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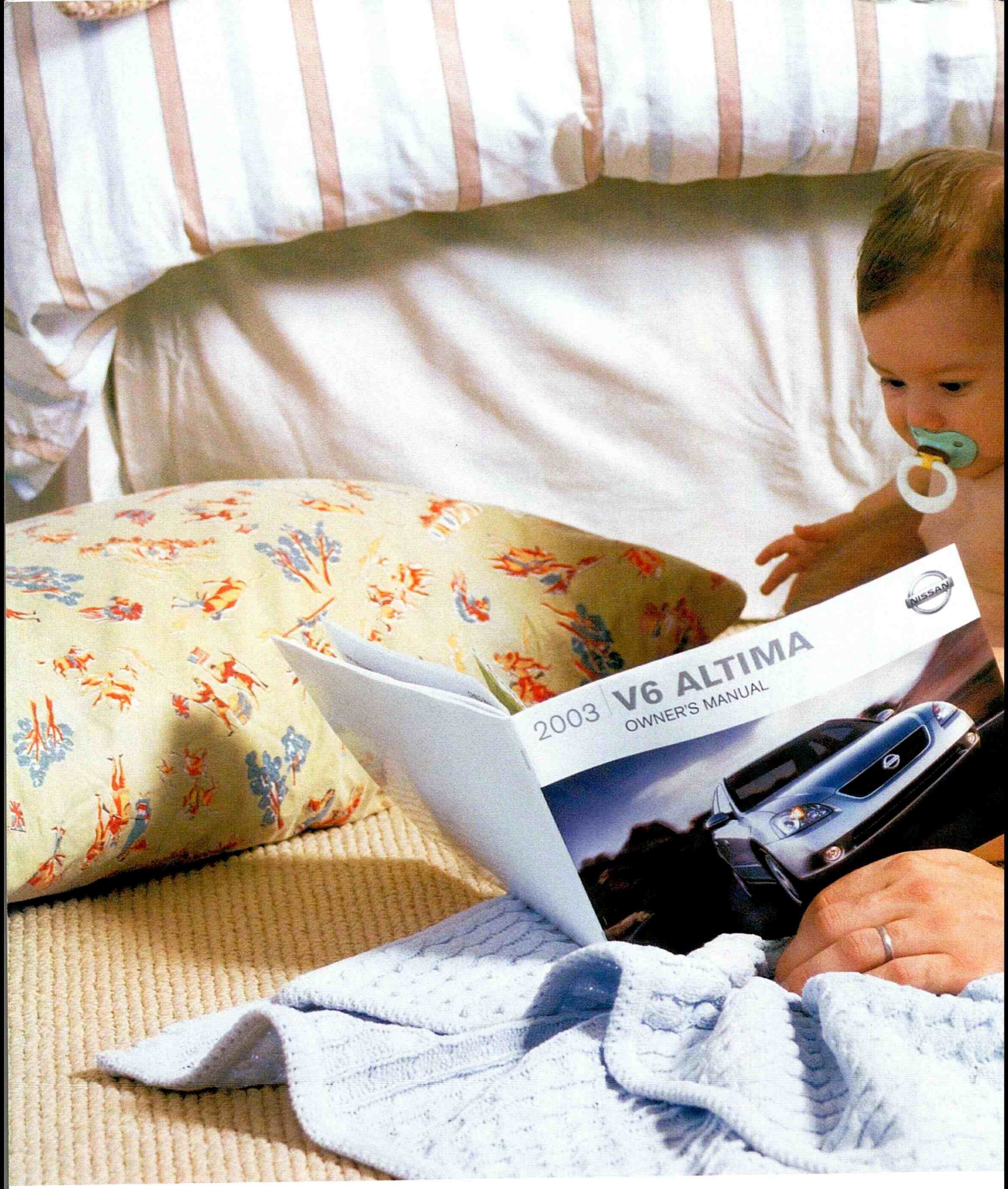

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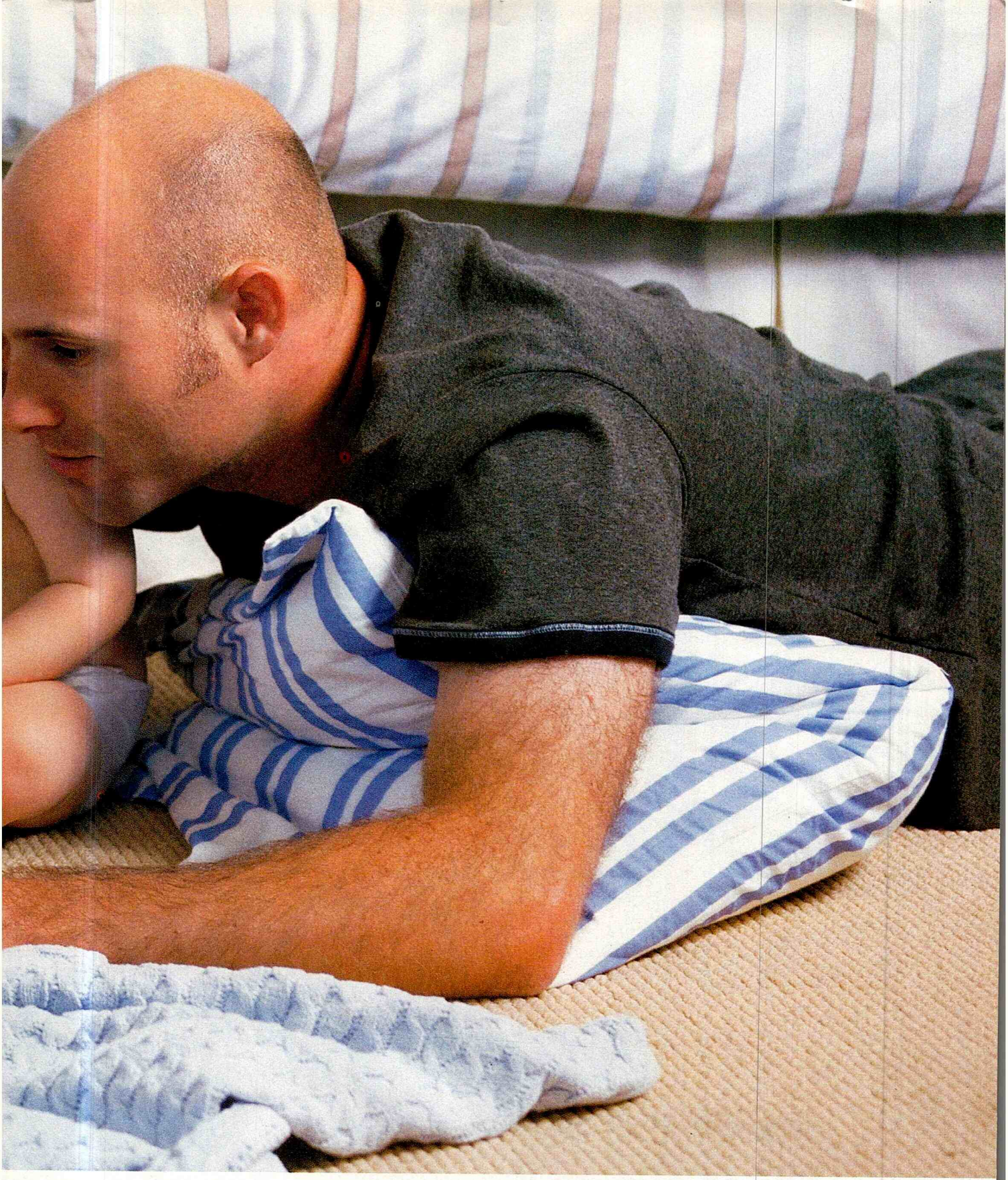

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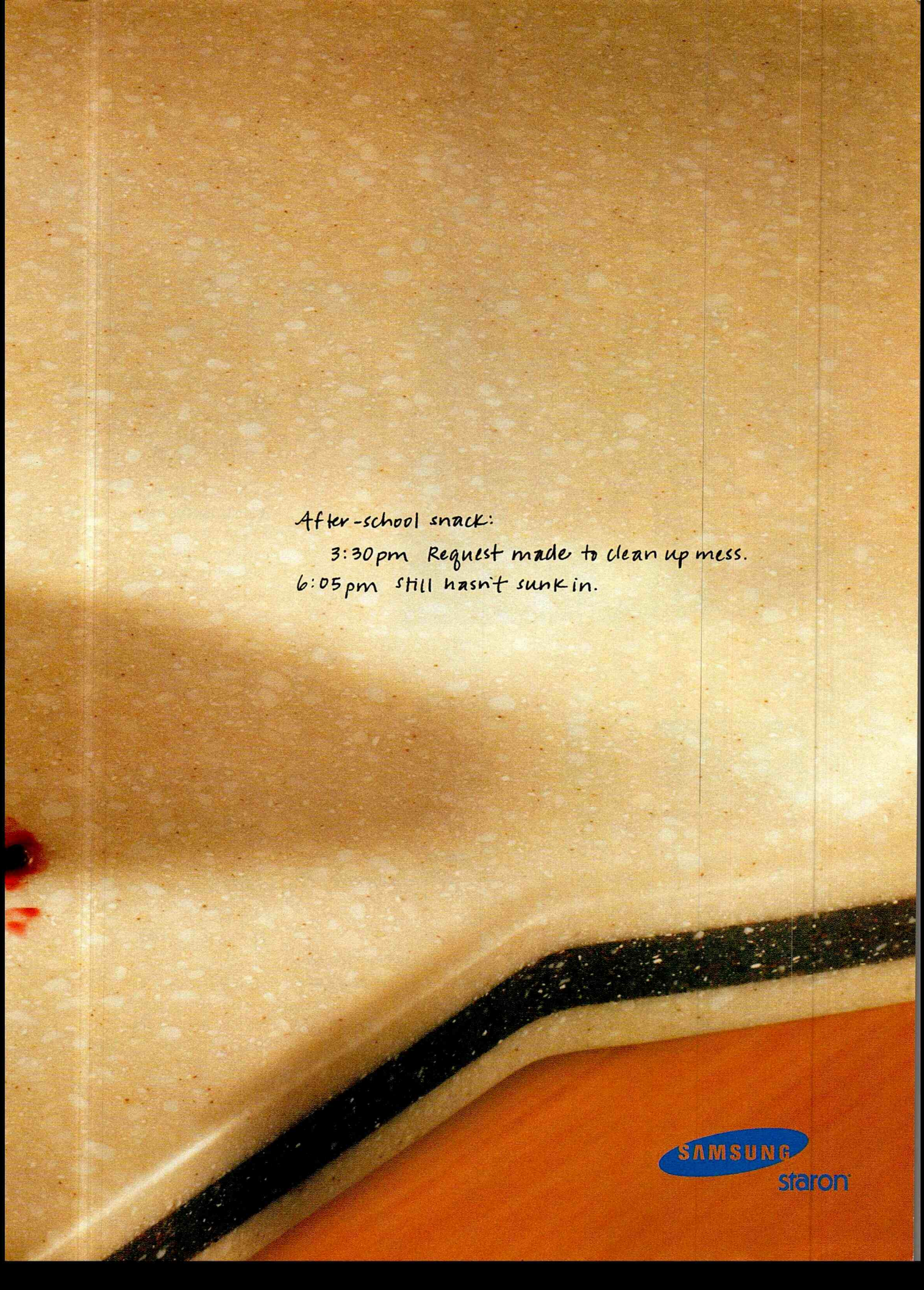
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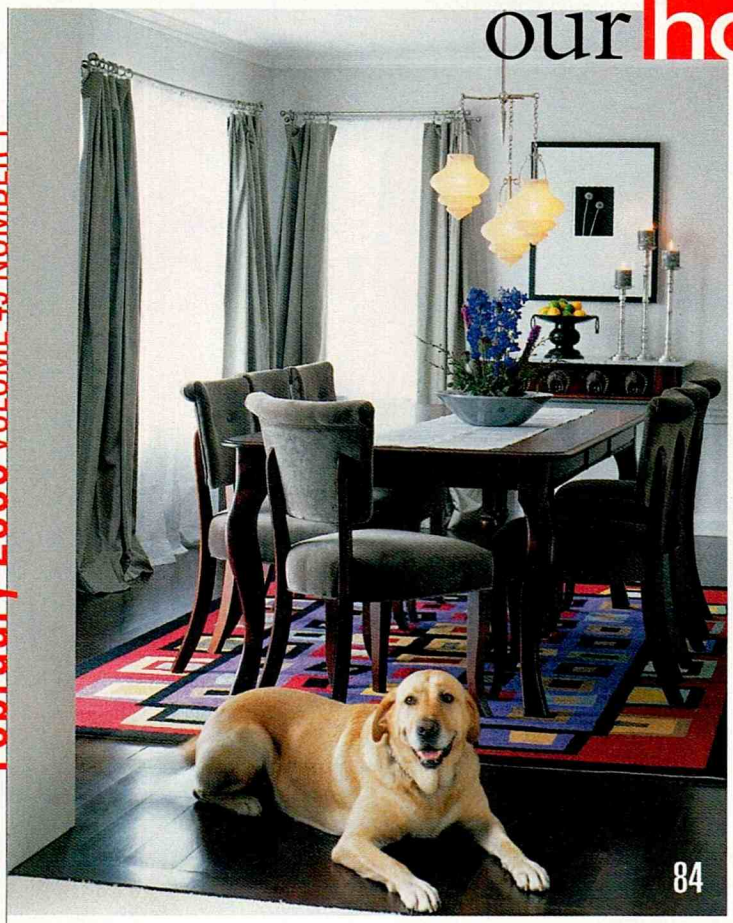



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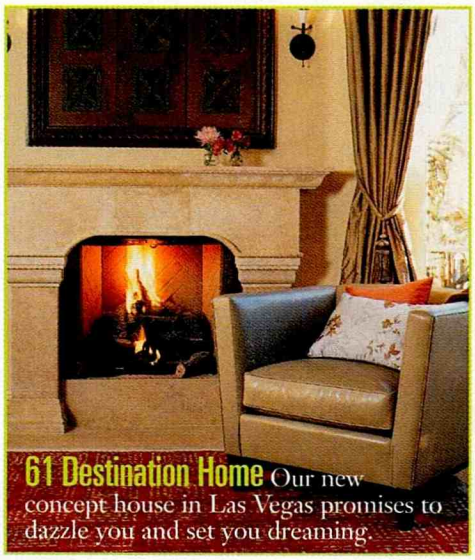

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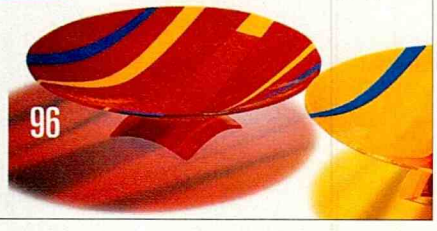

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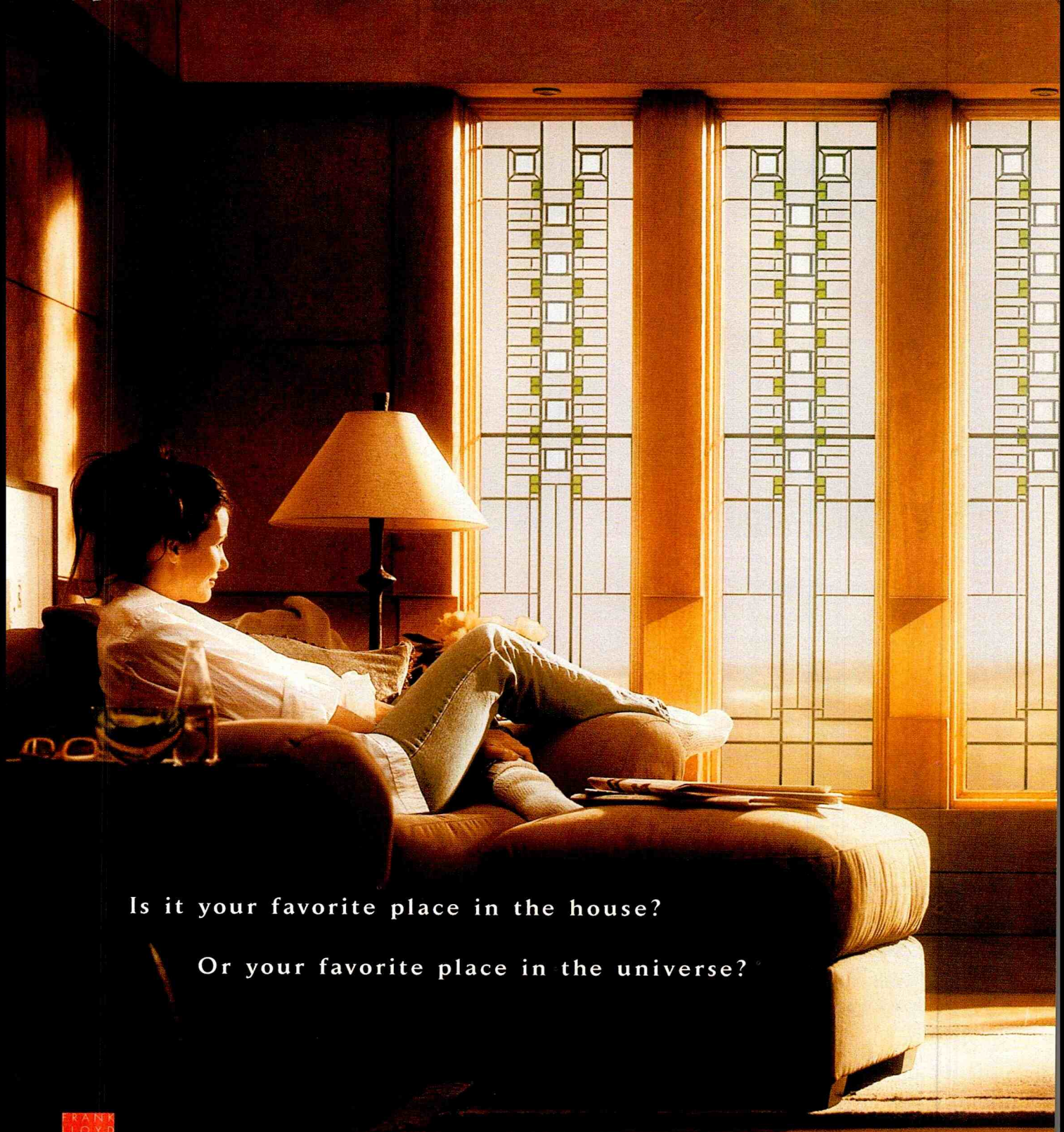

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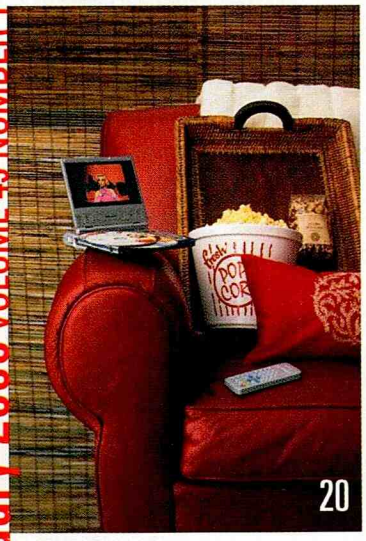



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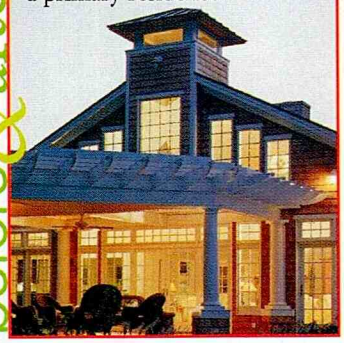



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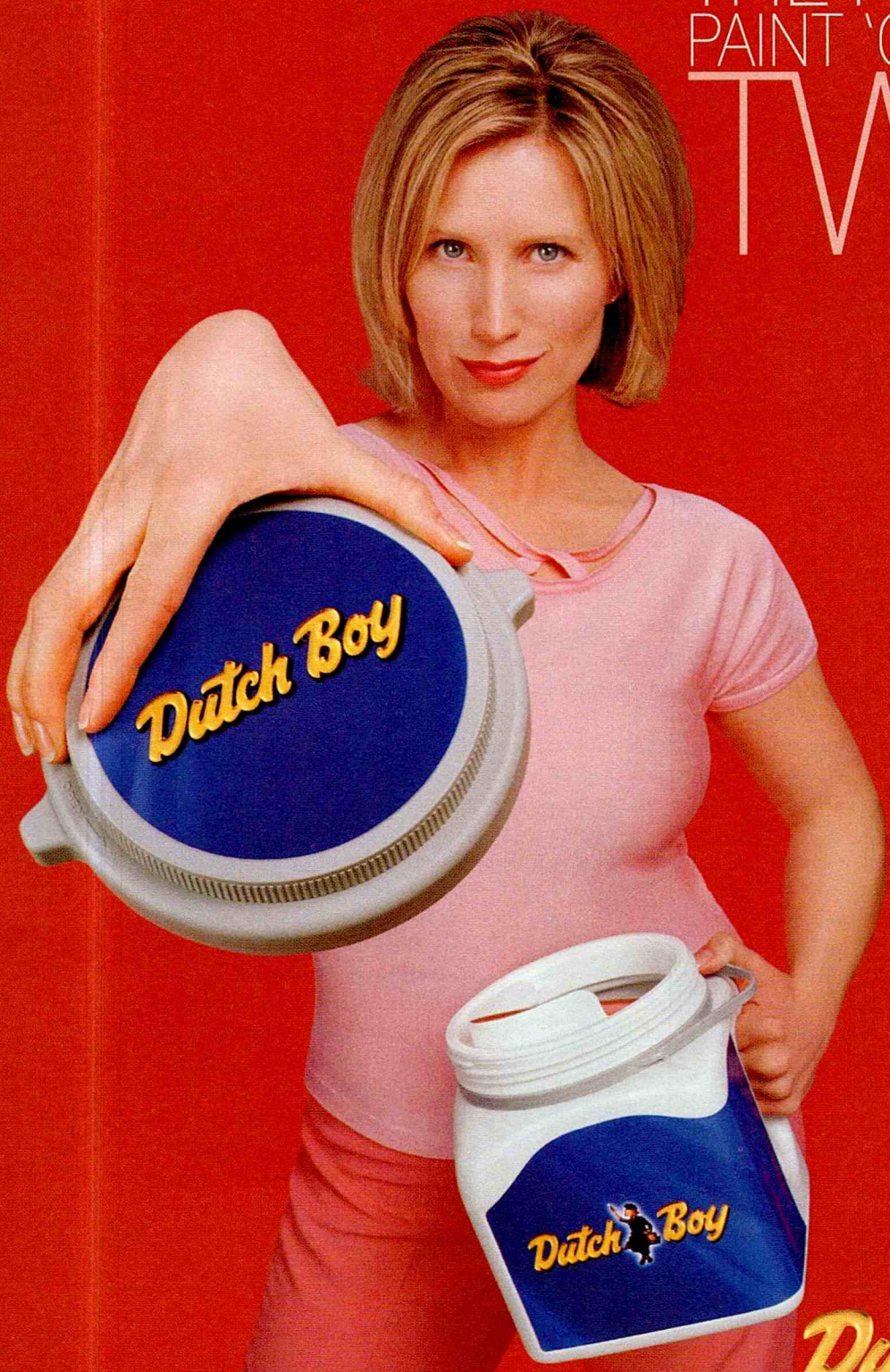



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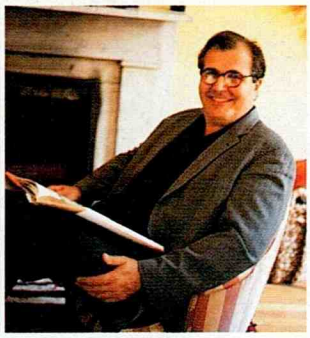
Reinventing ourselves is a grand American tradition, and it is apparently not anything we are about to give up. Even as the economy has ebbed over the last year, new home construction and spending for remodeling have remained strong. We are all busy building and rebuilding our living spaces, and every indication is that we will keep on doing just that.



That is where we come in—to help you attain your own dreams of new beginnings, whether you are redoing your old home or building a new one. In this issue, we offer the second annual "Home 100" survey, our own selective list of little-known but highly useful resources. In "Prime Time," we showcase a stylish kitchen that doubles as the television studio for *Good Eats* on the Food Network. In "Suite Serenity," we show you two of the most charming and efficient master-bedroom suites you may have ever seen.

Best of all, we introduce our **2003 Dream House**, a sprawling concept home in Las Vegas, that we built with the help of a panel of women who told us what they most wanted in their own dream houses. The answers included a wellness center, a master suite with his-and-her dressing areas, a wine cellar, and many other amenities. There are plenty of ideas here for you to use, no matter how big a space you are planning. In fact, there is so much to talk about in this house that we have included a second story in "Home Tech" solely on the home electronic systems it contains. And in our April 2003 Kitchen and Bath Issue, we will revisit this home to show you those rooms. So, stay tuned. At *Home* the new year ahead is filled with new beginnings.

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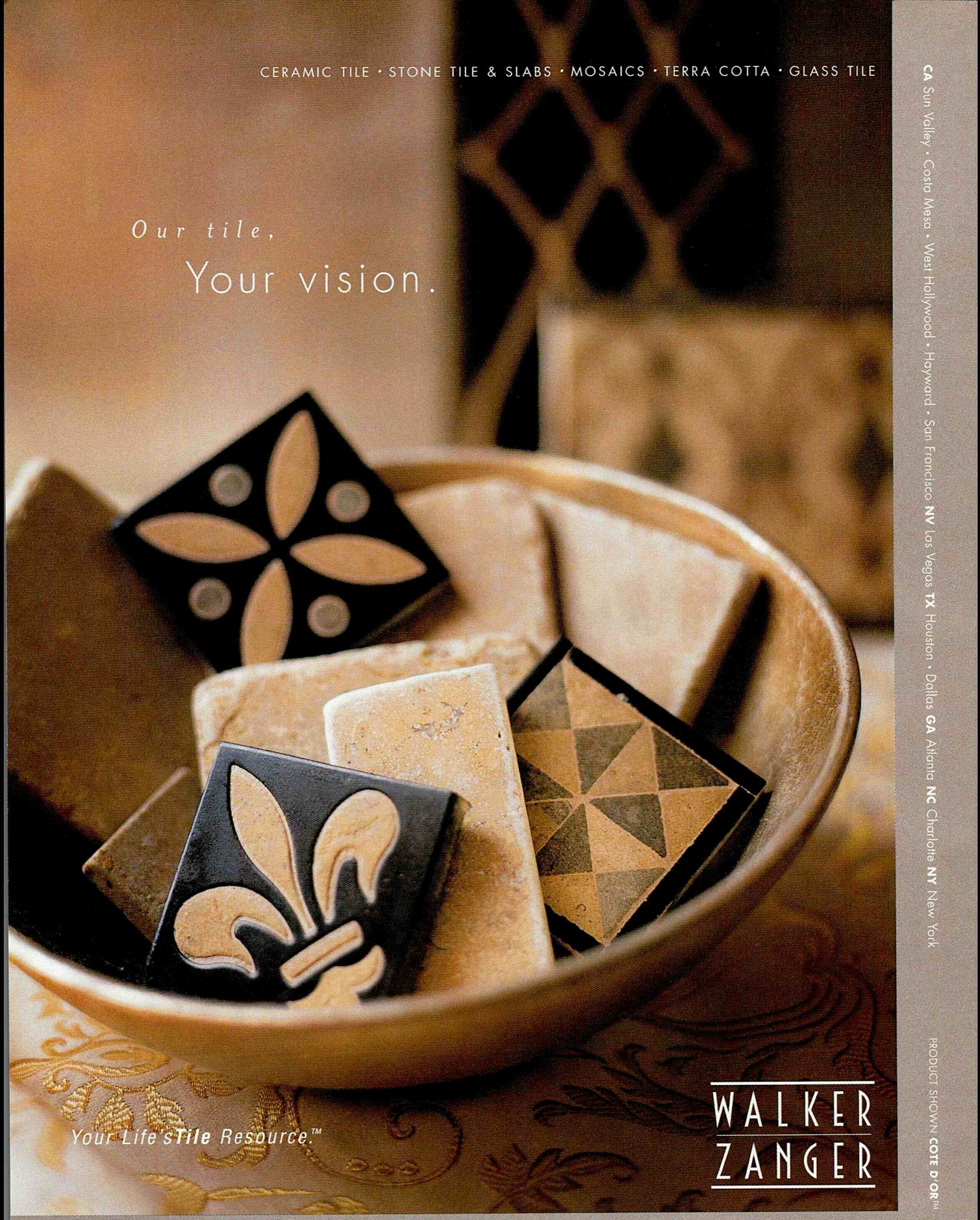

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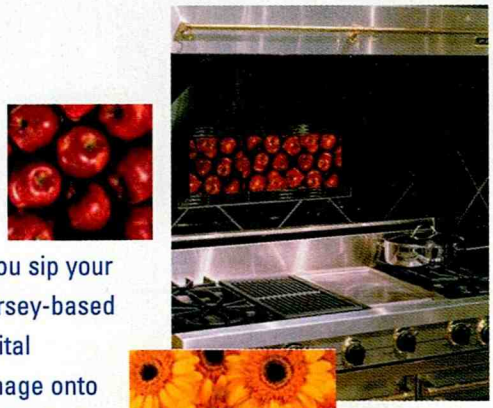



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1. Make minor repairs.

