable only for a flower-show exhibitor or someone with an obsessivecompulsive disorder. Digging trenches six months ahead, nicking and soaking seeds, training tendrils on cordons-it's no wonder that these annuals have acquired a PR problem. There is a simpler method. It depends on the easy-to-grow heirloom varieties, which will give you several glorious weeks of amazingly scented (but smaller) blooms in a full range of colors. You may not win a ribbon at the show bench, but once you smell your first of many pea blossoms, you won't mind at all.

by Stephen Orr

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March through April is the time to plant sweet pea seeds. (In warmer areas, it's best to sow them the previous fall.) Plant them one inch deep in deeply dug, welldrained soil rich with compost. It is also possible to grow them in a large pot. Keep soil moist, especially for the 10-to-14-day germination period. Provide support for the growing vines with trellises, tepees, pea sticks, string, or even a nearby shrub. These annuals love cool, sunny weather, but require moisture and cool roots; so, mulch them well. For containers. you'll need to shade the pots so that the soil doesn't heat up. There's no need to fertilize other than by composting, or you'll have more leaves than flowers. Finally, once your peas begin blossoming, it's important to pick them almost daily, so that they don't set seed. The more you harvest, the more you'll get, until the hottest part of the summer concludes the display.

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These intensely scented heirlooms are more forgiving in their cultivation needs than more modern types.



Maroon and violet 'Cupani' seems to be the closest type to the first sweet pea. discovered in Sicily by Father Cupani circa 1700. 'Matucana' is almost identical.



An early selection with unknown origins, 'Painted Lady' is a pink and white bicolor from 1730.



The Queen of the Night heirloom mix includes 'Captain of the Blues,' 'Lord Nelson,' 'Cupani,' 'King Edward VII,' and 'Miss Willmott.'



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TOTAL DESIGN (Crown, \$45) Manhattan decorator Clodagh specializes in Zen homes for addled urbanites, however incongruous that may sound. Pick up her new book for its sensory photographs of dramatic interiors. The text is touchy-feely but has good advice on lighting and art. Don't miss the chapter on Robert Redford's NYC pad.



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(Rizzoli, \$50) Like a bird on the wire (to quote Leonard Cohen, another lover of the Aegean), the peripatetic photographer William Abranowicz has returned again and again to his beloved Greek islands. His black-and-white images, taken over many years of visits, capture the subtle beauty of an open door and a weathered face.

REQUIRED READING

Nasir Kassamali of Luminaire

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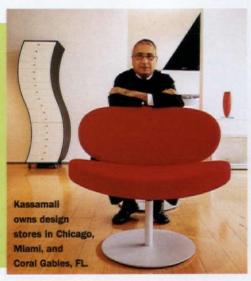
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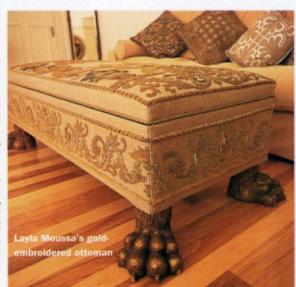
tables inset with flowers, painted wall panels, and the twig mirrors. Clients include **Elle Macpherson**, **Naomi Campbell**, and **Kate Moss**. Decorators such as **David Mlinaric** and **Peter Marino** are fans, and there are collectors of Demo's designs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Miami.

Grillo Demo's work is only at David Gill, 3 Loughborough Street, London SE11 5RB. By appointment, so telephone first; 44-207-793-1100.

decor to wear

And if magenta velvet with hand-painted jasmine isn't going quite far enough, how about a huge tablecloth in undyed jute, embroidered and appliquéd with a curling motif of cream silk leaves and branches whose veins are picked out in gold? Or a chunky ottoman with oversized, gilded claw feet, upholstered in beige sacking embroidered with gold chain-mail stitch, linen, and couched platinum thread in a baroque motif?

"You can leave home wearing the decor with these," says Layla Moussa of her fabrics. Her first collection was shown in Paris last year and caused a storm because it was so beautiful. Cushions, curtains, and lampshades come ready-made, as it were, but Moussa will also embroider to commission. Moussa's fabrics and embroidered pieces are now available at retail, only from the Gallery of Antique Costume and Textiles, 2 Church Street, Marylebone, London NW8 8ED; 44-207-723-9981. Moussa is opening her own store by April called Layla Moussa Fabrics, 28 Chepstow Corner, Notting Hill, London W2. Contact Lucia Silver, managing partner; 44-795-732-4336.



flea time

Are there any more bargains at the Paris flea market? By the time dealers and tourists have combed its noisome alleys, probably not. Which is why you should head for Brussels; it is virtually virgin territory for all but the Belgians. Right in the middle of town, the market strings out along the rue Haute and rue Blaes, And there are more than a hundred dealers in the streets going off the Place du Grand Sablon and Place du Petit Sablon.

What can you find here? Well, we're in Northern Europeantaste territory, so you'll see lots of exquisite tapestries and ceramics. Flemish furniture can be absolutely wonderful and not expensive. Try an intricate **17th-century veneered** cabinet against a plain white wall. Modernists will be thrilled with the many tribal-art dealers here-African art has always been sought after in Belgium, and this is the best place to find bargains. And don't miss the monthly auction at the Galerie Moderne, rue du Parnasse 3, Brussels. Viewing is from March 16 to 19, and the sales are on the next two days. For more details: galeriemoderne @attglobal.net.

One of the wavy mosaic tables inset with flowers by Argentinian artist, Grillo Demo

UESTION: What might Giacometti's furniture have looked like if he'd been dropping acid while welding? Think huge twig mirrors in bright turquoise resin. Think vast, shocking pink or cerulean blue asymmetric pedestal vases painted with sprays of jasmine and huge butterflies. I reckon black leather and brushed steel are out, and brilliant color, pattern, and the done-by-hand approach are tomorrow's news on the wilder shores of taste that I like to frequent.

The riot of flora and fauna and bright bronzework is the work of **Grillo Demo**, an Argentinian artist living in Ibiza who is best known for his detailed watercolor portraits of interiors.

"Demo has painted Jeff Koons's studio and Julian Schnabel's house," says Londonbased design impresario David Gill, who collaborates with the artist.

So, what gave Gill the idea that Demo might apply his art to furniture and decorative objects? "I caught his first exhibition in London years ago," Gill says, "and there was a chair he had carved and painted in a cornstalk effect; I liked the fact that he was starting from a painter's point of departure, not a designer's."

Gill has been quietly collaborating with Demo ever since, and the result is the most vivid and handsome collection of furniture and objects I've seen in a long while. Decorative pieces of great charm, color, and impact include wavy mosaic

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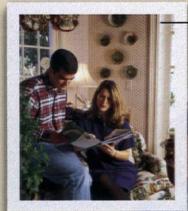
Your decorator will do a double take when she sees you carrying one of these fabulous fabric bags. Go on a shopping spree. **by Michelle Rotman**

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Favorite fabric swatches take shape as handbags: **1** Linen and cotton Wilhem bag by Sandberg, \$167, from Country Swedish, NYC. 212-838-1976. **2** Pierre Frey's Sologne Sac de Voyage, \$485. In CT, 203-785-9376. **3** Kyoko Wainai designed this travel bag using Bennison's charcoal Chinese toile, \$300. In L.A., 323-653-7277. **4** Neisha Crosland's Birdtree handbag is made of hand-printed cotton velvet, \$395. In NYC, 212-397-8257. **5** Green felt bag from Designer's Guild, \$150. In NYC, 212-889-1182. **6** Rafé New York/Lulu DK's Moondance red overnighter in cotton, \$395. 800-486-9476. **7** Silk taffeta Market Bag in mustard Courtney

Check, \$159, from the Silk Trading Co. 800-854-0396. 8 Paola Lenti's travel bag, \$590, is made of red felt, from Breukelen, NYC. 212-645-2216. 9 Rafé New York/Lulu DK's large Chant tote in green and beige cotton, \$245. 10 Malta Rojo in cotton with leather trim from KA International, \$185. In NYC, 646-497-1670.

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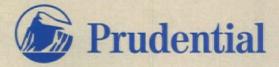
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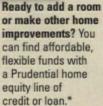
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jeweled boxes

You don't need to attend gala balls to enjoy vintage compacts, cigarette boxes, and minaudières. Many people, including Parisian decorator Alberto Pinto, use these objets de vertu (which are prized for their artistic virtuosity) as table ornaments. But don't confine them to your boudoir. Use them to make still lifes for your living room or centerpieces for a dinner party. **by Cynthia Frank** 1 Ca. 1940 18k gold compact with a ruby, sapphire, and diamond clasp, \$28,000, by Van Cleef & Arpels, Fred Leighton, NYC. 2 1783 Louis XVI gold box with blue enameling and diamond trim, \$52,000, by A.J.M. Vachette, Paris, A La Vieille Russie, NYC. 3 Rigato-engraved 18k gold carryall with diamonds and rubies, \$130,000, Buccelati. 4 Ca. 1920 Austrian 18k white gold box with diamonds, emeralds, rubies, and sapphires, \$35,000, Fred Leighton. 5 Nephrite jade

pen tray, \$770, Seaman Schepps, NYC. **6** Opal mosaic 18k gold compact ca. 1920, \$75,000, Fred Leighton. 7 Ca. 1890 Russian rhodinate box with diamonds, \$18,000, by Hahn, A La Vieille Russie. Gold rings in tanzanite, \$25,000, and tourmaline, \$22,590, both with diamonds, by Paloma

Picasso, exclusively for Tiffany & Co. Pink tourmaline and sapphire ring, \$9,600, Seaman Schepps.

"They're objects of virtue because of the preciousness and exquisiteness of their craftsmanship"—Fred Leighton

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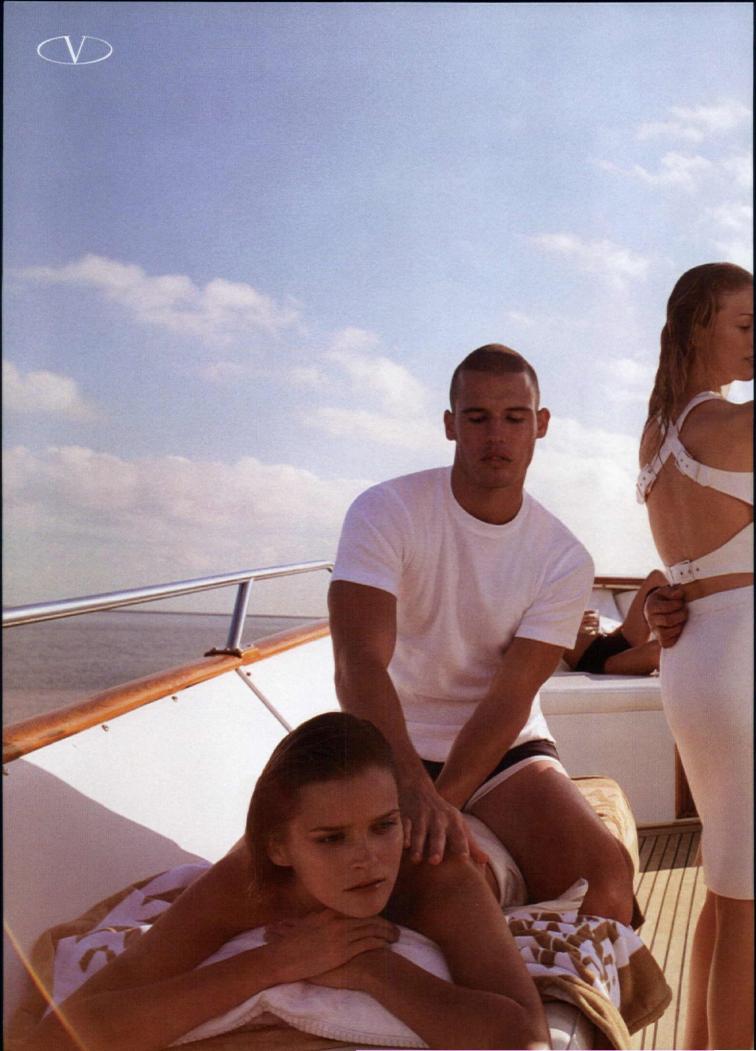
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candy bowls

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Though I'm rarely nostalgic, I just love a good old-fashioned hard candy. Two of my favesroot beer barrels and maple drops-are sold by the folks who run the Brick Store in Bath, NH. 800-964-2074.

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by Lora Zarubin

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Forget M&Ms. I prefer candy lentils from Economy Candy (in NYC, 212-254-1531; 800-352-4544). These color-coded coffee and lavender candies are chic sweets.

These peppermint jelly beans from Dean & DeLuca deliver a visual and delectable punch.

Champagne bubbles (800-JB-BEANS) taste as elegant as they look.

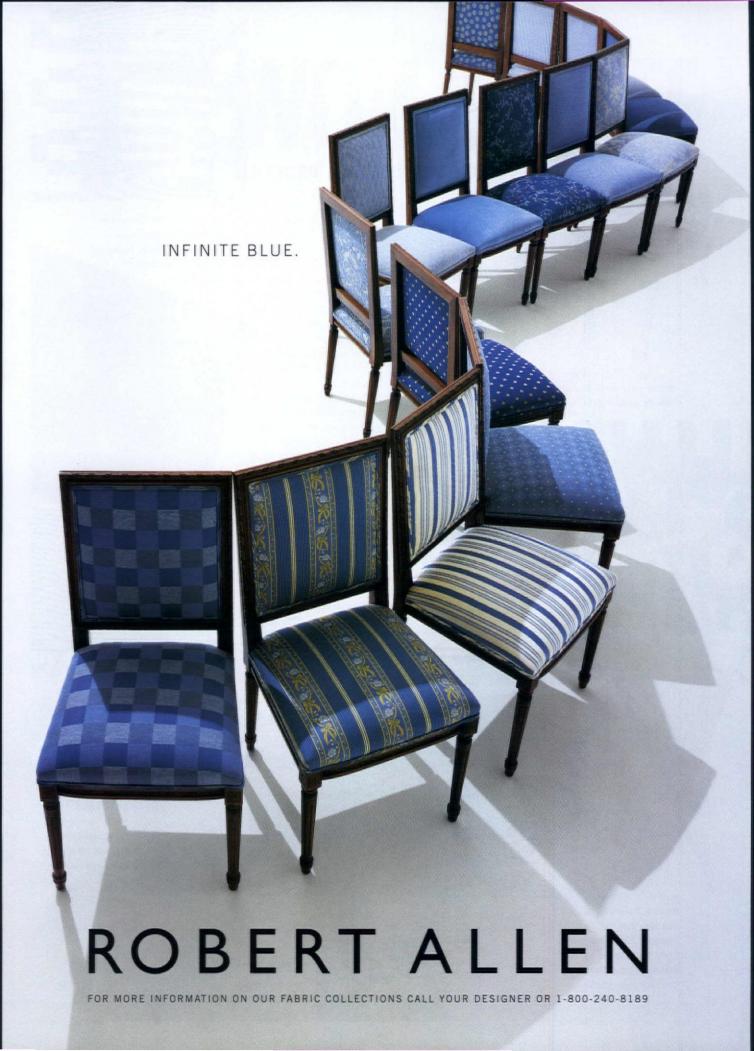
> You are officially warned: these chewy watermelon slices from Economy Candy are addictive. They explode with flavor in your mouth. Put out just a few at a time.

