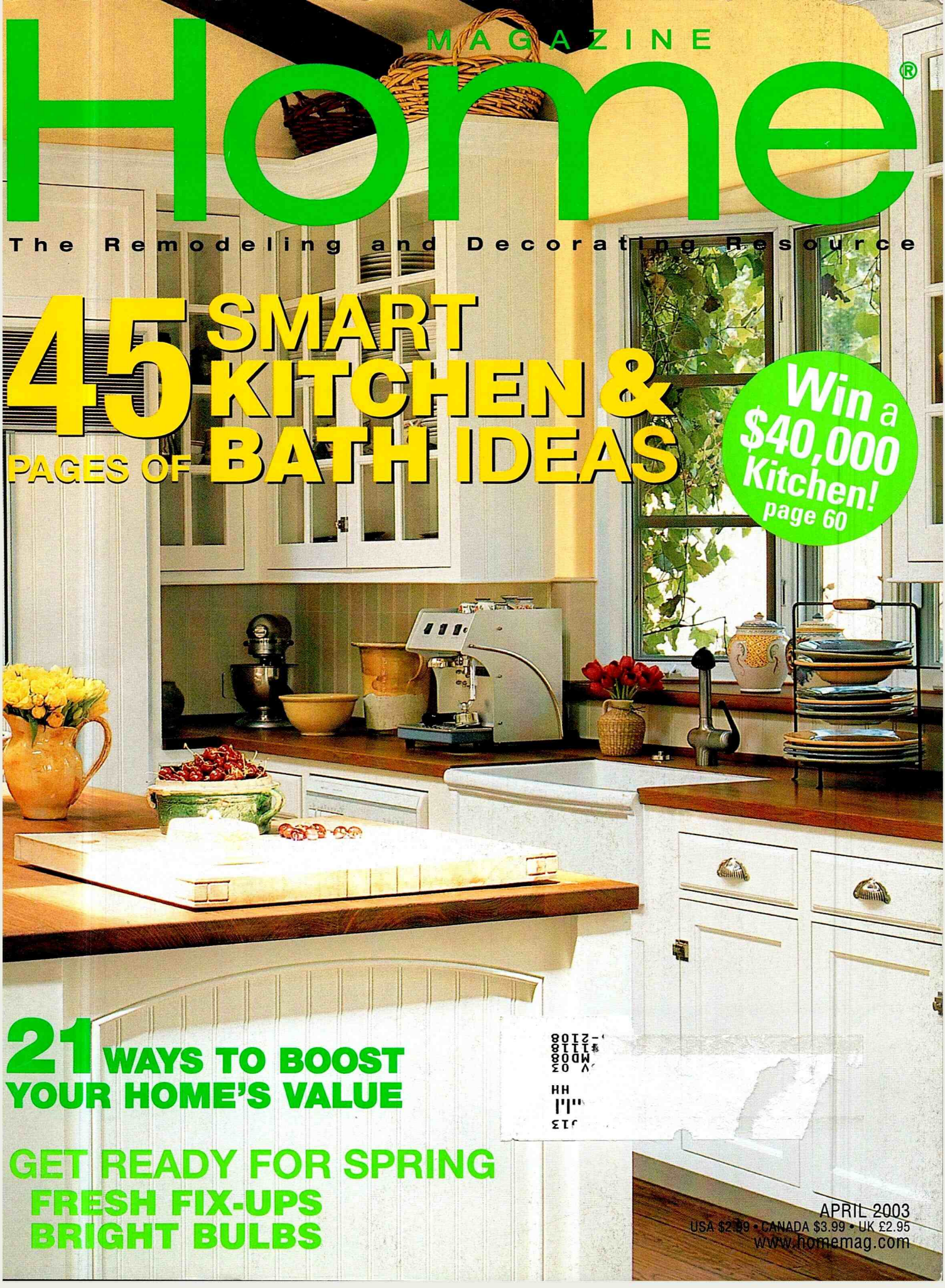
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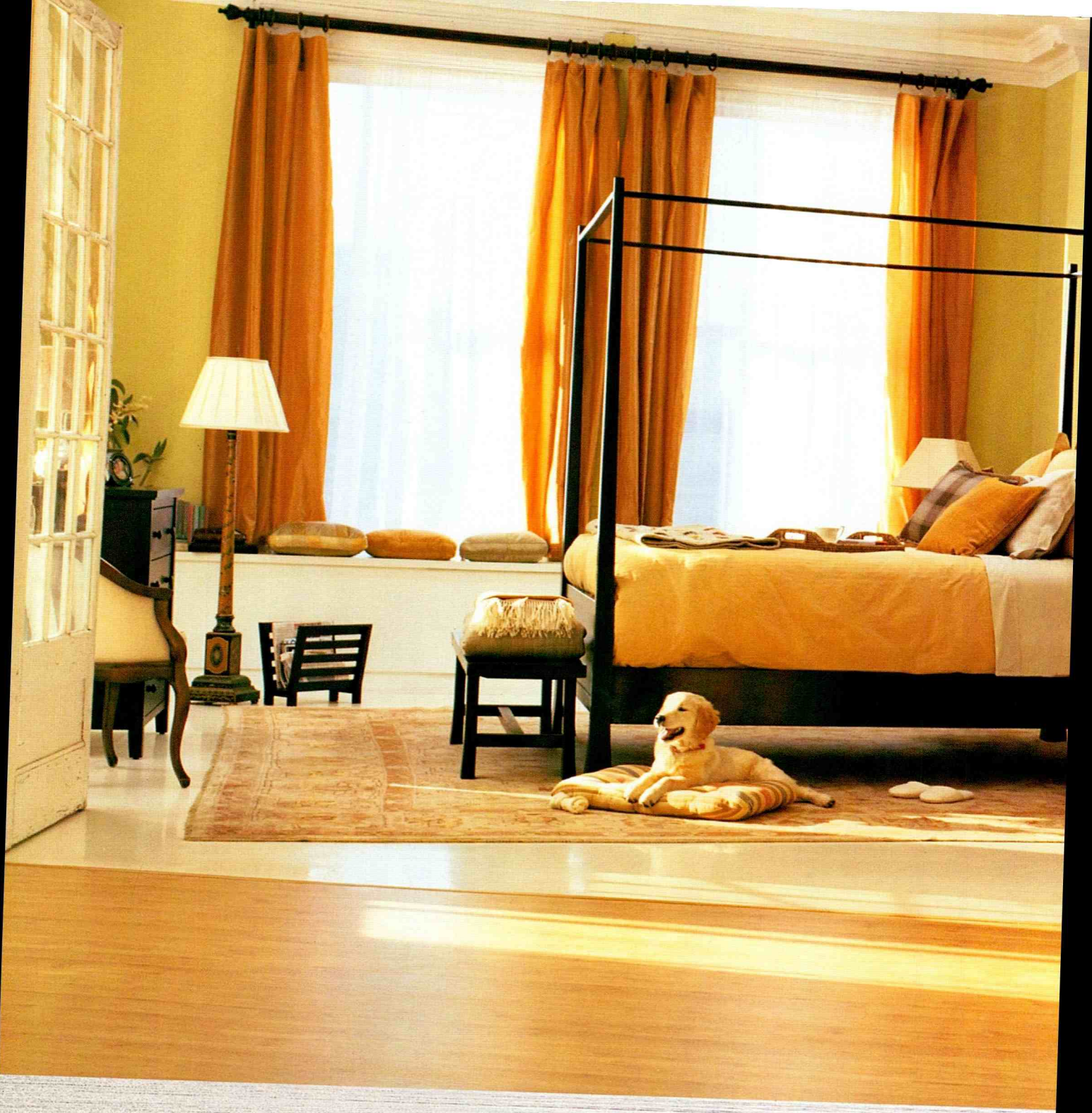