2. Highlight exposed beams or a cathedral ceiling.

3. Create a focal point, such as fresh-cut flowers.

4. Organize cabinets, closets, and drawers. Tidy shelves to fool the eye and look bigger.

5. Disguise unsightly views; hang sheer panels so natural light can stream in.

6. Buy a new shower curtain.

7. Draw attention to trees.

8. Utilize the front porch. Style to stimulate nostalgia.

9. Air out your home 30 minutes before buyers arrive.

10. Have a game plan for last-minute showings.

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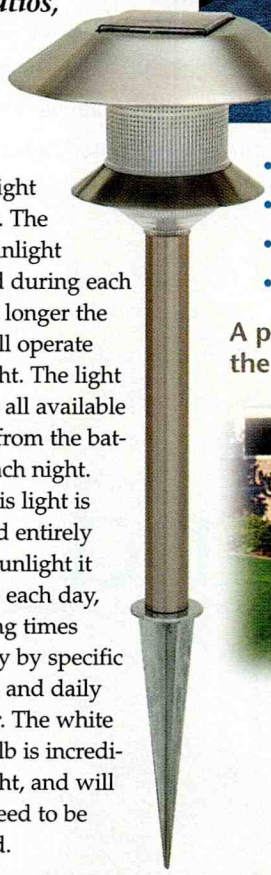

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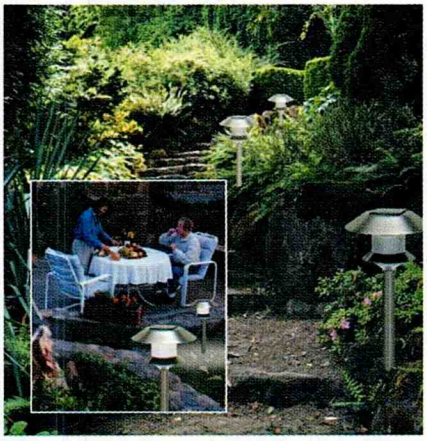

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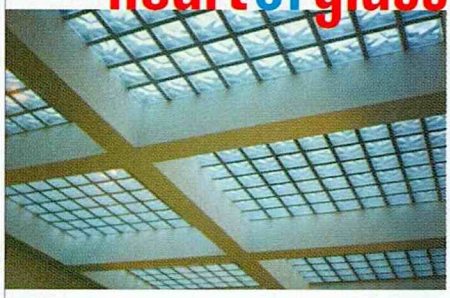



Glass block, popularized during the Art Deco movement and repopularized in the 1980s (remember *Miami Vice*?) is reaching out to the masses. Until recently, bringing this swanky look home meant big bucks for custom installation. Thanks to prefabricated panel systems by Melbourne, Florida-based **Circle Redmont**, these light enhancers are economical and strong enough to be used as stairs, above right, or as floors and ceilings, above left. A variety of styles include bubble-filled Savona and hemstitch Cross Rib. $60 to $260 per square foot. 800-358-3888; circleredmont. com.—*N.C.*

Random Fact: Building 100 single-family homes generates 250 jobs in a community during the first year of construction and 65 jobs per year thereafter. *Source: NAHB*

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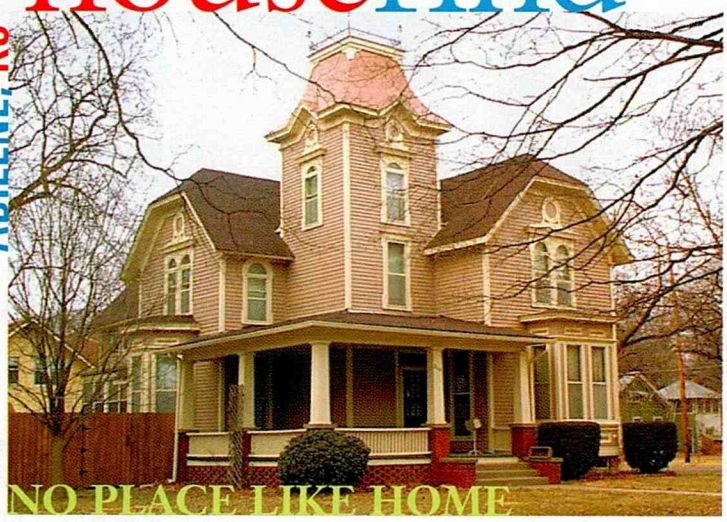

WHERE: Abilene, Kansas; hometown of President Dwight Eisenhower, about 6,750 residents, two hours to Wichita.
WHAT: 1887 Victorian, 2,800 square feet, .25 acre, four bedrooms, 2 baths, dining room, living room, family room, porch.
WHY: Turn-of-the-century charm. Widow's walk on tower roof. Town began as a stagecoach stop in 1857, still brimming with Victorian mansions; local museums and festivals celebrate the area's history, antiques, vintage fashion, Native American art, and sports.
HOW MUCH: $129,900, estimated annual taxes: $1,778.
WHO: Haug Realty, (785) 263-2222, and Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-569-5915.—*J.J.*

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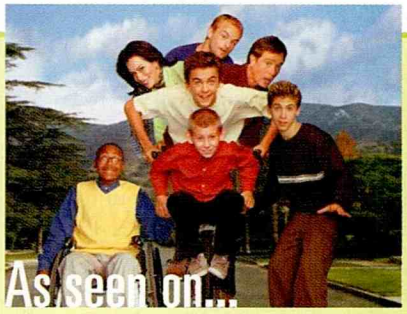
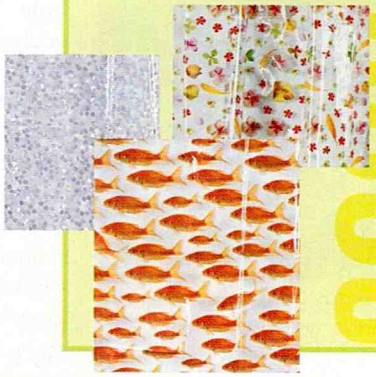


Malcolm in the Middle*, *Friends*, and *Sex and the City

Set designers are snatching up seriously stylish yet wonderfully whimsical Waterdrape **shower curtains**. Below, clockwise from bottom: Go! Fish swims in the loo on NBC's *Friends*, Confetti dresses up party girl Carrie's powder room on HBO's *Sex and the City*, and Springthing blooms in the shared bathroom on FOX's *Malcolm in the Middle* (cast above). $30 each. Waterware, (845) 265-3758; waterwareinc.com.
by Lily Triantafillou



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WHAT'S HOT IN KITCHEN DESIGN



What are the latest trends in kitchen design? To find out, KitchenAid partnered with this magazine to survey over 1,300 National Kitchen & Bath Association members about what clients want most when renovating their kitchens.

Key Survey Results

- Average cost of a typical kitchen design/remodeling project: $47,500
- Most popular kitchen style: traditional (91%)
- Most often requested multi-use areas: sitting area (55%) and computer center (52%)
- Most frequently requested colors in kitchens: green (33%), yellow (14%) and blue (13%)
- Top priorities in kitchen renovation: new cabinetry (84%), more storage (74%) and countertops (72%)
- Favorite material for countertops: natural stone (84%) and laminate (38%)
- Most popular type of flooring: wood (82%) followed by tile (72%)
- Most frequently requested cabinet finishes: cherry (36%) and maple (36%)
- 99% of design professionals say clients often or sometimes request that their kitchens open to another room or to the rest of the house
- 86% say their clients replace all major kitchen appliances when renovating

Customized for Living

As the kitchen overtakes the living room as the focal point of the home, closer attention is being paid to design details on everything from appliances to cabinets to countertops. Above: Stylish handles from the KitchenAid® Architect® series of appliances are repeated in cabinetry as sleek drawer handles.

The New Living Room

A main gathering area and centerpiece of the home, the kitchen continues to evolve into a place that combines function, comfort and design. Multi-use spaces such as sitting areas, computer stations or entertainment centers are increasingly being requested as part of a kitchen renovation.





Bold Colors

Use of color allows for greater flexibility in enlivening and customizing home kitchens. Whether coordinated or used as an accent, color can make a dramatic style statement. Left: KitchenAid® Architect® series appliances in Cobalt Blue. Right: KitchenAid® Artisan™ Series Stand Mixer in Tangerine.



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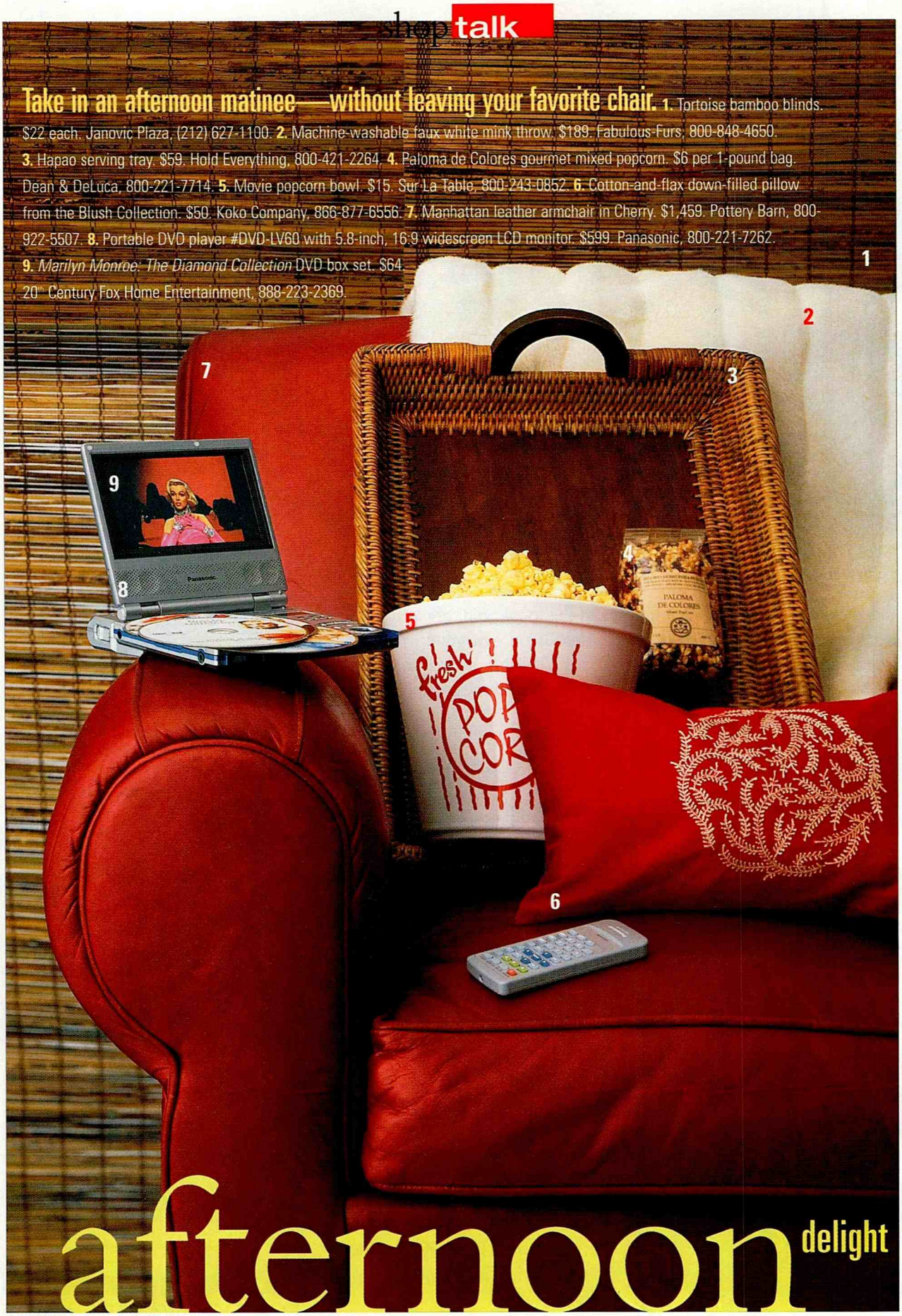

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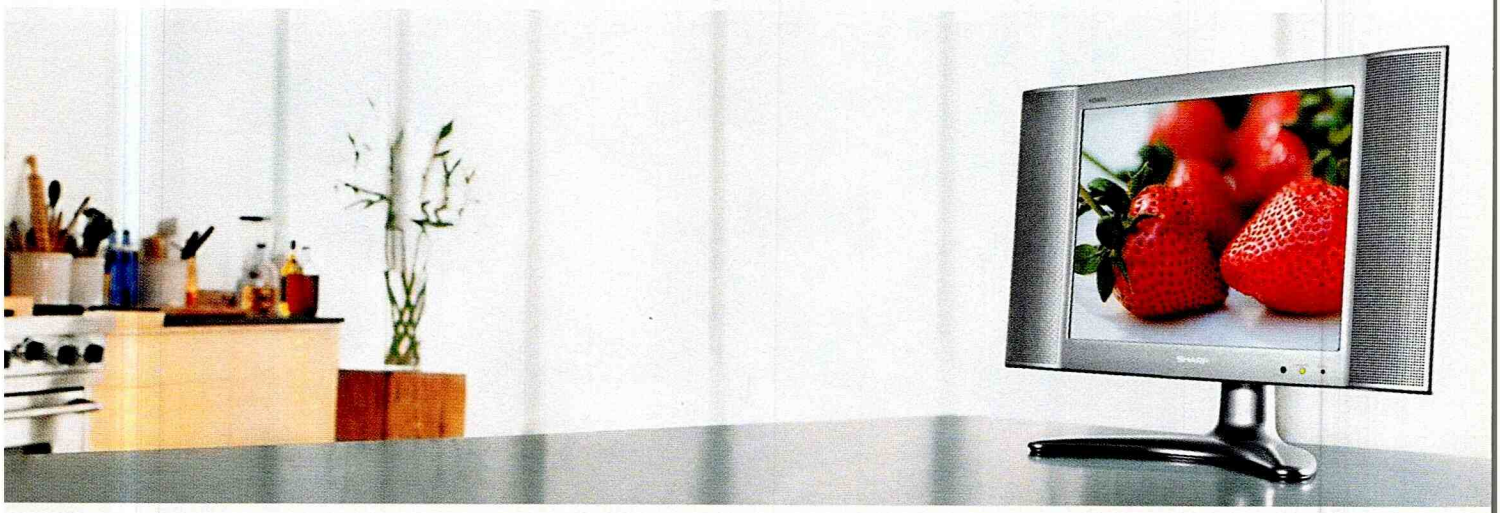

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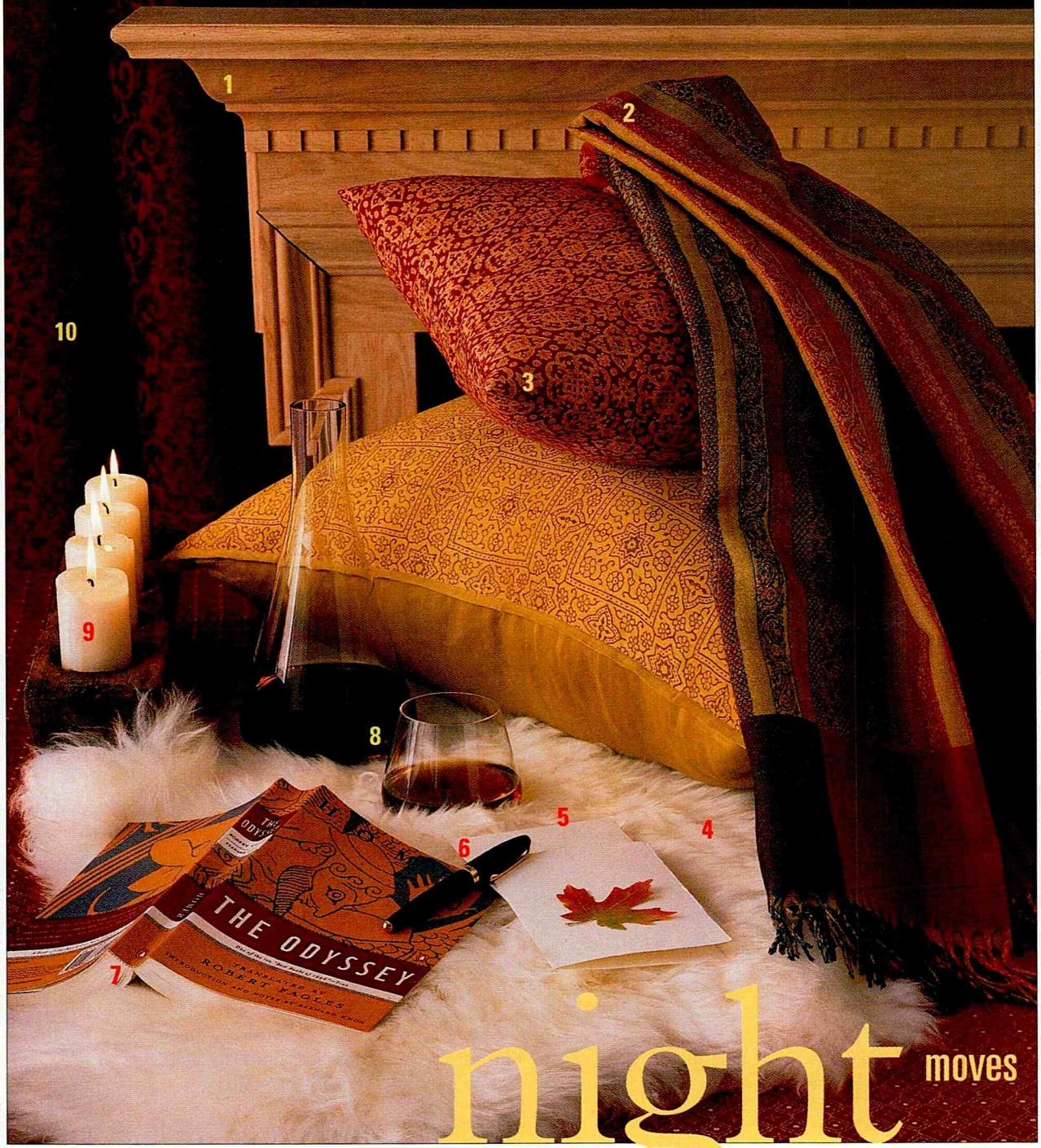

night moves

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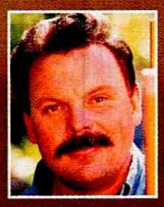
- **The handsome mahogany-finished music box case recalls treasured antiques**

Shown smaller than actual size of about 6¾ inches wide.



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Thomas Kinkade's vision of the ideal Christmas of yesteryear rekindles our warmest memories. Now this enchanting scene appears in an all-new musical presentation, "Thomas Kinkade's Holiday Gathering," only from Ardleigh Elliott! Kinkade's artwork is meticulously hand-crafted and hand-painted in sculptural minature inside a handsome beveled-corner mahogany- finished music box, with the picturesque village artwork providing a radiant backdrop under the lid. The musical movement plays the heartwarming melody of "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

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cleaning house

Make your surfaces shine! Expert tips and tricks for spiffy floors and walls

Written by Lisa Skolnik ■ Produced by Nicole Sforza ■ Photographed by Erik Rank

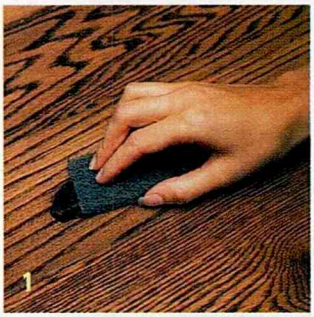
Don't wait until spring to clean. Our habit of saving all the big jobs for warmer weather is a holdover from the days when we burned coal all winter and our homes were coated with soot by spring—get with the times! Attack those problem areas now so you can appreciate a spotless home while you're stuck indoors. Our insider tips for maintaining six common surfaces will get your home into tip-top shape.



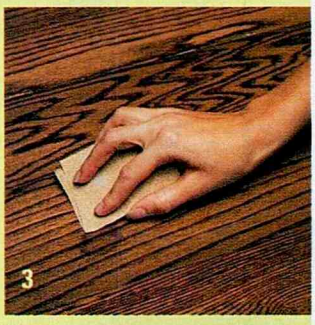
HOW TO REMOVE INK AND PET STAINS FROM SEALED AND WAXED HARDWOOD FLOORS

1. Remove finish with No. 2 steel wool and mineral spirits. **2.** Wash area with household vinegar. Let stand three to four minutes. **3.** Stain still there? With fine sandpaper, sand the darkened area in the direction of the grain. "Feather" out 3 or 4 inches. **4.** Remove dust with a tack cloth. Wax and repolish. Really stubborn stain? Apply a solution of oxalic acid and water directly on spot (1 ounce oxalic acid to 1 qt water). Let stand 1 hour. Wipe with damp sponge. Repeat if necessary.

Adapted from the Hardwood Information Center; hardwoodinfo.com









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FLOORS

Ground-in dirt will scratch floors and cause carpet wear, so place mats at every entrance and shake them out frequently.

HARDWOOD

Most hardwood floors today are treated with easy-care, urethane-based coatings. (If yours aren't, see hardwoodinfo.com.)

How to clean it:

- Use a broom with exploded ends (which trap dust and grit), a dust mop with a broad cotton head, and a vacuum with a bare-floor attachment (never use the vacuum's beater-bar settings).
- To wash, work back and forth in the direction of the grain with a barely damp mop and mild soap dissolved in water. (Too many suds can dull the finish.) Rinse with lukewarm water. Avoid ammonia, abrasives, or alkaline cleaners which can fade, damage, and scratch the finish.

How to maintain it:

- Wipe up spills immediately.
- Place flat glides under furniture.
- Wood floors can crack if they get too dry; use a humidifier in the winter.
- Do not wax urethane floors. It makes them slippery and is difficult to remove.
- Make sure bright rugs aren't transferring color to the floor.
- Move area rugs occasionally so all areas of flooring get equal amounts of sunlight.
- Leave high heels at the door! Especially stilettos—they can cause small dents.
- Clip pets' claws regularly to minimize scratches (and carpet snags).

GOTTA HAVE IT	THIS IS WHY	OUR PICK
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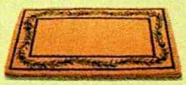
Doormat 	Catches dirt, sand, and grit that otherwise would get ground in and scratch your precious floors.	The Olive Border doormat has ultra-sturdy coconut fibers and can be personalized. $49. smithandhawken.com
Interior Mats 	Use in hallways, foyers, even the kitchen to grab that fine dirt the doormat may have missed.	Mats by Jason Pollen are stain resistant, washable, and dryable. Artist created. $64 to $390. jasonpollen.com
Furniture Slides 	Glide heavy furniture and appliances over floors without scratching wood or crushing carpet pile.	EZ Moves furniture slides let one person easily move heavy pieces. The curved base raises items above carpet nap. $13 to $25. ezmoves.com
Deep Cleaner 	Attack ground-in dirt, dried stains, and allergens (twice a year is ideal) without having to call in the pros.	The SteamVac V2 Widepath stores detergent right in the machine. Push forward to wash, back to rinse. $329. hoover.com
Microfiber Cloths 	The dirt-attracting physical structure of microfiber traps debris rather than just moving it around.	Miracle cloths clean with just water and are seven times more absorbent than cotton. $.75 to $2. miracle-group.com

CARPETING

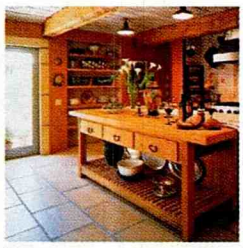
Many carpets today are designed to resist soil and stains and hide what dirt they inevitably collect. But even if it's not visible, trust us, it's there.

How to clean it:

- Regular vacuuming (once a week; more for high-traffic areas) is mandatory so dirt doesn't get ground in; dirt has sharp edges that'll attack fibers and eventually cause worn areas.
- Deep clean every two years (or when shabby). Use commercial rug-cleaning products and a vacuum (cheapest way); rent or buy a deep cleaner; or go pro.
- When washing, place plastic wrap under furniture legs to protect from dampness; never walk on wet carpets.
- Don't saturate the carpet. It can lead to shrinkage or even mildew.

How to maintain it:

- Turn carpets periodically to ensure even wear. Place area rugs at entrances and other high-traffic areas.



CERAMIC TILE

The glassy surfaces of glazed tiles makes them less porous and more stain resistant. Unglazed tiles are more susceptible to stains.

How to clean it:

- Mop weekly using a neutral, all-purpose, nonabrasive cleanser or tile-cleaning product with a microfiber rather than a sponge mop (which is more likely to transfer dirt into the grout).
- Glazed tile, if dull, can be given a damp-mop vinegar treatment (½ cup vinegar, 2 tablespoons furniture polish, and 1 gallon water).
- Unglazed tiles may need an abrasive powdered cleanser to remove scuffs.
- Scrub stained grout with an old toothbrush using equal amounts of hydrogen peroxide (white grout only) and water; let stand about 15 minutes. Wipe clean.

How to maintain it:

- No need to wax or seal glazed tile (it'll become more slippery); wax unglazed tile at least once a year, and seal tile and grout to keep stains and soil at bay.

WALLS

Whether painted, papered, or paneled, clean your walls (and ceilings) yearly to remove dust and dirt.

WALLPAPER

Today's wallpapers are labeled washable, scrubbable, or nonwashable and each assumes a different degree of care.

How to clean it:

- As the names imply, washable paper can be gently washed with soap and water; scrubbable washed vigorously with all-purpose detergent; and nonwashable (or antique, flocked, textured, hand-painted, or fabric) should be left to the pros.
- For regular cleaning, use the same method described for painted walls (see "How to Get...," above right), but for washable wallpapers use less detergent in the solution and apply it more sparingly than with scrubbable and with gentle motions.

How to maintain it:

- Spots on all wallpapers can be rubbed with an art-gum eraser or (fun with food!) a wadded up piece of fresh white bread.



How to Get Smudges off Painted Walls

Fill one pail with a mild, all-purpose dish detergent diluted in water; keep another pail empty. **Dip a sponge** halfway or less into the solution to **minimize drips** and wash several square yards at a time. **Wring out** dirty sponge in the empty pail. Go over wall again to absorb remaining water while drying the wall with a clean cloth (in your other hand). Wring out sponge again. Repeat. (With this method, your **cleaner remains clean** and you're never putting dirty water on the wall.)

PAINT

Enamel, semi-gloss, and glossy paints are safe to wash although most latex flat finishes are not. (Some newer versions claim to be washable, so check labels.)

How to clean it:

- For regular cleaning, vacuum walls (with a long brush attachment) from ceiling to baseboard to remove loose soil and dust. Wash with a mild, all-purpose dish detergent diluted in water (see "How to Get...," above).
- Paint gets less washable as it ages and some types come off easier than others, so always test first in an inconspicuous spot.

How to maintain it:

- Dust as often as possible.
- Be careful when spot cleaning walls—get a commercial cleaner specific to your stain and one that is safe for your type of paint. For general scuffs, ink, and crayon, a paste of baking soda and water rubbed on the spot does the trick.



How to Get Crayon off Nonwashable Wallpaper

When your child proudly presents his latest stick figure—on your dining room wall—it's time to get out the iron.* **1.** Gently scrape off excess crayon with a spatula or putty knife. **2.** Place a few white paper towels over the mark. **3.** Use an iron on a non-steam, warm (not hot!) setting to draw the grease onto the paper towels. Change towels a few times. Spot still there? Try a commercial cleaner (one that's safe for nonwashable paper). Don't forget to test!

*For grease stains on scrubbable and washable papers, use mild detergent and water.

WOOD PANELING

Well-burnished panels and rough-hewn planks are both wood, but worlds apart when it comes to care. And the wood isn't as important as the finish. Unsealed wood, like what's used to achieve a rustic look, absorbs stains and is difficult to clean. Oiled, waxed, or polished woods are better, but urethane-coated woods are the most durable and easiest to care for since you're cleaning the coating.

How to clean it:

- For raw wood, use a dry sponge as water can warp the surface and drive stains deeper. Gently sand out the rest.
- For urethane-sealed woods, use the same mild-detergent-and-water method as you would for painted or papered walls, applying as little water as possible.
- Surfaces with a heavy buildup of dirt or grease will need something stronger like mineral spirits (test first).

How to maintain it:

- Touch up nicks and scratches with store-bought repair pencils in the right shade. Buff with a soft cloth.
- Handy tip! Liquid or spray-on polishes will add shine but also attract a slew of dust. Avoid them.

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GET AHEAD WITH THE NEWEST IN electronic gadgetry

Get wired with gadgets and gizmos from two *Home Magazine* concept houses built with comfort in mind

We've certainly come quite a long way from striving to keep up with those infamous Joneses. Smart home systems, the pricey built-in technologies considered playthings for the wealthy just a few years ago, are now becoming increasingly accessible. Companies understand that you, the consumer, are technologically savvy—you've seen and used "gee-whiz!" gadgetry, and you aren't afraid to embrace it.

So now you can afford to build in or retrofit your home with state-of-the-art electronic gadgets and gizmos programmed to handle the controls for your lighting, heating, cooling, security, and audio/video systems. Then, you can sit back and host the perfect soiree at a moment's notice, adjusting room temperature, mood lighting, and music selection with the simple touch of a button.





While you're dreaming of your next big home electronics purchase, get a sneak peak at the innovative decadence that's available now. To show you what's actually possible, we are taking you to two of our luxurious show houses—one in Las Vegas, Nevada, (also featured on page 61 of this issue), the other in Daniel Island, South Carolina, (which will be featured in our March 2003 issue). Both houses are loaded with state-of-the-art bells and whistles guaranteed to tempt your inner-techie.

Above Control is yours at our Las Vegas concept house, where the entire lighting system is managed with one finger via Lutron's wireless Tabletop keypad. **Left** Kick back with Samsung's 22-inch wall-mounted LCD television.