What would life be like without classic lemon drops? I don't care to find out. How sunny these from Dean & DeLuca (in NYC, 212-226-6800;

800-999-0306) look in a golden

glass bowl.

The best dragées, or sugar-coated nuts, come from Fouquet (011-33-147-70-8500) in Paris. These jewel-like, candycoated Jordan almonds will make you swoon.



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Op art decor is fresh and fun again by Carolina Irving

Stools covered in Maharam's reissued fabrics by Girard, far left, and Panton

With the renewed interest in British artist Bridget Riley, whose paintings are on view at New York's Dia Center for the Arts through June, op art from the 1960s seems fresh again. Maharam's timely revival of fabrics by Alexander Girard and Verner Panton has made

it easy to decorate in the op art aesthetic. To get totally immersed in the look, you can go to the Manhattan nightclub Centro-Fly, which was named after the seminal Milan depar-

ment store designed by Gae Aulenti in 1965. This look reminds me of the great sense of freedom that characterized the '60s and William Klein's cult film *Who Are You, Polly Maggoo?*, which satirized the world of *Vogue* and French intellectuals. I love the excitement and dynamic quality of rooms (and hairstyles) from this era. It's not for the faint of heart: a little goes a long way on a chair or sofa. But if you want the full kinetic sensation, you need op art walls.

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The Mexican Pavilion at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, above; Panton's Geometric fabric from 1960, below.

> Chairs on display in 1966 at the Milan store CentroFly, above, designed by Gae Aulenti. The 1999 New York nightclub Centro-Fly, left, an homage to its namesake.

A scene, top, from William Klein's 1966 film Who Are You, Polly Maggoo? Above, Panton's 1969 Optik fabric by Maharam, and Girard's Checker from 1965.

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mail-order meat by Lora Zarubin

When I eat meat, I want it to be exceptional, which is why I turn to mail-order sources. While every good steak house now seems to sell its own beef, great lamb, pork, and veal are still difficult to find. If you order from my favorite purveyors, you'll be inspired to try new recipes when packages of glorious chops and roasts arrive on your doorstep.

pork

California's Niman Ranch (510-808-0340; nimanranch.com) provides Bay Area restaurants with meat raised by ranchers personally screened by Bill Niman. I love Bill's beef and lamb, but his pork is transcendent. Most pork is dry and flavorless, but his is marbleized and mouthwatering. His (1) Frenched chops (\$31 for four) are perfection marinated in olive oil and rosemary. For a fresh spin on osso bucco, try his (2) pork shanks (\$28 for six pieces). I keep the (3) bacon (\$7.50 for 10-12 slices) in my freezer to make lardons for my frisée salad.

veal

Don't be surprised by the color of the yeal from Summerfield Farm of Culpeper, VA (540-547-9600): their humanely raised veal is redder than commercial varieties. It was a mainstay at Lora, my New York restaurant, in the early 1990s. I like preparing the

(\$27.10 per pound) in a simple Tuscan stylepounded and breadedon a bed of arugula. The luscious (5) veal shanks (\$10.20 per pound) take osso bucco to a new dimension. You need not be a butcher to buy a (6) boneless veal loin (\$36.80 per pound) and make your own (7) scaloppini. It's so sweet and tender that capers and a squirt of Meyer lemon are all you need.

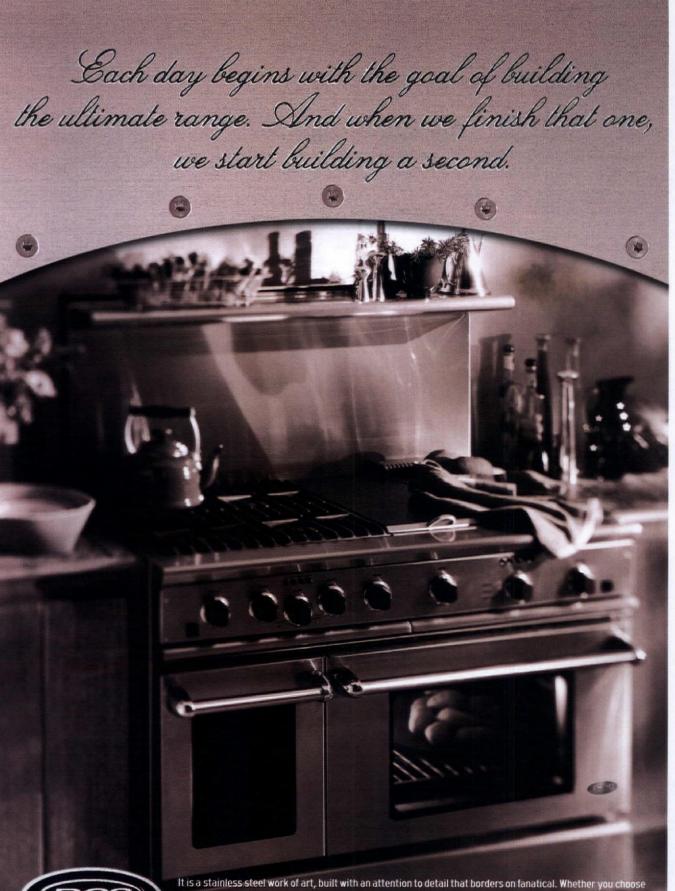
(4) Frenched rib chops

lamb

The best lamb I've eaten in the United States is raised by my friends Sukey and John at Jamison Farm in Latrobe, PA (800-237-5262; jamisonfarm.com). They've been supplying professional chefs for nearly 20 years. Their antibiotic-free lambs graze on native bluegrass and white clover, which produce leaner, more delicate meat. I love slow-cooked meals, and when I braise these (8) lamb shanks (\$60 for eight), they're worth the wait. Grilled with fresh herbs, the (9) loin chops (\$78 for 12) virtually guarantee a successful dinner party. Roast the exquisite (10) rack of lamb (\$95 for two racks) with thyme for an incomparably elegant entree.

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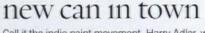
Why does Jane Doe need a booklet of 1,757 Pantone colors? Pantone-the company that sets uniform color standards for the fashion, design, and graphics industries-hopes she'll put this ultimate color chart (about \$20) in her purse. She can then use it to coordinate everything from pillows to place mats. The chart is meant to replace the chips and swatches that people typically lug around. Now Jane Doe can coordinate new purchases with things she already owns by consulting the Pantone numbers. The system won't work, however, unless manufacturers start displaying the Pantone codes on their products. "We know they are already designing in Pantone colors," says Lisa Herbert, senior vice president of textiles, home, and fashion for Pantone. "We just want them to communicate the colors to the consumer." To set the pace. Pantone has launched a line of accessories such as photo albums and rain hats that carry the color codes; these are sold at the Terence Conran Shop in New York. The color booklet should be especially helpful with E-commerce, since few computers display colors accurately. "It allows a consumer to make a more confident decision," says Linda Horowitz, a vice president at mymaison.com, which sells the booklet and includes Pantone color codes on its products. "People have never had anything like this."-JENNY GAVACS

garden booties

Kids who help in the garden are nice, but the ones who help in the garden while wearing these boots are cuter. Tots can choose between frog and flower designs. Available at Target stores nationwide (\$12.99), these boots will make your child the chicest thing growing in your garden this spring.—в.в.

a cut above

How do you slice through the crowded knife market? Try blue titanium. Using a secret Japanese process, English designer Julian Brown created cutlery (\$69.95 to \$170) for Böker (303-462-0662). Titanium is ultralight and doesn't need to be sharpened as often as steel. Brown's dimpled design cuts beautifully through cheese and meat. And the color even looks sharp. —LA.



Call it the indie paint movement. Harry Adler, who runs the venerable Adler's Hardware in Providence, RI, is leading a group of independent retailers who have developed their own line of 496 paints under the brand name C2 (888-989-4888). "Color is our focus," says Adler, who is targeting design professionals and "discerning homeowners" with limited distribution. The C2 colors came to market without names, so Adler is now busy giving them monikers like E.B. White and Dorian Gray.





fan club

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1 For this tented breakfast room, David Hicks (a typical Aries) turned even the relaxed morning meal into a fiery experience. 2 Roasted chilles epitomize this hot and biting sign. 3 This glass sculpture contains two Aries totems: a cactus and the color red. 4 Aries-like Vincent Van Gogh. as his Allée des Alyscamps illustrates-is intensely expressive, 5 Like a haworthia, Aries thrives under harsh conditions. 6 Coral, here in its natural form, is the month's birthstone.

by Shelley von Strunckel March 20-April 19

Don't be surprised if suddenly you must paint the walls lacquer red, or exchange all you own for sleek modernism. Between the Aries new moon on March 25 and powerful planetary activity in early April, your signature style is being transformed. Happily, with bountiful Jupiter and Pluto (the planet of renewal) involved, the accent is on broadening your horizons. New ideas—if not new furnishings—appear magically. They might be triggered by a

> museum visit, a book, or a movie. Even better, because of good friends or happy circumstances, your new acquisitions will be bargains, if not free. Every Aries is impulsive, but turning your environment upside down is unusual even for you. Consequently, you'll spend the second half of the month acquiring knowledge about your new passion. By month's end, you'll so en-

joy making changes that you'll be wondering if you shouldn't opt for shoji screens instead of curtains.



all about aries

 Color your world: Bright red
 Plant life: Anything thorny or prickly, such as a cactus
 Form fetish: Spiky, sharp
 Eat up: Hot and spicy foods like chilies and horseradish
 Aries hates: Needing to shop at IKEA when you want antiques
 Aries needs: A room big enough to hold everyone you love
 Aries people: David Hicks, Vincent Van Gogh, Raphael

taurus April 20-May 19

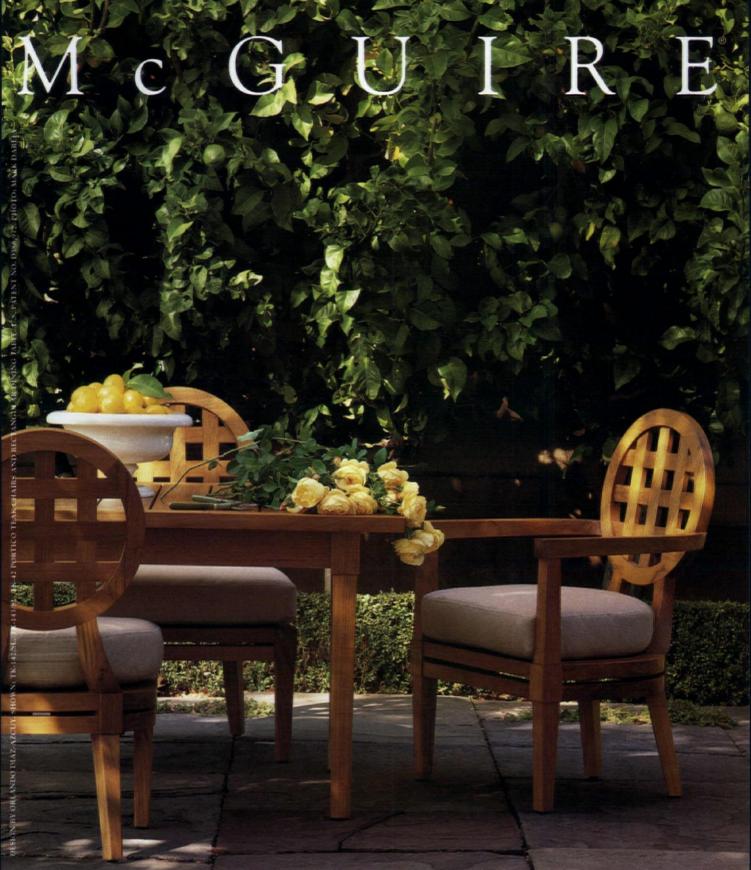
April's keyword is retreat. Home, kitchen, and garden are your anchors, centering you when the world overwhelms. Early in the month, bake bread or plant spring herbs to clear your mind. When the stern Saturn departs Taurus on the 20th, ending a demanding cycle of more than two years, you will experience a sudden urge to redecorate. Take it slowly, Redo a room top to bottom. or try slipcovers and paint. You'll have the feeling of having changed everything, while keeping your options open.

gemini May 20-June 20

Your quick-thinking independence is a virtue. Recently, however, the pace has become so overwhelming that you're opting for advice from decorators. You worry that they will impose their taste, especially in the bedroom, which you want to ooze romance. Though you're accustomed to making the decisions, you are swiftly reminded how frequently you have wished someone else would deal with the details. By June 20, when the practical Saturn enters Gemini for a two-year stay, you are more comfortable with relinquishing power, so that you can have more fun.

Cancer June 21-July 21

You've been considering changes in how, or where, you live. Sudden offers are appealing but unsettling. For you, home is a refuge, and abrupt change is overwhelming. So you retreat, boosting your spirits by nurturing. You find yourself gardening passionately, or cooking enough to feed the world. This calms you until mid-April, when it becomes clear a major move is possible. Now begin the decisions, and whether it's buying new pots or your future residence, don't let others elbow in on choices that are yours to make.



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ICO July 22-August 22

Leos are known for taking pride in their homes, but for the last two years your circumstances have demanded numerous little economies. You've recycled and repainted, and entertained glamorously but thriftily. These restrictions will no longer apply after the 20th, when stern Saturn moves into inquisitive Gemini. Adopt a new passion. Consider ancient pottery, Georgian silver, or modern glass.

VIrgo August 23-September 21

You select every table, desk, and lamp carefully, balancing beauty and efficiency. You resist change; but admit it: the colors you loved two years ago are unappealing. Instead of worrying, be bold and consider every possibility: a new neighborhood, loft living, or a move to the country. By the 20th, when decisions must be made, you are already thinking about new colors and whether to reupholster or begin again.

libra September 22-October 22

No one understands the needs of others and caters to them better than you. But you need to put your stamp on something, too. Whether it's your patch of garden or having the kitchen just so, by the Libra full moon on April 8 you find you just can't compromise. You worry that taking a stand will upset those around you, and are surprised and relieved when it leads to illuminating exchanges.

SCOPPIO October 23-November 21

For reasons of tact or affection, you have allowed other people's tastes to overwhelm your life. The Sun's stunning aspect to your ruler, Pluto, on April 5 gives you an opening to express your feelings. Whether it is modernism or baroque you are longing for, admit it and be direct. Others, unaware you were unhappy, back you, encouraging you to invest in vintage furniture or art.

sagittarius November 22-December 20

The bigger the project—moving an outside wall three feet, for instance—the happier you are. Aim high. Literally raise the roof by putting in skylights. Don't be afraid to demand creative control, even if this causes temporary rifts with your partner or your architect. After the 20th, stern Saturn joins Jupiter in accenting partnerships, paving the way for later harmony.