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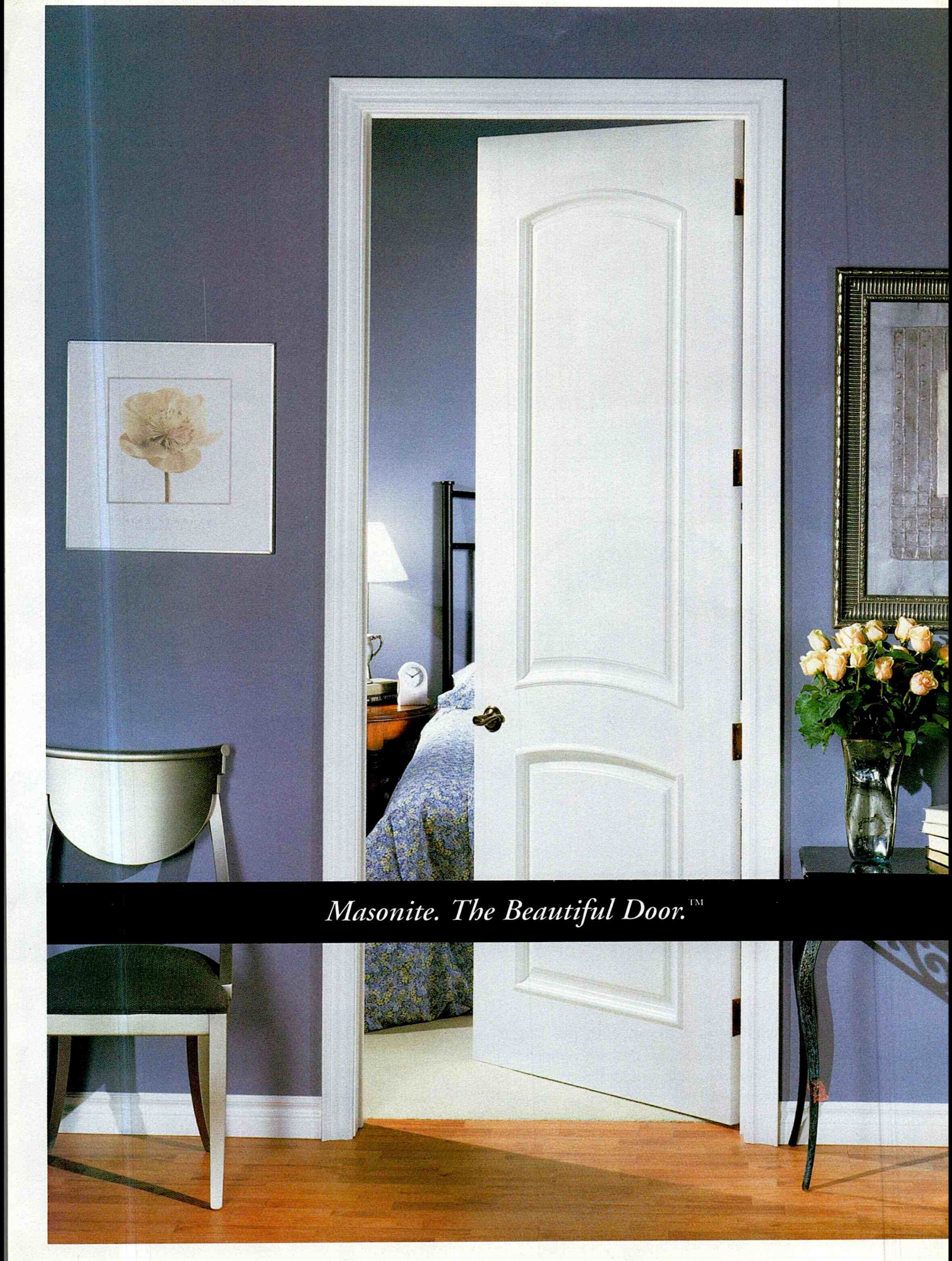
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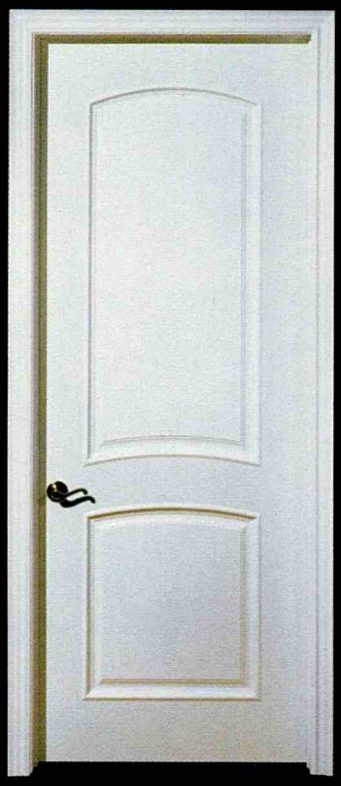

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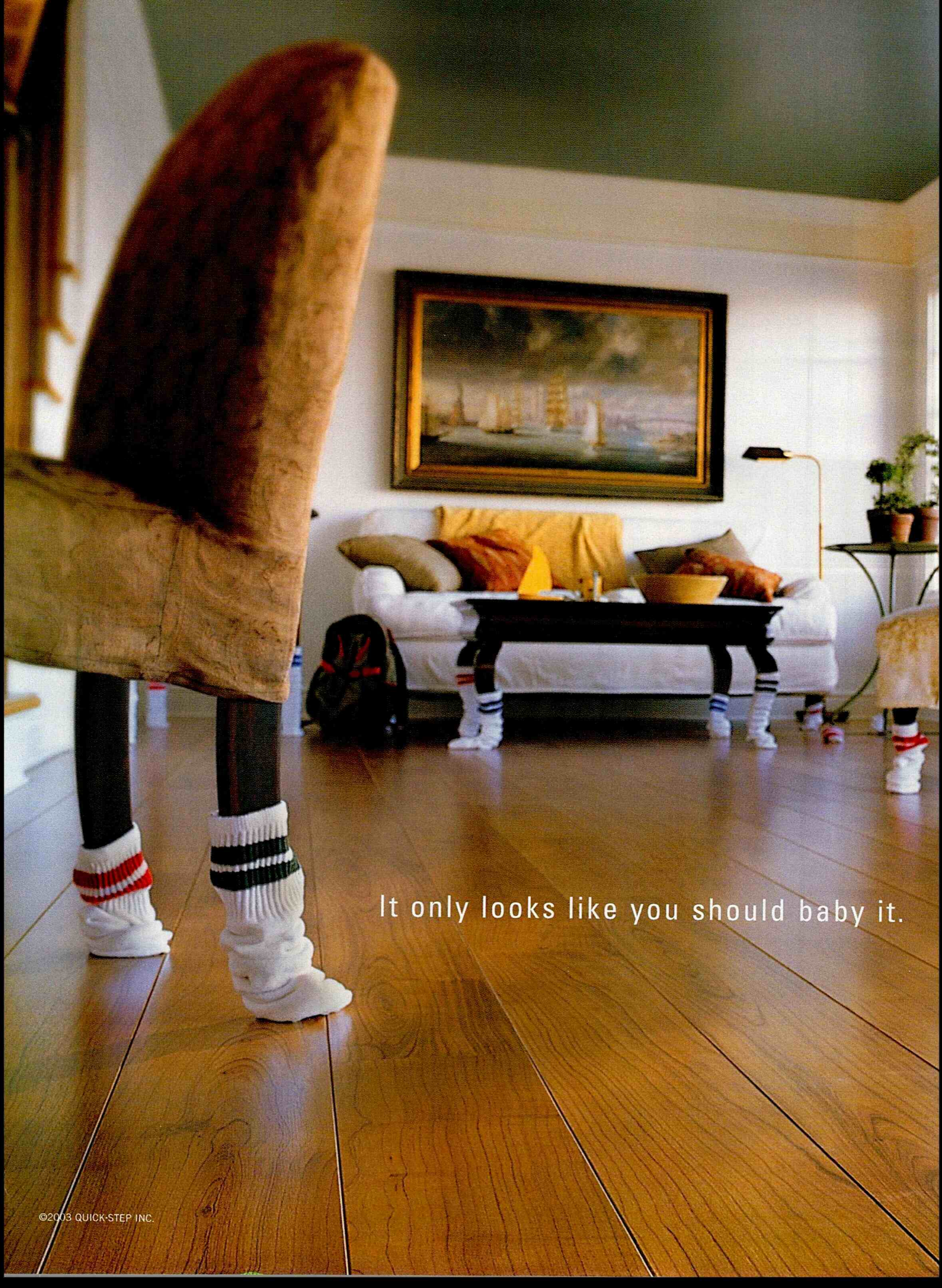