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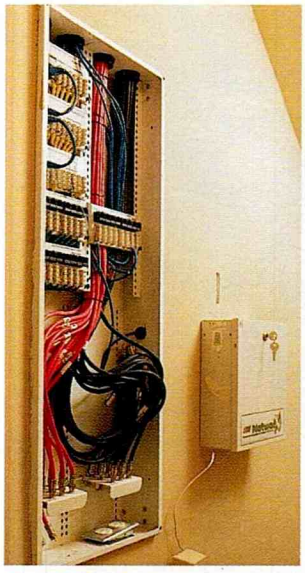

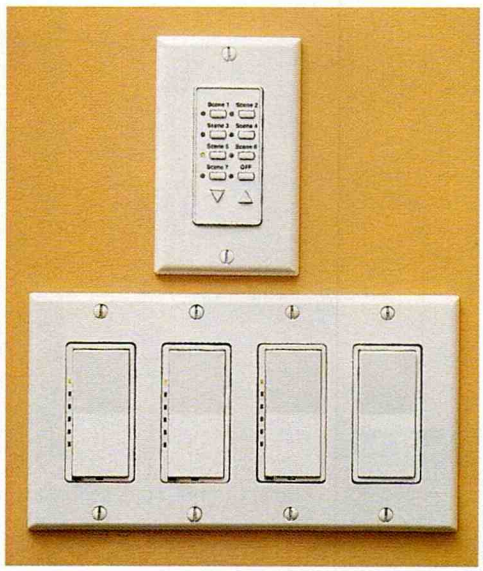

Far left Our Daniel Island house is wired up with Leviton's Decora Home Controls (DHC) automated lighting system. **Left** The smart switches provide quick and easy options for creating a variety of lighting moods and "scenes."

Get Wired

Installing high-quality wiring in your home is an excellent way to "future-proof" against unforeseen network problems. This type of forward-thinking plays out to the fullest extent at the South Carolina community where the developers, The Daniel Island Group, established a modern wiring standard. Every home there has telephone and broadband Internet access via fiber-optic cabling. (If typical cabling can carry data at a force equal to a fire hose, compare this baby to Niagara Falls.) Further, Daniel Island dwellers can create and broadcast a "house-wide" channel by connecting with a security camera or DVD player. The channel can then be viewed on every TV in the house.

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You don't have to be a resident of a similar development to have comparable high-tech capabilities. If you want to hook up your home to accommodate cable TV, multiple phone lines, Internet access, and a computer network, among other capabilities, check out the Custom Electronic Design & Installation Association's Web site (cedia.net) to locate a qualified installer near you.

Lighten Up

Lighting hasn't changed very much since the days of Thomas Edison, but your options for controlling it have. The same lights that enable you to read your favorite book can easily be dimmed for a quiet, relaxing evening.

With a home automated-lighting system, you can create an "art scene" that highlights your Picasso by dimming the overheads to 25 percent and turning the spots to 100 percent. Want to call attention to your home in an emergency? Integrate the lighting and security systems and if the system is tripped, your interior lights illuminate as the exteriors flash.

Completely retrofittable, Leviton's Decora Home Controls (DHC) automated lighting system is unique in that it uses a home's existing electrical wiring and can be up and running immediately. As performed in the Daniel Island home, replace your

Hip to be Square

Was the last time you got excited about a TV set during the **color revolution** in the 1950s? It's time to **get giddy** again as TV manufacturers bring their flat-screen innovations to living rooms across America.



Flat-panel TVs—touted for their wide-screen, movielike capabilities, eye-popping video, and energy efficiency—are available in either **plasma**, below right, or **LCD** form. **Samsung** has plasma models that are ultra-thin and hang right on your wall (great for saving space!). Forty-two- and 50-inch models are available, while the 63-inch version is among **the biggest and flattest** on the market. Think of their LCD screens as **computer monitors**, as they use similar technology to spew crystal-clear images while providing an **incredible Internet surfing** experience. Their new **DynaFlat HDTV**, above, features a pancake-flat picture tube and comes in 27- and 32-inch sizes, as well as a 30-inch 16:9 (with widescreen programming to allow more information on screen) model. They've also upped their Digital Light Processing (DLP)-based DTVs with a new 61-inch model.



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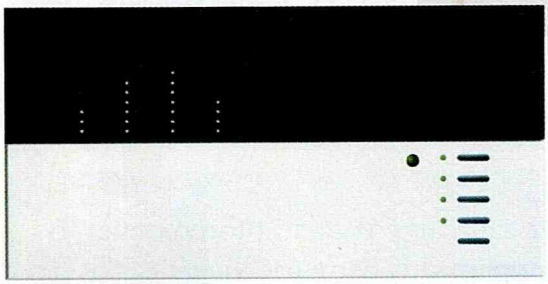
standard switches with a smart Leviton switch, add a few scene-dimming wall controllers, and voilà! Your lights are automated.

For larger sanctuaries, like the Las Vegas home, Lutron Electronics' HomeWorks Interactive fits the bill. With this system, wiring needs to be installed during the construction phase, but it's worth the effort since it offers virtually limitless control and complete integration with other automated home systems. You'll love











Above Control clutter with Draper's motorized projector lift, which hoists a Sharp DLP video projector into the Las Vegas home theater's ceiling when not in use. **Above right** Catch the news via Samsung's 42-inch plasma TV located in the wellness center. **Left, clockwise from top** Control all the lights in one room with Lutron's Grafik Eye multiscene preset lighting panel. Lutron's Car Visor control ensures you'll always enter a well-lit home. Crestron's LCD panel manages the electrical, audio/video, HVAC, and surveillance systems. *See Resource Guide for details.*

"vacation mode," a feature that memorizes your home's actual lighting usage patterns and replays them while you're away, giving a realistic impression that someone's inside. And a built-in astronomic time clock turns your exterior lights off 20 (or five, it's your call) minutes before sunrise.

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Control Yourself

To keep track of all these high-tech goodies, treat yourself to a video monitoring system, like the one in the Las Vegas home. It has eight video cameras that can be viewed three ways: on any TV in the home, via Crestron's 5-inch liquid-crystal display (LCD) screens, or even through the Internet if you happen to be away. And imagine being able to page the main entry gate or the front door with Panasonic's Digital Super Hybrid telephone system or set up a room-to-room video intercom with touch panels for more personal communication. Think you heard a bump in the night? Monitor your home's motion sensors over the same touch panels and view which parts of the home are active. Catering further to your inner desire for control, you can adjust the temperature in each room via a computer or touch panel.

Fun House

Though these super-serious home gadgets simplify everyday chores, we want our homes to be fun, too. If the lights are on, but you're in a barely home state-of-mind, a combination of Crestron keypads and touch panels can interact with an automated system—handy if you're running late the same night you're playing hostess.

Press the "party" button on the panel in the Las Vegas house and the exterior lights illuminate, the interiors dim to create a soft mood, the security system switches to standby mode, soft music flows from in-ceiling speakers, and the thermostat drops to 70 degrees. Not bad for one button!

Want to play Hollywood hotshot? The Las Vegas home takes the term "home theater" up a notch with a Sharp DLP video projector that displays crisp images on a 92-inch Ultimate Access/Series V screen, manufactured by Draper.

A Denon THX certified receiver and SpeakerCraft AIM series in-ceiling speakers provide the audio. When not in use, both the projector and screen disappear into the ceiling for ultimate clutter control.

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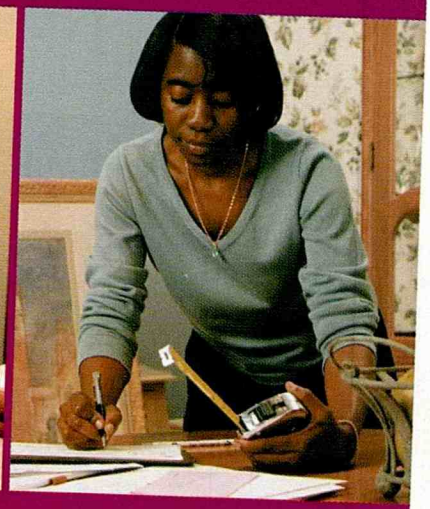

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Fuzzy Numbers

Q *Home Magazine*, by far, is my favorite of the seven design magazines I subscribe to! But as a former remodeling design and sales consultant in Cleveland, Ohio, I must say your feature **"Simple Addition"** (November 2002) is anything but simple—not the design, budget, materials used, and especially not the building process. Some people believe that an addition like this will be "simple" to achieve, but my guess is that it cost close to $200,000—sans furnishings. Many think a "nice" addition can be built for $20,000. It pains me to tell them I can barely remodel their master bath for that amount. Could you run the average cost of remodeling projects with your features? Keep up the great work!—*Judi Chevrolet, Lakewood, Ohio*

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A Rather than referring to the simplicity or complexity of the project, "Simple Addition" refers to the homeowners' love of their house (the great room is shown above), and to the fact that they felt it needed just one addition in order to make the structure ideal. You're right on the money with your cost estimate, though. Four years ago, when the addition was built, the project cost $150,000—sans furnishings. The upscale space features a partially-exposed stone foundation, a masonry fireplace, cypress wood floors, and a copper roof with a deck. The homeowners say the cost for their addition is actually quite reasonable for their location in Upper Bucks County, Pennsylvania. However, because many homeowners request privacy, we generally are not able to run average costs of their remodeling or addition projects in the story.

Counter Attack

Q I'm trying to find a Nevamar, Wilsonart, Formica, DuPont Corian, or equivalent brand of **countertop that looks like real maple wood**. I love the look of wood with white cabinets, but real wood and butcher block aren't practical for someone like me who does a lot of cooking. Do you have any recommendations? Thanks!—*Debbie Osburn, Amherst, New Hampshire*

A Three new maple wood laminates were recently introduced by Wilsonart (800-433-3222; wilsonart.com). They include Monticello Maple (honey hued), Huntington Maple (caramel colored), and Kensington Maple (a light, natural finish). But if you want the real thing, it's not too hard to treat a wood block yourself, says Wayne Ash, the in-house instructor at the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA). Simply heat mineral oil in a double boiler and repeatedly coat a maple block with the liquid. Once the oil stops penetrating and starts puddling, remove the excess with a clean rag, and you're ready to cut and cook. You may have to reapply the liquid every six months, but it's worth the effort, Ash says. "The wood will perform well as it ages and acquire a mellow luster."

All Fired Up

Q We're ready to remodel and are looking for information on **gas furnaces and non-gas fireplaces**. Can you recommend some manufacturers?—*Susan Brooksbank, Los Altos, California*

A HearthNet (hearth.com) lists specialty businesses according to region. We surfed the site and found American Energy Systems' Countryside Multi-Fuel Corn/Pellet Stove to be an environmentally sound choice (800-495-3196; magnumfireplace.com). And for gas furnaces, Armstrong Air's Ultra V Tech 90 is an energy-efficient product you may want to consider (800-448-5872; armstrongair.com). Since you live in California

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Prices vary greatly when installing a wood-burning fireplace. Traditional masonry construction like brick will run you $10,000 to $15,000. The more common "zero-clearance" fireplaces—named for the small 1-inch area between the firebox and your existing walls—range from $1,500 to $2,000. These are primarily decorative pieces and aren't usually used to heat homes. A third choice? EPA-certified zero-clearance boxes ($2,000); they're more efficient and can be used as primary heating sources.

Windows 101

Q The entire west side of our house is made of glass and we're looking to replace all of the west-facing windows with a hardy product that will stand up to **extreme weather**, **direct sun exposure**, and the **reflection from the water** (we live directly on a lake 1,000 feet above Denver, Colorado). We've been collecting information but are puzzled by the various claims, guarantees, and options available. Can you offer any suggestions for some reputable manufacturers? We're looking for a maintenance-free, dark-finish exterior and wood interior.—*Libby Howe, Larkspur, Colorado*



Right Whether you choose wood or aluminum-clad wood, Willmar Windows are sturdy, energy efficient, and a good choice for high-altitude climes and extreme weather.

A) According to Bill Scott, president of Fort Collins, Colorado-based Alpaca Windows, the region's intense sun causes problems for dark-painted wood because it heats up and expands. He suggests purchasing a wood window clad in metal or a fiberglass window, which would require a special paint but is super low maintenance. Scott's favorite wood window producers are Willmar Windows (888-945-5627; willmar.ca) and Shelter Wood Windows (800-747-2419; shelterwindows.com). For fiberglass windows, Scott recommends checking out Inline Fiberglass ((416) 679-1171; inlinefiberglass.com) and Comfort Line (800-522-4999; comfortlineinc.com).

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Busy Bees

Q A **family of bees** have taken up residence in my home's wiring system. They're pretty aggressive, and are multiplying as winter continues and it grows increasingly colder. Several other residents in my neighborhood have had similar problems in the past, but I'm not satisfied with their solutions. Can you help?—*Alice Weir, Boulder, Colorado*

A If you became aware of the infestation last fall, they are probably yellow jackets, not bees, since fall is their peak season. Consider yourself lucky; according to University of Kentucky entomologist Dr. Ric Bessin, honeybees can leave gallons of honey in a small space, requiring an extensive cleanup that will need to go well beyond extermination. Bessin suggests visiting a hardware store, where experts can suggest a locally available insecticide. Powdery insecticides are better than spray ones, since the yellow jackets will spread powder more effectively. And don't seal up the hole they're using until *after* you've killed them—or they may start looking for a new escape route via your living room.

COMMENTS

In a recent letter (Writing Home, November 2002) a reader asked how to clean rust stains from her china. I'd like to recommend Bar Keepers Friend products (barkeepersfriend.com). They remove rust stains from virtually everything; I recently used it to remove stains from my off-white carpet.—*Shirley J. Buchach, Janesville, Wisconsin*



Editor's note: The Web site also offers helpful stain-removal tips which aren't limited to using Bar Keepers Friend products.

CORRECTIONS

- November 2002, page 62: The X-Base side table is $99. Eddie Bauer Home, 800-426-8020.
- December/January 2003, page 48: Resource Guide information for "Welcome Winter" is as follows: Aedes de Venustas, 888-233-3715. Chambers, 800-334-9790. The Company Store, 800-289-8508. Garnet Hill, 800-870-3513. Illuminations, 800-621-2998. Pottery Barn, 888-779-5176. Vosges Haut-Chocolat, 888-301-9866.

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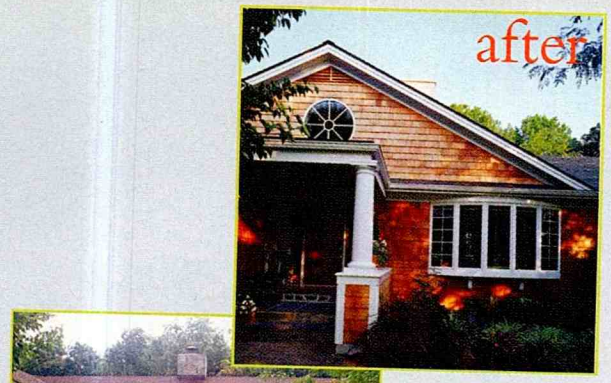



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expansion plan

Inspiring improvements, including a great-room addition, grow a weekend ranch-style house into a full-time home worthy of its water views and just in time for a backyard wedding

Inset, top left Set on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the house started life as a bland and boxy suburban-style abode. **Inset, top right** After the remodel, the front of the house boasts a whole new look with added character. **Above** An addition at the back of the house gives it a dramatic new personality.

before & after



Light floods the open and airy living space with a breakfast area that is the new center of the home

Glen and Elaine Tipton had been looking at homes around the Eastern Shore of Maryland for some time when they came across a property in the town of St. Michaels that they knew was the one. After raising two children, the Baltimore couple was in the market for a weekend home that would allow Elaine to develop her second career in landscape design while indulging her bird-watching hobby.

The couple fell in love with the property, which sits on a peninsula overlooking Porter's Creek, but they were less than thrilled with the house itself. Clad in vinyl siding and with a layout of rather dark rooms, the 15-year-old home had an inward-looking feel that the couple felt did not take advantage of its setting.

"The house wasn't exciting, but it was in very good shape," says Elaine. "We were planning to kind of live with it for awhile." Their leisurely approach to intended renovations evaporated when their son and his fiancée announced that they would like to have their wedding reception at the house—in eight months. An architect with CSD Architects in Baltimore, Glen Tipton worked with colleagues to come up with a design that would open up the house to the water view and make it more inviting

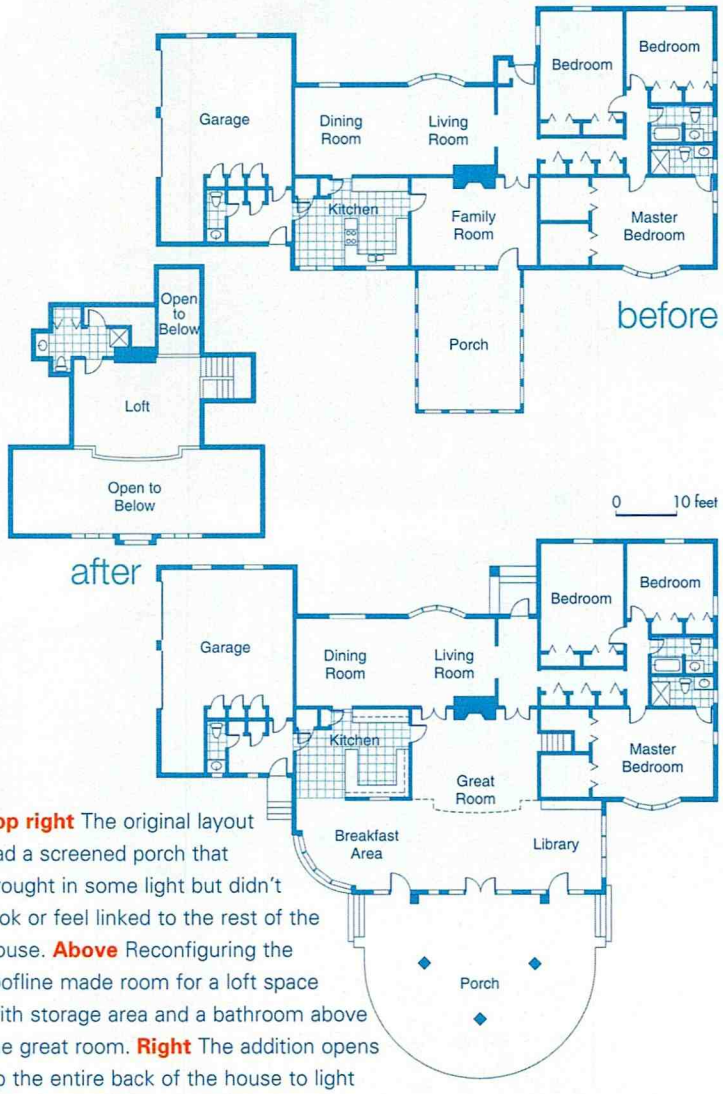
Inset, top right Cherry cabinets from the old kitchen were kept, but moved away from the back wall and topped with new granite counters. **Above** Overlooking the new great room, the loft is accessed by a stairway built into a former master-bedroom closet.



for the couple's lifestyle. After considering some extensive changes, the Tiptons opted to leave the three-bedroom home basically intact and add a 14-by-50-foot great-room extension at the back. "We realized that the house layout as it existed was a good design from which to expand and renovate," explains Glen.

The addition gained drama from a new gabled roof that reclaimed little-used attic space for a second-story loft, now used as a home office. "The loft, which once had been a cramped attic with no view, suddenly became a big asset," says Glen. The new scheme also allowed for a new two-story foyer and more gracious entry in the front of the house.

An absolute August wedding deadline meant that construction began during the winter months. So the new gabled roof was built over the existing



Top right The original layout had a screened porch that brought in some light but didn't look or feel linked to the rest of the house. **Above** Reconfiguring the roofline made room for a loft space with storage area and a bathroom above the great room. **Right** The addition opens up the entire back of the house to light and views. A curved breakfast-room wall repeats the line of the new deck.





Top left The new kitchen retains its original, efficient U-shaped footprint. **Inset, above** Dark-wood paneling in the old family room made it look and feel closed in. **Left** The new family room now opens onto the great room, offering fireside seating and a light-filled view of the new landscape.





Can This House Be Saved?

Here's how to decide whether you can and should renovate your home or build anew:

- **Assess the condition.** It can be impossible or very costly to replace structural elements, such as load-bearing walls.
- **Is there more than meets the eye?** Can the existing layout be reworked to your advantage? Nondescript single-story homes can actually be the perfect canvas for all kinds of innovative updates.
- **Do a cost-budget analysis.** "In many ways renovating is just as costly as starting from scratch because of the challenges it can present," says architect Glen Tipton. What compromises are you willing to make to have the exact home you want?

With a property that's a virtual nature preserve, the revamped outdoor living spaces keep the homeowners and guests near all the activity

A curved deck with custom-designed pergola adds the perfect entertaining space near the pool, a very important feature, says Glen, since "the house has become a magnet for friends and family." "The original design was so anonymous, it was important to create a style that fit, to make a statement that felt at home in the environment," he adds.

Everything came together so well, the Tiptons have made the home their primary residence. "We were able to grab that entire view," says Glen. "When you walk into the addition in the morning it's just breathtaking. It sounds corny, but it's a great way to start the day."

Above The new addition easily handles crowds and encourages movement from indoors out to the pool area and riverside. **Inset, top** The old back porch had lots of windows but didn't relate to the rest of the house. **Right** The new living area offers seating and eating areas. *See Resource Guide for details.*





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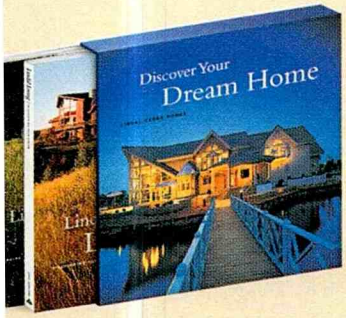

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The latest appliances and electronics zap your energy bills—without sacrificing performance

Written by **Nancy Lackman**

You just arrived home from a 12-hour workday to greet the ultra-reliable electricity bill lurking in your mailbox. You know what you paid last month, two months ago, and the month before that, yet still hold onto the hope that this baby might pleasantly surprise you. Well, better luck next time.

As long as you hang onto those energy-devouring, hand-me-down appliances and home electronics—thinking you can't afford newer models—you're missing out. Although the initial investment may be steep, you can't afford *not* to upgrade. Fortunately, energy-conscious manufacturers have sacrificed neither form nor function in turning the insatiable, watt-consuming beasts of just five years ago into thrifty dream machines that can help save up to 30 percent on energy bills. Even better, with this guide to some of the best new necessities for the kitchen, laundry room, family room, and home office, you'll be ready to make your next big-ticket purchases smart ones.



Top A new Professional Series kitchen by **Frigidaire Electrolux** will help maximize energy savings. **Above** The Media Center PC by **Hewlett Packard** ($1,349 to $1,999) uses a surprisingly low 3 kWh while in standby mode.

Designed with three doors so everything is easy to find and yet, people still just stand there and stare.



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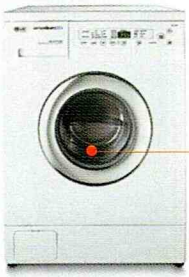
Appliances

Washing Machines: Today's washers are caretakers with an eye towards conserving both electricity and water. Standouts include Bosch's Axxis #WFL2060, a front-loading washing machine ($999) that uses 79 percent less energy than the average top-loading machine, and LG Electronics' #WD-3274RHD compact 24-inch joint washer/dryer unit ($1,399). Two washers with cool front portholes are Miele's Super Novotronic #W1986 "laundry system" ($1,799), which extracts up to 65 percent of the water in the final spin cycle (saving on drying time), and the Sears Kenmore Elite HE3T ($1,500), boasting an integrated water heater and using two thirds less water.



Left LG Electronics' #WD-3274RHD compact washer/dryer unit ($1,399) saves space *and* energy.

Dishwashers: Aside from running more quietly than ever, dishwashers are smaller, smarter (they have more cycles and options than previous models), and so effective that they've practically rendered prewashing in the sink obsolete. Half-load options are a great energy-saving concept, as the bulk of electricity used by dishwashers is for heating water. The Professional Series #PLDB998C by Frigidaire Electrolux ($599) and Haier's #ESD200 ($550) both offer options for lighter loads. Eurotech's #EDW194 dishwasher ($950) uses just 4 gallons of water per load, compared to the 7 to 10 gallons used by standard dishwashers. GE's brand-new built-in Profile ($649 to $999) features a stainless-steel interior and advanced QuietPower V sound package, so you no longer have to wait for your guests to leave to turn it on.



Right The Sears Kenmore Elite UltraFresh refrigerator ($1,800 to $2,000) turns an energy hog into the ultimate super saver.

Refrigerators: Since it's responsible for 7 percent of a household's total annual energy bill, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, choosing the right refrigerator will maximize your savings. Whirlpool's Conquest ($2,000) runs on less energy than a 75-watt bulb. Equator's slightly rounded ConServ model ($999 in white; $1,199 in stainless steel), is said to cost less than $3 in energy per month.

Electronics

DVDs, VCRs, Audio Equipment: Today's most efficient components—which can include anything from audio equipment to cable boxes—use less than 3 kilowatts per hour (kWh) while in standby mode, compared to the 12 kWh consumed by older models. Especially noteworthy are the low-consumption "home-theater-in-a-box" setups, in which all electronics must meet the government's energy standards. Panasonic, Samsung, Pioneer, and Philips offer these all-in-one systems. Single components that multitask, such as Philips' mini Hi-Fi unit #FWR33 with an MP3 player ($400) and Sharp's new DVD/VCR system #DV-NC7OU ($349), are excellent energy savers.

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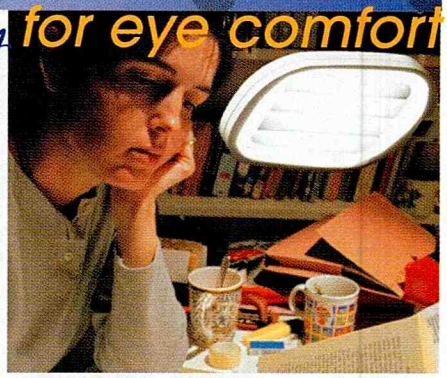

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Ever since the first human went into a dark cave and built a fire, people have realized the importance of proper indoor lighting. Unfortunately, since Edison invented the light bulb, lighting technology has remained relatively prehistoric. Modern light fixtures do little to combat many symptoms of improper lighting, such as eye strain, dryness or burning. As more and more of us spend longer hours in front of a computer monitor, the results are compounded. And the effects of indoor lighting are not necessarily limited to physical well being. Many people believe that the quantity and quality of light can play a part in one's mood and work performance. Now VERILUX®, a leader in healthy lighting since 1956 has developed a better way to bring the positive benefits of natural sunlight indoors.

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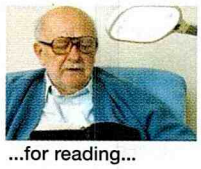

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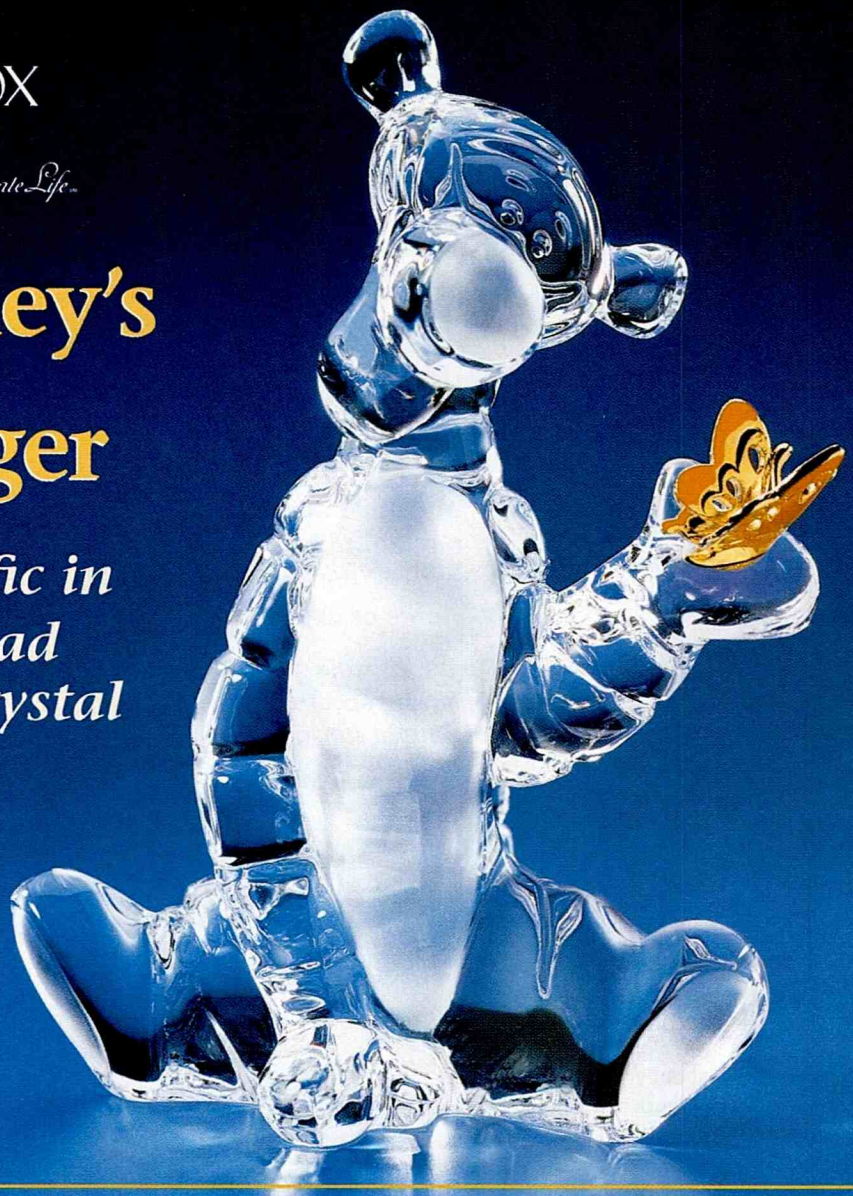

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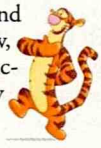

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Left Sharp's 30-inch Aquos widescreen TV #LC-30HV2U ($5,999) is an energy-efficient model.