Capricorn December 21-January 19

You are proud of your disciplined streak, but recently it has made life predictable. This month, your meticulous plans are upended by a chance discovery—a perfect set of antique stained-glass windows, perhaps—that could force dramatic change. At first you're hesitant, but on the 20th your ruler Saturn changes signs, ending a two-year cycle, and you are ready to embrace a more creative approach.

aquarius January 20-February 17

Lately you have been uncertain, whether it's about planning a big party or an extensive redecoration. Exciting developments in early April demand quick thinking. Be spontaneous. You may go from a seated dinner for 12 to an elaborate buffet for 60; but remember: your world is becoming wider, too. After the 20th, you'll wonder why you worried so.

PISCES February 18-March 19

Your perfectionist streak suffers when things don't live up to your high standards. You've struggled to get colors and fabrics just right, and others notice—so much so that they are now seeking your advice on selecting furniture and art. After the 20th, when the achievement planet, Saturn, changes signs, you begin a cycle when such responsibilities become almost routine.

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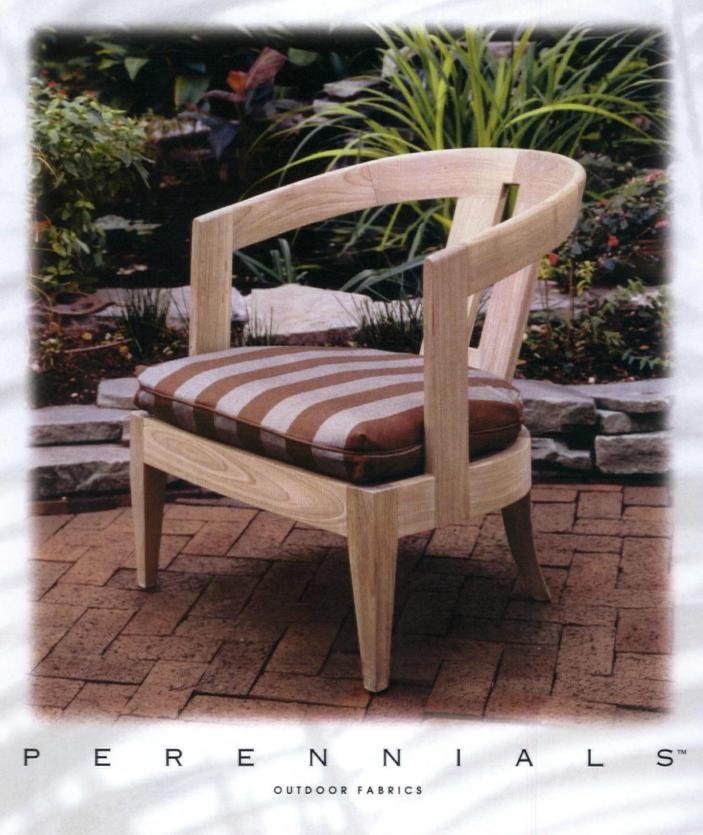
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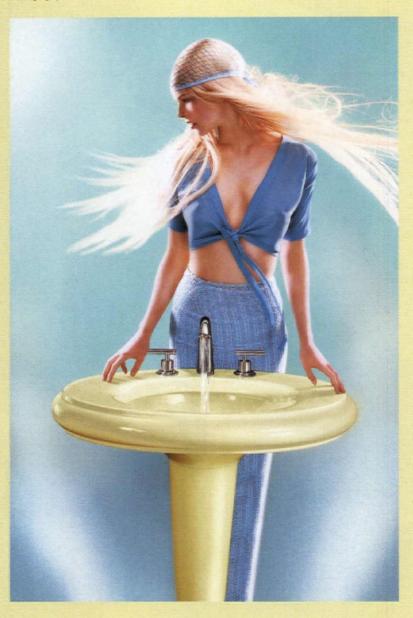
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(3) Tiny in scale, the Cherubino lamp, with a blown glass base and raw silk shade, \$440, from Ochre is a delicate beauty. Through Room, in NYC or Miami. 888-420-ROOM.

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Lilac lizard-print leather is much more alluring than the usual brownish green. Thanks to Salvatore Ferragamo for showing us the light with these raspberry mules, \$220, which are actually printed calfskin. 800-628-8916.
7 Straight up and shaken. We love this martini glass, \$19.95, by Dickey. 800-860-4527.

8 Clean geometry and bright wool felt made the Nia Armchair, \$2,575, by Karla Lozez, a hit at the last International Contemporary Furniture Fair in New York. So sit a while. At Desiron, NYC. 212-414-4070. 9 These glazed ceramic plates and bowls from France exemplify the modish but relaxed lifestyle that Sir Terence Conran endorses. Dinner plate, \$16; dessert plate, \$14; bowl, \$10. At Conran in NYC. (10) Fed up with skimpy purses? This chic felt handbag, \$125, by Pia Wallen from David Design holds all your essentials. Totem, NYC. totemdesign.com. 888-519-5587. 11 With eight colors to choose from, you can match these linen napkins, \$48 for a set of four, to almost any table setting. At Williams-Sonoma. williamssonoma.com. 800-541-2233.

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 Albert Pinto's Limoges coral design for Raynaud evokes warm seaside meals in Palm Beach. Dinner plate, \$80; salad plate, \$46. Available at Neiman Marcus, Bergdorf Goodman. 877-232-9312 for retailer listings.
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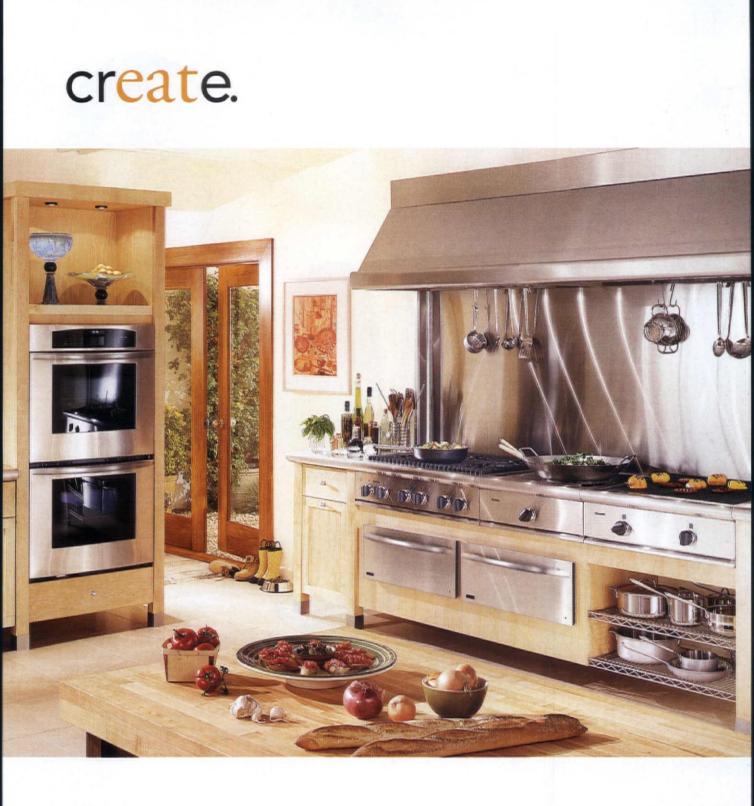
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Dry those crocodile tears and latch onto this faux-croc Paris travel bag, \$785, by Susanne Kitz from Scully & Scully. scullyandscully.com. 800-223-3717. Prom her studio in Amsterdam, Kate Hume creates unique, hand-blown glass vases in organic shapes. Bottle, \$1,300, stands just under 2 feet tall. In Miami, at Fikri Kala Inc. 305-576-2615. Green is the signature color of prolific designer Barbara Barry. As part of her recent collaboration with French luxury crystal maker Baccarat (she's the first American woman to do a line for the house), Barry created a lovely crystal desktop clock, \$315. 800-777-0100. Extremely heavy and seemingly fragile, enameled lava stone is a surprisingly durable and incredibly beautiful material. Fired at more than 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, it's impervious to the elements and ideal for outdoor

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use. This 3-by-6.5-foot dining table, \$5,965, is by Lagot & Caugnien. 718-855-1316. Surprised that something as mundane as a doormat can look so fresh? Leave it to Amy Crain, founder of the Room stores and catalog, to find the best in her travels around the world, including this Pixel Print doormat, \$100, by ReadyMade. 888-420-ROOM.

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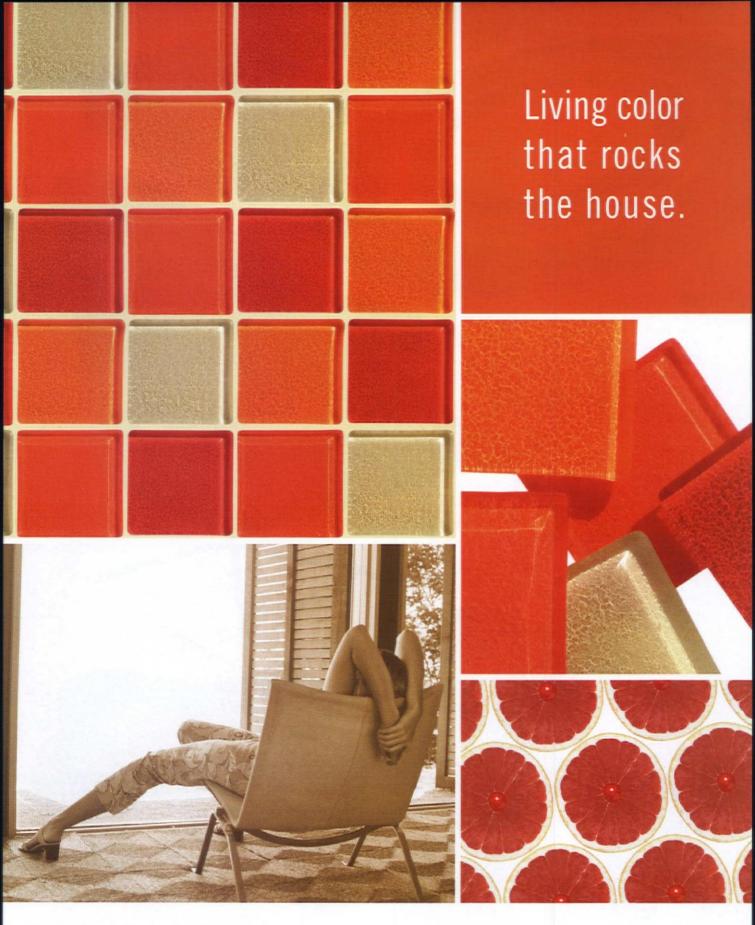
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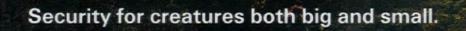
3 Joe D'Urso's Odeon Tub Chair for Donghia, \$3,100, is innovative enough for a contemporary space, but the back and arms reflect a certain traditionalism. In Donghia's truffle Glacé fabric. 800-DONGHIA.

Todd Hase bills his pieces as furniture to be passed on through generations. Your progeny will cherish this Queen Abigail slipper chair, upholstered in mohair, \$2,885 and up. toddhase.com. 212-334-3568.

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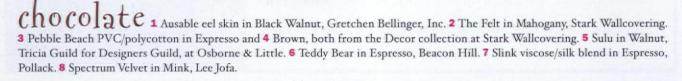


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 Arne Jacobsen's iconic midcentury Egg Chair, \$3,900, gets a brand-new shell: hot pink fabric from Knoll's Divina collection. The Terence Conran Shop, NYC. 212-755-9079.

(3) Hooray for this wonderfully cheerful pom-pom pillow, \$300. By Dransfield & Ross, it comes in 20or 24-inch squares, in nine colors. Property, NYC. 917-237-0123.

4 Paul Smith, known for his dapper men's designs, began a women's line in 1994. Now he has a powdery pink fragrance: Women. \$55 at Bergdorf Goodman and Paul Smith stores. 5 The Penguin Donkey Mark 2, \$660, designed in 1963 by Ernest Race, holds your papers and magazines. In paint-sprayed plywood (pink, white, blue, green, red, or orange) with cherry wood legs. From Isokon Plus, through the Apartment, NYC. 212-219-3066. 6 Pour me a small one. Vietri brings us miniature cordials in the shape of various cocktail glasses. A six-piece set, in various colors, \$132, exclusively through Neiman Marcus. 800-825-8000.

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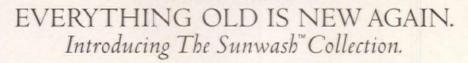
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8 Very Valley of the Dolls, these fabulous anodized aluminum canapé trays and coasters, \$10 to \$15, come in several sizes and shades of pink. Jacqueline Susann would approve. Kaymet Company, at Property, NYC. 9 Even a tried-and-true smoker might not want to drop anything in Cappellini's Murano glass ashtray, \$286, designed by Michela Catalano and Ilaria Marelli. At Cappellini Modern Age, NYC. 10 Pink cosmetics are everywhere, but one of our favorites is Party Pink nail polish, \$16, from Chanel. 800-550-0005. 11 Time flies when you're in the pink. For the sporty type, there's the Techno-Diamond #DC19 watch (bottom), \$2,040, an unlikely pairing of a gel band with diamond bezel and mother-ofpearl face. TechnoDiamond at Neiman Marcus stores, or technomarine.com. Chopard's slightly more formal Happy Sport Moon & Stars watch, \$5,150, in 18k gold, sapphires, diamonds, and mother-of-pearl. Through L'Art de Vivre catalog. 800-411-6515.