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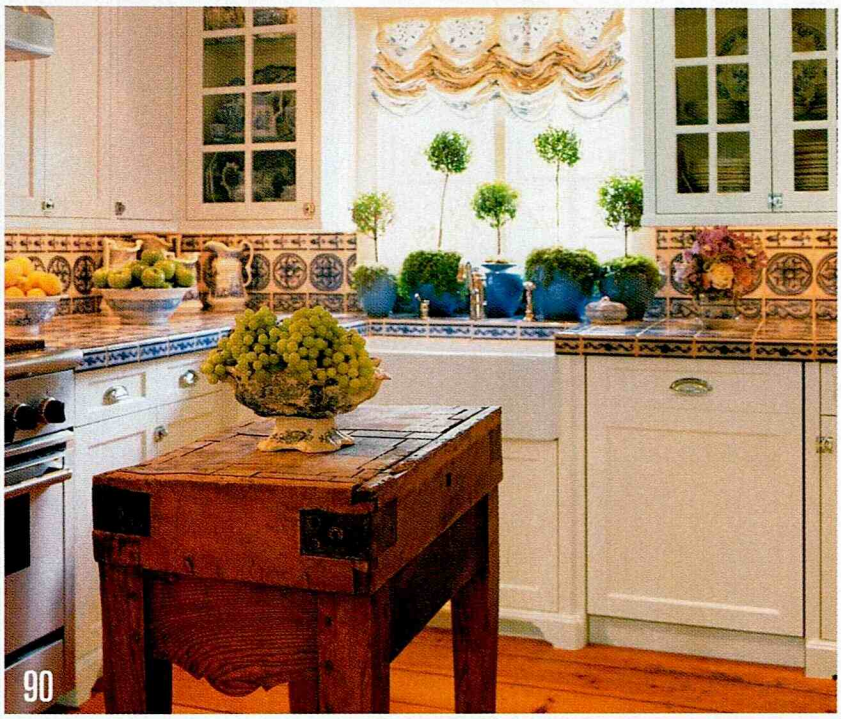

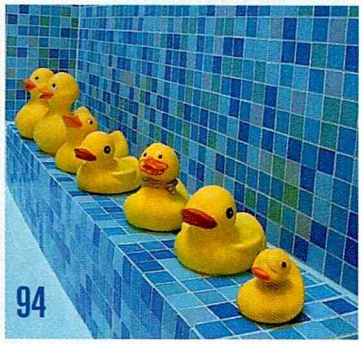

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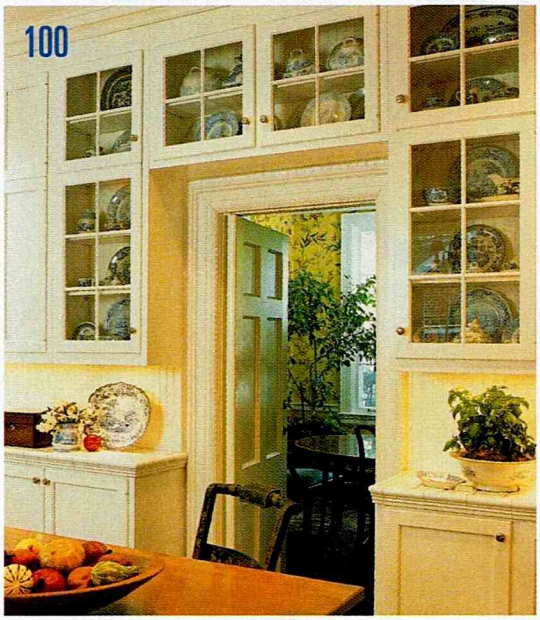





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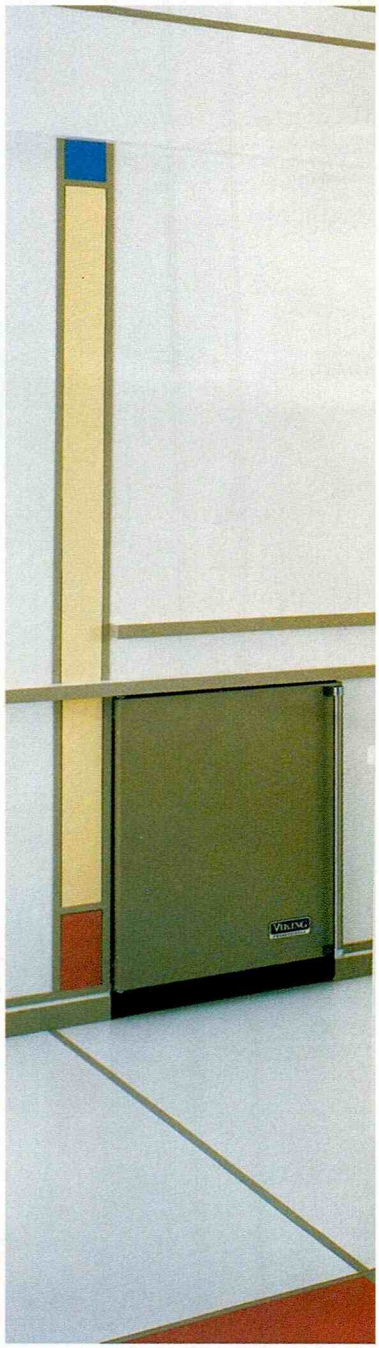



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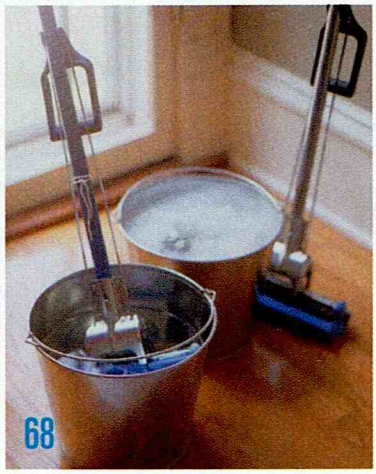

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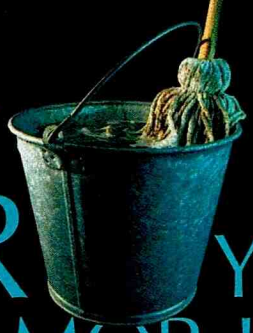