TVs: Believe it or not, the newest wave of revolutionary flat-panel TVs from plasma to liquid crystal have lower energy demands than their cathode-ray forebears. The smartest offerings? Sharp claims that its Aquos LCD TVs, recently released in 22- and 30-inch models ($2,999 and $5,999, respectively), are 60 percent more efficient than conventional TVs. And although Samsung's 63-inch #HPL6315 plasma TV ($20,000) is the largest on the market, it doesn't consume twice the energy, as many of us might think. It uses the same amount—3 kWh while turned off—as a smaller model, which proves that size doesn't automatically correlate to waste.

Computers: With many families now owning multiple computers, the energy consumed by monitors and hard

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So you think you know a lot about energy?

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- If every American household had a washing machine that **used two thirds less water**, the electric energy savings would be enough to light every home in the United States for nearly six months. How does less water translate into energy? The biggest part of energy consumed by a clothes washer is used to heat the water.
- Today's dishwashers are **25 percent more efficient** than the ones from 10 years ago and can save tons in electricity per year. Hand washing dishes can use up to 30 gallons of water, while machines use as little as 10 gallons per load.
- Consumer electronics eat 3.3 billion kWh of energy per year (TVs/VCRs alone cost **$1 billion to power** while off), but if every household in the country replaced its current products with Energy Star-labeled models, we'd save **$575 million** on TVs, **$209 million** on VCRs/DVDs, **$304 million** on personal stereos, and **$129 million** on cable boxes.

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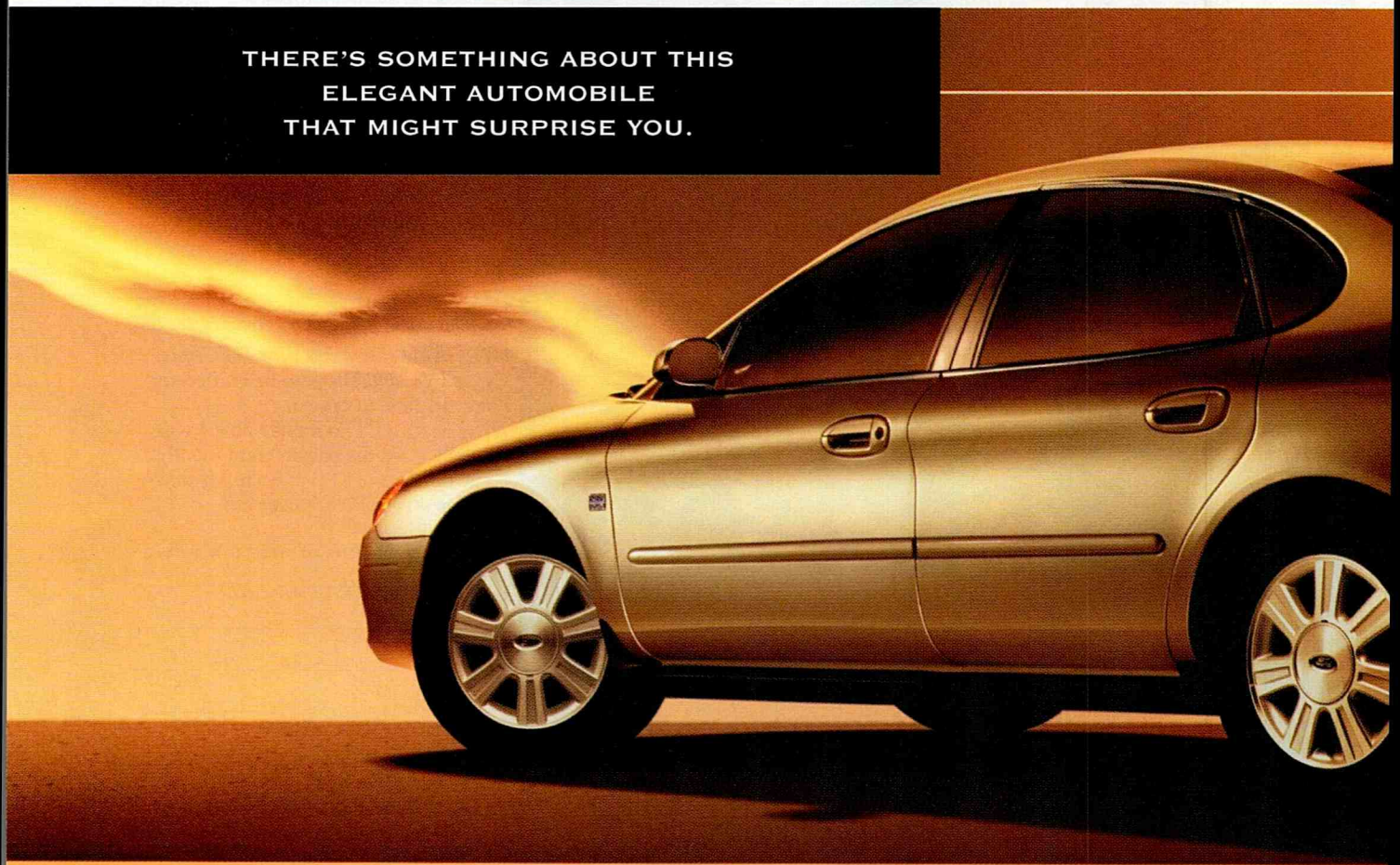

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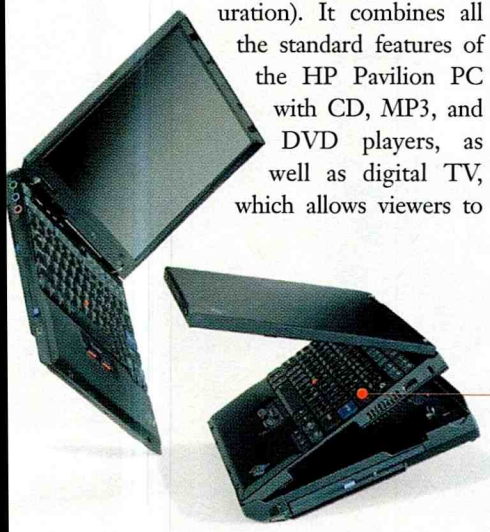
drives is a growing concern. Like consumer electronics, energy-efficient computers should consume no more than 3 kWh while in standby mode. Notable as both a computer and all-in-one entertainment system is Hewlett Packard's Media Center PC ($1,349 to $1,999 depending on configuration). It combines all the standard features of the HP Pavilion PC with CD, MP3, and DVD players, as well as digital TV, which allows viewers to pause and rewind live programs. Small and powerful, notebook computers are also excellent energy savers. Apple's PowerBook G4 (starting at $2,299) and IBM's new ThinkPad X30 notebook ($1,999) are good, solid choices.

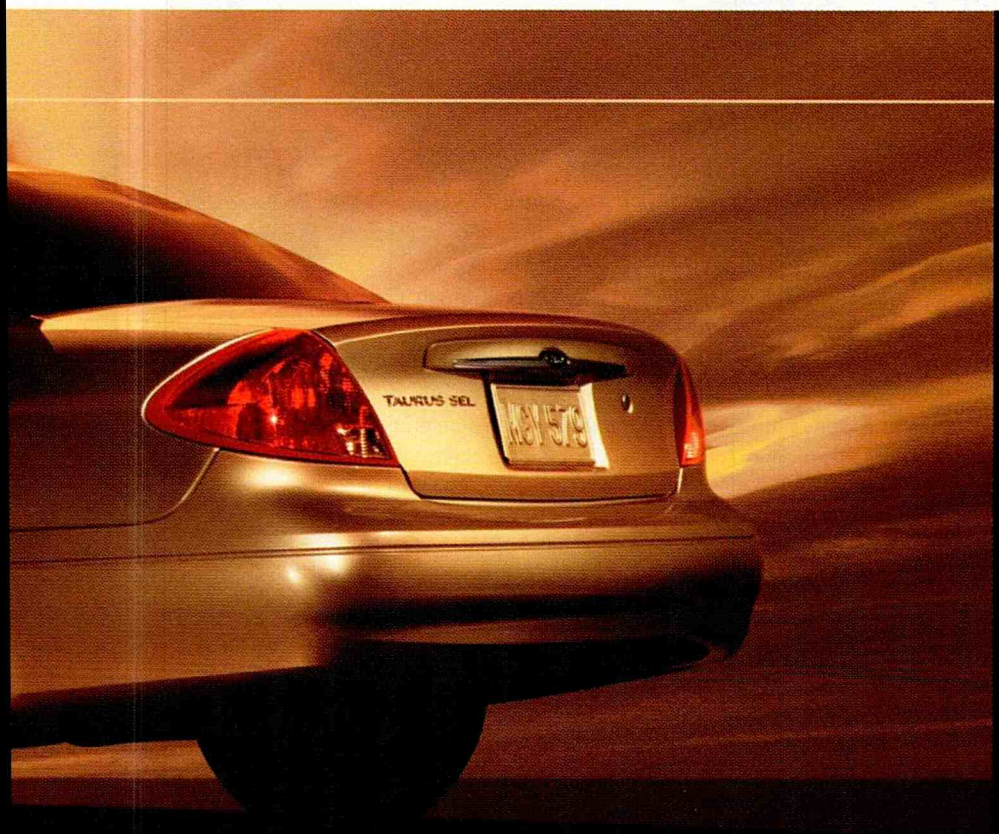


Left Think twice before passing up **IBM**'s ThinkPad X30 ($1,999). See Resource Guide for details.

lighten up

In a perfect world, natural light would fill our homes day and night. But because no one has been able to bottle sunshine, electricity continues to light up our lives. Lucky for us, lighting technology, such as **dimmers**, has come a long way in its 130-year history; today our choices are not only **cost effective** and **energy efficient** but easy on the eyes. (When considering your savings, keep in mind that a typical household **spends 10 percent** of its annual electric bill on lighting.) While the $5 button dimmer is still worthwhile, there are more advanced dimmers that can operate **multiple lights** with preset selections so we never have more light than needed in a room. And despite their initial costs—from $10 for a single slide dimmer or $50 for one with a preset mode to $300 for a remote control—they ultimately lead to **considerable savings**. Dimming an incandescent bulb by 25 percent saves 20 percent of the electricity and **extends the life of the bulb** by 4 times.

To be sure a product meets the highest standards, look for the Energy Star label. Sponsored by the EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, the program began labeling the efficiency of home-office equipment in 1992, and now offers certification in more than 30 areas, including appliances and home electronics. Clothes dryers still do not receive ratings.



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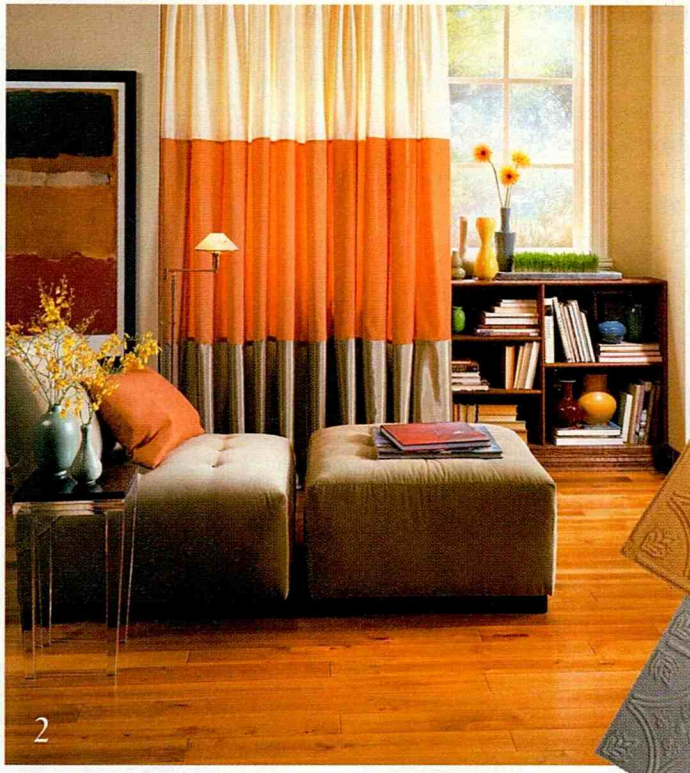

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faucets, fixtures, and flooring, oh my! As we all know, dream homes don't just build, renovate, or customize themselves. You have to clip ideas from magazines and books, then hit the pavement—navigating aisles of home-improvement centers in search of the brightest innovations to fulfill your vision. Whether it's a soothing spa-style bath you crave or the high-tech convenience of a range that chills *and* heats your dinner, we've narrowed the hunt to a few of the snazziest products around. Here's the 411 on how they work and why we like them.

1. Dim on a Whim

Dim lights from up to 10 locations in the house with Lutron Electronics' **Faedra Smart dimmer**, which happily fits the space of (and looks like) a standard toggle switch.

- Simply tap the control once to activate lights to the last preset level or tap twice for full light levels.
- When turning lights off, you can program the dimmer to fade out over 60 seconds so you can leave the room while it's still lit.

2. The Search for Birch (is Over)

Beautiful solid birch, in a variety of hues, can now be yours underfoot thanks to **Birchall hardwood flooring** strips and planks from Bruce Hardwood Floors.

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- In addition to 2¼-inch-wide strips, the flooring's available in 3¼- or 4¼-inch-wide planks to complement the integrity of a centuries-old house or lend historic appeal to a modern one.

3. Tin Foiled

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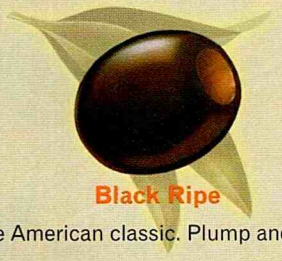

Black Ripe

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Spanish

(stuffed with pimiento)

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an olive marinade

1 (6 oz) can Lindsay® Black Ripe Pitted Olives, drained
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2 tbsp chopped fresh oregano or basil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp balsamic or white wine vinegar
1/2 tsp hot red pepper flakes
1/4 tsp salt

Combine all ingredients in a GLAD® Zipper Storage bag or a container with a tight fitting lid like GLADWARE®. Cover, then shake to coat. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 1 month, serve at room temperature. Before serving, transfer to a pretty dish and serve with wooden toothpicks as an appetizer. Marinated Lindsay Olives can also be served over lettuce leaves and sliced tomatoes as a salad.

Makes 1 dozen servings

This year Valentine's Day falls on a weekday. While cooking a gourmet feast is a special way to celebrate, who has time to whip up Châteaubriand or Lobster Thermidor after working all day?

Consider using olives to create a special dish for your sweetie. They're not only good for you, but they can work wonders in the kitchen elevating an everyday dish into something gourmet.

When it comes to olives, black goes with everything, but green is good too. Find recipes for both at www.lindsayolives.com.

GLAD TIP

For best flavor, store leftover olives with brine in GLADWARE or a GLAD Zipper Storage bag for up to three weeks in the refrigerator.

To find out the best ways to store other fruits and vegetables, visit www.glad.com.




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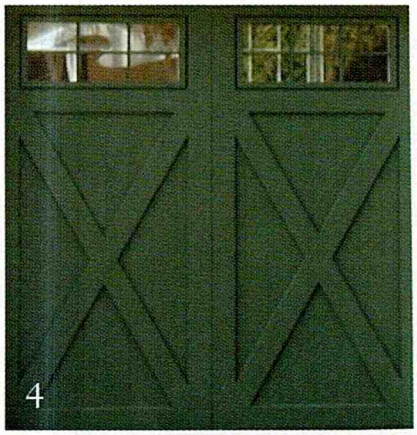
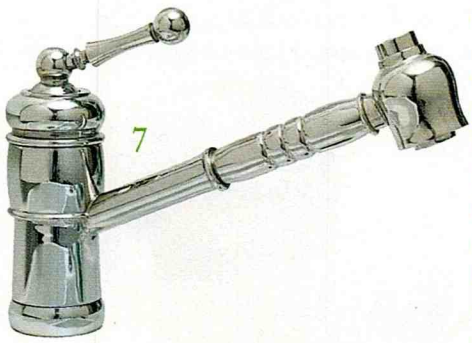


- Thanks to beveled edges and a tongue-and-groove design, installing the noise-absorbing tiles is a snap.
- These tiles are super for easily and stylishly covering up minor imperfections and cracks in ceiling surfaces.
- Afraid of color? Paint them in a metallic finish—try copper, bronze, or gold—to create a decorative appeal on that neglected fifth wall up there.
- For that "aged" look, paint the tiles green or blue. Then, when dry, sponge paint a metallic color over the base coat.

4. Fit for a President

This hand-crafted **garage door** from General American Door Company's Presidential Series imparts an early American carriage-house feel.

- The old-fashioned hinged-door look is actually an illusion; it's a single unit that opens overhead via remote control.
- Fully insulated doors resist weather and insect damage.







- Several wood textures and patterns are ready to be stained or painted.

5. Panel Discussion

Infuse instant charm into the library, bedroom, even the bath or kitchen with **ClassicAmerican decorative paneling** from New England Classic.

- Precut wood panels come in varying widths and heights to lend an Arts and Crafts-, Mission-, or Shaker-era feel.
- Handy stair-panel sets allow for a continuous flow from any room in the house to a nearby stairwell.
- Choose from traditional woods—oak, maple, and cherry—or paint grade.
- Nail-free installation! High tech "hook and loop" fasteners (like Velcro, but much stronger) make this a quick D.I.Y. project.

6. Slide it on Over

At last, you can install a sliding patio door that doesn't look like, well, a sliding patio door. Pella's **Architect Series with Rolscreen**, which is a self-storing retractable screen, lets in 18 percent more natural light.

- Four divided-light styles look like multipaned windows. The insulated glass aids in energy efficiency.
- French-door look imitates wide-frame doors without the hinges.
- When not in use, it retracts into a wood housing unit which can be painted or stained to match your home's interior.
- Ideal solution for spaces where swing-out doors are a problem.

7. Finish Line

For a kitchen faucet that looks equally at home in period settings as it does in modern interiors, try Harrington Brass Works' new **polished nickel finish** in the Victorian line.

- It jazzes up any entertaining space and makes for a classic bar faucet.
- The easy-to-operate single hole hot/cold lever is a breeze to use when food prep shifts into high gear.
- Pull-out faucet takes some stress out of doing the dishes; it's easy to fill and clean large pots and pans.

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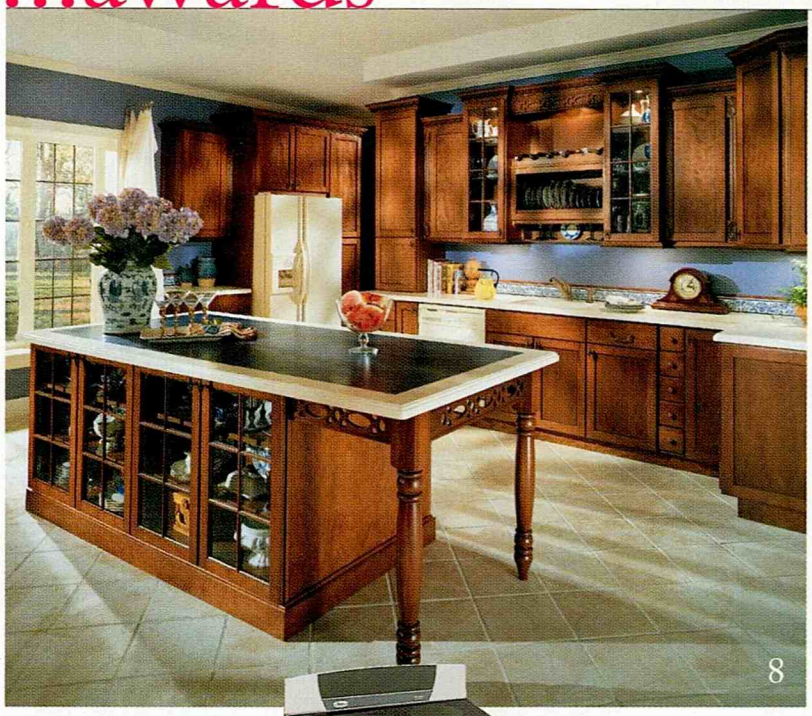
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8. Cabinet Meeting

Fool your friends into thinking that you seriously splurged on custom kitchen cabinets from Shenandoah Cabinetry's new **Breckenridge Collection**, which is now available exclusively at Lowe's.

- The furniture-style legs and dovetail construction for drawers give a custom-crafted appearance.
- Cherry and maple hardwood cabinets have full overlays and square recessed veneer panel doors.
- Optional Chocolate or Mocha glazes add definition and a hand-rubbed luster.
- A wide selection of Shaker-style designs is available.


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9. Main Stream

The mold of standard bath fixtures has been broken with Kohler's **Purist Wet Surface lavatory**. It promotes a feeling of serenity in the bathroom.

- The wall-mounted mirrored cabinet has an optional pull-out shelf or side-mirrored cabinets, and an integrated water stream that cascades soothingly over the flat surface sink.
- Water flows over the raised center into a channel at the perimeter.
- The optional open-bottomed bowl creates a seal when filled so you can use it as a wash basin, then release the contents simply by lifting the bowl.

10. Cool Idea!

For all of you who've dreamed that dinner would just cook itself, your wish has been granted. Whirlpool's **Polara Refrigerated range** keeps a meal cool all day, then makes sure it's fully cooked and piping hot when you arrive home ready to raid the fridge.

- A standard-size electric range with a refrigeration option, it allows you to place a meal inside the night before, have it chilled the next day, then program the unit to start baking so that it's ready to serve by the time you come home.
- If you're late, it kicks into a warming period for up to an hour, then switches to cooling mode for up to 24 hours.


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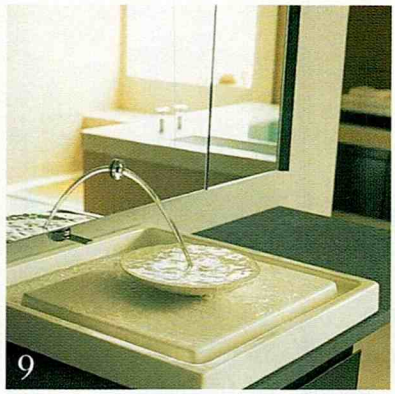
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11. Paint Gets a Grip

A new take on the classic aluminum paint can, Dutch Boy's **Twist & Pour paint container** makes painting and cleaning up a whole lot easier.

- The twist-off lid, side handle, and pour spout minimize drips and spills.
- Lid twists back on to reseal and extend the shelf life of unused paint.
- Lighter than a metal can, the durable plastic gallon won't dent or rust.
- Easy to stack on crowded garage or basement shelves.
- Best part of all: No more hand cramps from those pesky metal handles!

12. Skin So Soft

Fiberglass as soft as "buttah" feels right at home in **Miraflex insulation** from Owens Corning.

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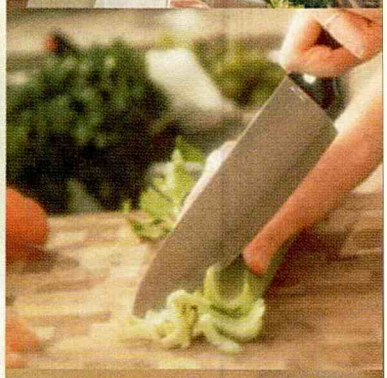





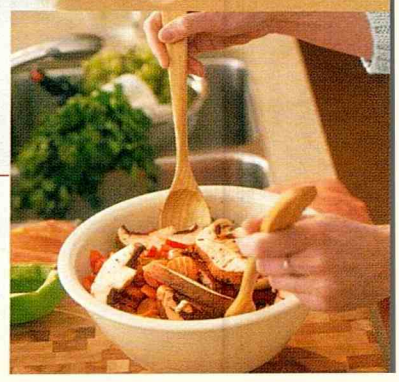

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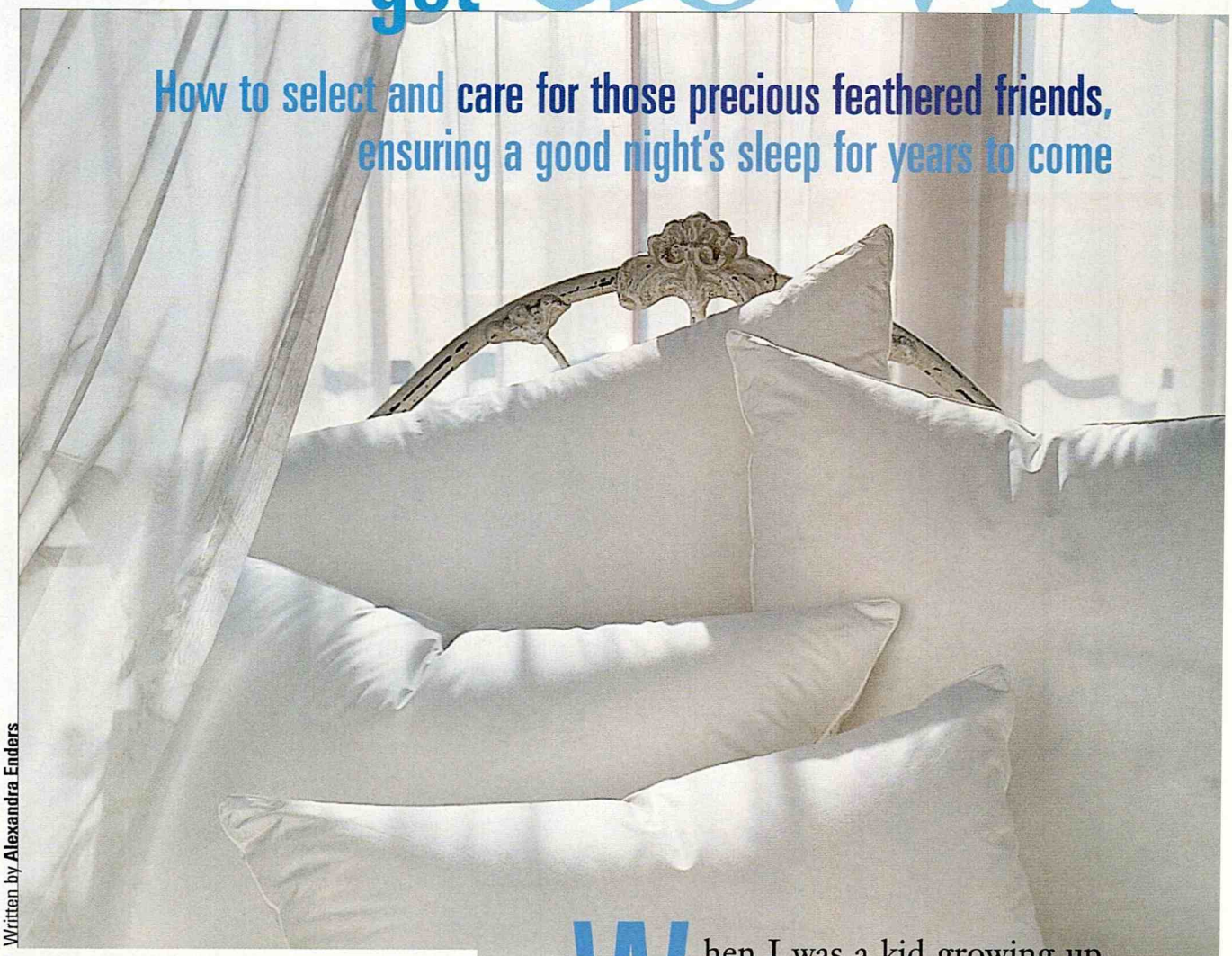
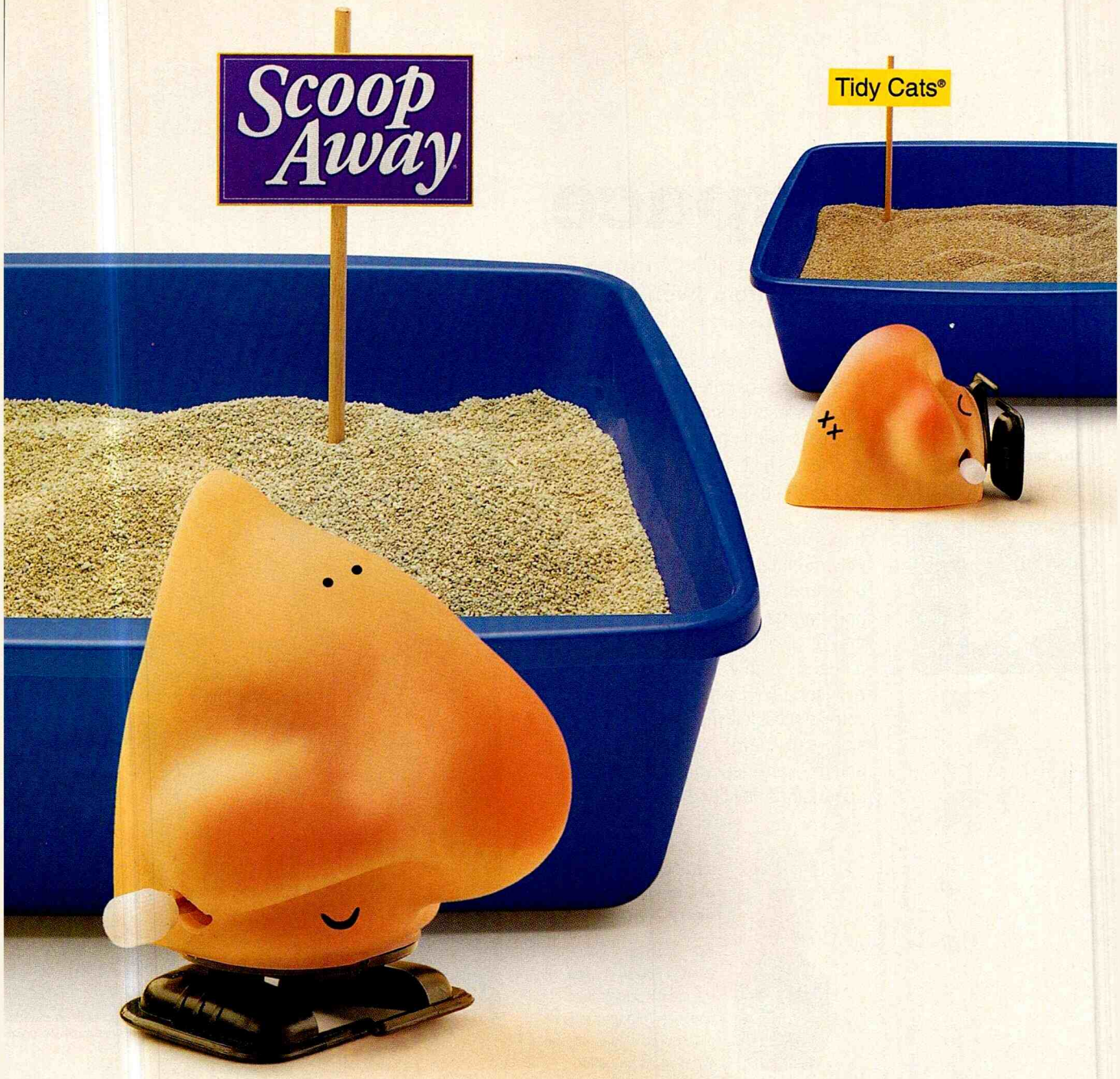


Written by **Alexandra Enders**



When I was a kid growing up, warmth in bed usually meant lying pinioned beneath lots of heavy wool blankets and waking up groggy and stiff. Sleeping under a soft comforter or duvet (the French word for down) seemed to me hedonistic, reckless, grand. Still, I envied friends who made their beds simply by fluffing the comforter.