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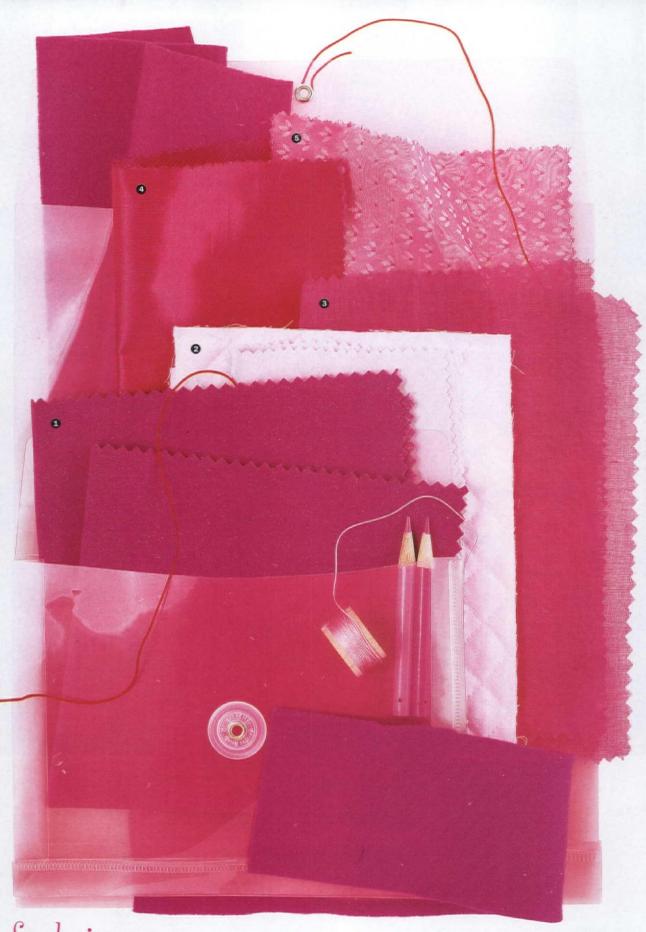


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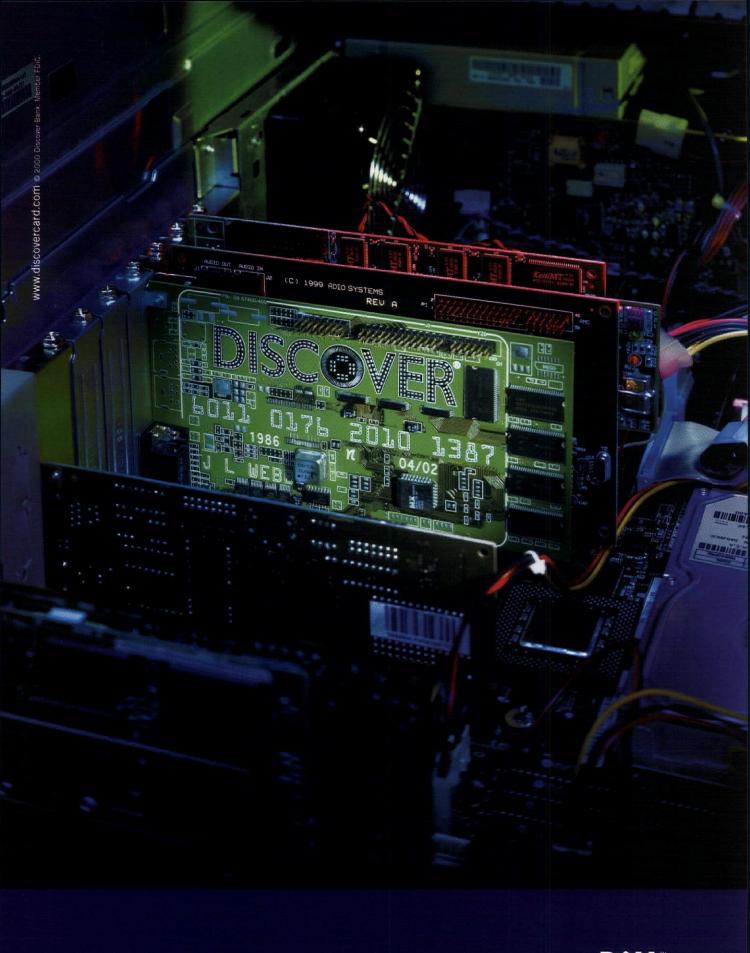
When used in glass, gold takes on a rich honey hue. See for yourself with the Mankái Collection by Villeroy & Boch. Decanter, \$49, and sake glass, \$12.50. 800-VILLEROY. Oh gosh, take a seat. The Ogee club chair is covered in Ascot silk and cotton in Sunshine. Donghia Furniture/Textiles, Ltd. If you take gold leaf literally, you'll love this Serpentine Hall Chest, \$2,399, from Drexel Heritage Furnishings. Black wood with painted leaves, butterflies, and scrolls, from the Et Cetera Collection. 800-916-1986.

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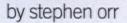
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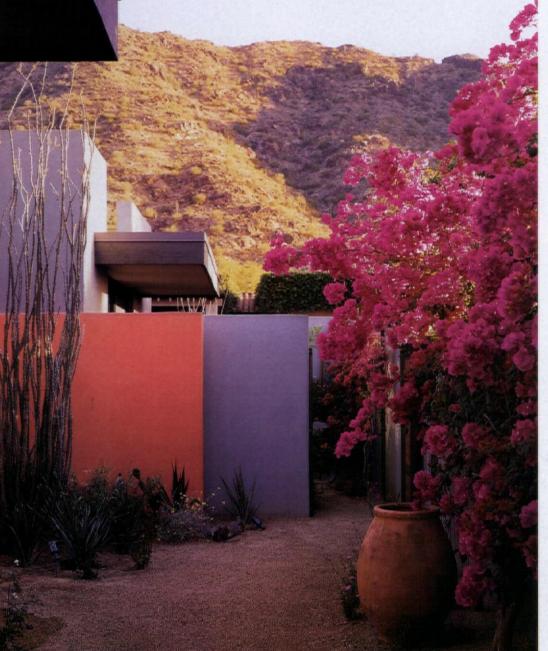
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HERE A BOLD USE of color is concerned, Phoenix-based landscape architect Steve Martino has the courage of his convictions. In the harsh light of the desert Southwest, Martino's strong tones- magentas, purples, yellows, and oranges-pierce the dust, and refuse to go pale in the harsh noonday

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wanted more colors and combinations than Martino had ever used in one place. "It was harder than I thought," he says of the selection process. "It was all trial and error." Luckily, the wife had a background in art and was quite confident about her choices. To help hone the palette, Martino painted 2-by-3-foot panels of lightweight Sheetrock in approximately 40 hues to get the right combinations. This modular system gave him the ability to try different combinations for the house and the walls of the small garden before having to commit to actual painting. Also, the panels could be moved around and viewed in both sun and shade. Several colors were introduced more by serendipity than by calculation. "Sometimes our choice





A simple backyard fountain of rusted metal, top, with Camelback Mountain beyond. Vivid purple and red tones shine in the strong desert sun in the front courtyard, above. Combative shades of violet and yellow, right, soften in the evening light.



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came from something as random as the color of the contractor's shirt or the lavender of a project folder," says Martino. The resultant hues, to which he gave names like Sonoran Lilac, Brittlebush, Blue Brilliance, and Shrimp Bisque, were custom-blended from stock colors at Home Depot.

Most of the color effects in the garden come from the painted walls, which Martino uses to define the outdoor spaces and imply enclosure. Various devices are employed to ensure that the walls do not become monotonous: they are staggered and interrupted to Sculptural cactus (ocotillos and agaves), terra-cotta pots, and a small fountain decorate the courtyard garden.

overhang that blocked most of the light and almost all of the views. I began by enlarging the house and designing the garden from the inside out."

The interior is now much more open, so that it is possible to see through several rooms at a time. The main axis runs from the front entrance to the backyard, where a fountain designed

"Sometimes our color choice came from something as random as the color of the contractor's shirt or a project folder"—Steve Martino

add interest and allow views of the surrounding desert peaks, most notably Mummy Mountain and the Phoenix landmark Camelback. These vistas are revealed by windows cut into the walls to frame the surrounding desert. Wellplanned sight lines also run through the house. "The original house was really ugly," Martino says. "It was dark, with just a few windows and a four-foot roof by Martino can be seen against the hulking shape of Camelback Mountain beyond. Other views needed to be hidden rather than revealed. A 6-foot blue wall in the backyard did not quite hide a neighbor's house, so shields of rusted metal were incorporated into the design of one of the fountains to extend the wall another 16 inches enough to provide privacy without





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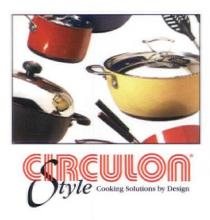
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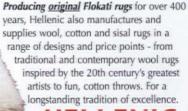
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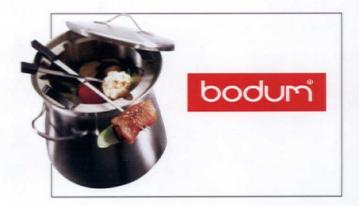
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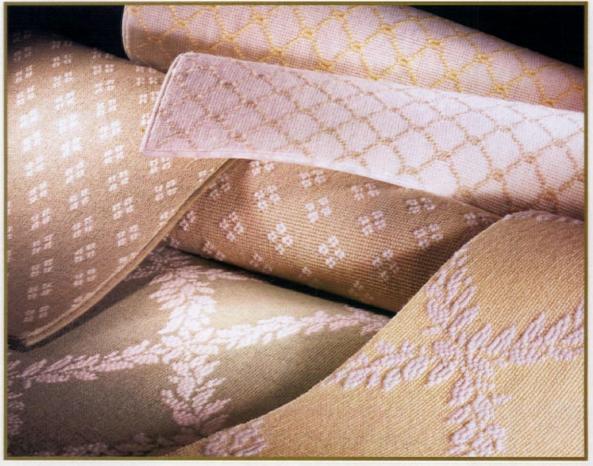
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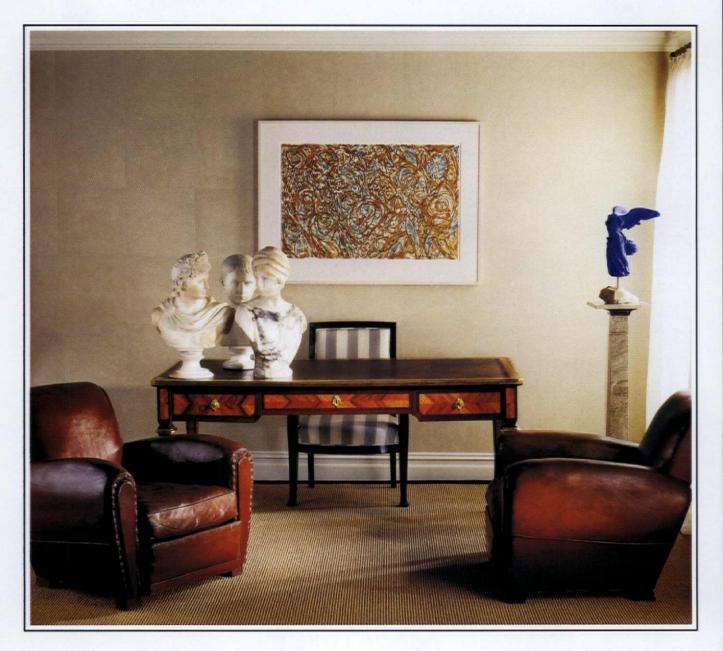


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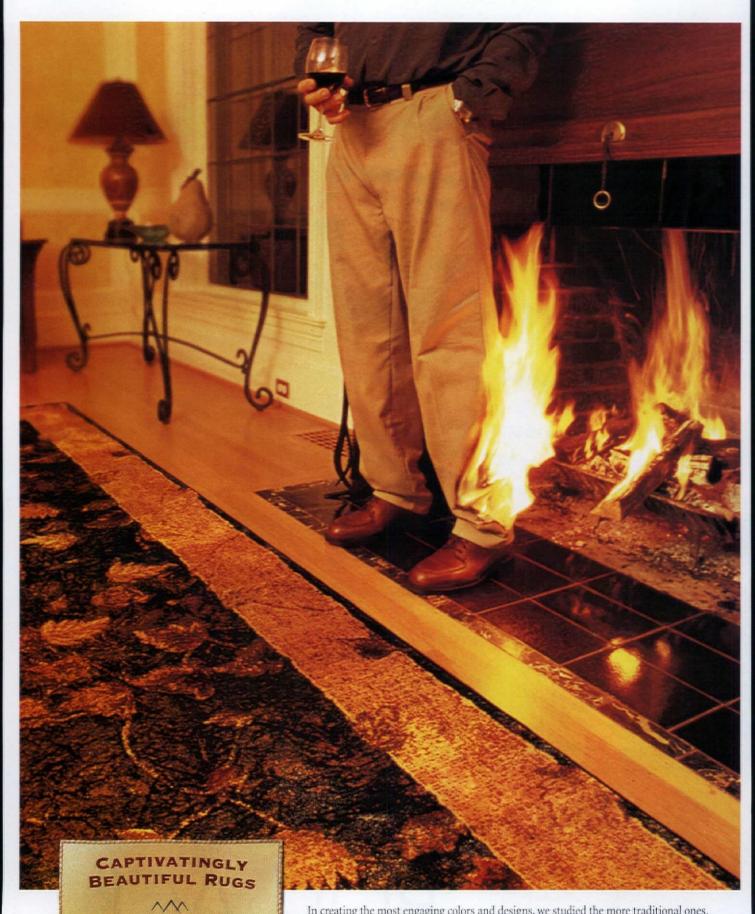




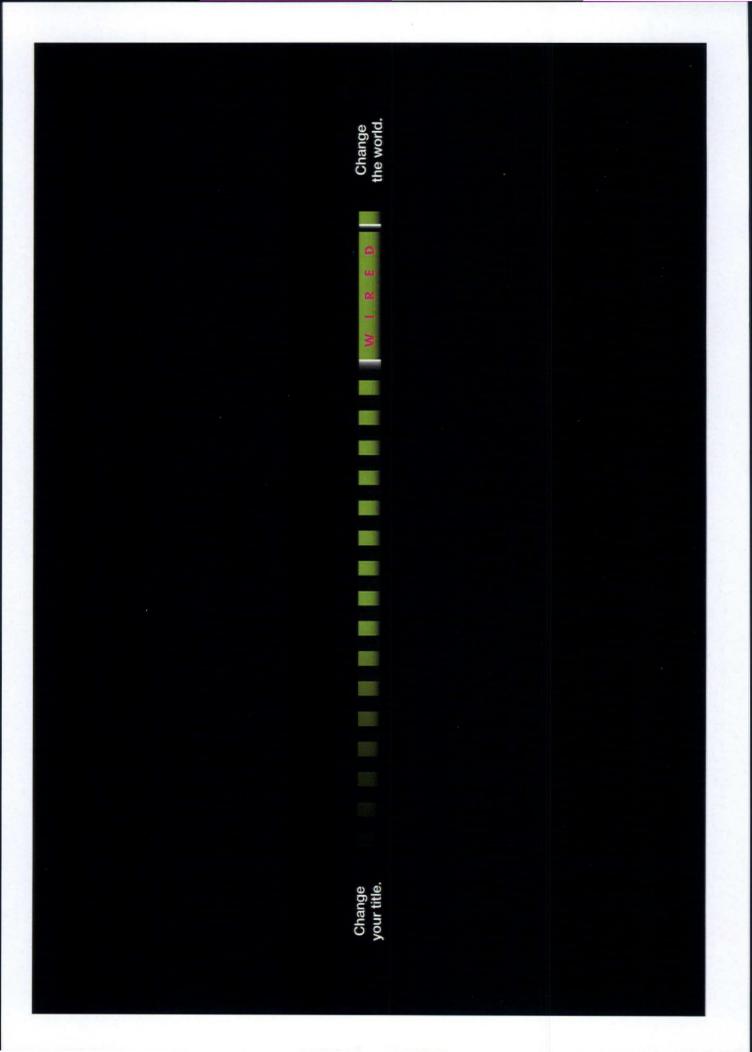
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HE PLAY OF SHADOWS is also important. A canvas awning with square cutouts shades the front courtyard while painting the walls with an ever-changing display of geometry. Plants are used as sculpture, and also to cast shadows, giving texture to the walls. Martino has long felt that plants should be chosen as habitats for birds and insects, so he relies heavily on ocotillos, agaves, palos verdes, and other southwestern natives. However, in the backyard, the owners wanted to retain a favorite vestige of Water features—above, a metal fountain designed by Martino—provide a cooling atmosphere in a garden of intense colors.

their former five-acre property by making a small rug of lawn. "Mainly for the grandkids," says Martino. Non-natives such as brightly colored annuals and magenta bougainvilleas, made even more shocking by their proximity to purple and electric blue walls, punch up the color palette even further.