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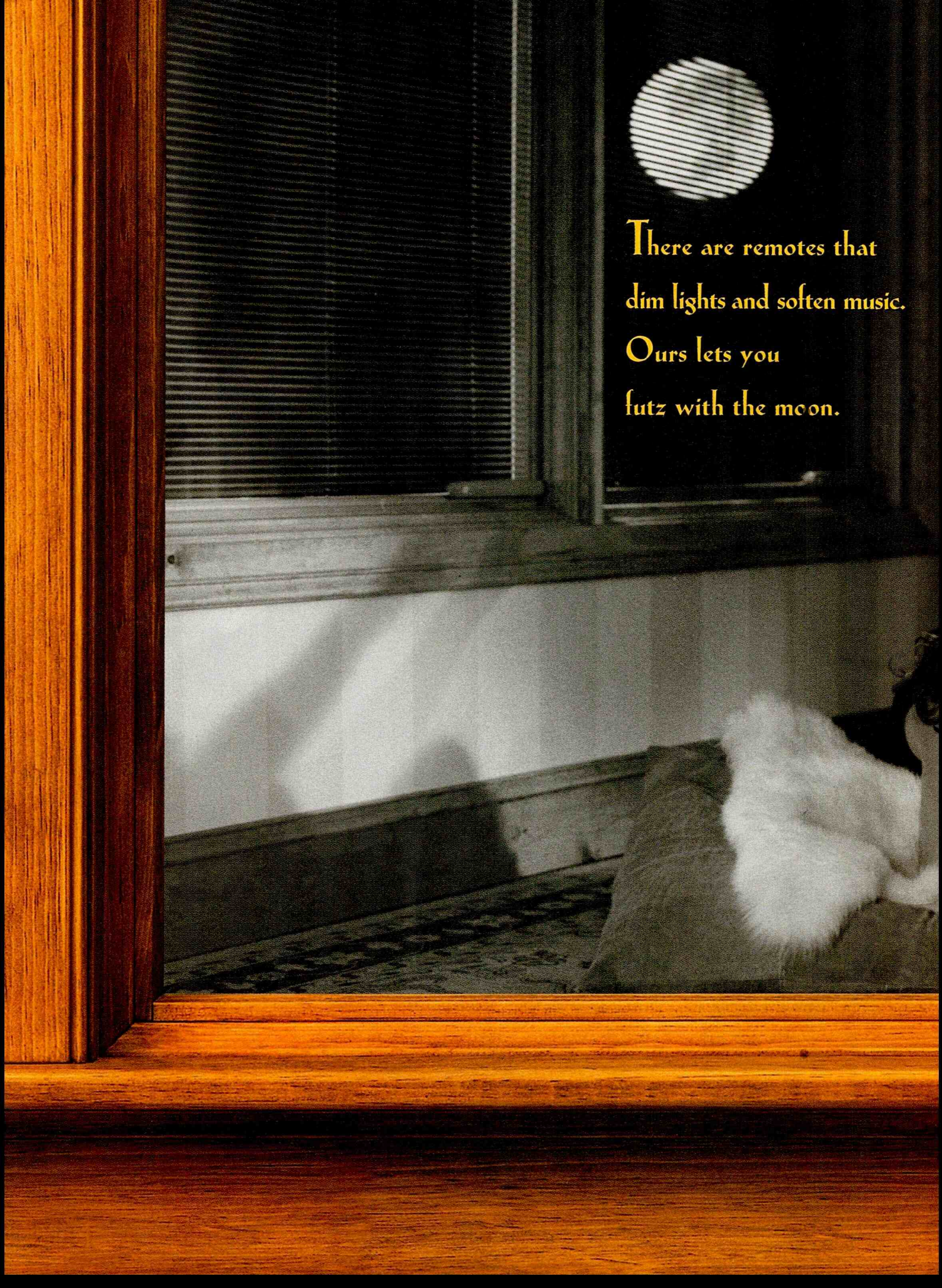
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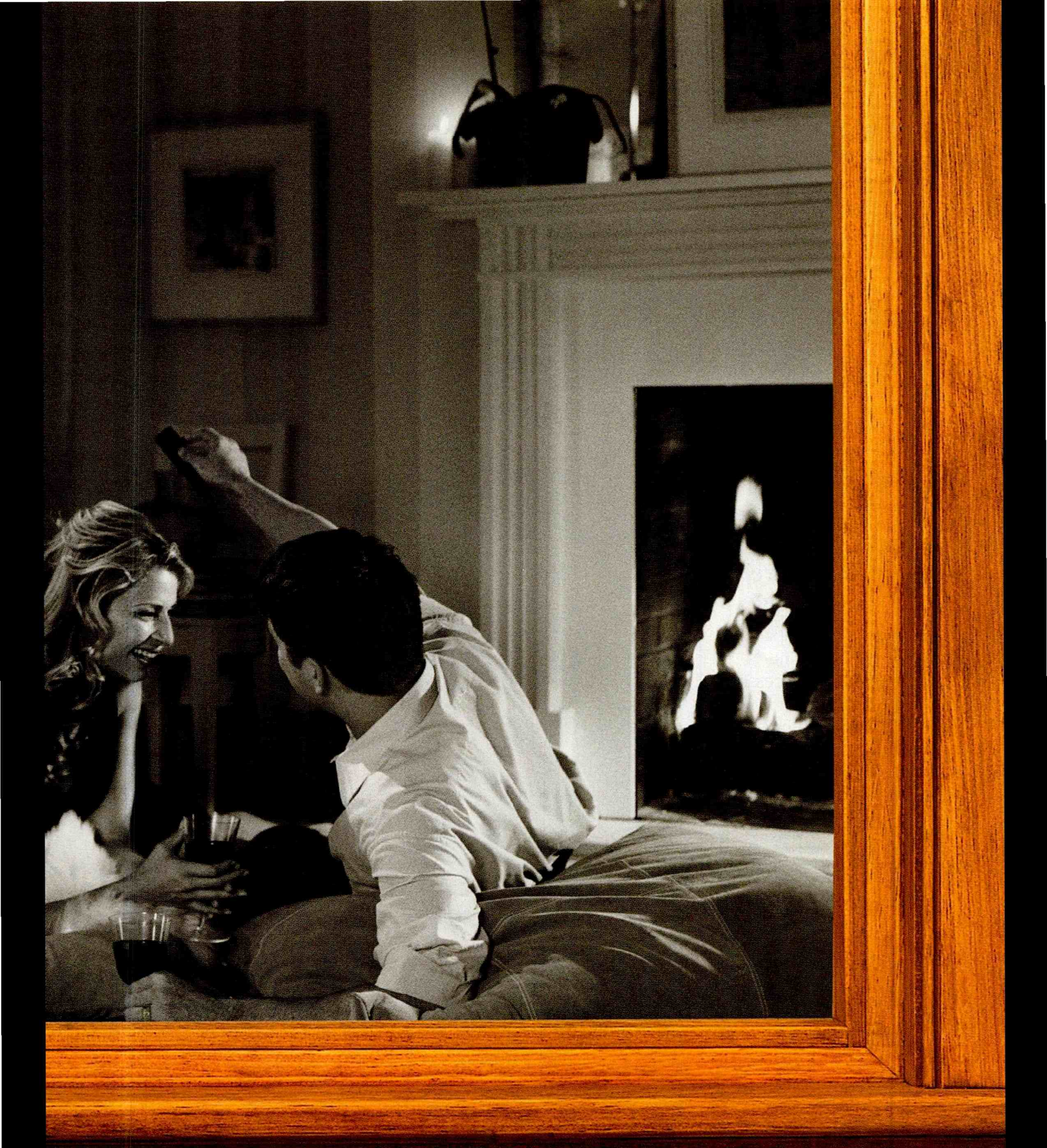