Above Sleep like a baby with luxury goose down pillows from Cuddledown. **Left** The 12-inch sewn-through box-stitch construction of L.L. Bean Home's Meadow Damask comforters means this down's staying put.



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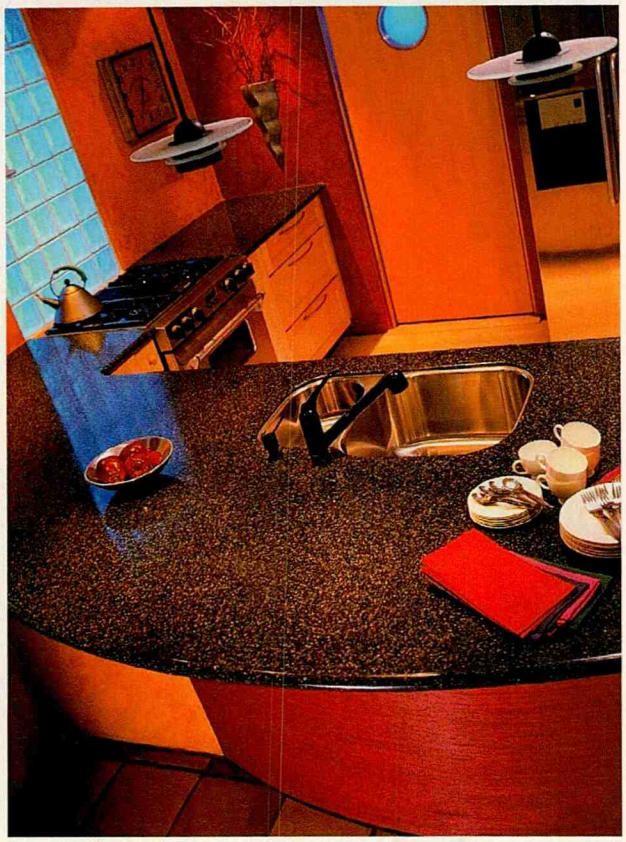

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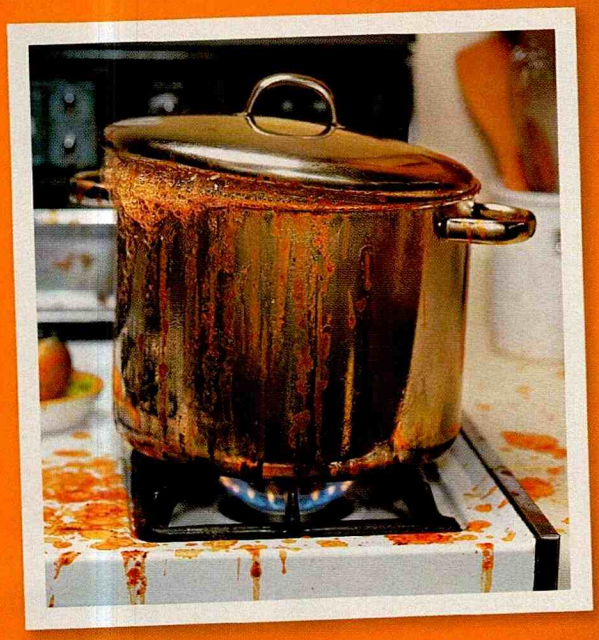

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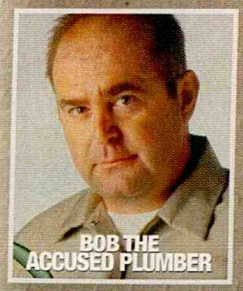

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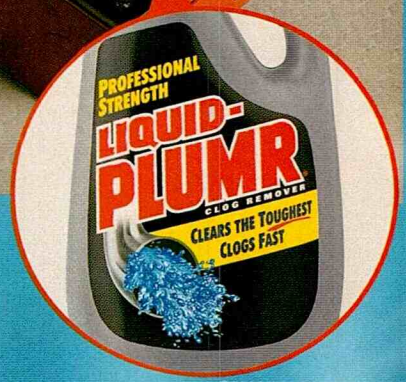

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Defining Down

So what exactly is down? It's the fluff that grows on the breasts of waterfowl. Unlike a feather, which has a stiff quill, down is formed in various clusters of soft filaments (called plumules). Clusters of down have a three-dimensional structure allowing them to "loft" (or puff out) and trap air. This provides you with optimal insulation without adding comparable weight. Down clusters are very light—a single ounce has thousands of fibers that interconnect to form nature's most efficient insulator.

Unlike man-made fibers, which typically don't breathe, down adjusts to your body temperature by expanding when you need it and evaporating moisture so you don't get too hot.

Quality Matters

Shopping for down can be overwhelming, especially if you're navigating several aisles of seemingly identical white comforters in clear bags. When assessing the quality of down, consider its fill power and cleanliness first. A "hypoallergenic" label is usually preferred. When deciding which down to buy, also look at the fabric envelope in which the down is placed (called ticking) and the weight. Other attributes, like the value of its area of origin, are not as easy to judge. Generally, the colder the climate, the bigger the bird, the larger the down clusters, the warmer the comforter.

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Fill Power The ability of down to regain its shape when pressure is released. Also known as the down's "memory." The higher the fill power, the more insulation provided.

Baffled Wall A separate piece of fabric sewn to each layer of a comforter's ticking to create a deeper interior so the down can trap air to maximum fullness.

Threadcount Total number of threads in 1 square inch of fabric. The higher the count, the thinner and more finely woven the cotton or other fiber must be to remain smooth.

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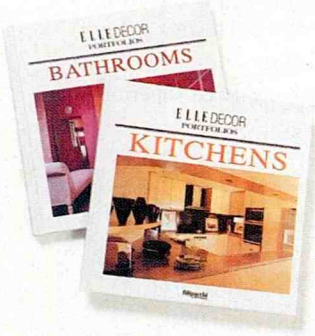

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are larger. And, though it's not better at insulating, white down is preferred to gray because it's less likely to show through the fabric envelope.

Fill power is a crucial measure of quality. The term refers to the space that 1 ounce of down fills, measured in cubic inches. A higher fill power means the down clusters are bigger and more durable, providing optimal insulation. The average fill power ranges from 500 to 550. More upscale merchandisers offer a range from 575 to 650, but top-of-the-line fill power can go up to 800.

As far as weight is concerned, you should select the most comfortable for you—depending on where you live, whether you plan to use the comforter year-round, and if you are a person who is usually cold or warm.

The fabric envelope should be a natural fiber, either 100 percent cotton or linen or a blend of the two. The higher the threadcount, the more tightly woven the shell, the less chance there will be bits of down flying around your bedroom. Look for a threadcount of at least 230 or higher.

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If the Price is Right

A queen-size down comforter will set you back between $99 and $500, but you can pay as much as $2,000 or $3,000 for a duvet made of expensive cloth and hand stuffed with the highest-quality fluff from molting birds, which shed their feathers.

Keeping it Fresh

Whether you're rescuing an ancient comforter or just whipping your tired down into shape, use a restoring service. Professionals will remove dust and decomposed down, wash the remaining down, replace the ticking, and add new down as required. Prices usually start at $100.

down and dirty

Happily, the best way to care for a down or feather product is to **barely care for it at all**. The basic rule? Keep it covered and wash the cover. (Think of it as a pillowcase.) Regular **fluffing is essential** for maintaining the air pockets necessary for best insulation. Don't store your duvet in plastic—it prevents the down from breathing. Use a **linen or muslin sack** instead. Air pillows and comforters outdoors (away from direct sunlight) on a dry, breezy day to circulate the down and remove trapped moisture. As for **dirt**, try spot cleaning first and wash only when absolutely necessary; **let years go by** between washings. Wash down items in a commercial-size washing machine **without an agitator**. Squeeze the comforter to make sure it gets thoroughly wet—the natural oils on down repel water. Use a **gentle liquid soap**, rinsing an extra time so that there's no soap residue. Place it in the dryer with a couple of **clean tennis balls** to fluff the down.

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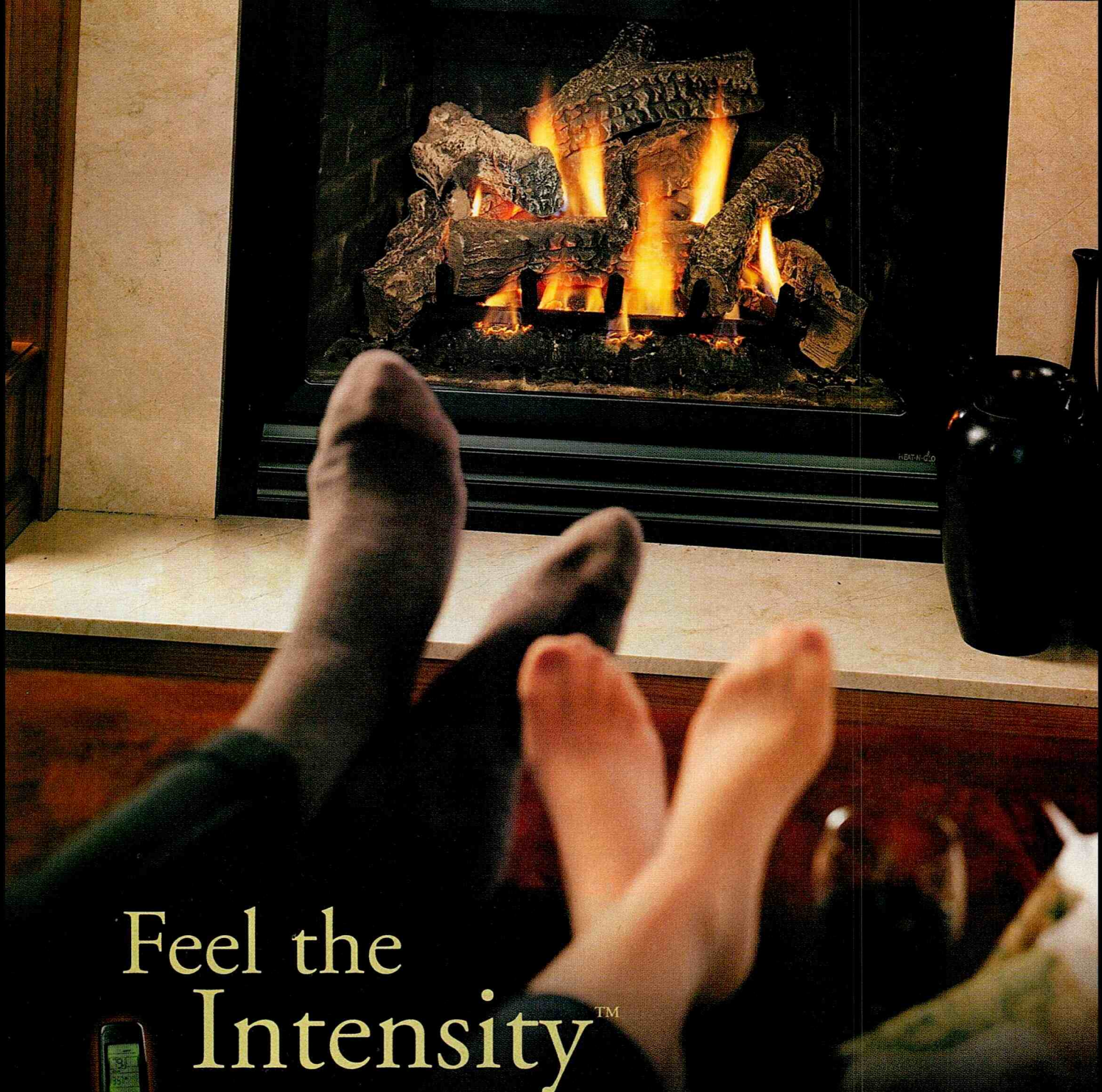

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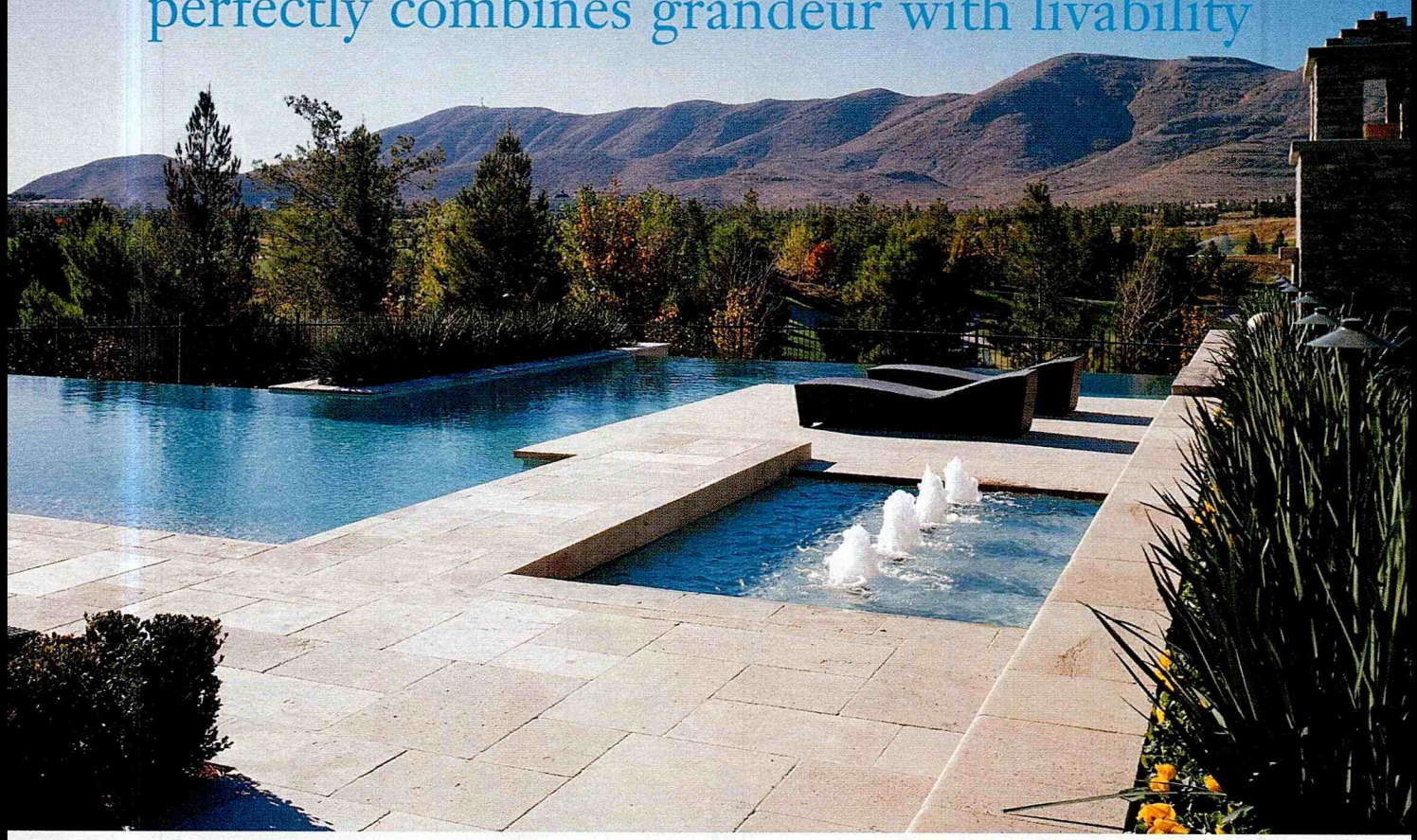

Destination Home

Above The deep blue color of the water in the disappearing-edge pool is dramatized by a deck of white fieldstone tile by Walker Zanger. The weather-resistant chaises, by Brown Jordan, are made of woven plastic strapping that resembles wicker.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY **JEFFREY GREEN** WRITTEN BY **LORRAINE GLENNON** STYLED BY **MICHELLE ROTMAN**





What does a woman want? Sigmund Freud may have pondered that question for decades without ever coming up with a satisfactory answer, but here at *Home Magazine*, we have a pretty good idea, at least when it comes to houses. How did we figure it out? Simple: We went to the source.

With our project partner, *Builder* magazine, we assembled a focus group of 35- to 50-year-old women who told us about all the qualities they desire most in a residence. Certain phrases kept cropping up: family-friendly, beautiful yet informal, high-tech but comfortable. One word we





Top left Two walls of French doors by Andersen Windows on either side of the great room add airiness to the dining and living areas. **Far left** The small formal dining room features a Directoire dining table and chairs by Stickley and a fireplace by Heatilator. **These pages** In the living area of the great room, leather-and-upholstery furniture by Stickley harmonizes with the hardwood floors and stone and brick walls.



The result, soon to be on view in Las Vegas, is a show house in the best sense of that term: It shows the people who tour it a host of ideas and solutions that are eminently adaptable to their own more modest homes. While it is undeniably lavish, with state-of-the-art products and technology (all of which are "off-the-shelf" and available to any builder in the United States) throughout its 10,000 square feet of living space, the house nevertheless radiates intimacy and warmth. In both form and content, it is remarkably in tune with the lifestyle of the modern American family, striking a note that architect Scheurer characterizes as "contemporary, wrapped in tradition."

The exterior embodies that description perfectly: Composed of five distinct wings clustered around a central courtyard and ranging in height from one to three stories, the house does not conform to a single definable style but is instead a blend

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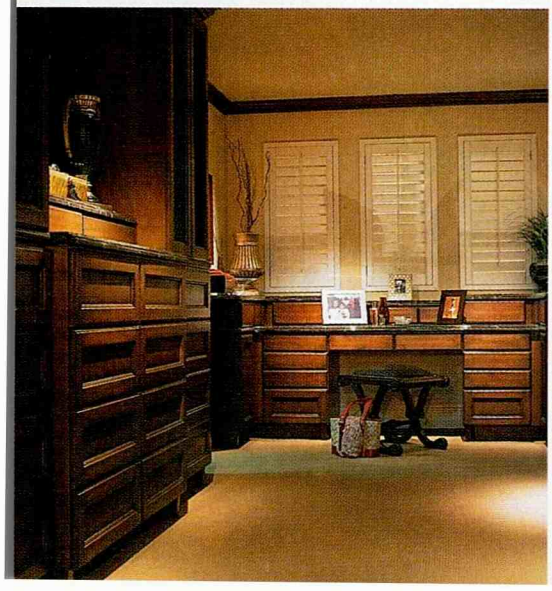
heard again and again: livable. We gave the resulting wish list to our own dream team: builder Chris Stuhmer, of the Las Vegas based Christopher Homes; architect Mark Scheurer, of Newport Beach, California; interior designer Chris Johnson, president of Design Tec, in Newport Beach; and landscape architect Paul Haden of The Collaborative West, also in Newport Beach, and told them to make these women's dream house a reality.



Above In the master bedroom, a leather armchair from Stickley sits next to the stone fireplace, while above it a moveable screen hides a Samsung flat-screen TV. **Left** On either side of the master dressing room are doors leading to his-and-hers walk-in closets. **Top right** In the master bedroom, a silk curtain can enclose the bed on three sides, providing privacy while letting in light. **Right** The man's vanity area features dark marble countertops and a rectangular sink and fixtures by Kohler.

of several. There are three different finishes on its surface—stone, brick, and stucco. The overall effect—one Scheurer intentionally sought—is that of a rambling older home to which additions have been made over time to accommodate a growing family. The wings are central to Scheurer's ingenious design and underscore its adaptability because they function as component parts that can be added, subtracted, rotated, and otherwise manipulated according to a homeowner's individual needs.

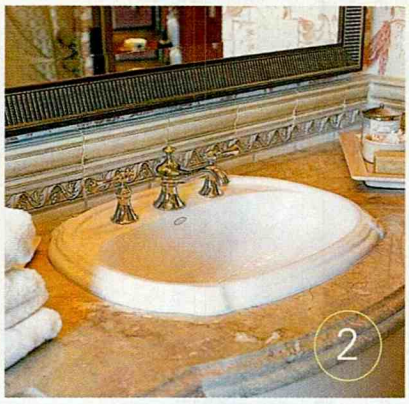
Inside, the house exudes livability. The great room, for example, converts into a high-tech home theater, while retaining nooks and crannies that one associates with older homes. Like the exterior, the interior deliberately suggests a blend of influences, including

Spanish, Mediterranean, and Italianate. "We were going for a timeless look. When people tour the house and can't quite put their finger on the style, I know we've done something right," says Scheurer with a laugh.

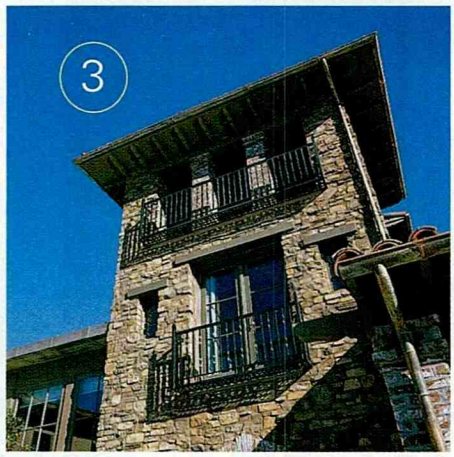
When creating the decor, designer Chris Johnson "aimed for that same mix of old and new that sets the tone of the house," she says. "Plus, we wanted to draw attention to the wonderful richness of the textures throughout—the stone and brick walls, the high, vaulted ceilings (many with exposed beams), and the incredible variety of tiled flooring surfaces." Johnson took a practical approach, striving both to make better use of space that is often underused in a house (hence a home theater in the

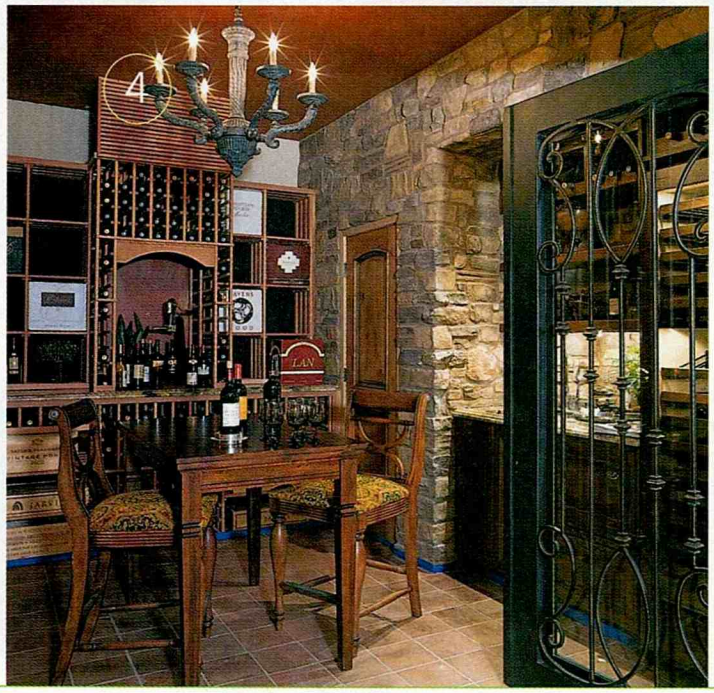


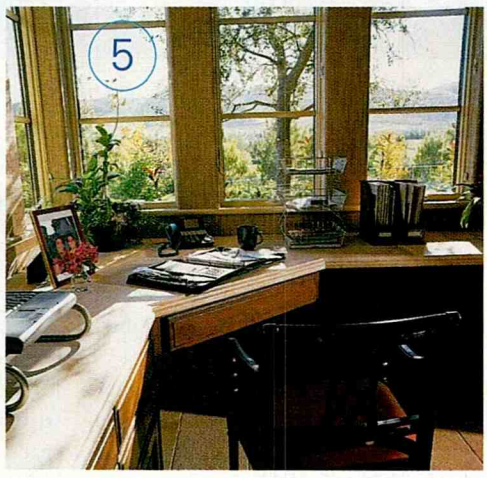


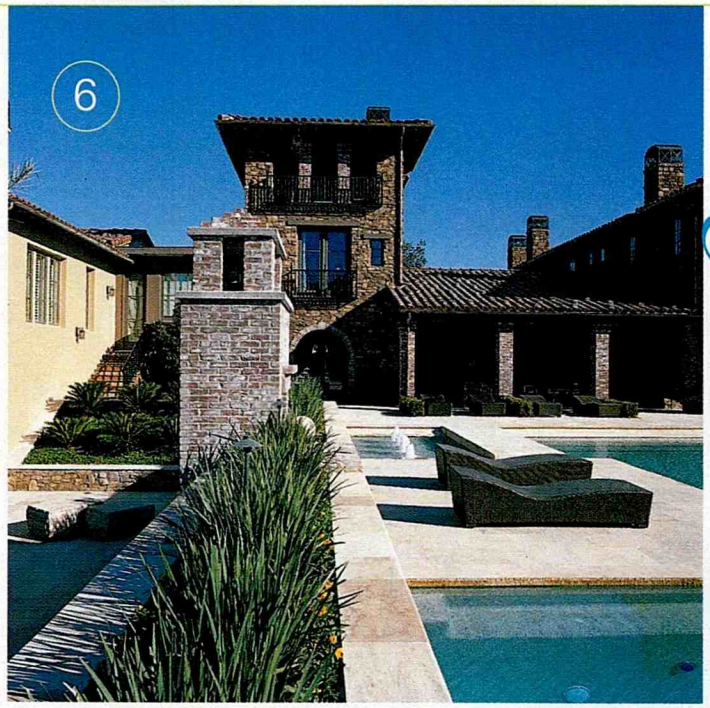


1. The sky room, on the top floor of the three-story central tower, features Walker Zanger tiles, weather-resistant Brown Jordan furniture, and breathtaking views. **2. An elegant sink and faucets** by Kohler grace the woman's vanity area within the master bath. **3. The stone-covered tower,** housing a home office on its second floor, is the highest of the home's multiple rooflines. **4. A wine cellar** is just downstairs from the club room. **5. A built-in corner desk** and wrap-around Andersen windows create a cozy but efficient home office just off the kitchen.









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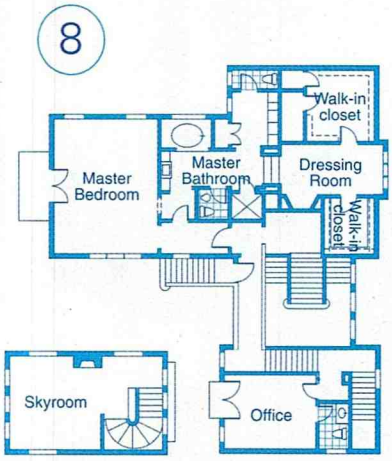

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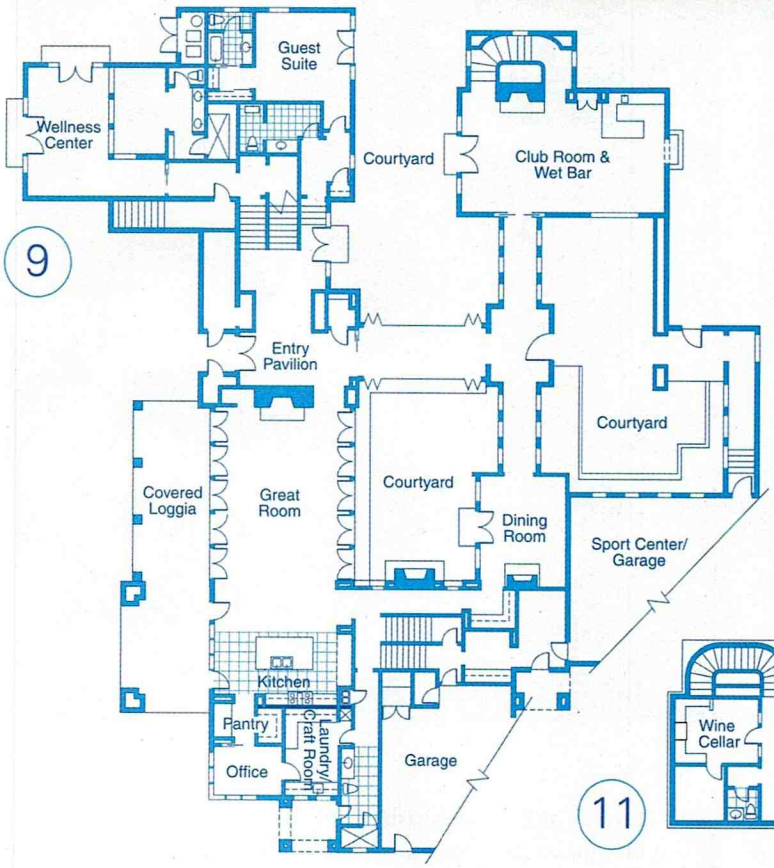

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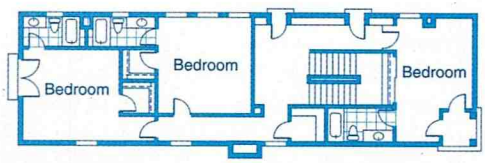

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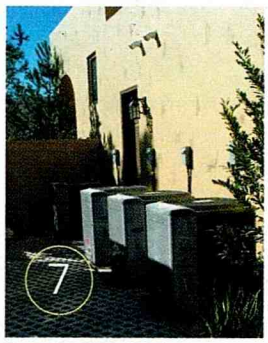
6. From the tallest wing of the house (containing the sky room), one can look out on the pool. **7. Five heating and cooling units** by Carrier maintain the indoor climate of this expansive home. **8. His-and-her private spaces** add luxury to the master suite. The stairway to the office and sky room is nearby. **9. The sprawling first floor** shows how the design breaks the house up into a series of small connected buildings. **10. The three children's rooms** are situated at the far end of the house from the master suite. **11. The wine cellar** is connected to the club room by a narrow circular stairway.