Martino's boldness in both form and color suits this rugged landscape and climate, but even the master can tire of the challenges that color demands. "I'm hoping my next project is more monochrome," he says, half-jokingly. Unfortunately for him, his reputation and his clients may not allow that. The Claude Monet Collection from Habersham can be seen at fine furniture stores across the country, including:

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Dennis Basso plays a deliciously upbeat theme in his Hamptons house

OT SO SURPRISINGLY, Dennis Basso, a celebrity furrier and a furrier to celebrities, calls the Hamptons house he shares with Michael Cominotto, a colorist at the John Barrett Salon at Bergdorf Goodman in New York, "a big little house." Although the two-story shingled house abutting a nature reserve boasts a 3,000square-foot deck and a swimming pool that runs the 50-foot length of the living and dining rooms, it is actually quite simple. Highceilinged, white-walled rooms flow into one another, and French doors open directly to the outdoors. (Weekend guests—and there seem to be plenty of them—sleep in three wellappointed suites on the second floor. The master bedroom is on the ground floor.)

"We wanted the house to have a feeling of formality but be comfortable enough so you could sink back into the sofa," says Basso, who did his own version of one-stop shopping by dashing through Nancy Corzine's New York showroom. As soon as Basso announced that he wanted "a shingled house with an Italian-French Riviera

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"We wanted the house to have a feeling of formality but be comfortable enough so you could sink back into the sofa"—Dennis Basso

A deep lounge chair, right, upholstered in a woven plaid from Brunschwig & Fils, provides comfortable seating by the fireplace in the master bedroom.



feeling," Corzine, a longtime friend, took the helm. "He's such a character," she says. "When he came into the showroom, he said to me, 'Dabling, I just want a beautiful house. And I want blue and white.' Of course, some of the things he picked out were not exactly right."

But that was no problem. "We'll just do it for you," Corzine remembers replying. She worked on the house with her daughter, Victoria Montana, the vice president of Nancy Corzine, Inc., a manufacturer of furniture and textiles that has showrooms in 16 cities across the country. Charles Allem, a New York designer, also worked on the project. "I decided that I didn't dare tell Dennis everything we were doing as we went along," Corzine says. "I wanted him to see it as a total thing."

The result is a house of bold strokes, where the forthright and oh-so-easy all-blue-andwhite color scheme is played out in a flurry of ways: in the plaids, stripes, and prints of the fabrics chosen for the draperies and upholstery; in the embroidered sheets and towels; in the





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"We love all shades of blue," Basso says. "It's a soothing color." As whirlwind travelers and collectors, Basso and Cominotto found that once they had moved into the house, they were





always coming across "something wonderful" to add to their brimming china cabinets and linen closets.

To pull off their design coup, Corzine and Montana organized the installation of the furniture and accessories so that it could be completed in one day, with Basso and Cominotto nowhere in sight. "We made sure there were candles, fresh flowers, and fruit in bowls—the works," Corzine says. "Then we left. Dennis arrived for the weekend and just about fainted. He said it was the most beautiful thing he'd ever seen, and thanked me for tricking him all along."

That's what friends are for, after all.

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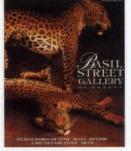
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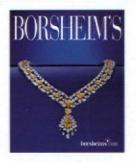
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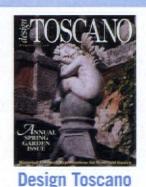
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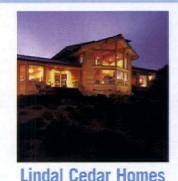


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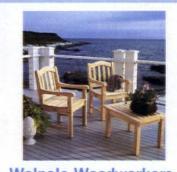


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the flat stretch of lawn that had been allotted for the museum, arguing that the structure "didn't want to be a building in the middle of a greensward." Instead he solicited student opinion by tacking large sheets of butcher paper on bulletin boards, and he observed the students' habits. Among other things, he noticed that they had worn a path through a grove of trees on their way from the campus to Saratoga Springs. "I began to imagine them taking shortcuts through the building on their way downtown," he says, in explaining why he sited the building right on the stu-

Antoine Predock designs Skidmore's student-friendly Tang Museum

OST MUSEUMS ARE about monumentality, but not Antoine Predock's new Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. It's about students. When the building opened last October, the college set the tone for the multiuse building by distributing jaunty little flip books titled *Welcome to the Tang Shebang*.

Four years ago, Predock beat out Frank Gehry and Robert Venturi for the commission to design a new museum at Skidmore. The Albuquerque architect was thrilled because although he has won dozens of awards for his dramatic houses, theaters, museums, and libraries, he had yet to build anything in the Northeast.

Predock specializes in buildings that sail like ships across the deserts of the Southwest, structures that owe as much to their sites as to the architect's imagination. He therefore began his Skidmore project by conducting an investigation of the campus. "I call it visual eavesdropping," he says. "I'm interested in cultural strata that go from Native America to McDonald's wrappers." He immediately rejected dents' path. "The lines of the building line up with the circulation routes of the rest of the campus. It's a friendly trap."

Student behavior explains one reason for the museum's location; another arises from



Predock sited the museum in the path of a favorite student shortcut into town, above. He then designed stairs so that students can walk over the building or through it. ■ Right: the museum's light-filled lobby.



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Predock's habit of studying the geologic history of his sites. At Skidmore, he was attracted to the limestone outcroppings and the boulders left by glaciers millions of years ago. "The site goes back to its primordial origins," he says. "I wanted the building coming out of the earth and yet lodged into it. It was important that the building not be too exposed."

OUR YEARS AND \$10 million later, the 39,000-square-foot museum is now open. Although it is difficult to see its complete silhouette because it is surrounded by tall white pines, the structure is vaguely cruciform in plan, resembling a cluster of wings that are organized around a square tower. The armatures come together at the top and spread out as they drop down to earth. Each takes a different direction. Predock describes the museum as a "collage that penetrated the site in ways that go beyond style."

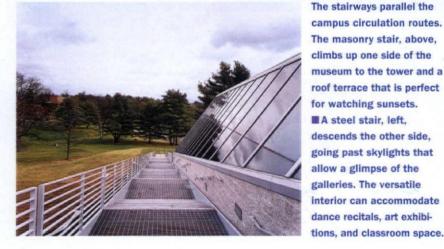
The museum has no grand facade. In fact, it is not easy to find the main portal. (There are three entrances.) Even the signage is small. "I think about not always doing the obvious," Predock says. "Bramante's courtyards can be incredible, but I'm more influenced by Arab architecture like the Alhambra, where entries and exits are less obvious. I was trying to unravel traditional ideas about museums."

Two gently sloping ramps on opposite sides of the building flank a tower; they allow the students to walk up to the roof, admire the view from the terrace, and stroll down the far side. That's the "shortcut." The interior is a series of irregularly shaped rooms illuminated by large skylights. There are lecture halls, multimedia labs, offices, and exhibition spaces. Once you enter, it takes several minutes to orient yourself. "You need to move, to discover, to seek out the spaces to understand the museum," the architect says. "That's a tendency in all my work."

Not surprisingly, geology dictated Predock's choice of materials. Most of the exterior is sheathed in grayish white split-faced concrete block that refers to the color of the limestone substrate. Stainless-steel panels on the north side protect it from wind and cold and also reflect the sky and snow.

Today, the Tang Museum looks as if it has already morphed into the landscape. "The building is positioned where you cannot *not* engage it, whether you are on your way to the soccer field or the pond or downtown," Predock says. Of course, he hopes the students will not just pass through but actually stay to hang out.





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HERE ARE RAINDROPS on her hair. He stares, frankly ravished. She lowers her eyes, offering the same evasive and perhaps even coquettish little smile as before. In the kitchen

he opens a bottle of Meerlust and sets out biscuits and cheese."

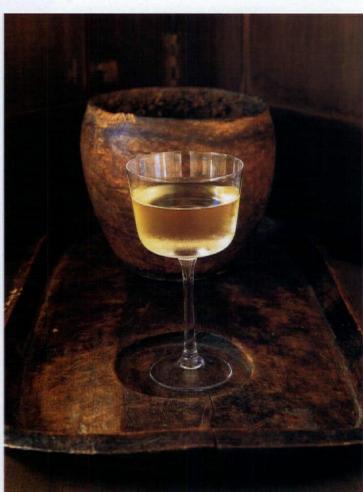
-J. M. Coetzee, Disgrace

When I first read this passage in Coetzee's latest novel I assumed that Meerlust was a name coined by the novelist for purposes of commenting, none too subtly, upon the rather tawdry seduction that was to follow. But Coetzee is anything but crude; I've since learned that Meerlust is the name of a venerable wine estate. A discerning South African reader would know that the seducer was a man of taste, and that he was pulling out all the stops. Its apparent English meaning aside, the word is Afrikaans, meaning "more desire." The reference is more subtle and complex than I first imagined. Over the course of a twoweek vacation in South Africa, my impression of

the wines developed along similar lines.

Many American wine drinkers are still unaware that South Africa has a long history of fine wine making, dating back to the first settlement of the Cape of Good Hope in the seventeenth century. Cape wines were highly regarded in Europe in the nineteenth century. More recently, the industry has flourished with the lifting of international sanctions early in the past decade.

With its backdrop of precipitous sandstone mountains, the Cape is probably the world's most beautiful wine region. The one-liner on



Serious South African wines are beginning to bid for international attention South Africa in international wine circles is that it's a junior version of Australia. The vineyards of both Southern Hemisphere countries are approximately on the same latitude, and in the past decade the South Africans seem to

have followed Australian export strategy, penetrating European markets with inexpensive, bold, fruity varietal wines. But there are also an increasing number of serious, complex wines that represent tremendous value.

In recent years red wine production has exploded, but white wine still predominates, and at this time of year the palate tends to go pale. Chenin Blanc is still the most widely planted grape in the country, although I can't really recommend it. Far more exciting is another Loire Valley varietalsauvignon blanc. South Africa is nipping at the heels of New Zealand as the best new-world source of this zingy variety.

The best region for SB may be Constantia, a prosperous green suburb of Cape Town that is cooled by the Atlantic Ocean and the looming shadow of

Table Mountain; it is perhaps the only wine region besides Graves that is located minutes away from a major city. Napoleon was among the earlier fans of the wines of Constantia. One of the best producers is Buitenverwachting (Beyond Expectation), run by 34-year-old Lars Maack, whose father previously owned the 200year-old winery. The style of these sauvignons varies with the vintage, seeming most French in cool years; and unlike most SBs, they age beautifully. Other names to remember are Constantia Uitsig, Klein Constantia, and Steenberg.

To the west, in rural Stellenbosch, are my

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favorite producers: Neil Ellis and Thelema. Sauvignon can be lean and acidic to a fault; alternately, it can be flabby if it gets too ripe. Some Cape sauvignon blancs seem so improbably balanced between rich body and angular bones that I'm inclined to credit the rumor that some producers are illegally chaptalizing—that is, adding sugar to early picked grapes. (Think of a skeletal supermodel with large breasts.) But hey, I'm not inclined to argue with this kind of success. My advice: if you see a South African SB, buy it and try it.

Just when I was beginning to wonder if the world really needs more Chardonnay, I was seduced by many examples from the Cape. The predominant style is very new-world—ripe, fruity, and generously oaked. One of the best is made at Glen Carlou, an estate that occupies a thatched stone lodge at the foot of spectacular Simonsberg Mountain in the Paarl wine district. Twenty-eight-year-old surfer David Finlayson apprenticed in Australia and at Château Margaux before inheriting wine-making duties from his

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father, Walter. While his Bordeaux mentor, Paul Pontallier, seldom leaves the house without a tie and a tweed jacket, David favors the surfer look. I found him out in the vineyards in shorts and a T-shirt, tasting the grapes in the company of his two Rhodesian ridgebacks. His Chardonnay, much of which gets exported here, would not seem at all out of place in a tasting of top Sonoma



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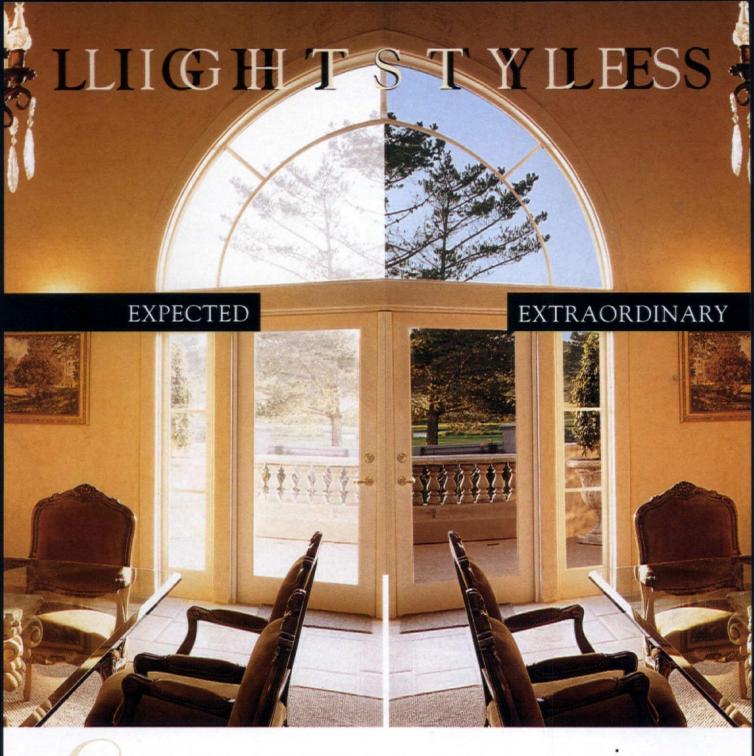
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and Carneros Chards. Let's hope David never finds out what they're charging in Northern California.

A very different style of Chardonnay emerges from Hamilton Russell Vineyards in Walker Bay, just over the hill from the beach resort of Hermanus. After receiving an MBA from Wharton and working for Morgan Stanley in London, Anthony Hamilton Russell returned to South Africa to take over his father's farm in 1991, and now makes a stunning Chardonnay that does a remarkable imitation of white burgundy-particularly the mineral-y varieties from Puligny and Chassagne-Montrachet. Like those wines, it ages well and seems to show best at about four or five years of age. Russell credits the shale soils as well as the cooling influence of the ocean, to which he is closer than any other South African grower.

With his floral Dolce & Gabbana shirts and his Cuban cigars, the 38-yearold counts as a dandy in the context of the shorts-and-sandals Cape wine world. The same could be said of his pinots and Chards. If you find someone drinking one of them in Coetzee's or Nadine Gordimer's next novel, you'd probably conclude he was cosmopolitan. The majority of Cape white wines are decidedly New World in style. Given their rising quality and the falling value of the South African rand, they represent a very attractive alternative to the whites of California and Australia. 000

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For most interior designers—even those dyed-in-the-wool monochromatic minimalists like Jennifer Post—color is a powerful aphrodisiac. There seems to be no end to the ways they can coordinate or mismatch, take a theme and fly with it, or simply use vibrant color to create emotional and heart-stopping rooms. Alessandra Branca skillfully uses tassels braided with crystal to the back dressy sherbet-striped taffeta draperles.