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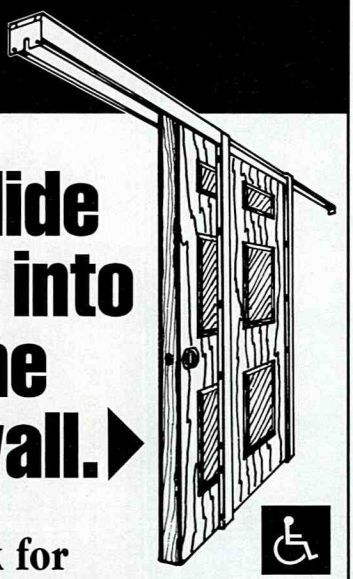

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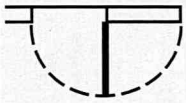

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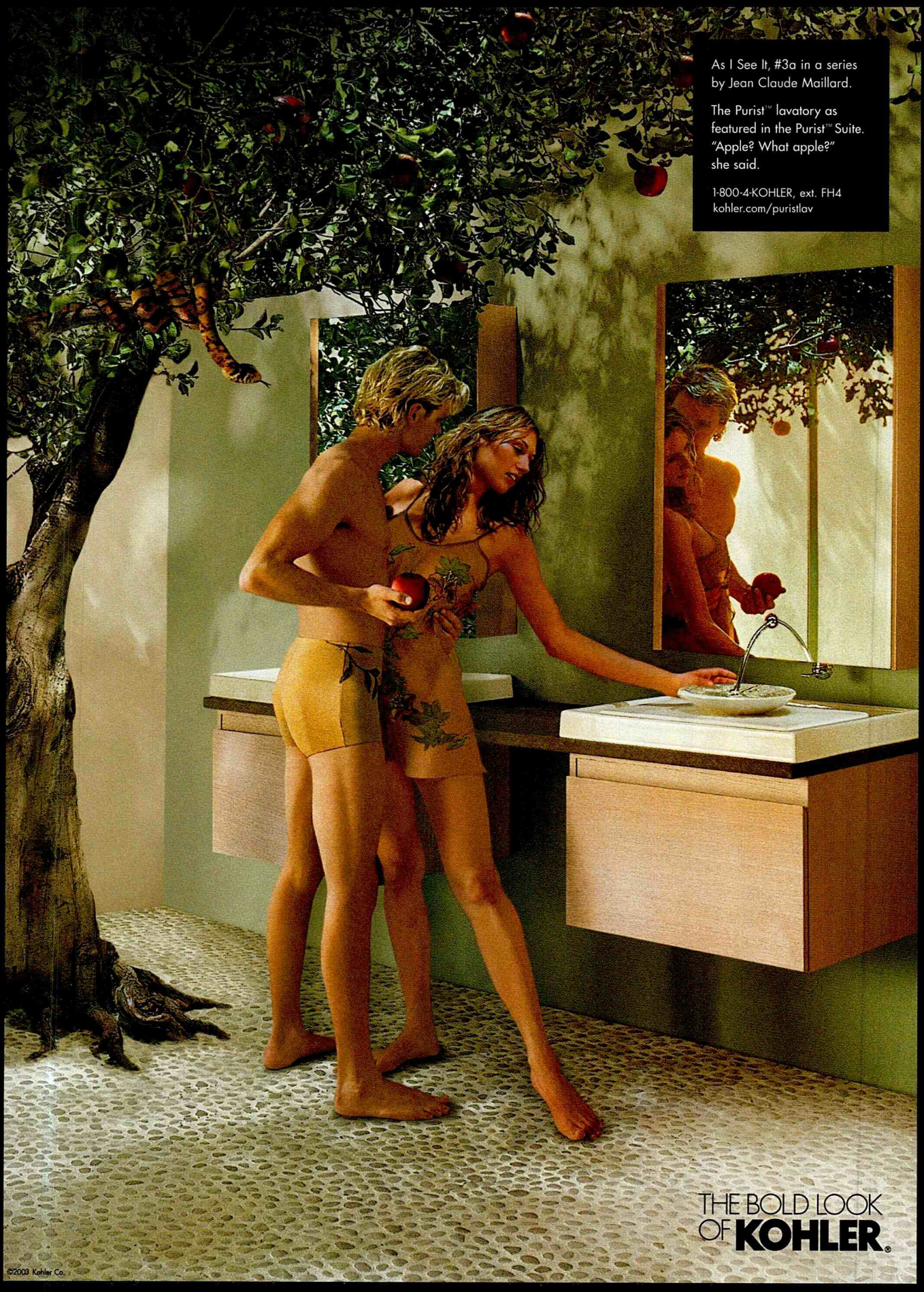
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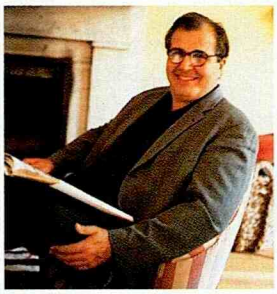
Although I would like to see this as simply a debate about art versus kitsch, I know it's about much more than that. It's about the ideal of the home as a showplace versus the ideal of the home as a haven, a debate everyone goes through redoing any home. I also know that I am going to lose this debate, since I sympathize with my kids' instincts. While part of me wants to fetishize our new refrigerator and preserve the fiction that ours is the sort of show kitchen one sees in *Home Magazine*, I understand the important role the refrigerator plays in our household as a gathering place, communication center, and bulletin board.



Since my own kitchen is not going to survive as the dream kitchen I had hoped for, I invite you to see our story, **"Destination Home,"** which showcases the kitchen and baths of our 2003 Dream House in Las Vegas (featured, by the way, on ABC's *Good Morning America* and on HGTV). As you will see, attaching the term "dream" to any of these rooms is no overstatement. But the impressive thing about this house is the excellent job that the architect and designer have done in making each of the showplace rooms work as a true haven. It is a lesson all of us can draw from. And while I don't think we will see refrigerator magnets in any of the kitchens shown in most design magazines anytime soon, the dirty little secret is that they are almost always hiding in a drawer very nearby, just waiting for the magazine editor, photographer, and stylist to leave.