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living room rather than stuck down in the basement where few family members venture) and to fulfill the wish list of the focus group, which included a "wellness center" to exercise and have a massage, and a home office next to the kitchen that functions as a kind of "command central" for the female head of the household.

In keeping with its emphasis on informality, the true heart of this home, the place where its inhabitants gather to spend time together, is the great room, which, at 27 feet long and 23 feet wide, more than lives up to its name. Indeed, it is really three spaces that flow into one another, starting with the spacious

Above Chinese-red walls in the guest room set off a Stickley chest, side table, and crisply dressed bed. **Top right** The boy's bedroom features a Karastan carpet and a 27-inch DynaFlat HDTV from Samsung. **Right** In another bedroom, a Stickley sleigh bed is placed to take advantage of the great views of the fairway.

working kitchen that opens onto an informal dining area (which, significantly, is far larger than the formal dining room) and the living room, which is anchored by an open brick fireplace set into high-ceilinged walls of rough-hewn stone. To one side of the fireplace is an imposing antique-looking wooden cabinet that, when opened, reveals a very new-looking 50-inch Samsung plasma-screen TV.

"The theory behind placing these three spaces together was to reflect the way people actually live," says Johnson.



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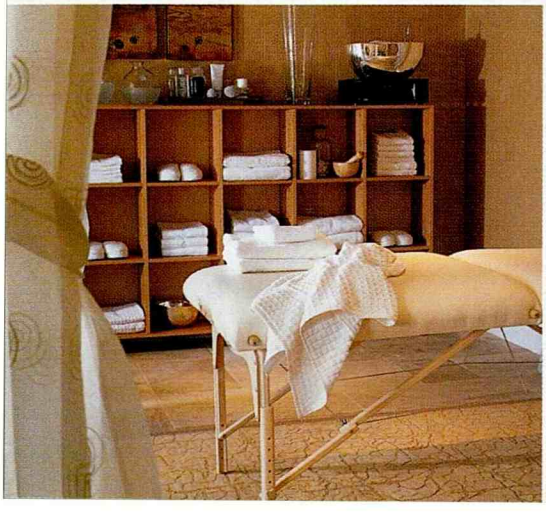
"WE WANTED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE WONDERFUL RICHNESS OF THE TEXTURES THROUGHOUT," SAYS THE DESIGNER.

The question we asked ourselves before we started this project, says Johnson, "was 'How would I use this house if I lived here?'" The answer, is: with great pleasure.



Above The club room is designed to be a grown-up retreat with a wet bar and a drop-down projection television and screen. **Left** A massage table is one of the many spa-style accoutrements that grace the wellness center. **Right** Kohler's Purist Wet Surface sink and integrated water stream underscore the spa aesthetic in the wellness center. *See Resource Guide for details.*



TO BE CONTINUED Look for more about our 2003 Dream House in "Home Tech" on page 30 of this issue, and in "Show House Kitchens and Baths," in the April 2003 issue of *Home*. Our Las Vegas Dream House will be open for public tours starting Monday, January 27, 2003, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, and 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sunday. For directions, log onto christopherhomes.com, click on "Neighborhoods," and then on "The Enclaves at Southern Highlands."



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SUITE SERENITY

Topping off two stylish homes are upper-floor master bed-and-bath retreats, filled with ideas for making your own home more comfortable, organized, and beautiful



LARCHMONT, NY

A Place for Everything

TV chef, radio host, and cookbook author Lauren Groveman keeps life and wardrobe under control, thanks in part to a clever remodeling that turned attic space into her bedroom and bath

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Cooking instructor Lauren Groveman spends much of the day in her kitchen—but that doesn't mean she was willing to give her bedroom suite short shrift. When her kids were young, she and her husband Jonathan turned their old bedroom into a shared office, and converted a warren of little attic rooms into a beautiful suite where they could trade in parenthood for some privacy—at least for a few hours a day. "We liked the idea of having a private master suite," says Groveman, "but that also presented a lot of challenges since it was going to be on the third floor of the house." Chief among those challenges was the fact that everything—all the furniture, the bathroom, even the closets—had to fit under the home's steep eaves.

To take advantage of every square (or angled) inch that was available, the Grovemans had their dressers built right into the walls, with each drawer progressively deeper as the walls slant. The bedroom itself is reminiscent of a country inn or a Swiss chalet, with its rustic beams and a romantic canopy bed. There's plenty of seating space, thanks to a long bench placed





The attic provides plenty of privacy, but building under the eaves was challenging

These pages The canopy bed adds to the Swiss-chalet feeling the Grovemans wanted to create in their attic refuge. **Opposite** Special touches and accent pieces in the bathroom make this master suite feel like a home and not a hotel.

Jars: shell tray, and covered box: (in bathroom): Chelsea Garden Center. Silver tumbler and glass jars (in bathroom): Tudor Rose. Cranberry-colored vase (in bedroom on nightstand): Georg Jensen.



Large, airy, and dappled with natural light, this bathroom incorporates every imaginable convenience, times two

at the foot of the bed and delicate-looking but comfortable chairs—and you won't find those chairs draped with tomorrow's outfit or yesterday's dry cleaning. The efficient his-and-her closets on the far side of the bathroom make it very easy to keep two wardrobes perfectly organized.

"We wanted big walk-in closets," says Groveman, "but because of the eaves, it would have been impossible. So, while the closets are angular, we were able to install revolving racks like the ones they have at the dry cleaners. We push a button, and our clothes 'walk' right over to us." Although it's not common to build bedroom closets on a side of a bathroom, Groveman admits, it's actually very sensible. "This way," she explains, "instead of one person walking in and out of the bedroom, into the closet, out of the closet, into the bathroom, and out again while the other is still sleeping in the morning, you go into the bathroom, shower, get dressed, and don't walk out again until you're ready to go."

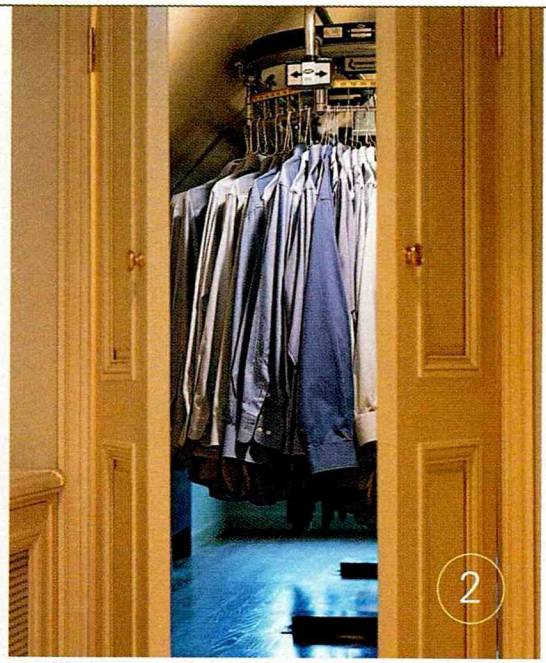
Of course, no one's in a huge rush to walk out of this bathroom anyway. Large, airy, and dappled with natural light, it incorporates every imaginable convenience, times two. The space includes his-and-her vanities and a makeup area for Lauren. With its elegant arched doorway and faux-painted ceiling of clouds, the Jacuzzi room is Lauren's favorite hideaway-within-a-hideaway. ■

Above Big enough for two, the Jacuzzi is the perfect place to forget daily stresses. **Below** The his-and-her vanities are surrounded by mirrors. *See Resource Guide for details.*



Bowl and soap dish (both next to tub): Aero. Sponges and soaps (all next to tub): Chelsea Garden Center. Vase (next to tub): Georg Jensen. Jar (next to tub): Takashimaya. Silver tumbler and perfume bottle (on vanity): Tudor Rose. Water glass, bone-natural toothbrush, towels, and tissue box (in bathroom): Takashimaya.











1. Creating storage nooks in unlikely places (in the wall right outside the Jacuzzi room) helped make the most of the oddly shaped attic space. **2. The sloped ceiling** precluded a walk-in closet, so the Grovemans installed rotating racks like the ones dry cleaners use to keep clothes accessible. **3. Several shoe drawers** tucked down near the angled wall provide ample storage for dozens of pairs of shoes. **4. The neutral tile and treetop-facing windows** in the Jacuzzi room keep the atmosphere light and relaxing. **5. Lovely floral prints** and ruffles give the angular bedroom a softer look overall.

COVINGTON, LA

Everything in its Place

In a Venetian-inspired home near New Orleans, a photographer's keen eye and an architect's practical ideas blend beautifully in clean lines, sumptuous materials, and even a darkroom as part of the third-floor, master-suite plan

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"My husband and I live very hectic lives," says Carol Darr, a photographer and hands-on mother, "so we wanted our room to be a sanctuary. We wanted it to be light and peaceful, but not someplace where we were always having to say to the kids 'don't touch.'" Together, architect George D. Hopkins, Jr. and interior designer Vikki Leftwich gave Carol and her husband, Kevin, the casual comfort they wanted.

The site on the Bogue Falaya River, along with a trip to Venice, Italy, informed the choice of design for the new three-story house. An entry, covered outdoor areas, and the garage inhabit the main floor, with living areas above, where views and breezes are best. Inside, "they wanted a minimalist look," the designer says, "but the kind of minimalism that's warm, and not hard-edged." Airy and uncluttered, the bedroom is decorated mostly in easy-to-care-for white. "People are often afraid of white," says Leftwich, "but because we used prewashed fabrics, it's never a problem. You can just throw them in the washer with some bleach and they come out looking brand new."

The warmth of the rooms is further enhanced by an iron bed, sandblasted for a softer finish. A reproduction



Small pillow (on bed): Villa Vici. Bedspread and shams (on bed): Colonial Williamsburg. Paisley pillowcases (on bed): Garnet Hill. Black-and-white photographs: Carol Darr.



These pages The bare wood floors and lots of washable white cotton fabrics give the Darrs a space that feels uncluttered and comfortable for the entire family.

Above In the bedroom, a slipcovered chaise stands ready to offer a moment of relaxation. **Bottom left** With seven windows, the bathroom takes advantage of the light and views. *See Resource Guide for details.*

"We came back from a trip to Venice, showed our architect videos, and said 'Can you make this work in Louisiana?'"

dresser from Italy was painted white for an antique look. A nightstand from the same line (Leftwich's firm, Villa Vici, imports it) holds the telephone and a few books.



In order to maintain a unified look and save space, the Darrs had a pop-up television enclosed in a painted wood cube at the foot of their bed; at the touch of a button, the screen rises.

The spacious bedroom opens onto a luxurious bathroom, with the toilet and shower each enclosed for privacy. In the main bathroom area, vintage white travertine is as restful to the eye as the giant tub is to the body. With a skylight above it and windows around it, the tub is the perfect place to look out at the treetops or watch the river.

To keep the shower similarly open, Hopkins made it deep enough so that it doesn't require a shower curtain.

Beyond the bathroom, the Darrs each have a large closet with shelves and hanging space. Off Carol's closet, Hopkins built a darkroom. Carol is an accomplished professional photographer and spends much of her time in the small but efficient space.

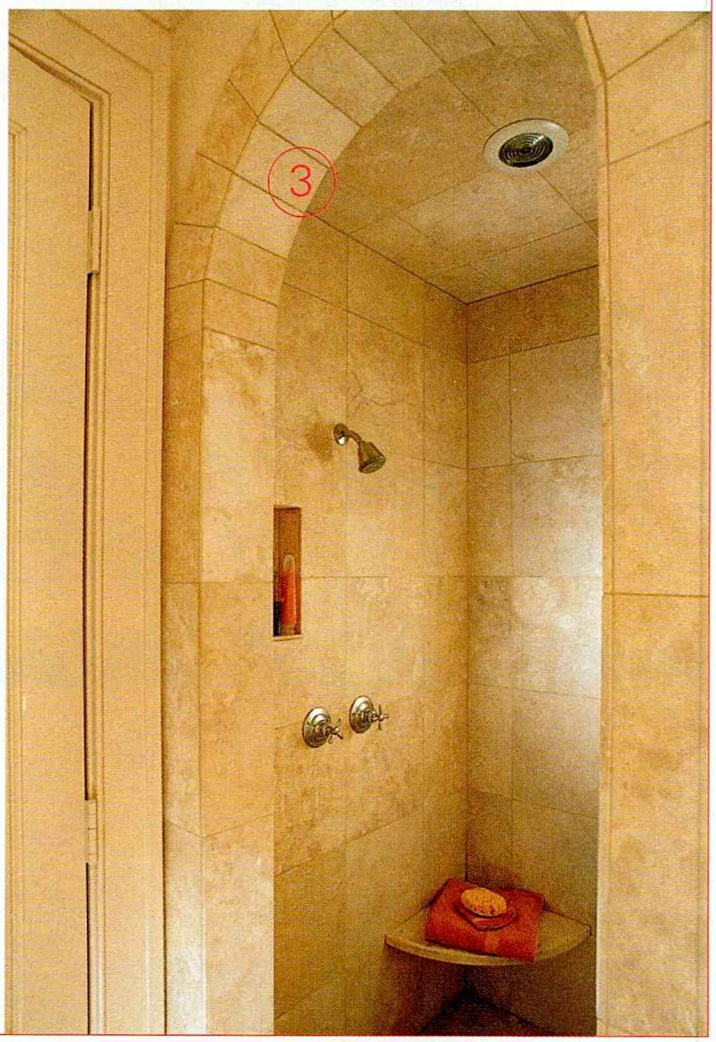
"If the master suite is the sanctuary," says Hopkins, "Carol's darkroom is her sanctuary-within-a-sanctuary—someplace she can go to be alone and to concentrate."

Painting (above chaise) and small pillow and throw (on chaise): Pier 1 Imports. Towels (in bathroom): Garnet Hill. Mug (on side of tub in bathroom): Pier 1 Imports.

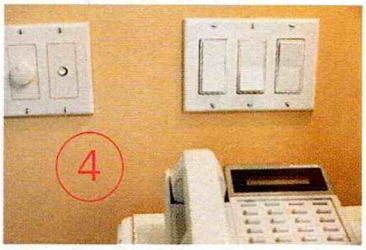




1. An oculus window in the bedroom gives the Darrs a romantic glimpse of the moon. **2. The iron bed frame** was sandblasted for a unique look. **3. Architect George D. Hopkins, Jr.** designed the shower so that it wouldn't need a curtain to keep the water in. Like much of the bathroom, it is tiled in white travertine. **4. With bedside switches**, Carol can conveniently control bedroom lighting and the whole-house stereo system. **5. A cube** at the end of the bed hides the television. At the push of a button, the screen rises.









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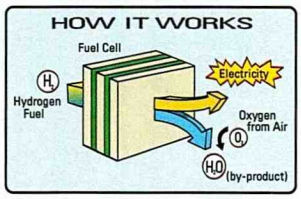

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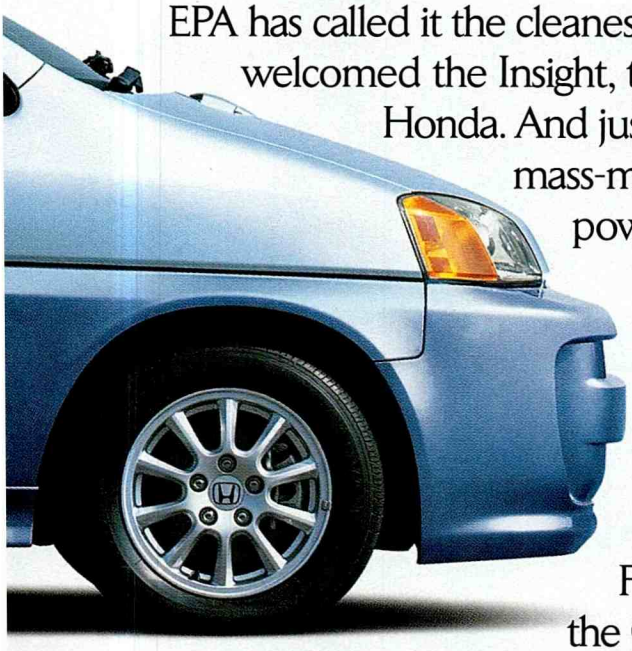

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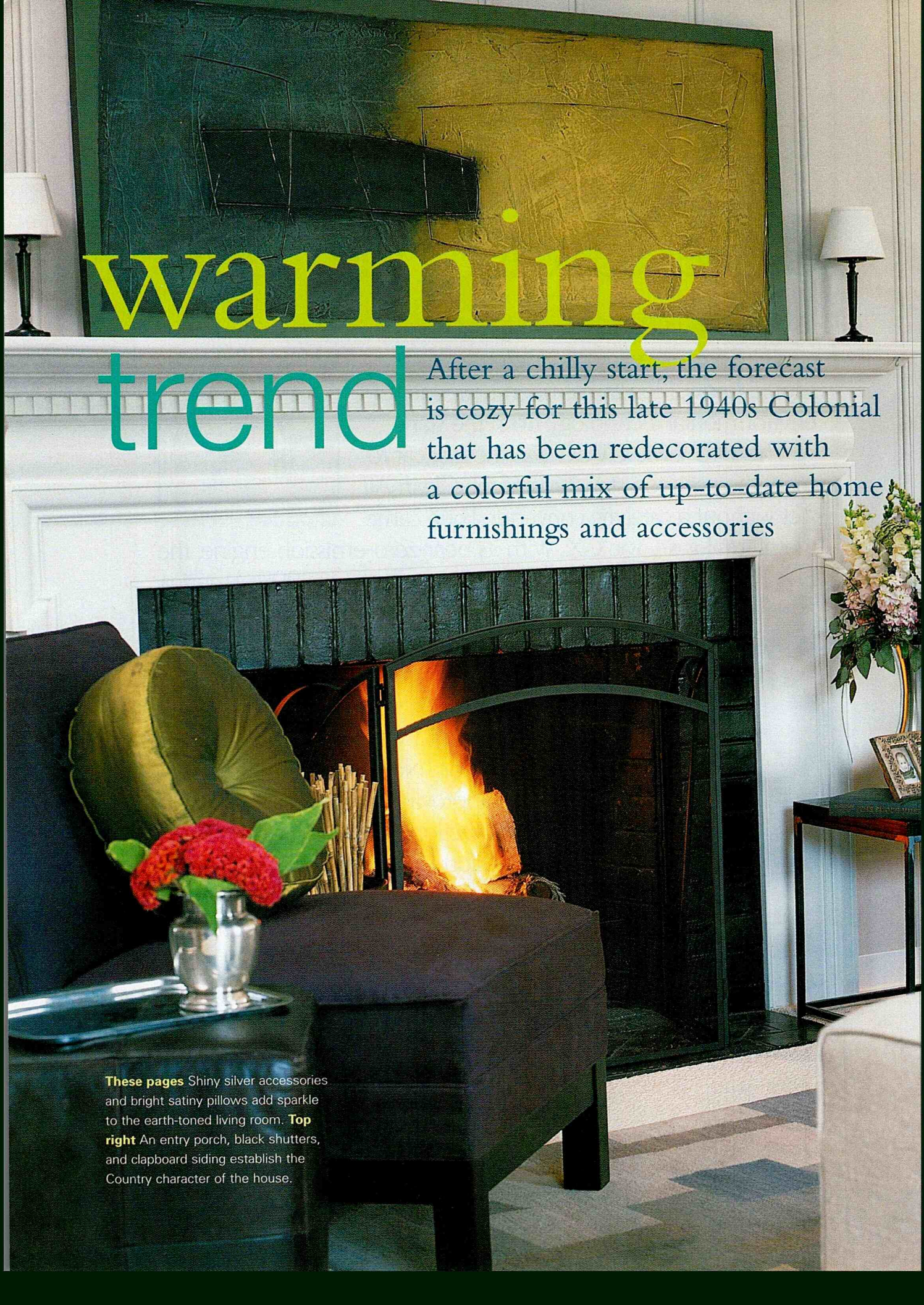
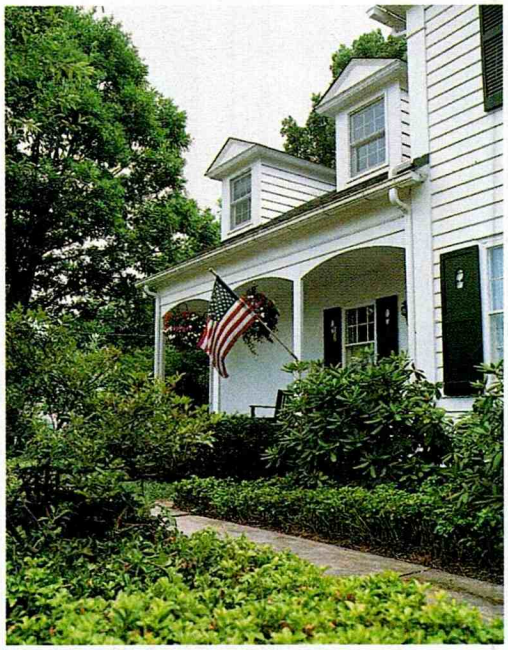
After a chilly start, the forecast is cozy for this late 1940s Colonial that has been redecorated with a colorful mix of up-to-date home furnishings and accessories



These pages Shiny silver accessories and bright satiny pillows add sparkle to the earth-toned living room. **Top right** An entry porch, black shutters, and clapboard siding establish the Country character of the house.



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A busy two-career couple with one child and one on the way, had little time to spend on interior decorating and were faced with a difficult challenge—how to furnish their new house quickly and still provide a warm and welcoming environment for family life and entertaining. A tall order; but with the help of interior decorator Dorene White they succeeded admirably. The house they bought, on the outskirts of the quaint, historic town of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, was ideal. A vaguely Colonial design built in the late 1940s, it offered clean-lined interiors with a cottagey feel, an ideal blank canvas on which to superimpose their idea of home.



Left A favorite feature of the owners, the glass light fixture casts a soft glow over the dining table. **Bottom** A paneled wall above the family-room fireplace is now a gallery for family photos. **Opposite** Built-in cabinets and shelves, original to the house, frame the dining-room doorway.

Working closely with White and her assistants, Judy Fitch and Bridgette Nadzam, the owners selected furniture and accessories from Cottonwood, a Chagrin Falls home-furnishing store and design-services emporium founded by White to provide the sort of one-stop shopping the owners needed. "We stock everything," says White, "and we're able to put a look together very quickly, from furniture to lighting to rugs, even to the knobs on the kitchen cabinets."

The items the homeowners chose blend with the simple cottage quality of the house in a mood that is "current but not remote," as White puts it, creating rooms that are cozy enough for family life and stylish enough for entertaining.

Colors and textures are understated but rich, creating the "comfortable contemporary" look the owners wanted



Walls throughout the house were painted an off-white that White describes as having "a silvery feel." Liking that shade, the owners duplicated the tone with fresh coats of paint, and White chose items in cool, soothing hues to harmonize.

In the modest-sized living room, Mitchell Gold furniture abounds—a sofa covered in pale linen, a narrow slipper chair, and a curvy, 1930s-style armchair provide plenty of seating without looking crowded. The rounded back and bun feet of the armchair nicely offset the straight lines of the other pieces; and the upholstery fabrics—Ultrasuede and soft chenille—add rich texture.

Texture is also evident in the dining room. Reserved mostly for family holiday feasts and intimate dinner parties with friends, the room needed enough elegance to dazzle diners and enough warmth to make everyone feel comfortable. To achieve that subtle decorative balance, White selected a sleek table and surrounded it with interestingly shaped dining chairs upholstered in a taupe chenille fabric.

Tea set (in dining room): Oneida. China (next to tea set in dining room): Sakura.





This page A slate-blue painted floor enlivens the master bedroom. The night table features drawers encased in a soft-blue metal frame. *See Resource Guide for details.*

Redecorated in shades of blue, the master bedroom is a soothing retreat

The marble-topped sideboard, a favorite piece brought from the owners' previous house, was refinished and stained by Cottonwood to match the wood of the dining table. The silk moiré curtains, long enough to puddle elegantly on the floor, echo the taupe of the chair upholstery. For the owners and designers, the pièce de résistance is the hand-blown Murano-glass hanging light fixture from Italy. "It's a focal point for us," says the wife. "It has a slightly formal look, which we like, but it's not stuffy like some glass ones might be."

Next door, the kitchen, a cheery room that needed very little remodeling, is painted the same off-white as the rest of the house; work counters and backsplash tiles were chosen to match that cool silvery tone, and bright-red utensils and accessories provide pizzazz against the neutral backdrop. A breakfast area, placed steps away from the efficient U-shaped work zone, is the setting for workday family meals; for more festive occasions, guests gather here for appetizers before dinner is served in the dining room. A master suite and a home office furnished by Cottonwood with vintage-style desk and chair are also located on the first floor.

Red mixer (in kitchen): KitchenAid. Red teakettle and utensil holder (in kitchen): Chantal Cookware. Basket (with oranges) and citrus squeezer (in kitchen): Alessi. Gathering baskets (on counter in kitchen): Henn.









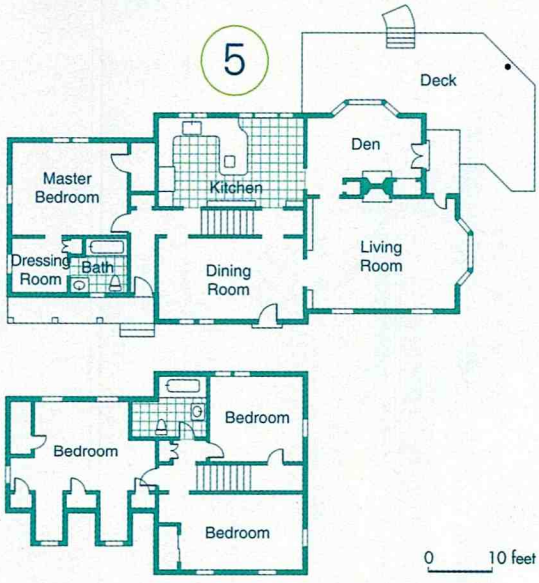
1. A home office is a must for any busy career couple. To keep this one from looking grimly businesslike, Dorene White of Cottonwood, mixed up-to-date computer technology with 1950s-style office furniture.

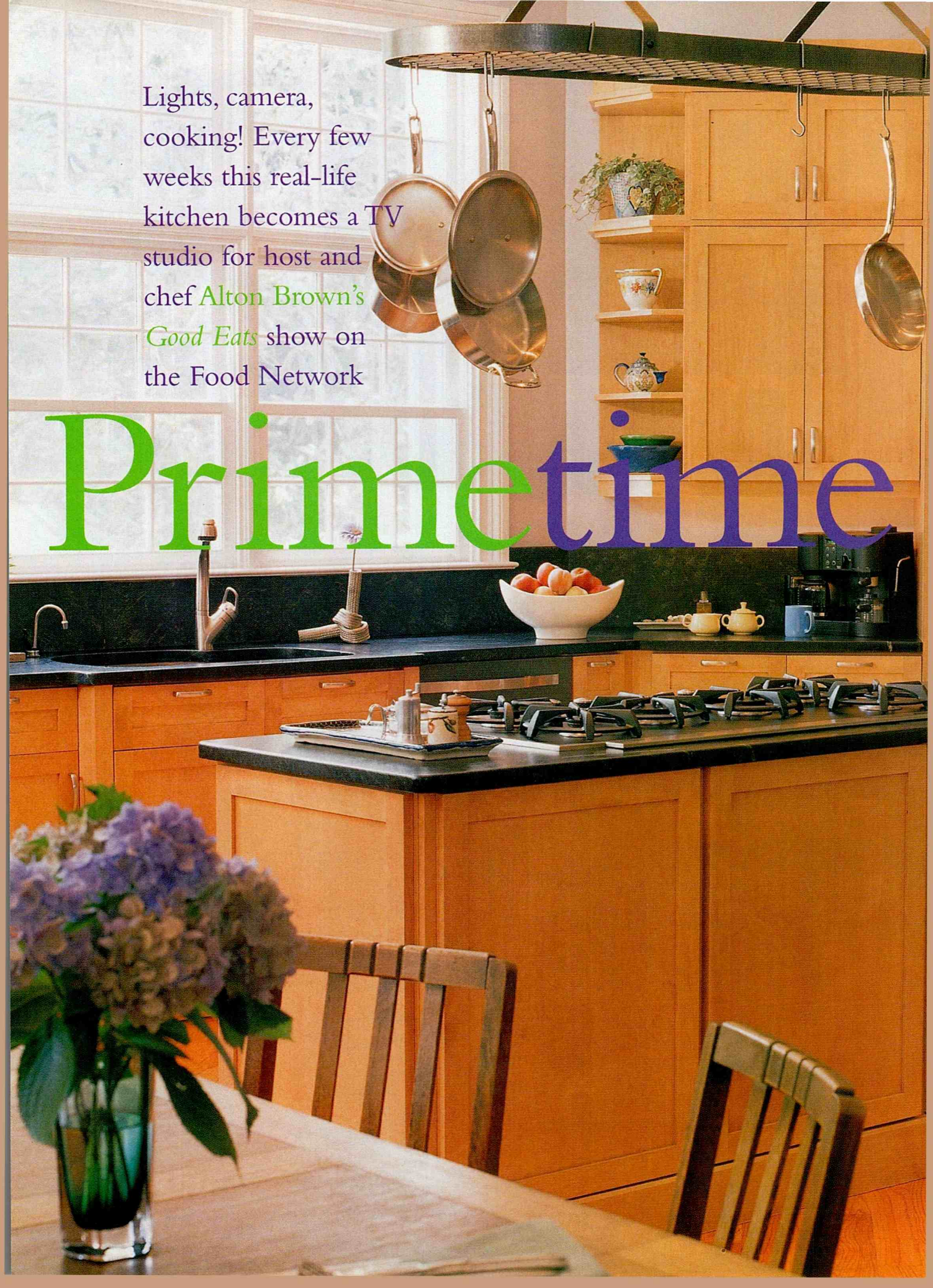
2. A U-shaped kitchen layout, considered the most efficient by many kitchen-design experts, makes cooking convenient for family meals or festive, holiday dinners. An added bonus is that there is plenty of counter space.