Gothic-style windows heighten the drama of the two-story living room, below. The draperies are a Christopher Norman custom damask. The slipper chairs and sofa, in Nobilis striped velvet, are from the Atelier Branca Collection. Artist Dana Sievertson painted the ceiling in the zinc and red leather bar, opposite page.

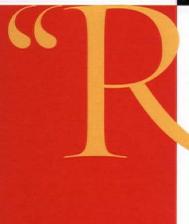
IN A YOUNG FAMILY'S MIDWESTERN APARTMENT, INTERIOR DESIGNER Alessandra Branca Gives traditionalism an Exhilarating spin



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OCK-AND-ROLL BARONIAL" is the way Chicago-based interior designer Alessandra Branca describes the style of the penthouse apartment she recently completed on a tree-lined midwestern street. The clients—a venture capitalist who grew up in Europe and his American wife—have "exquisite taste and a sense of humor," Branca says. "The goal was to take what could be viewed as a stodgy, patrician space and give it a breath of fresh air." The designer, who grew up in Rome, where her grandfather was an art historian for the Vatican, has a freewheeling style that is a mix of traditionalism and fun and games. "My whole background is art history and very classical," she says. "The past is your foundation. You have to know and admire it, but like Picasso, you have to have the courage to go beyond it."

The renovation was a two-year adventure of planning, construction, and decorating. Charles von Weise, a young Chicago architect, created a series of new bathrooms, redid the kitchen, and extended the family room by 25 feet. "Although everything was taken back to the concrete," Branca says, "my mandate was



Party chairs match the festive feeling in the paneled dining room, left, as do the 18thcentury Austrian crystal chandeliers. The Savonnerie rug is from the 19th century. The silk taffeta drapes, opposite page, are made of Rameau Stripe from Christopher Norman, trimmed with crystals from Christina Ojo, London. The 18th-century chair has its original needlepoint upholstery. The ca. 1940 Bagues sconce is from Atelier Branca.

not to make any room feel new." The sophisticated sound, temperature, Internet, and lighting system hides behind oldworld paneling and fabric-covered walls, and what's visible is vintage Branca: a colorful, lived-in environment with quirkiness and flair. "I like to layer and layer, and juxtapose things to create energy," she says. "In Rome, if you are bored, you walk outside and your life changes. That's how a home should be."

The feeling of scintillating optimism suffuses the majestic double-height living room. "The paneling was a little intimidating, so serious and proper," Branca says. Undeterred, she placed a pair of caryatids with deer heads and halos on either side of the fireplace, and hung a large heraldic banner from the House of Windsor on the wall. "We took all the color direction from that flag," she says. "It gave us our wonderful red, yellow, and gold palette, and we took off from there."

It has been an exhilarating, vertiginous ride, featuring a redleather-bedecked bar with a swirling, painted astrological ceiling,



a magenta and yellow Japanesque toile guest room; a little girl's room in which an acid green and white toile reigns ("The clients loved classical things like toile, but wanted to see it in new versions," Branca says); and the breakfast room, which gets what Branca calls "a zap" from its glorious Zuber wallpaper. The intensity of color in a small space is particularly appealing. "Small rooms sometimes end up being the best in the house," says the designer, who lavishes the same level of attention on every space, whether it is a dining room that seats 24 or a new baby's nursery. "We wanted the nursery not to be juve-





nile, but playful enough so that the room will work for the child as she grows up."

When she was growing up, Branca moved the furniture in her room around constantly. "I always had an artistic inclination," she says. "I look at furniture like sculpture, but I believe that things must fit into a person's lifestyle. I don't think you should take a person or a space who are opposed and put them together." But feeling comfortable in a room is not enough. Branca seems to need to provide an exhilarating twist, such as adding crystals from an old chandelier to the trim on the dressy striped taffeta dining room draperies so that they sparkle at night. "I love workmanship, looking for unusual gauffrage patterns that were never used, or making custom trims-the things people put time into. If everything is Velcro, then there will be no buttons left."

To judge from the all pale blue bedroom, with a cocoonlike draped bed that is surprisingly monochromatic, emphatically quiet, and low-key, Branca is working hard to slow down the pace of modern life. "The bedroom was meant to be the oasis from the bombardment of color and energy in the other rooms," says Branca. "It's a romantic and peaceful place. There's really only a fireplace and music, and most important, no TV." That may be Branca's best twist on tradition yet.

Serenity reigns in the master bedroom, top and opposite page. Ranong taffeta bed curtains and draperies are from Jim Thompson Thai Silk Co. The 19th-century Regency chalse is in Clarence House Velours Longuedoc. The boy's room, above left, has a military theme, with Napoléon hat sconces. The sleigh bed is from Simon Horn Furniture, Ltd., London. Sources, see back of book.



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Grey Watkins's The Four Seasons in Spring



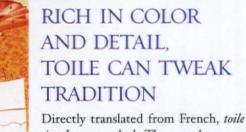
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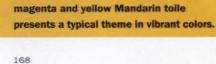
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simply means cloth. The term, however, is shorthand for the printed fabrics that became popular at the end of the eighteenth century in France, due in part to the success of a factory at Jouy-en-Josas. There, artisans mastered the technique of using copper plates and cylinders to transfer elaborate line drawings onto cotton and linen. Designer Alessandra Branca says she is attracted to the inherent quality of original eighteenthcentury patterns. "They were drawn by the finest artists, engraved by the finest artisans, and printed on the best fabrics," she explains. Because of her sensitivity to color, Branca often has a traditional design remade in new hues. But even if you're not splurging on a custom fabric, there are fantastic scenes and unusual color combinations out there for the picking. - SABINE ROTHMAN



Branca worked with the manufacturer

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Lee Behren to customize their La

the little girl's room, top. In the



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Gonzo decorators William Diamond and Anthony Baratta give a New Jersey couple a case of the hives in an extravagant bee-themed interior

> Bee-utiful. A palette of colors, patterns, and graphics, all beerelated, is announced in the foyer. Tilton, NH, artisan Jan Jurta made the "doily" rug. The striped cotton on the walls and sofa is by Bergamo Fabrics.







E'RE VERY themeoriented interior designers," William

Diamond says of himself and his business partner, Anthony Baratta. "Just give us a theme and we'll go psycho."

"Psycho," eh? Hmm.

Exterior, dusk: an isolated Victorian house in a leafy New Jersey town. We track across the lawn and up the porch stairs to the entrance, where a plaque on the wall reads "The Beehive." There's a bumblebee-shaped knocker on the door, and a sign hanging on the knob that says "Bee Back Soon." We enter. Panning from side to side as we pass through the rooms, we see more bees. Bees everywhere. Swarms of them. Bees stenciled on the floorboards. Bees woven into a carpet with a honeycomb pattern. Bees embroidered on pillows. Bee wallpaper. Beebive tiles. A beebive table. A droning buzz seems to fill the air. Suddenly, there's a footfall on the porch. Cue: violins in a rising staccato. The door opens. An apiarist Norman Bates? No-it's the queen bee herself: owner Lucia Blank. "The bees are so fun and charming," she says. "They add a lighthearted flair to the house."

Well, yes they do, actually. It's rare to see a design motif carried out successfully with such exuberance and extravagance, even by Diamond and Baratta, who are known for their lavish, whimsical approach to color, detail, and pattern. But for all the talk of going psycho, there is a rational explanation:

> The living room buzzes with color, from the custom rug to an antique quilt from Nashville used for the upholstery on the two chairs and the pillows. A 19thcentury chest serves as a coffee table.



"I think the **bees** are so fun and charming. They add such a



Lucia Blank is Tony Baratta's sister. When she and Richard Blank, a member of a large Wall Street firm, married nearly four years ago, her brother decorated their reception hall with a bee theme—a natural for two people whose surnames begin with the letter B.

> T SEEMED AS NATURAL to reprise the motif a few years later, when the Blanks asked Diamond and Baratta to design an interior. And as a good sister, Lucia gave her sibling and his partner a loose rein on

their imaginations. "We almost never get such a free hand," Diamond says. "We're also lucky that we work with craftspeople who can make anything we think of."

The two clearly made the most of the situation. Baratta, who handles the graphics and architectural details, studied books on beekeeping and began filling sketch pads. "So many things we do start out as little doodles," he says. His drawings became the basis for the bee and hive graphics on the kitchen wall tiles; the bees, hives, and flowers stenciled onto the floor of the breakfast room and kitchen; and the bees embroidered onto Pierre Frey fabric for pillows on the sun porch. Baratta is most proud, though, of the living room rug. Based on a honeycomb, the rug has a hexagonal pattern. Each sixsided figure is a different color, and each contains a different, vividly rendered image-of bees, sunflowers, honey pots, the letter B, and hives. "I think this is one of the best things we've ever done," Baratta says.

Bees also suggested certain colors and patterns: yellow, black, white, and stripes. Diamond, the team's colorist, expanded the palette with hues such as teal, olive green, and a powdery blue, finding his inspiration, in a way he can't quite explain, in Lucia Blank herself. "I love the personality and joie de vivre of this

Lucia Blank, top, plays with her yellow Lab, Daisy. The porch, above, features furniture from Paula Rubinstein Ltd., NYC, with cushions in Sapphire stripe by Walters Wicker, NYC, and customembroidered pillows. Windows, walls, and cushions in the breakfast room, opposite page, are done in fabrics designed by Diamond Baratta.

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lighthearted flair to the house"—Lucia Blank



Beehive tiles. Bee wallpaper. Bees on the floorboards. Bees on a carpet. Bees everywhere

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A simple delight, the kitchen floor is covered in Pratt & Lambert Reverie and stenciled with designs by Diamond Baratta.









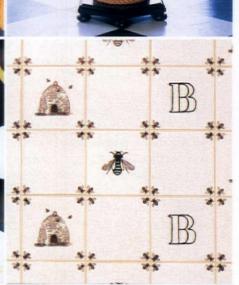


worker bees

For Diamond Baratta, a successful interior is all about the details (and knowing talented craftspeople who can execute your designs). Examples: First row, from left: A graphic border for the dining room ceiling; Baratta's sketches were the basis for figures on the honeycomb needlepoint rug; rope turned a table base into a beehive. Second row, from left: The designers mixed their Diamonds & Roses and Country Gingham cottons in









the drapes for the breakfast room; a bee medallion was painted for the back panel of a Victorian sideboard, now used as a bar; custom crackle-finish tiles were designed for the kitchen.

Third row, from left: Vivid upholstery changed the character of this Victorian settee; an embroidered bee on a pillow in Pierre Frey Beaubourg fabric in Potiron. Bottom row, from left: Hand-blocked wallpaper in a custom color by Zuber & Cie, NYC; needlepoint for the dining room chairs was done in Portugal. Hoot, mon! The designers layered the study in custom fabrics and a woven rug in the clan Buchanan tartan. The 19th-century dowry chest and paintings were flea market finds. Sources, see back of book.

woman," Diamond says. "To me, these colors seem as fun and elegant as she is."

The colors serve as simple backgrounds throughout the house. The floors in the more public rooms are painted a high-gloss black. The living room features bumblebee yellow walls and a yellow suede chair. There are blue walls in the den and the dining room, and a muted green field supports the stencils on the kitchen floor. But the palette is strikingly clear as soon as you enter the house, in the foyer. Black-and-whiteawning-stripe fabric covers the walls and a Victorian settee. Richer hues appear in a "doily" rug made of needlework medallions linked together and surrounded by a ringed border. And of course there's a bee-peeping out from under a Victorian sideboard that's used as a bar.

> HE ONE MORE or less bee-free space is the den. There, Diamond and Baratta employed one of their favorite color-andpattern combinations: tar-

tan. Though Diamond likes to create a new tartan for every client, here he played off an existing plaid, that of the clan Buchanan. The pattern was enlarged for upholstery and again for a startling tartan rug, woven like a fabric from tight, finger-thick wool yarn. It's as if a kilt for a giant has been laid on the floor.

While the ambience is just as playful as in other parts of the house, the plaid gives this family-oriented room a warmer, more contained feel. "We've always loved tartan: it's traditional, stylish, geometric, patterned, and cute," Diamond says. "We use it so much, it's like a solid. We must have been Scottish in another life." But on this tour through existence, at least, Diamond and Baratta are strictly sui generis.







SURPRISE PARTY

DESIGNER MURIEL BRANDOLINI CONFOUNDS EXPECTATIONS IN A NEW YORK CITY APARTMENT AND SHOWS OFF A NEW PALETTE—STILL STRONG, BUT MORE MUTED THAN IN THE PAST



In the dining room, above, chairs are from Marie & Cyril Grizot, Paris. Gray walls set a serene tone in the living room, right. An Anglo-Indian chair, ca. 1850, in the foreground-one of a pair from Louis Bofferding, NYC-helps give the space a slightly Asian feel. The bench belonged to Austrian royalty, and is from Louis Bofferding. The carpet is by Federica Tondato. living room, opposite page, a work by Tim Rollins + K.O.S. hangs over a sofa designed by Brandolini.

MURIEL BRANDOLINI must be up to something. The designer, celebrated for her exuberant juxtaposition of brilliant colors and patterns, is sitting in a Manhattan living room that is . . . well, serene. The walls, rather than being swathed in one of her signature fabrics—say, a lively geometric adapted from a Turkish textile—are lacquered gray, a modest background for the important collection of contemporary paintings culled for the apartment's owners by Kim Heirston.

Serene? Modest? Brandolini? Something wonderful has happened here. The room is a symphony of horizontals. Almost every piece of furniture is low to the ground. This is fortunate, because the patterned carpet, hand-embroidered in India by Federica Tondato, rewards close scrutiny. Its colors—lime green and powder blue on a sandy background—are a sweet surprise.

"I'm drawn by the fabrics I find, and they inspire me to do the rest," Brandolini says. In other words, she doesn't play by the rules. Why shouldn't a faintly Asianstyle living room contain a set of neo-Pompeiian benches acquired from Louis Bofferding and once owned by an exiled Austrian empress? Though the room has islands of vivid color—including green lampshades with peacock blue leather latticework—most of the colors are muted. Subtlest of all are the wraithlike Japanese blinds, or *sudare*, made in a monastery from antique bamboo, finished with metallic silk ribbons, and restored by Lilou Marquand in Paris. "I'm still using an enormous amount of color, but in a more sophisticated, refined way—it's much more grownup," Brandolini admits, with a degree of surprise.









A slipper chair in the living room, opposite page, is a typical Brandolini surprise. Rather than cover the chair in velvet, she had Gina Bianco swathe it in antique fabrics from Cora Ginsburg LLC. The Eye carpet is by Federica Tondato. In the dining room, above, a pillow in a rayon/polyester blend from Kravet Fabrics, Inc., perches on a window seat covered in yellow pony skin from Edelman Leather. Juan Uslé's Spain Is a Rose brightens a living room corner, right. Gina Bianco's brown velvet pillows with antique ribbon flank a 19th-century Japanese table from Naga Antiques, NYC.