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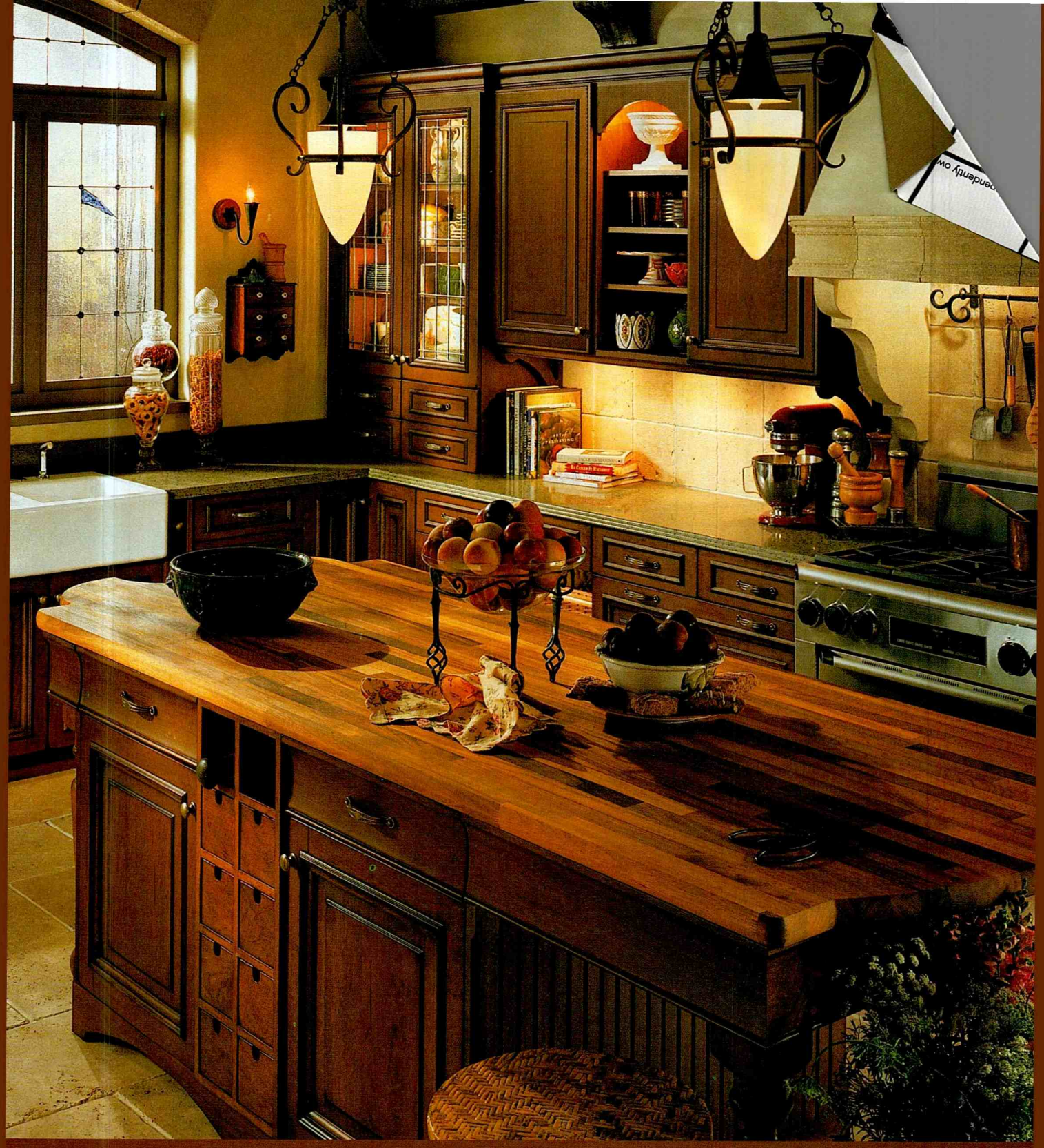

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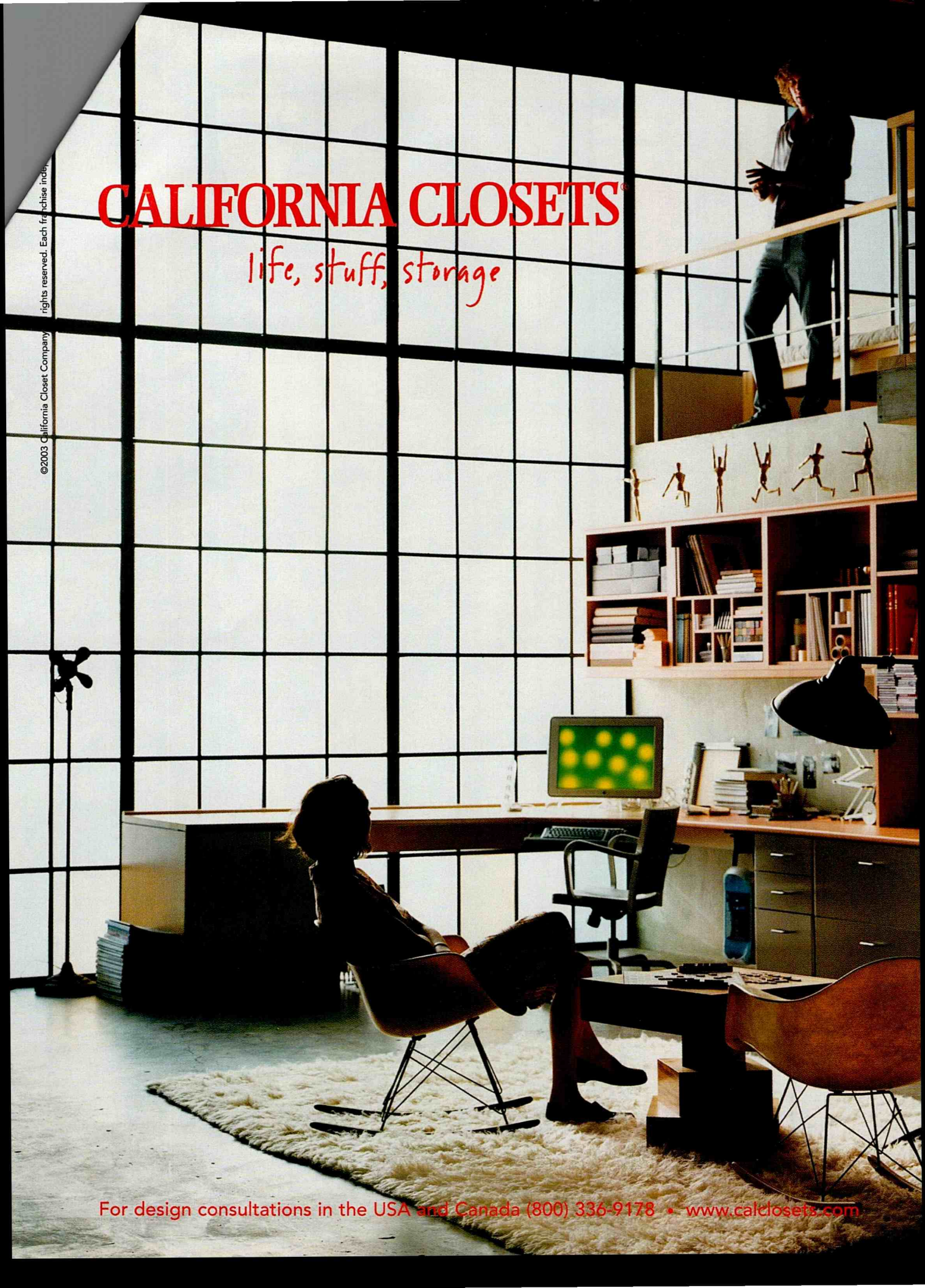
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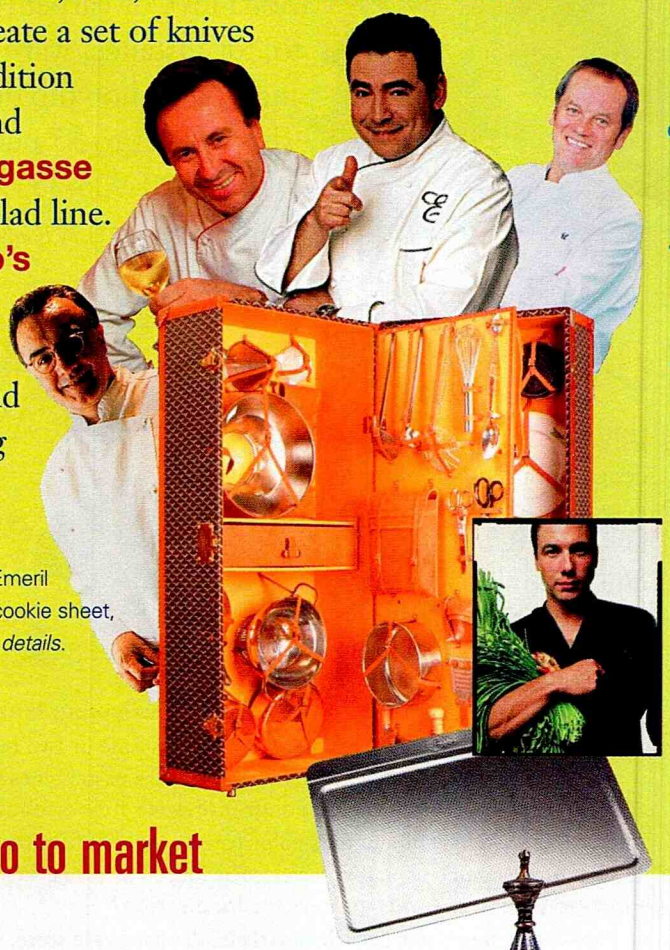