3. Baskets on the kitchen countertop keep an assortment of fresh produce at-the-ready for family meals.

4. Curving garden paths inset with round stepping stones connect the house to the woods located behind it.

5. With a complete master suite on the first floor, the layout of the house is well suited to a comfortable lifestyle.





Lights, camera, cooking! Every few weeks this real-life kitchen becomes a TV studio for host and chef Alton Brown's *Good Eats* show on the Food Network

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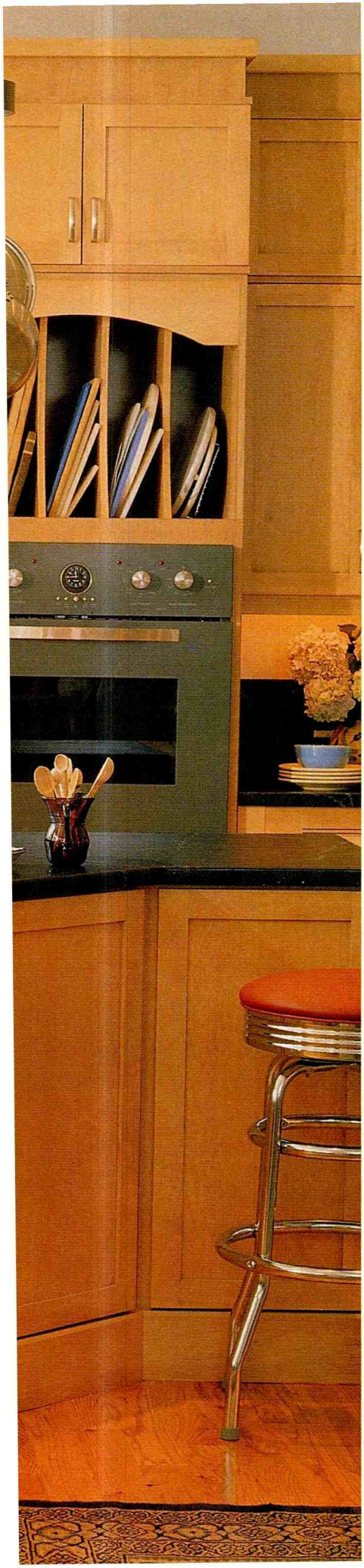

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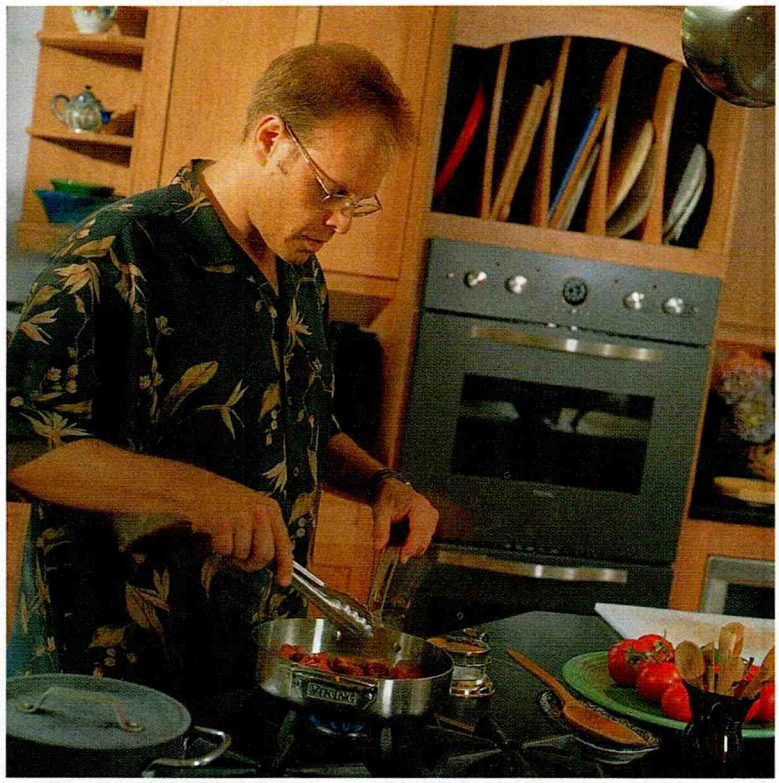

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For most of us, creating a new kitchen that is both good-looking and functional, that meets our basic needs for style, food, and maybe socializing, is enough of an accomplishment. Now imagine that you are a TV producer, designing a home kitchen that needs to double as a working studio. Your laundry list of requirements quickly grows exponentially. Factors such as counter space, floor area, ceiling height, lighting, cabinets, appliances, and just plain elbow room all become critically important, and the task of putting them all together efficiently can be akin to solving a Chinese puzzle.

Left Cleverly disguised as a mild-mannered home kitchen, this part-time studio is equipped with Canac semi-custom cabinets and professional-style Viking appliances. **Above** *Good Eats* star Alton Brown warms up for the camera.

The kitchen that Dana Popoff and Marion Laney created for their new home in the Atlanta suburb of Buckhead manages to do just that. It is designed to deliver elegant, everyday use 85 percent of the time and then shift effortlessly into a chaos-filled TV production studio packed with a dozen or so hardworking bodies. The two, who are, respectively, line producer and director of photography for the weekly *Good Eats* show on the Food Network, starring Chef Alton Brown, have pulled it off magnificently.

"Our first requirement," says Popoff, "was that we wanted several areas to shoot in. We wanted a sitting area and a fireplace that would be separate, but could also be a part of the kitchen. We also liked the idea of a banquette, and we wanted to make the whole space as open as possible so we could move around and have a variety of backgrounds."

Not wanting to wait until everything in the house was in finished condition, Popoff and Laney started shooting there weeks before they occupied the house. So even before they moved in, the kitchen became a TV star, providing a stylish backdrop for Alton's cooking lessons for most of the past year.

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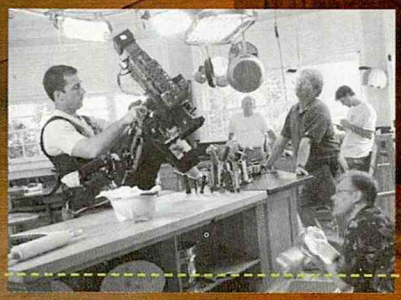
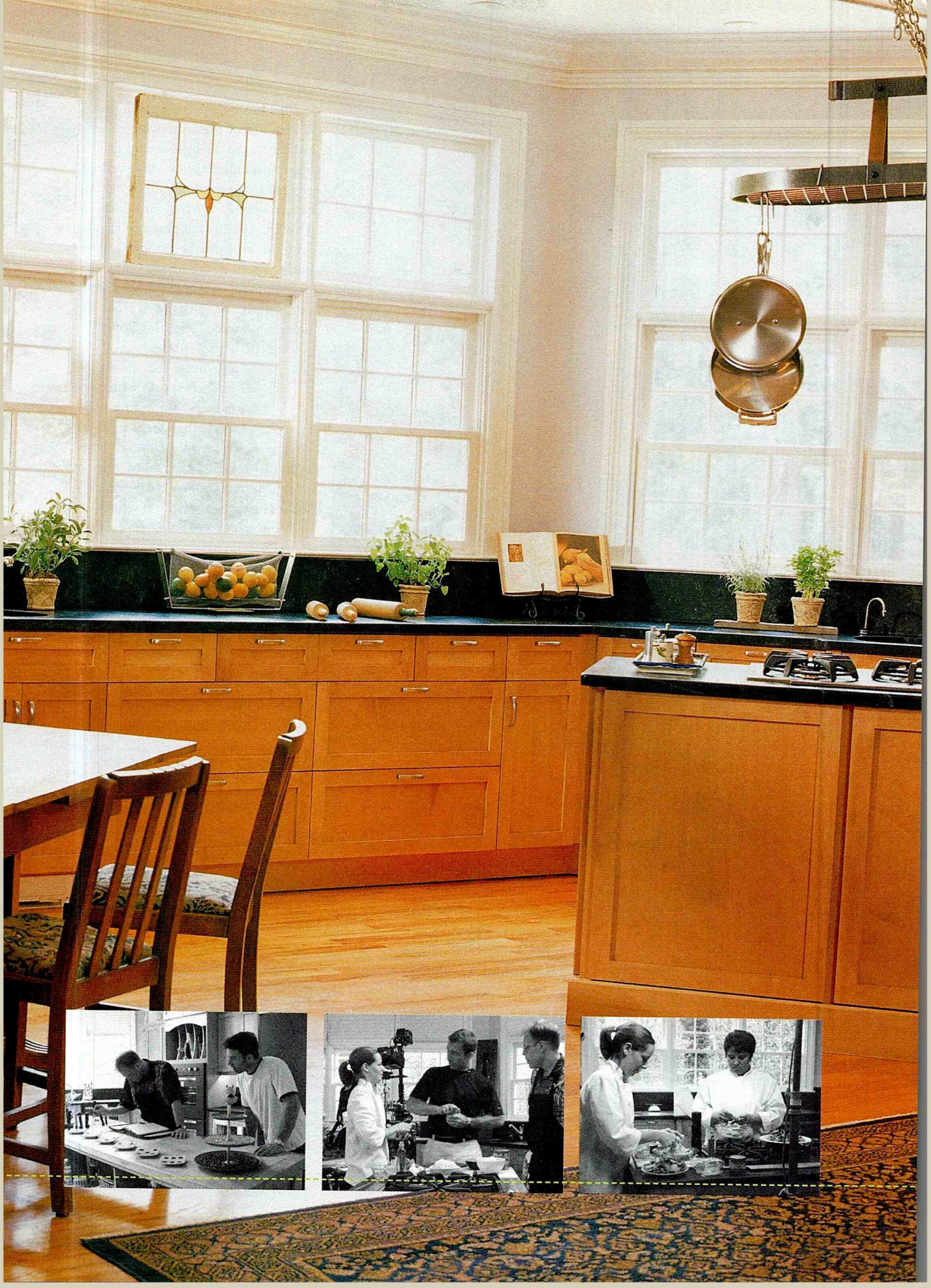


Left On a TV-free day, Laney, Brown, and Popoff (left to right) cook some good eats for the fun of it. **These pages, above** In repose, the kitchen shows off its basic good looks. **These pages, insets right** The busy TV crew transforms the space.

Black-and-white production photos courtesy of *Good Eats*.





The most visible concession to the hidden life of this otherwise graceful kitchen is the 12-foot-square grid of pipe suspended from the ceiling, designed to accommodate lights and microphones during production. Though stylishly sculptural in its own way, the grid can be removed if the house is sold in the future. "The vertical pipes that anchor it to the ceiling can simply be unscrewed and the holes replastered," explains Popoff.

Very little else about the kitchen speaks of its on-camera life. The long swath of windows that opens onto the deck is there for all of the obvious, everyday reasons, but it provides an added bonus of bathing the TV scenes in abundant natural light.

With the exception of the butcher-block top on the rolling island, the countertops are all green soapstone. The backsplash is a trompe l'oeil painting on wood, created to match the stone, while accommodating electrical outlets. "We love the color and the texture of the soapstone," says Popoff, "but almost *anything* will scratch it. You can oil it so the scratches don't show, or you can lightly sand it. We try to keep it well oiled."

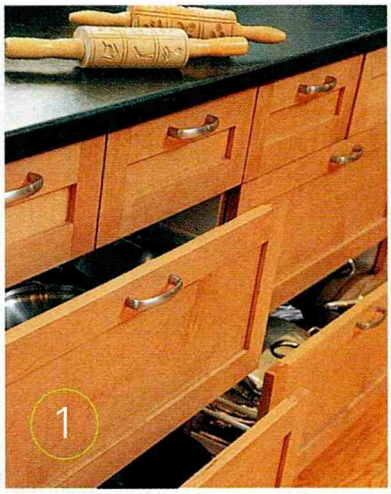
The long swath of windows that opens onto the porch and deck is there for all the right reasons, though it also bathes the TV production in natural light

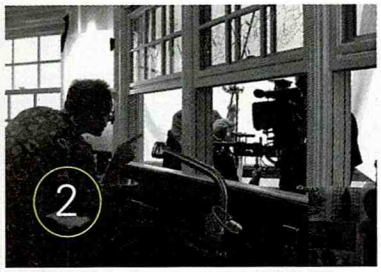


couple's home life. A 7-foot section of the work island, for example, is built on wheels. "Having the island roll," notes Popoff, "allows us to move it into various positions for shooting purposes, or to just move it out of the way so we can set up different shooting angles on the cooktop." It also works wonderfully, however, as a mobile serving area, when they are entertaining privately, she adds. The rolling section was custom built to match the Canac semi-custom cabinets used throughout the kitchen by a team of craftsmen who had formerly worked for the cabinet manufacturer.

The banquette against the windows serves mainly as a spot for private dining, but it also works well when the crew needs a place to set up a tight shot of a delectable dish (or, afterwards when they sit down to devour the remains of one). Lunch is never dull on this set. "We have fun cooking in this kitchen," says Popoff, "that's for sure."

Above left The fireplace is flanked by custom storage units built to resemble the Canac cabinets. **Left** The *Good Eats* TV crew dines on delicious props. *See Resource Guide for details.*

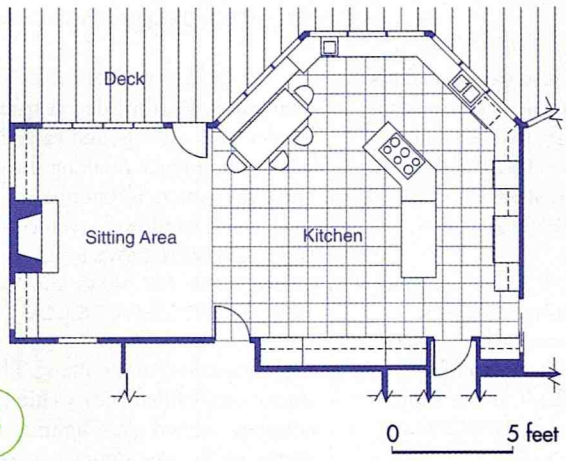


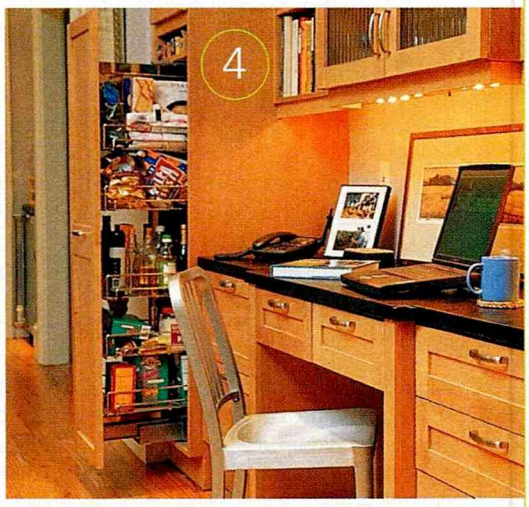






1. Drawers galore allow homeowners and TV crew alike to store the many pots and pans that go into putting on a show. **2. Tight camera angles** are a staple of *Good Eats*, so the wide-open spaces in the studio kitchen help. **3. An open bar area** to one side of the island features a Viking wine cooler. **4. The desk area** along one wall of the kitchen is flanked by two roll-out pantry storage units. **5. Overhead, the grid** serves as a bit of functional art, when it's not being used to hang studio lights and microphones. **6. The floor plan** of the kitchen combines efficiency and open space.





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For most of us, our homes are works in progress—places we build or rebuild, rearrange, modify, or redecorate as our lives evolve. To help you, we've dug into our Rolodexes and come up with our list of 100 hot tips, trade secrets, private finds, and hidden addresses that few people know. Whether your home is a classic colonial or a rambling ranch, clip our list and use it to locate that one-of-a-kind find that will help make your renovation dreams come true.

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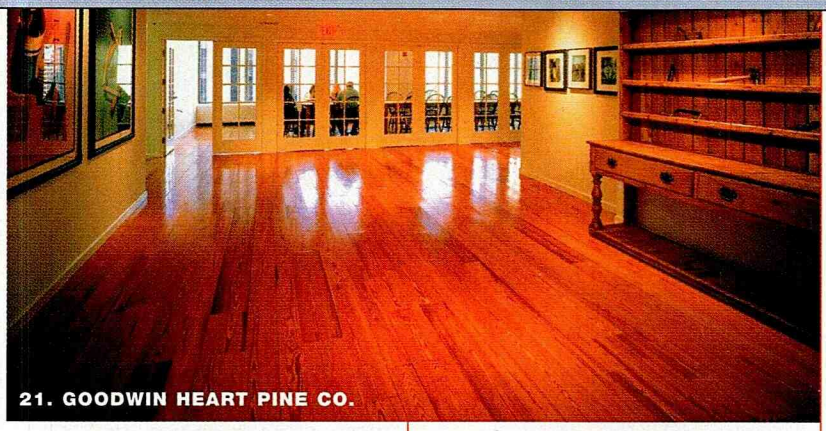
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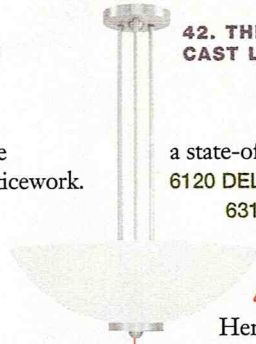

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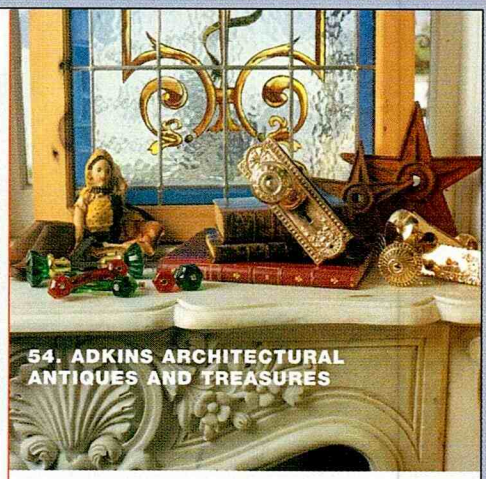

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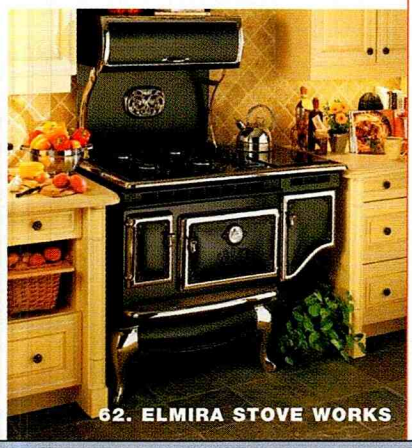

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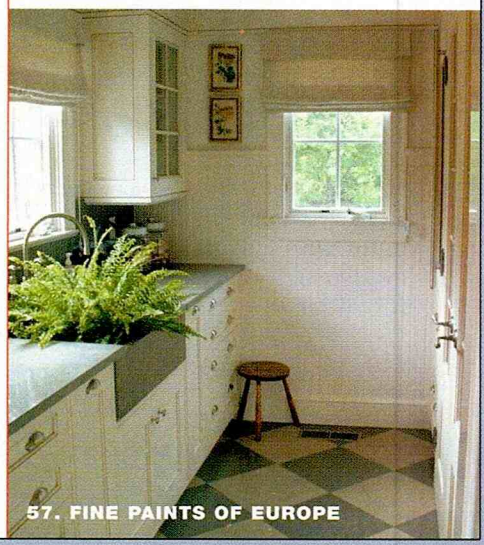

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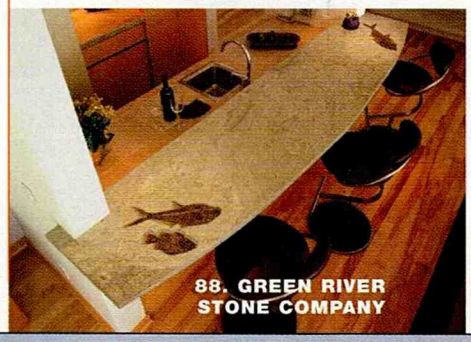

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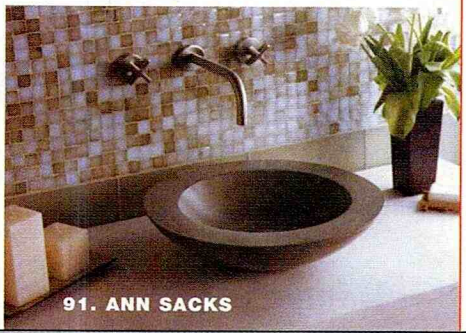
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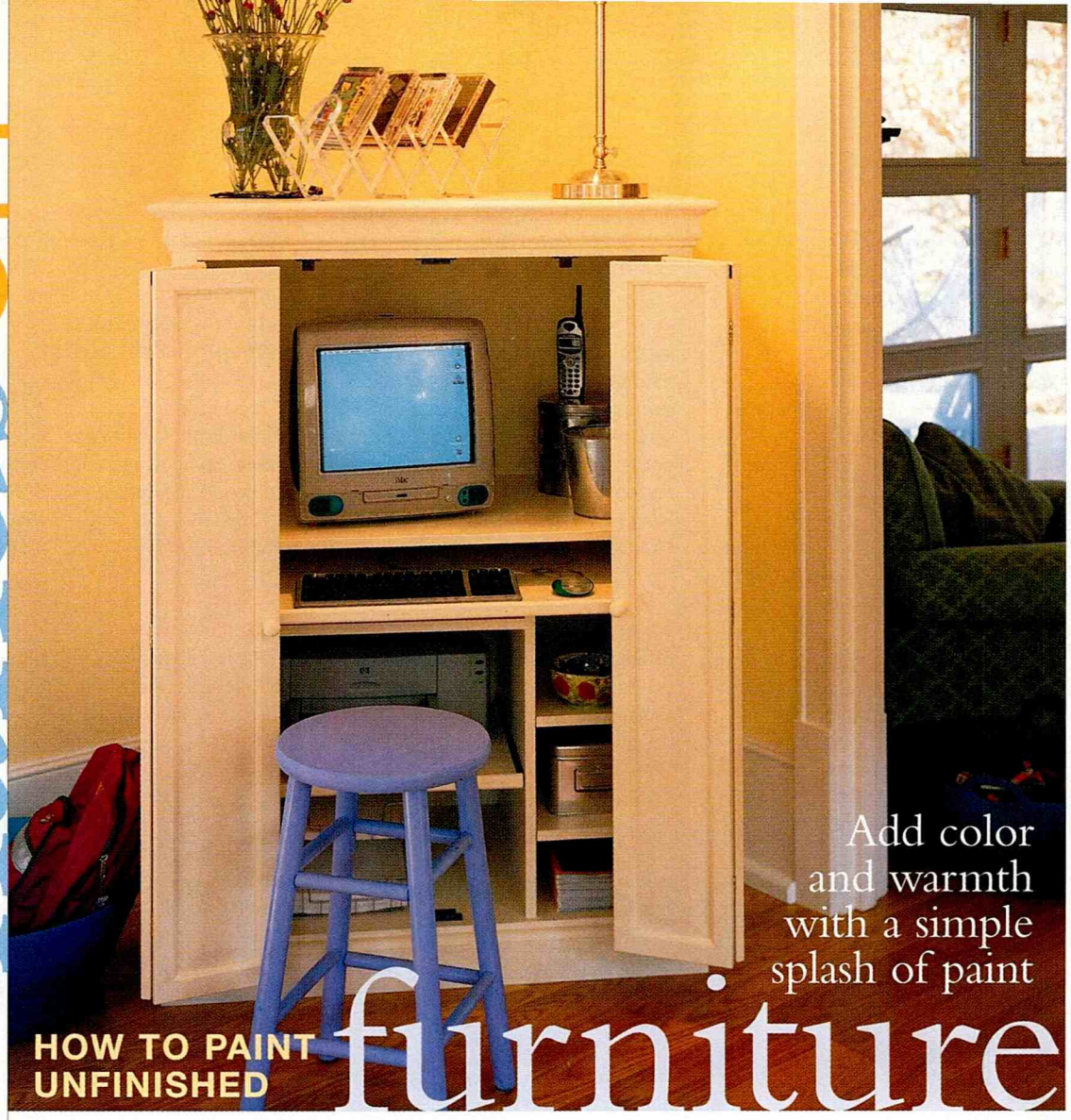

HOW TO PAINT UNFINISHED furniture

Add color and warmth with a simple splash of paint

Written by **Max Alexander** ■ Photographed by **Cheryl St. Onge**

Painting unfinished furniture is a fun weekend project *and* an affordable way to create a customized solid-wood piece for your home. Unpainted armoires, bookcases, desks, chairs, and tables in a variety of woods are easy to find through a network of stores that specialize in this growing category. To find one, and learn more about what's available, visit unfinishedfurniturevillage.com.

Once you select a furniture retailer, visit the store and choose your piece. If you can't find that perfect bureau, ask what's available by special order. It pays to look for quality—drawers with joints that are dovetailed, not stapled or glued, for example. Hinges,

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Above As an unfinished piece, this oak armoire was indeed stately, but a warm coat of paint transformed it into a truly attractive computer workstation.

materials list

Here's what you'll need and how much it'll cost to paint a 54-inch-high unfinished armoire like the one above.

Electric sander	$50
Medium-grit sponge sander	$2.50
4 sheets sandpaper	$3
½ pint quick-drying lightweight spackle	$2
Tack cloth	$.75
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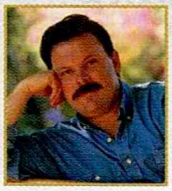

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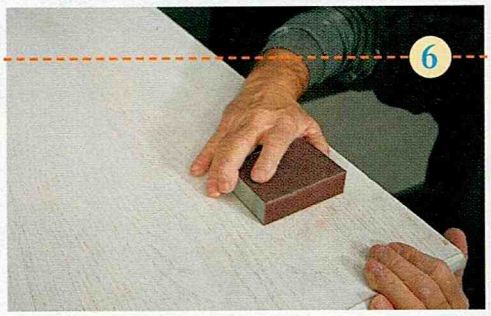




drawer slides, and other hardware should be heavy duty.

Poplar is a conventional wood choice since it's "paint grade" (free of large knotholes). Pine is a good choice, too, but seal its knotholes with a shellac-based primer or they'll bleed through the paint. You needn't be an expert to achieve satisfactory results, but we enlisted Bob Small, a pro painter based in Durham, New Hampshire, to work his magic step-by-step.

1. Select the right piece. We chose to paint a handsome red-oak computer armoire with inset bifold doors. Red oak commonly sports a natural finish, but we wanted to see the pattern of the oak's fine grain under the paint.

2. Prep, prep, prep! Most unpainted furniture benefits from light sanding. We used an electric pad sander (fitted with fine 120-grit paper) for all flat surfaces, followed by a medium-grit, sponge-type hand-sanding block for the corners and hard-to-reach areas. The sponge block works more evenly than holding sandpaper in your hands.

3. Patch any holes or deep nicks. Paint will magnify small imperfections, so carefully look for any pits or scratches on the surface and patch them with a fast-drying lightweight spackle. After the recommended drying time, sand the patches smooth.

4. Clean sanding dust from surface. Use a tack cloth (sold in most hardware and paint stores), which has a sticky coating that attracts small particles. To remove large amounts of dust before the tack cloth treatment, use a vacuum cleaner fitted with a brush.

Just add water! If you're an environmentally or historically savvy do-it-yourselfer, seek out **milk paint** for your next painting adventure. A **nontoxic** water-soluble coating that's based on milk proteins and quicklime (hence the faint tortilla aroma!), milk paint dates back to **ancient Egypt** and was used on furniture by **early Americans** before the advent of commercial paint. It doesn't need a primer, is extremely durable, never fades, and leaves no brush strokes. Milk paint costs about the same as commercial paint and has an **earthy, uneven finish** that appears instantly **"antique."** The downside? It's a bit more work. Milk paint's sold as a powder, to which you just add water. It goes on dead flat, so if you want a glossy surface add two or three coats of clear varnish. (A related gelatin-based coating can transform the paint to a crackled, "alligator" finish.) Check out **milkpaint.com**.

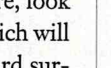
5. Prime it. We opted for a latex primer, which allows a quicker drying time. For interior furniture, look for a "primer underbody," which will seal the wood and create a hard surface. Consult a rep from your local paint store if you're unsure. Pros often mix some of the topcoat color into the primer, which makes it easier to cover.

6. Sand it one more time. Primer tends to raise the grain of wood, making the surface rough, so sand again after the primer has thoroughly dried. To avoid gumming, be sure to use a fine 180-grit paper that's made for sanding latex paint, then clean with the tack cloth. For a mirror-smooth surface, prime and sand once again. Because we wanted the grain to be visible, we only used one coat of primer.