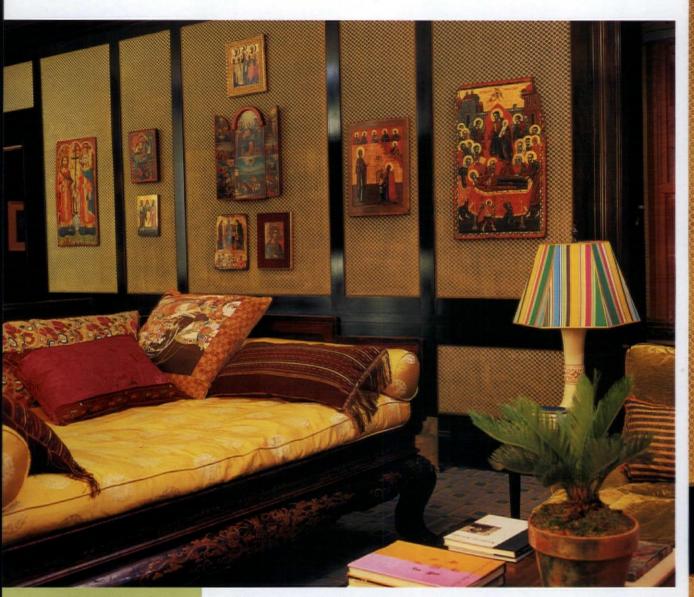




GROWTH SPURT

Muriel Brandolini, far left, is famous for her bold and sassy color combinations. Now, however, she is evolving, allowing herself to use muted colors and to mix bright ones sometimes hidden in a rug, left, or upholstery—with quieter ones. In the gray-walled living room, below, for instance, a red pillow, below left, delivers a quick punch. Yet even in a space where cool dominates, Brandolini manages to convey enormous warmth.





Taking the place of a sofa, a 19th-century elmwood Chinese opium bed, above, from Jacques Carcanagues, NYC, with pillows covered in fabric from Cora Ginsburg, dominates the library. Cameron Prather covered the walls in cut velvet. Brandolini's impishness is evident in a library corner, opposite page, with its flea market chairs and a Trestle Desk from Albrizzi Design, NYC. Still, her interiors feel fresh and daring. The apartment's owner has sometimes resisted Brandolini's choices — but never for long. The first room the women worked on together was the library. It was a mess, with ungainly bookshelves and red walls that belonged in a dusty English hotel. Brandolini restructured the shelves and brought the paneling to life with cut velvet wall upholstery by Cameron Prather. Then Brandolini got devilish, adding a turquoise Albrizzi desk and flea market chairs, which she upholstered in orange felt. "For a week I would say, 'It won't work,' " the owner says. "She'd ask me again the week after, until finally I was convinced. Then I had to convince my husband. He thought it was a joke!"

But, of course, those pieces were exactly right for the room. So is the carved nineteenthcentury Chinese bed that Brandolini plopped there. "I asked for a sofa," the owner explains. "Muriel said, 'You're going to watch TV with your husband, you're going to lie down, you'll have a bed.' " And what a bed: upholstered in yellow silks, it seems to refract light onto a collection of ancient Greek icons and velvet-covered chairs.

Brandolini usually gets her way. Still, when faced with an ultimatum in the dining room—designing around a large canvas by David Salle—she knew exactly what to do. "The painting inspired the color of the walls," Brandolini says. They were lacquered in an orange as bright as persimmons. That color is echoed in a Federica Tondato rug and complemented by the pony skin window seats. Brandolini commissioned a dining table from Marcial Berro with a base of carved wooden bricks and a custom-made mouse hole. As if that weren't surprising enough, Brandolini upholstered two classic-looking Madeleine Castaing settees with an almost tribal-looking fabric: proof that, grown-up or not, this designer still loves to play.



INTERIOR DESIGNER JENNIFER POST, NEW YORK'S PRINCESS OF PALENESS, DISCOVERS THE JOY OF HOT COLOR

BY SUZANNE SLESIN PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANTOINE BOOTZ STYLED BY MICHAEL REYNOLDS



Floor-to-celling glass—in both the windows and the Tre-Più system of sliding doors—gives the space a feeling of translucency. A painting by Robert Motherwell, opposite page, is a shot of color in the dining area. Red lambskin cubes by Penthouse A for Palumbo, NYC, an Amala orange rug from Odegard, Inc., and butter yellow leather Hugues Chevalier armchairs from Studium V, NYC, punctuate the living room, this page. The table by Christian Liaigre is from Holly Hunt. Sagaponack's Sun by Kathryn Lynch hangs in the office. HE BORING and—heaven forbid—typical three-bedroom, four-bath, Sheetrock-walled apartment would never do. Not even perched on the 27th floor of one of Manhattan's newest, most sparkling condo conversions. "First off, I knock down the walls," says Jennifer Post, a New York–based interior designer who has never met a space she couldn't improve.

Her clients, a couple, wanted light and views; and after six months of looking uptown and down, they found their nearly dream home just south of Lincoln Center. Then, says Post, "they hired me to gut the existing space, and I got rid of everything." The maple floors were soon history; so were the crown and picture moldings and the baseboards. With floorto-ceiling windows on all four sides of the apartment, Post's challenge was to devise a layout to take advantage of all the light and the views of the Hudson River and Central Park, and make the public areas of the 2,800-squarefoot apartment both flexible and functional.

Floors of honed Italian limestone create a serene landscape in the living room. The Charles sofa in cream Senegal fabric is by Antonio Citterio for B&B Italia. The yellow Sumac Border Youngste carpet is from Odegard, Inc.



Flexible, functional, and bright, this is a space that can satisfy both emotional and physical needs













It took only a few bold strokes by Jennifer Post—introducing brightly colored furniture, carpets, and artwork as accents—to heighten the drama of what began as one of her signature highgloss white spaces. By sticking to the hot end of the color spectrum—red, orange, and yellow—Post was able to maintain the sense of discipline that characterizes her work. In the bedroom, she used a lighter hue of yellow, proving that bright colors can soothe as well as thrill.

"Yellow is strong and denotes warmth and happiness. And both



Pale yellow accents define the feeling of tranquillity in the master bedroom, above and opposite page. The bed and chest are from the Molteni 909 collection at Format, NYC. The linens, pillows, and throw are from Frette. A professional massage table stands by the windows. The James Mont slipper chair is from Liz O'Brien, NYC. The floor is covered in Sharif carpet from Einstein Moomjy, NYC. The photograph is by Jock Sturges. Sources, see back of book.

"The rooms are not defined in a traditional manner," says Post, who introduced her now trademark sleek sliding doors to separate the different areas and provide privacy when needed. The designer likes to imagine herself walking through the spaces she designs, sitting quietly by the window, relaxing in the bedroom, working at the computer, or using what she calls "the office sanctuary" as a painting studio. "I look at the emotional as well as the physical needs of my clients," she says. "A project is a success when the rooms allow people to bounce back and forth into different spaces."

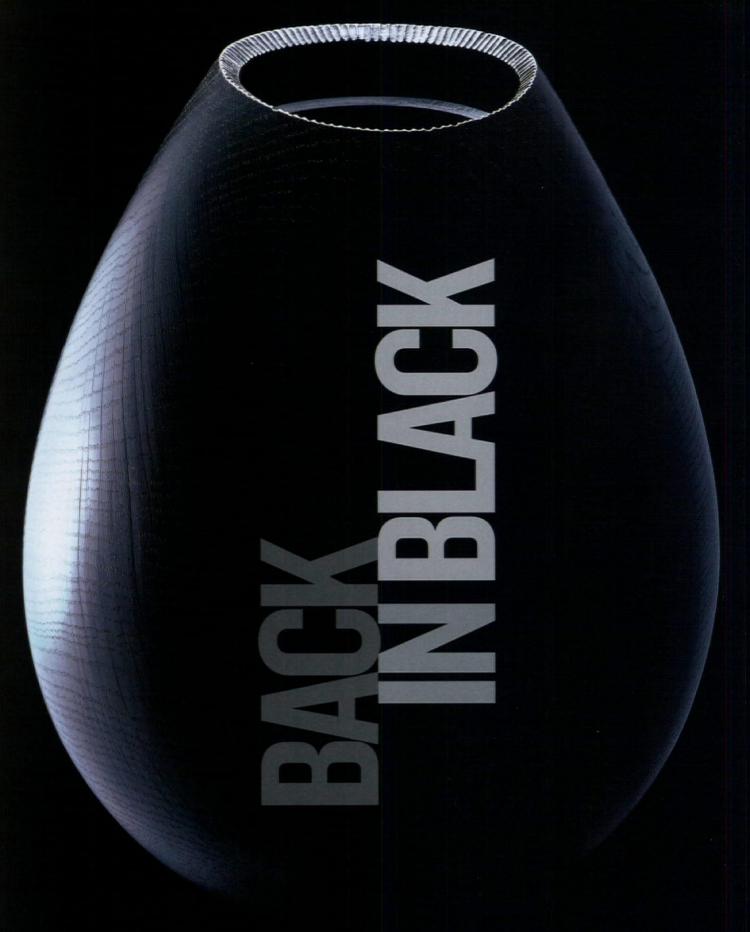
To further the feeling of open space—a Post fixation—she raised the door openings to ceiling height and had special hardware customdesigned to be nearly invisible. She put down honed Italian limestone for flooring. "Unlike marble, which can be cold, it's a soft stone," she says, "and allows people to walk around barefoot." Walls are painted with Impervo oil paint in a high-gloss finish. "The paint is extra dense," says Post, "and the cheapest way to get a lacquerlike surface that looks three inches thick."

While Post made her reputation designing the all-white minimal spaces that define a contemporary-chic lifestyle, in this case she opened up her palette. She used artworks (a bright Robert Motherwell piece, a painting by Kathryn Lynch), plus staccato notes of colorful furniture that add an extra dimension to the rooms. Soft yellow, orange, and red became a leitmotif in the decor, appearing in buttery French leather chairs, a tangerine Tibetan wool rug, and red lambskin cubes that fit so cutely under a console. "They're beautiful little things," says Post. "They make you smile."

So does the yellow-hued master bedroom, which practically trills tranquillity. "It's not your usual bedroom color," says Post. "Yellow is strong and denotes warmth and happiness." Furthermore, yellow isn't gender-specific. "Both husbands and wives like it," says the color convert. "I may never do an all-white space again." \iff

husbands and wives like it"-Jennifer Post

The absence of color, yet perhaps the most versatile of any. Turn off the lights and rejoice in the dark





Opposite page: ebonized oak vessel, \$600, Liam Flynn, County Limerick, Ireland. This page, top row, from left: Lindt-Stymeist ceramic creamer, \$50 (with sugar bowl), and Colorstone ceramic teapot, \$50, Ad Hoc, NYC. German teapot ca. 1930, \$850 for 15-piece set, Alan Moss, NYC. Second row, from left: large jasperware infuser teapot by Nick Munro, \$130, Wedgwood. Moon Black porcelain teapot, \$295, Rosenthal. Third row, from left: creamer, ca. 1930, from I5-piece German set, \$850, Alan Moss. Itome iron teapot, \$150, Ad Hoc. Basalt teapot, ca. 1805, \$1,500, Bardith, Ltd., NYC. Bottom row, from left: stoneware teapot by Brigitta Brunn, \$375 for four-piece set, Breukelen, NYC. Black Moon creamer, \$95, Rosenthal. Small jasperware infuser teapot by Nick Munro, \$110, Wedgwood. Cowhide tray, \$610, by Jose Bravo, Troy, NYC.



Opposite page: Carolina black fringed throw, \$7,875, Ralph Lauren Home. This page, from top: Satin Stripe wool, Houndstooth wool, Optical Houndstooth wool/ rayon blend, and Harlequin wool/rayon blend; chair at right covered in Window Pane wool, all from B & J Fabrics, NYC.



From left: basalt bookends, \$120 per pair, Breukelen. Thai 19th-century Buddha Budai in lacquered and gilded bronze, \$6,500, William Lipton Ltd., NYC. French celluloid daisy mirror with Baccarat glass by René-André Coulon, \$2,800, Alan Moss. Crystal Auroch bull, \$930, Lalique. Bronze candlestick with 24k gold plate, \$650, Carl Martinez Hardware. Georges Jouve ceramic pitcher, \$4,500, Galerie de Beyrie, NYC. Italian glass lighter, ca. 1930, \$850, by Carlo Scarpa for Venini, Alan Moss.





Top row, from left: mechanical pencil, \$60, and papier-mâché case with refills, \$15 for five, and rubber bands, \$.50 each, all from Papivore, NYC. Art Deco ceramic shoe, \$300, James II Galleries Ltd., NYC. Pinecone iron box, \$38, Leo Design, NYC. Mini Maglite AA, \$12, Mag Instrument, Inc. Mini pencils, \$1.50 each, Papivore. Graphite sticks by Agello Batle, \$28 each, Mxyplyzyk, NYC. III Second row: Moka fragrance by Catherine Memmi, \$40 for 3.4 oz., Bergdorf Goodman. Crystal Sitting Nude, \$250, Lalique. III Third row: cast-iron feather, \$28, Leo Design. Basalt miniature teapot (lid is on box, directly to right), \$375, Bardith, Ltd., NYC. Case for mini pencils, Papivore. Iron nailhead box, \$38, Leo Design. Xylish Black Mint gum, \$3 for 12-piece pack, Daily 235, NYC. III Bottom row: Black Black Power Up gum, \$3 for 9-stick pack, Daily 235. Bronze and silver Mouse Box by Andreas Caderas, \$8,200, William Lipton Ltd., NYC. Graphite hand by Agello Batle, \$55, Mxyplyzyk. Graphite pencils in case, \$1.50 each, Papivore.

By using bold color as a unifying theme, Paris interior designers Michael Coorengel and Jean-Pierre Calvagrac can let their taste take flight

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MUNUM

The elegant jasperwarelike color scheme of the blue drawing room, opposite page, is echoed in the 1940s medallion above the original 19th-century stove. One of the highlights of the room is an 1825 French mahogany daybed, this page.

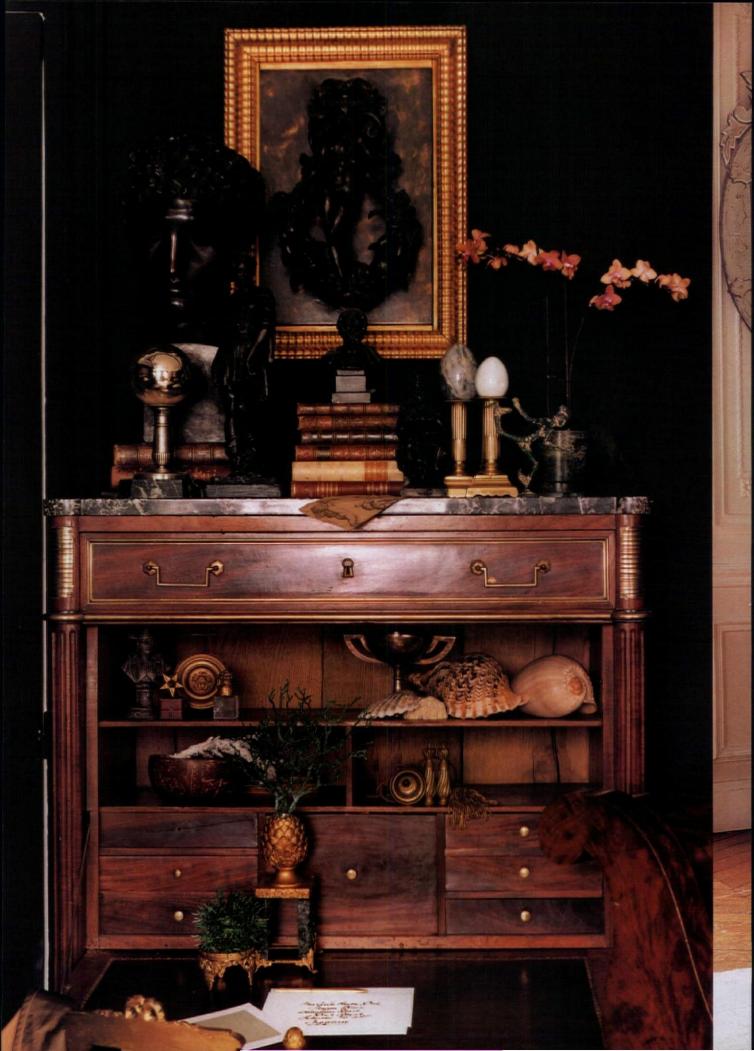
N THE DECORATIVE ARTS, color is a bold force for democracy. Think of the *arte povera* of Naples in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries—the harpsichords and other objects made of ordinary wood, but colored with unrepressed gusto. They're worth a lot today. Paint is cheap, but imagination is always rare; and if you've got the kind of imagination that can run far out with color, you can achieve something priceless in your environment. The French call it *panache*.