Clockwise from left Alain Ducasse, Daniel Boulud, Emeril Lagasse, Wolfgang Puck, Rocco DiSpirito, Lagasse's cookie sheet, and Ducasse's Goyard trunk. *See Resource Guide for details.*

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We all have items we're secretly hoping can make us rich. That's why our art director logged on to **whatsitworthtoyou.com** to find out if her latest flea-market find—this antique humidor, right—could push her into early retirement. She coughed up the $10 fee, submitted a digital image (you can also use snail mail), and spoke directly with a **professional appraiser.** The catch? She knew next to nothing about the item. So unless you have some basic facts, such as roughly how old it is or where it came from, you're stuck. If you do have background information, your item will be appraised—expect a 72-hour max turnaround time. Then, you can post the item for sale on the website's **free classified listing,** or keep the goods for yourself. *by Nicky Cirone*



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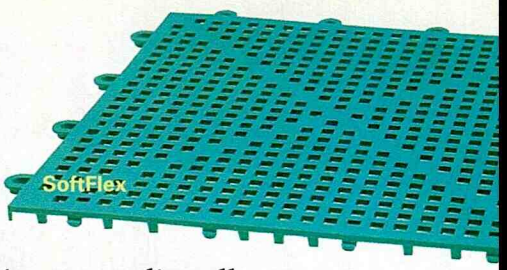

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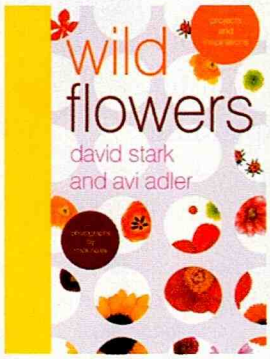
petal pushers

David Stark and Avi Adler, floral designers and authors of the new book *Wild Flowers* (Clarkson Potter, 2003, $25), **on... colors to avoid, ideas in the attic, and giraffes that bloom**



Home: What are the best cut flowers?
Stark/Adler: It's a crime not to use peonies in spring. Lilacs and daffodils also work well.

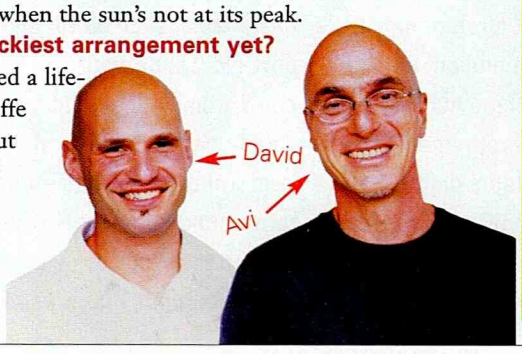
Home: What's the most common flower-arranging faux pas?
Stark/Adler: Using too many types. Focus on just one or two hues for stunning results. Avoid toilet-paper colors, such as pastel blues and pinks.

Home: How much does the decor influence flower choices?
Stark/Adler: We look at a home's color palette, style of furniture, and architecture to guide us, but you can go as formal or casual as you like.

Home: Where should we look for inspiration?
Stark/Adler: The corner deli, flea markets, the hardware store, botanical gardens, the movies, the attic. Everyday stuff. You can be equally inspired by a feather duster and a Matisse painting.

Home: What are your tips for keeping cut flowers alive longer?
Stark/Adler: Remove foliage from the stems. Leaves submerged in water rot quickly. Change the water daily, and if cutting from your own garden, cut early or late in the day, when the sun's not at its peak.

Home: What's your wackiest arrangement yet?
Stark/Adler: We once created a life-size, three-dimensional giraffe out of flowers, and a wall out of 8,000 lemons and 10,000 yellow chrysanthemums.
by Jennifer Jones



top 10 bathroom essentials (for men)

Toss your assumptions aside! Bathrooms aren't just sanctuaries for women. Whether he's trying to impress her or soothe himself, men want a tidy, aesthetically pleasing loo, too. According to askmen.com, here are the top 10 bathroom essentials for men.—*N.C.*



1. Fashionable towels
2. Magazines
3. Compact chrome hair dryer
4. Fog-free shower mirror
5. Razor stand
6. Electric toothbrush
7. Aromatherapy room spray
8. Bonsai plant
9. Shower radio
10. Telephone

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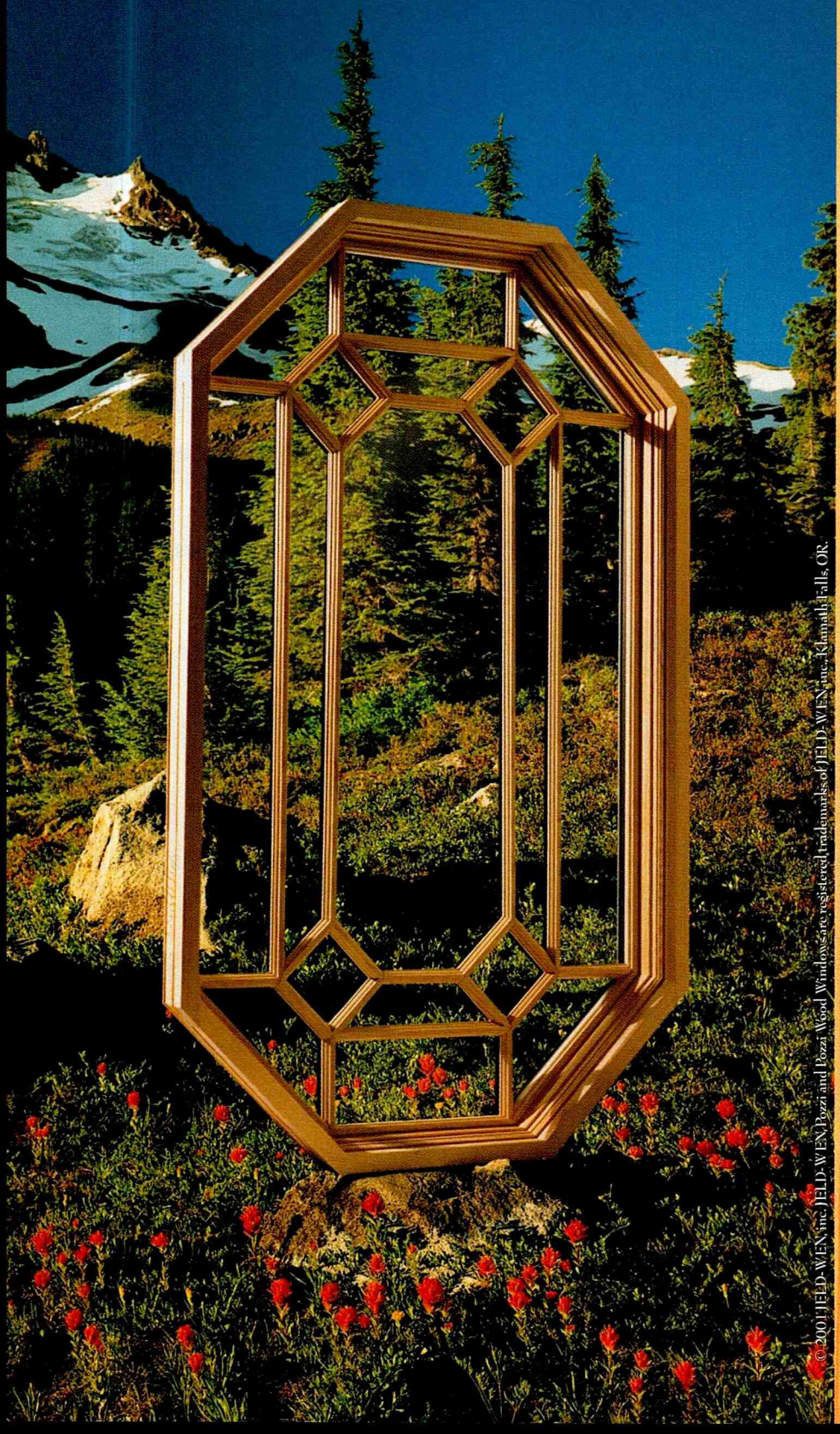