7. Achieve that professional look. We used Benjamin Moore latex Linen Sand #2151-60 paint in an eggshell finish. Latex paint dries in just one or two hours, and when dry is virtually indistinguishable from alkyd (oil-based) paint, which can be messier and slower to dry. If you choose to use alkyd paint, you'll need to allow at least 24 hours drying time between the primer coat and the finish coat, plus another 24 hours if you want to add a second coat. We recommend an eggshell or semi-gloss finish, which is more durable and easier to clean than flat paint and better at hiding flaws than super-tough high-gloss paint.

For the best-looking topcoat, apply paint to the large, flat areas with a roller, then use a high-quality brush ($15 is not unreasonable) for the hard-to-reach spots. (Consider Purdy's latex brushes.) Finally, brush out the rolled areas so the paint blends in—a process the pros call "laying off." Treat small areas one at a time, but remember to do it before the paint starts to dry.

Don't forget to use a brush that's compatible with the paint type, such as oil or latex.



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Page 39 Exterior: **Patio doors** by **Andersen**, 888-888-7020. Timberline **roofing** by **GAF**, (973) 628-3000.

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DESTINATION HOME, PAGES 61-70

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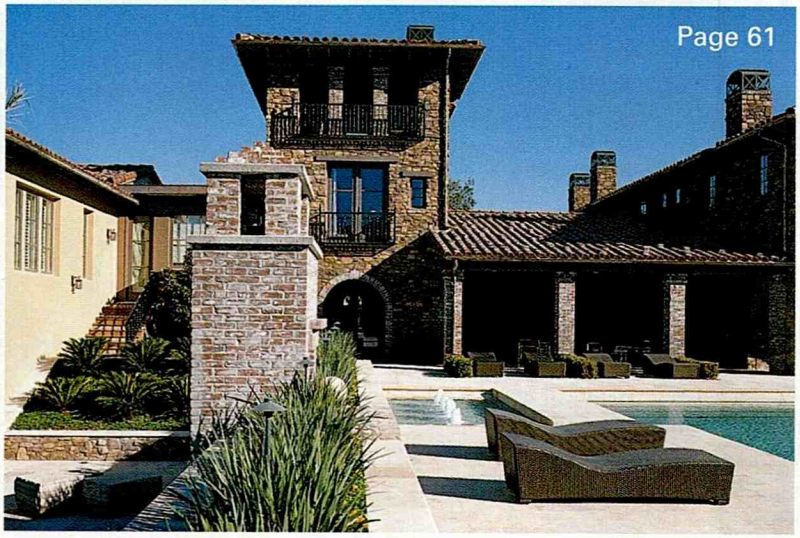

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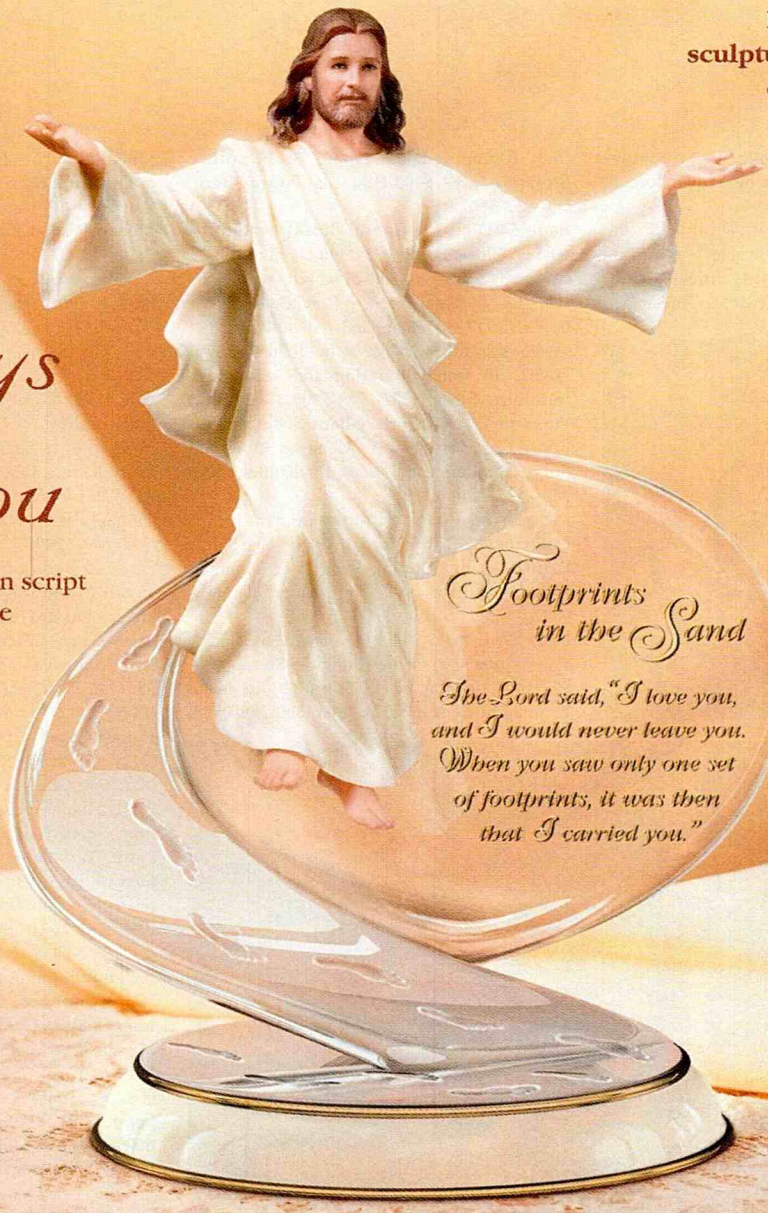

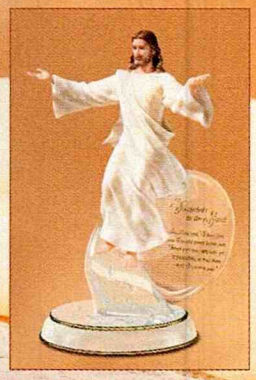

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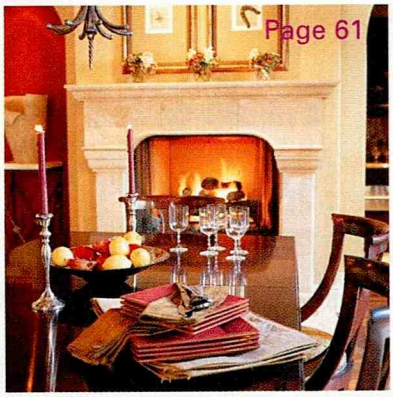
Page 61 Backyard/Pool Area: **Chaise lounges** from the Fusion Collection by **Brown Jordan**, (954) 960-1117.

Page 62 Great Room/Dining Area: Metropolitan dining **table**; table **leaves**; and dining **chairs**; all by **L. & J. G. Stickley**, (315) 682-5500. Sausalito **dinnerware** in Amber; red





linen **napkins**; and velvet-edged **runner**; all from **Pottery Barn**, 800-922-5507.

Pages 62 and 66 Formal Dining Room: Directoire dining **table**; table **leaves**; and side **chairs**; all by **L. & J. G. Stickley**, (315) 682-5500. Square **plates**; **candlesticks**; and **tapers**; all from **Pottery Barn**, 800-922-5507.

Pages 62-63 Great Room: **Sofa**; **chairs**; sofa **table**; round lamp **table**; and rectangular cocktail **table**; all by **L. & J. G. Stickley**, (315) 682-5500. Red silk throw **pillows** (on left chair and sofa) by Ralph Lauren Home; orange boudoir **pillow** (on left chair) by Calvin Klein Home; Gold cable-knit **throw**; and chenille **throws** (in front of fireplace); all from **Bloomingdale's Home & Furniture Store**, (702) 784-5400. Velvet and chenille throw **pillows**; fringed fleece **blanket**; and Riley Kilim **rug**; all from **Pottery Barn**, 800-922-5507.

Page 64 Master Bedroom (Detail shot): **Chair** by **L. & J. G. Stickley**, (315) 682-5500. Throw **pillows** and chenille throw **blanket** from **Bloomingdale's Home & Furniture Store**, (702) 784-5400. **Rug** from **Pottery Barn**, 800-922-5507.

Page 64 Dressing Room: **Closet system** by **Classy Closets**, 800-992-2448. Quillen Burke **carpet** by **Karastan**, 800-234-1120.

Page 65 Master Bedroom: Coral **duvet cover** by Calvin Klein Home; and red **quilt** and red square silk throw **pillows** by Ralph Lauren Home; all from **Bloomingdale's Home & Furniture Store**, (702) 784-5400. Red velvet throw **pillow** from **Pottery Barn**, 800-922-5507.

Page 65 Man's sink: Memoirs **sink** and Stillness widespread **faucet** by **Kohler**, 800-456-4537.

Page 66 Sky Room: **Furniture** from the Fusion Collection by **Brown Jordan**, (954) 960-1117.

Page 66 Woman's sink: Portrait self-rimming **sink** and Antique **faucet** by **Kohler**, 800-456-4537.

Page 66 Exterior: Hillstone and Vento Fieldstone **stone veneer** by **Eldorado Stone**, 800-925-1491. **Roofing** by **US Tile**, (909) 737-0200. Framing **lumber** by **Trus Joist**, 800-338-0515. **Stucco** by **La Habra**, (714) 778-2266.

Page 66 Wine Cellar: Custom **wine cellar** by **Apex**, 800-462-2714. **Cabinetry** in Distressed Glazed Chestnut on Alder by **Eurodesign Cabinets**, 800-655-0600.

Page 68 Guest Bedroom: **Chest**; **bed**; and **nightstand**; all by **L. & J. G. Stickley**, (315) 682-5500. Orange throw **pillow** by Calvin Klein Home from **Bloomingdale's Home & Furniture Store**, (702) 784-5400.

Page 69 Boy's Bedroom: Bailey chenille **rug** from **Pottery Barn**, 800-922-5507. Quillen Burke **carpet** by **Karastan**, 800-234-1120. DynaFlat **HDTV** by **Samsung**, 800-726-7864.

Page 69 Additional Bedroom: Sleigh **bed** by **L. & J. G. Stickley**, (315) 682-5500. **Sheets** by Ralph Lauren Home; **coverlet**; and **sham**; all from **Bloomingdale's Home & Furniture Store**, (702) 784-5400.

Page 70 Club Room: **Chair** with casters by **L. & J. G. Stickley**, (315) 682-5500. **Pillows** and red square **plate** from **Pottery Barn**, 800-922-5507. Red **throw** from **Bloomingdale's Home & Furniture Store**, (702) 784-5400.

Page 70 Wellness Center: Oceania and Fusion **tiles** by **Walker Zanger**, (713) 300-2940.

Page 70 Wellness Center Bathroom: Wet surface **sink**; mirrored **cabinet** with Laminar **faucet**; and open-bottom **basin**; all from the Purist Collection by **Kohler**, 800-456-4537.

SUITE SERENITY, PAGES 74-81

A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING, PAGES 74-77

Page 74 Bathroom (Detail Shot): Terra-cotta Mexican **urns**; shell **tray**; and Chinese covered **box**; all from **Chelsea Garden Center**, (212) 727-7100. Antique sterling-silver **tumbler** and antique glass covered **jars** from **Tudor Rose**, (212) 677-5239.

Page 75 Bedroom: Persia Wave green **duvet cover**; Memory Ivory **bed cover**; and Dehlia green standard and Euro **shams**; all from **Schweitzer Linens**, (212) 570-0236. Hemstitched fitted and flat **sheets** in Ivory from the At Home Collection from **Bloomingdale's**, (212) 705-2435. Snakeskin covered **box** and antique etched water **glass** from **Takashimaya**, (212) 350-0100. Red leather covered storage **box** from **Chelsea Garden Center**, (212) 727-7100. Murano glass Venini **vase** in Cranberry from **Georg Jensen**, (212) 759-6457.

Page 76 Jacuzzi Room: Whirlpool **bath** by **Jacuzzi**, (925) 938-7411. **Towels** and Panache reversible **tub mats** from the At Home Platinum Collection from **Bloomingdale's**, (212) 705-2435. Natural **soap dish** and white shell **bowl** from **Aero**, (212) 966-1500. Natural loofah **sponges** and scented French **soaps** from **Chelsea Garden Center**, (212) 727-7100. Murano glass Venini **vase** in Topaz from **Georg Jensen**, (212) 759-6457. Victorian Pharmacy glass **jar** from **Takashimaya**, (212) 350-0010.

Page 76 Vanities: Antique sterling-silver **tumbler** and antique sterling-silver and crystal **perfume bottle** from **Tudor Rose**, (212) 677-5239. Antique etched water **glass**; bone-natural **toothbrush**; five-piece cotton **towel set**; and bone-tortoise **tissue box**; all from **Takashimaya**, (212) 350-0100.

EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE, PAGES 78-81

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Pages 78-80 Master Bedroom: **Furniture**; small **pillow** (on chaise); small velvet **pillow** (on bed); **throw** (on chaise); and **painting** (above chaise); all from **Villa Vici**, (985) 674-0909. William and Mary **bedspread** and **shams** in Terra-cotta from **Colonial Williamsburg**, 800-446-9240. Bandanna Paisley percale **pillowcases** in orange from **Garnet Hill**, 800-622-6216. **Bowl** (on side table) from **Pier 1 Imports**, 800-245-4595. Black-and-white **photographs** by **Carol Darr Photography**, (985) 871-8146.

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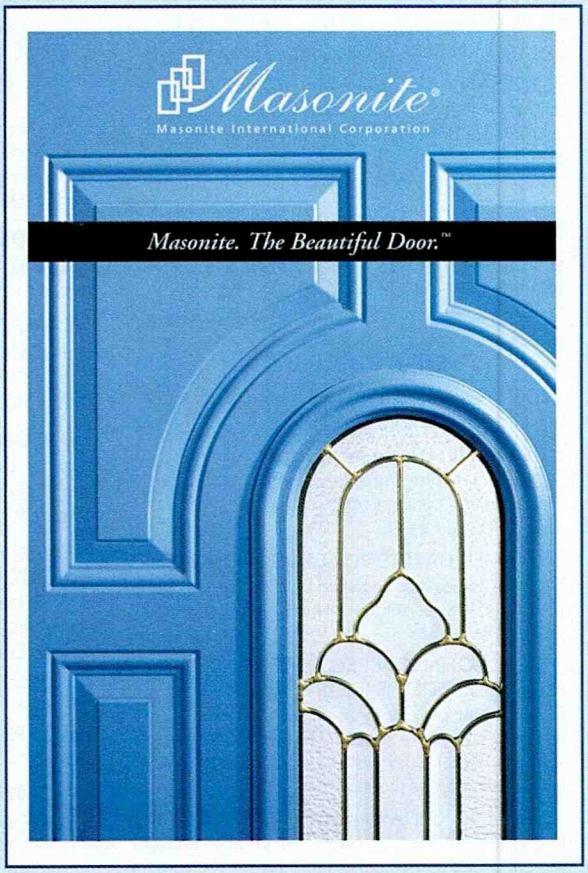

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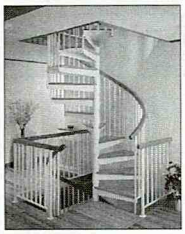

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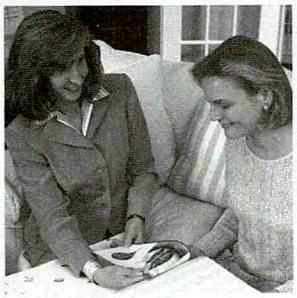

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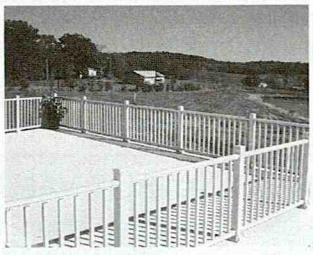

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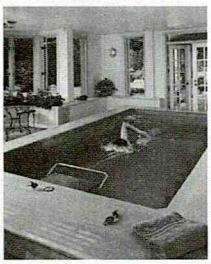

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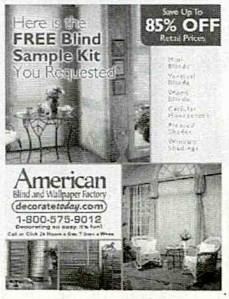

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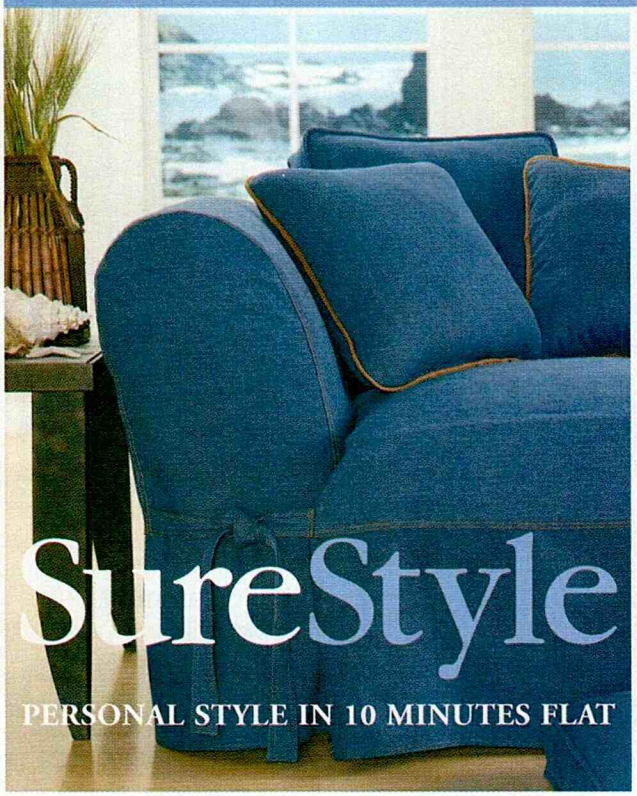

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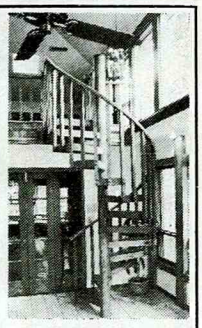

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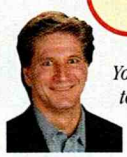

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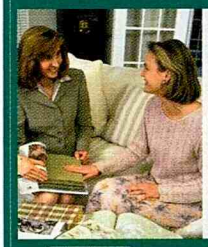

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Page 80 Master Bathroom: Tub-surround **materials** from **Carr Stone**, (504) 835-8453. Seawall K-1398 **bathtub**; K-9698 **whirlpool trim kit**; and Caxton K-2211 **sink**; all in Biscuit by **Kohler**, 800-456-4537. Amera/Forrester **cabinets** in Oatmeal from **Mattix**, (504) 486-7218. Cabinet **hardware** and **accessories** from **Notting Hill**, (262) 248-8890. Mid-tone **towels** in Tangerine from **Garnet Hill**, 800-622-6216. **Mug** from **Pier 1 Imports**, 800-245-4595.



WARMING TREND, PAGES 84-89

Interior Decorator: Dorene White of **Cottonwood**, (440) 247-5268.

Pages 84-85 Living Room: Amanda **chair** in India Cobra, Luc **sofa** in Linen Natural, Liana Slipper **chair** in Bartsuede Eggplant, and Miguel leather cube **ottoman**, all by Mitchell Gold; Tibetan **rug** by Jeff Shuler; **painting** from Nancy Wasylyshyn Fine Art; Gold **throws** by Malabar Grove; glass-and-silver tall **vase** by Babette Holland; black **votives** with white silk **shades** by Robinson Salter; round silk button **pillow**; wood and steel **end table**; metal floor **lamp** with Plum silk **shade**; and metal serving **tray**; all from **Cottonwood**, (440) 247-5268. **Pillows** and jeweled red **candle holder** by **Pier 1 Imports**, 800-245-4595.

Pages 86-87 Dining Room: Biedermeier dining **table** in Brandy finish by Canadel; Lauren dining **chairs** in Montana Almond by Mitchell Gold; Table and Chairs **rug** by Michaelin & Kohlberg; Hand-blown Italian **chandelier** by CX Lighting; silver **candlesticks** by Robinson Salter; sheer **table runner**; Floral **photograph** by Directions; decorative black **pedestal** by Jamie Young; and gray silk **curtain panels** by Robert Allen; all from **Cottonwood**, (440) 247-5268. Five-piece **tea set** by **Oneida**, (315) 361-3000. Starburst **china** by **Sakura**, (212) 683-4000.

Page 88 Bedroom: Soho **bed** with Whitewash finish by Baronet; antique **quilt** by Pinecone Hill (special order only); silver **lamp** by Robinson Salter; Floral **photo** by Directions; water **pitcher** with nesting **glass**; white sheer **curtains**; and wood-and-steel distressed **side table**; all from **Cottonwood**, (440) 247-5268.

Page 89 Home Office: **Desk** in Hazel finish by Baronet; steel secretary **chair** in gray leather by Twenty Gauge; steel nesting **table** by Paul Hadley; Theo **ottoman** in Fuzzy Wuzzy Eggplant by Mitchell Gold; Retro **clock**; and steel-and-maple **lamp** with Cranberry silk **shade**; all from **Cottonwood**, (440) 247-5268. Area **rug** from **Pottery Barn**, 800-922-5507.

Page 89 Kitchen: Stand **mixer** in red by **KitchenAid**, 800-422-1230. **Teakettle** in red and **utensil holder** with **utensils** by **Chantal**, 800-365-4354. Citrus **basket** (with oranges); Juicy Salif **citrus squeezer**; and **condiment set** (left of sink); all by **Alessi**, (212) 431-1310. Gathering **baskets** (on countertop) and **pitcher** in Cranberry by **Henn**, (814) 274-0381. Flavored **cooking oils** (in front of window) and yellow striped **napkins** from **Cottonwood**, (440) 247-5268.

Page 89 Breakfast Room: Round wire **basket** by **Alessi**, (212) 431-1310. Apothecary **jars** and faux **orchids** from **Cottonwood**, (440) 247-5268.

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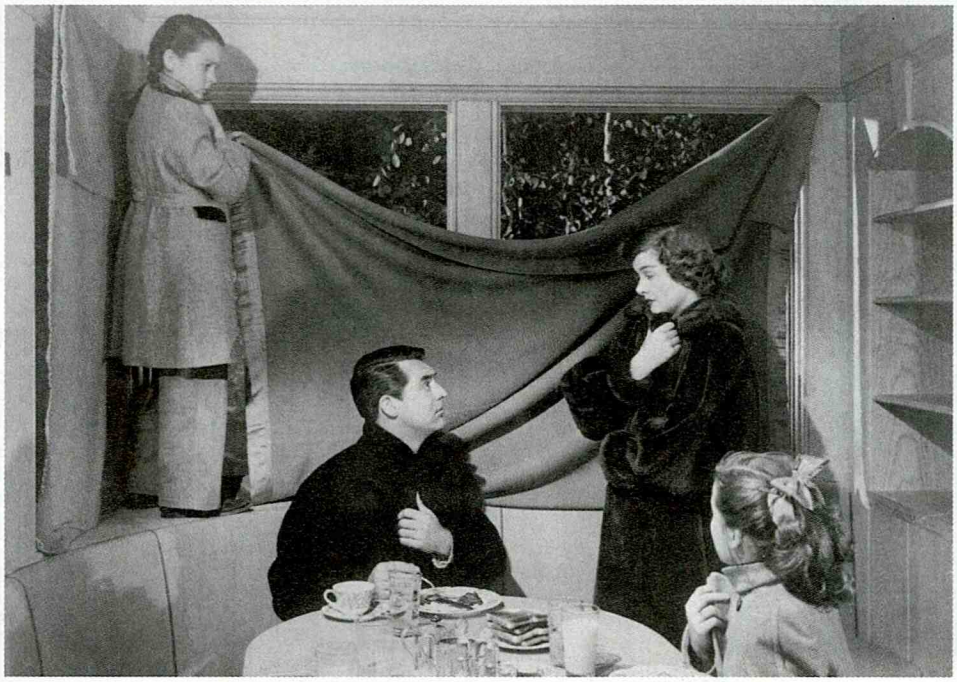

In the 1948 classic film, *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House*, Myrna Loy, as Mrs. Blandings, instructs the painter in her color choices. "For the powder room," she says, "I want you to match this thread. Don't lose it, it's the only spool I have! As you can see, it's practically an apple red, somewhere between a healthy winesap and an unripened Jonathan." The painter later turns to his pal and says, "You got that? Green, blue, yellow, and red." But I understood. Her desperate desire to achieve just the right elusive shade wasn't a sign of budding new-homeowner obsessiveness. It was a need, stirred by color's emotional power, to conjure a certain feeling, convey a message, or recapture a faded memory—perhaps of a perfectly crisp autumn day spent picking apples with her husband and children—if only for herself.

When we moved from our cramped Brooklyn Heights apartment to a too-new house in Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Blandings popped into my head as I told my husband that I wanted the duvet cover to be a barn red. "Not the brighter red of that barn in upstate New York, but the more faded barn red of that barn on Route Thirty in western Pennsylvania, got it?" He nodded absently and went back to the garage with his wrench. But did he understand? I couldn't bring old barn siding from the place I grew up into this house, but I could try to capture the color, mixing memory with desire.

I phoned my mother to ask about the color of her bedroom walls when I was a child. "I was trying to re-create a room where I stayed in France after college," she said. "It had lovely dusky cabbage rose wallpaper and red velvet hangings on the bed. Not bright red or a mauve red, but more of a faded rosy red, with a hint of blue. It was like sleeping inside a rose." That was more like it, I thought.

Mrs. Blandings is with me again now as I contemplate repainting the walls covered with my two girls' peanut-butter fingerprints. I'm thinking of a green, not a grass green, but the bluish-green of an old urn I found when I was 22 and single. I've kept it unfilled, open for possibilities. Is it salad-days green? Zen green perhaps? Just don't lose it, it's the only urn I have…

Written by **Cecily Patterson**

color cravings

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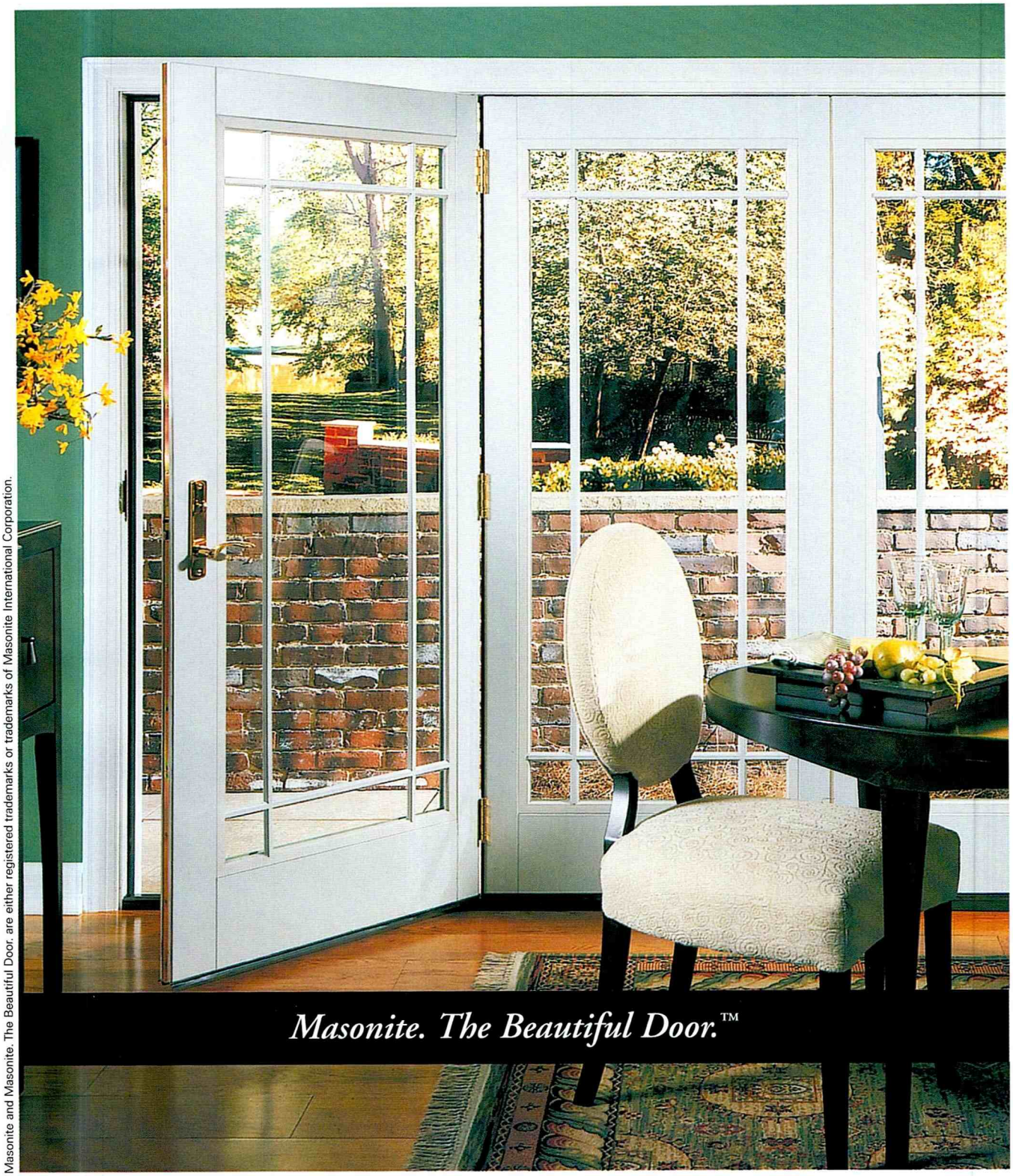

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