Panache is what Diana Vreeland, who had a very red living room, liked to call pizzazz. That's what two young Parisian interior designers, Michael Coorengel and Jean-Pierre Calvagrac, intended to create, using a liberated approach to color, as they gave new life to their apartment on a non-edgy edge of the Bastille.

The democratic power of color is what enabled them to make a virtue out of necessity: they are not at a point in their careers where they can afford the certifiably superb. We can also speculate, after what we've seen of their place now, that they won't really have much taste for doing that eventually anyway. Their panache is also a generational statement. It's The entry into the black bedroom, left, opens onto a dramatic enfilade of sitting and reception rooms. The rattan chairs just outside the doorway are by Jean-Michel Frank. The mahogany gueridon, circa 1835, supports an iron armillary from Aero, NYC, and Baccarat decanters with tops created by the owners. Coorengel and Calvagrac. The two also designed the distinctive oak chairs and the chandelier in the white salon, below. In the mauve bedroom, opposite page, Coorengel and Calvagrac dressed up, in striking style, a resin bust and a Chinese vase made of jade and marble using seashells and coral.







A mahogany Louis XVI secretary in the black bedroom, opposite page, holds an array of objets, including a large bust of Hermes from the Galerie Caumont-Zannier, Paris. Crystal and mirrors echo the purity of the white salon, this page. Vintage Baccarat candlesticks sit atop a mercury glass-topped table from Galerie Marie-Alexandrine Yverneault, Paris. The taffeta drapery fabric is by Verel de Belval, Paris. the sort of thing that someone older, Karl Lagerfeld, once made. A few years ago, the fashion designer anticipated where taste was going, and sold off some of the world's most exquisite Louis XV and Louis XVI furnishings.

The apartment of Coorengel and Calvagrac is a typical Haussmann-era dwelling, laid out originally for the comfort of a middle-sized family, with the accent on compartmentalizing life. It is organized as those flats always are, along a hallway that takes you, with the Apollonian predictability that Parisian burghers of the day appreciated, from one room to another. Coorengel and Calvagrac brought with them a few trophy elements: some very good signed eighteenth-century pieces. All of this was a privileged start, but it didn't work, per se, to express the stance in life of two people who each ran away from the ordered world of law school to make a livelihood out of their imaginative tastes. They needed other things.

Looking for harmony in form across disparity in period and in worth was one way to do it. But they took the challenge even further, and chose to begin with disharmony. The element that can announce an attack on convention—and, at the same time, replace compatibility of style with an ordering principle of its own—is bold color. Color holds together what otherwise might seem a confusion of very strangely matched things.

To begin, they painted the first place you see when you walk in, the entry that segues into the long hall, a striking purple. Smack as you open the door, you see purple and an alignment of Roman heads mounted on glass pedestals. They're obvious plaster reproductions, worth little to collectors, but they're handsome enough, and they proclaim like heralds that, starting from here in this amus-

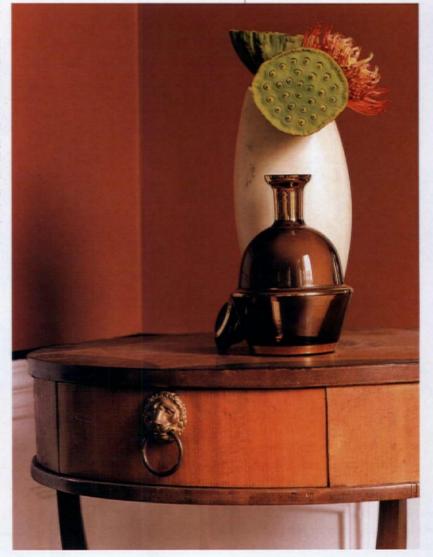
ingly purple hall, you should expect irony where others might place the solemnly monumental.

After that, you forget the hall except where it peers from back doors into the rooms, which have been left open to each other in a different kind of enfilade. You go straight from the white reception room to the blue salon to the intimate orange sitting room to the black bedroom and then to the mauve bedroom. In each room the bold color of the walls gives the key, like a musical note, that holds together objects outlandishly disparate in their stories and shapes.

The orange walls in the sitting room, opposite page, are a perfect match for the background color of a '60s painting found at a flea market. The Italian coffee table is from Galerie des Luciolles, Paris. In the same room, left, a shagreen-covered wooden vase from R&Y Augousti, Paris, and a 1920s gilded glass jar from Neeltje Twiss, the Hague, sit atop a Biedermeier table.

FEARLESS PAINTING

Painted walls are a wild card in interior design. Many decorators prefer neutral backgrounds, because strong colors can change the character of furnishings. But it was precisely this effect that Michael Coorengel and Jean-Pierre Calvagrac sought to take advantage of in their apartment. The bold hues embrace and unify pieces of many styles and periods. Because lighter colors enlarge a room, while darker colors contract it, the two used pale tones in public spaces, and dark shades for more private rooms. Even so, the deeper hues they chose-orange and mauvealso excite and energize.







A taffeta bedspread in the mauve bedroom, above, neatly complements the wall coloring. The chandelier is from Galerie Marie-Alexandrine Yverneault, Paris; the portrait was a flea market find. The room also contains a Saarinen Tulip chair, opposite page. The fireplace, original to the apartment, is made of Languedoc marble. Sources, see back of book. Dominant colors join forces with other strong shades. In one bedroom, for example, mauve is allied with bright red. The red trim on a blue Chinese hanging lantern calls out to red plastic Pantone bulbs framed as art on the wall, and to the red and blue cushions on the bed, bordered by a red night table.

From room to room, you discover precious pieces—the Jacob-signed divan in the white room, the Restoration sofa in the blue room, the Jean-Michel Frank straw chair behind the Louis XVI desk, also in the white room. You can pick them out and marvel at them individually if you like. But in this somewhat wacky, colorful world they're demystified. They share in the panache.

This is the environment in which Coorengel and Calvagrac comfortably receive clients who have much more money than they do. "We tried to render things more interesting than they really are," Calvagrac says. And maybe, all things said, they've achieved that with the expensively interesting things, too.

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Constance Umberger turned her early efforts at a patch of lawn into a highly personal garden of rooms and views

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> The cluster of 'Juan' tulips and crown imperials in the cottage garden, opposite page, is characteristic of Umberger's joyful touch. An elegantly simple border, this page, is created by using the line of the fence and overlapping nine varieties of narcissus, including 'Sweetness' and 'Twin Sisters.'

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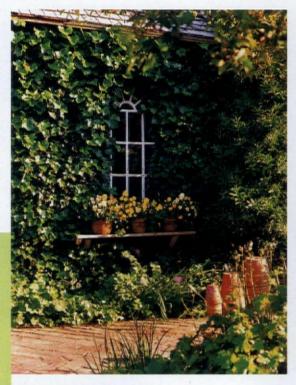
AD CONSTANCE UMBERGER known anything about gardening, she probably wouldn't have attempted a garden on such an unpromising site. The windswept barnyard surrounding her Nantucket house had been stomped flat by horses, baked by sun, devoured by deer, overrun by rabbits, and undermined by voles. But feeling the need for a little patch of grass in the front yard, Umberger scattered seed over it. When the grass emerged, she needed a lawn mower to mow it, and then a shed to house the mower. Those tentative beginnings ten years ago have resulted in a house gracefully embraced by a series of elegant garden rooms.

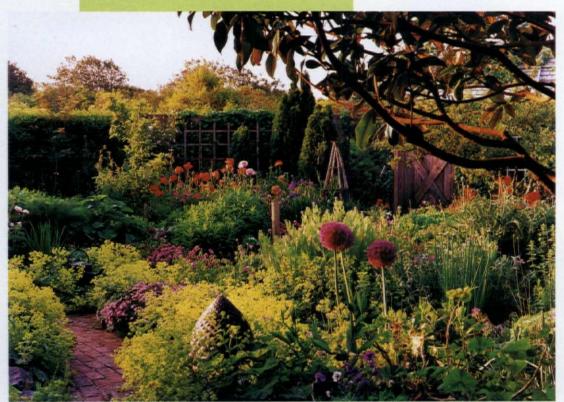
Umberger built the mower shed out of four stable doors saved from the horse barn that had been converted into her shingled house. "An arched window from a yard sale made the shed look

so pretty that I decided it needed some plants around it," Umberger says. "I knew nothing about gardening, but I started digging and planting, and the plants began expanding out into the native brush." Soon she was hooked on plants and garden making, and was drawing upon her stash of scrounged architectural and paving materials to build the paths and walls that define her gardens.

The front cottage garden encompasses the shed as well as a pergola with wisteria, climbing roses, clematis, and self-seeded Virginia creeper. "I

The tool shed, right, was one of Umberger's first projects. She has surrounded it with climbing ivy and potted pansies. She uses the pergola, opposite page, to shelter her seedlings. Eventually they will be ready to join the alliums, poppies, geraniums, and geums in the front cottage garden, below.

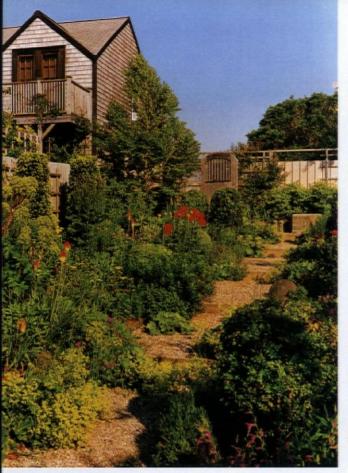






The current color palette in what Umberger calls the "new" garden is composed of a "hot" grouping of red-orange 'Daydream' tulips, bordered by "cool" 'Cream Jewel' tulips. She is not afraid to move blooming plants if she thinks their color strikes the wrong note.





filled the garden with all sorts of things — monardas, *Centaurea montana*, yarrows, roses — anything I couldn't kill," Umberger says. "I gradually built little brick paths and eliminated bits of grass until finally there was no grass left." The cottage garden had become a magical place, but as Umberger acquired new and better plants and moved the colors around, one garden wasn't enough. "Once you're hooked," she acknowledges, "you can't stop." Room by garden room, her garden has now worked its way around the house.

Of course, there have been some revisions over the years, too. Umberger explains that she "didn't know anything about garden 'bones' or hardscaping at first, but the more I learned, read, and traveled, I realized the importance of structure, and that my paths were too narrow. Still, there's no way I could have a manicured garden. I think of it as 'romantically chaotic.' "

The pool garden came about when she realized that she could no longer go on without having a bit of water. She dug ponds in several areas, but filled them in when they didn't look right. Eventually she built a separate garden room for a 12-by-15-foot pond. Its goldfish complement the yellows

Among other "hot" flowers in the new garden, left, are lady's-mantle, alliums, poppies, kniphofias, and geraniums. The honeysuckle is just beginning to leaf out behind the boxwood globes that surround the grape arbor in the green room, below. Umberger enjoys the clash of mixing hot colors together. In the striking palette of the cottage garden, right, purple irises are mixed with red poppies and alliums.





and oranges of spring bulbs, lady'smantle, yellow native *Iris pseudacorus*, and a host of euphorbias.

What she calls her "new" garden is an example of classic formal design tempered by whimsical architectural details. It came about, she says, because she "had too many plants, and no place to put them." Two 60-foot-long borders flank a central path that steps down a gentle slope to a pergola, with cool colors confined to one border and hot colors inhabiting the other. The strict design is softened by informal plantings and a

crushed stone path infiltrated by self-seeded annuals. The fence panels that define the space and keep out the deer are comprised of three different fence designs.

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Umberger's gardens are successful in part because her keen color sense makes her willing to move a plant to a better location if its hue doesn't suit the original site. "I didn't know you weren't supposed to move plants in midsummer when they flower," she says. By adding copious amounts of water and shading the transplant for a few days, she discovered that even a plant in full bloom will soon forget that it has been



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moved. Each garden room has its own color scheme, and, except for masses of white garden phlox in the cottage garden, there are very few white flowers. "Whenever I tried white, it seemed to detract from the strength of the picture," Umberger says. Instead, she favors the softness of silver, gray, and pale yellow.

Some people are born to gardening greatness, and some stumble upon it through a combination of pluck, innate talent, and dumb luck. Constance Umberger's accidental garden has developed over the years into a series of sophisticated rooms with inspired color combinations, quirky architectural elements, and a fully developed personal style that she could never have imagined ten years ago when she was scattering a bag of grass seed.

The plan, above, shows the way in which the garden rooms surround the house. The pool garden, opposite page, with yellow flag iris, magnolias, and prunus, was something Umberger tried in a couple of places before siting it in its present location. The front pergola, left, looks out on the cottage garden and is the scene for summer dinners. Sources, see back of book.



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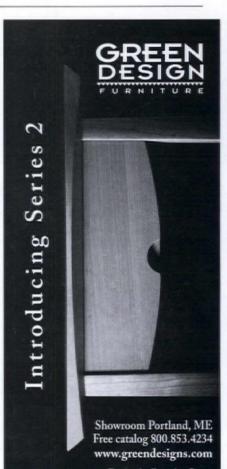
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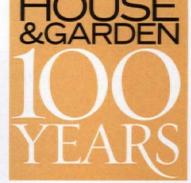
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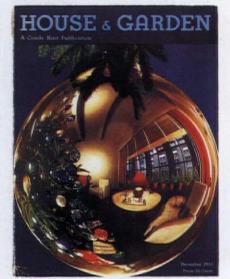


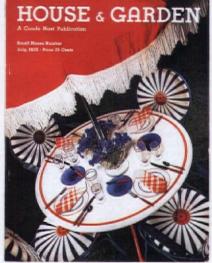
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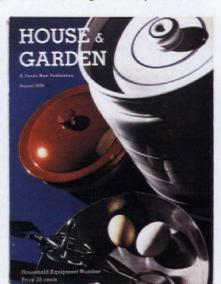


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