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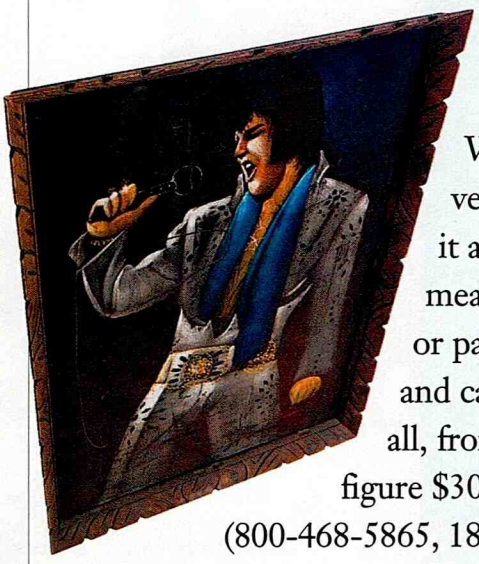


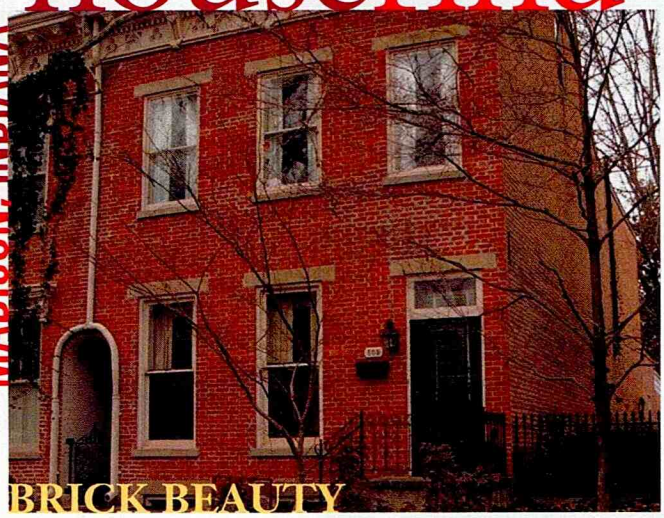
one man's trash

We all live with junk that's past its prime—hence this velvet Elvis painting—because trash collectors won't haul it away. Now a nifty service called **1-800-Got-Junk?** means you don't have to rent a truck, beg friends for help, or pay hefty dump fees. Two drivers will arrive in a 15-footer and carry out almost anything. Don't be shy. They've seen it all, from statues to prosthetic legs. Call for a free estimate, but figure $300 to $400 for a truckload. (800-468-5865, 1800gotjunk.com)—*J.J.*

Random Fact: Americans regularly neglect cleaning 75 percent of their homes. What are the most overlooked items? Mattresses and curtains. *Source: Febreze*

housefind

MADISON, INDIANA

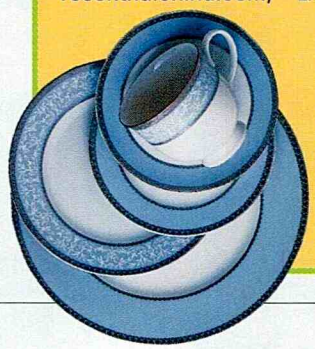


WHERE: Madison, Indiana; about 12,000 residents; 7 miles to Hanover College, near the Kentucky border.
WHAT: Late-1880s brick home; 2,542 square feet; less than 1 acre; 3 bedrooms; 1½ baths; 3 fireplaces; dining, living, and family rooms.
WHY: Quaint exterior and spacious interior. This Civil War-era town along the Ohio River is full of mansions, parks, and shops.
HOW MUCH: $114,900; estimated annual taxes: $432.
WHO: Jim Pruett Realty, 812-265-0001; and Madison Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-559-2956.—*J.J.*



as seen in... scenesters

A Mighty Wind, out this month from Warner Brothers, is the latest offbeat flick by Christopher Guest (*Best in Show*). It follows three '60s folk groups, above, who reunite for a memorial concert. When the set decorators came a-knockin' for dinnerware with British flair, **Rosenthal** had just the right pattern: Princess Blue place settings, below, from the pretty Heritage Collection, inspired by the late Princess Diana, $188 for a five-piece setting. (800-804-8070, rosenthalchina.com)—*L.T.*



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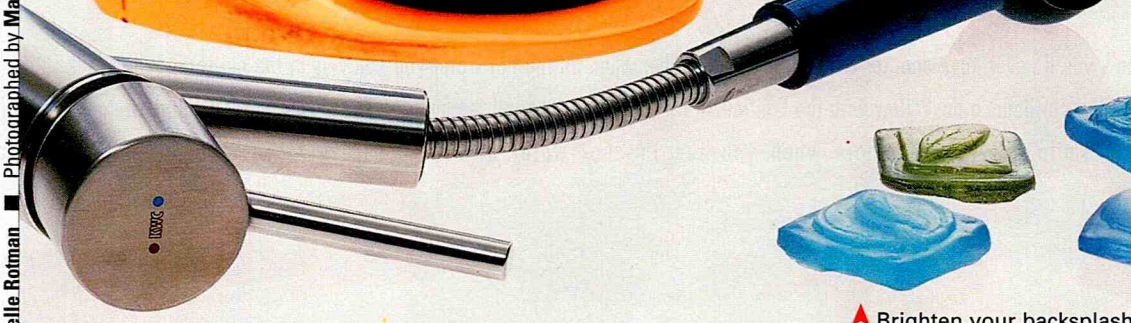
▼ Stoneware **bowls,** $89 for a set of three, in Cornflower blue (top bowl) or Robin's-egg blue (bottom bowl). Stonewall Kitchen, 800-207-5267.

▼ SiliconeZone's nonstick madeleine **pans,** $15 each. Zabar's, 212-787-2000.

◀ Put the squeeze on breakfast with the Ojex **juicer,** $100. Williams-Sonoma, 800-541-2233.

▲ **Colander,** $32. Anthropologie, 800-309-2500.



▲ The Suprimo **faucet** in chrome, $600, sports a translucent blue spray head. KWC, 877-592-3287.

▲ Brighten your backsplash with Dana's glass **tiles,** $35 for a 2-by-2-inch tile. Ann Sacks, 800-278-8453.

happy meals

Produced and written by **Michelle Rotman** ■ Photographed by **Mark Viker**



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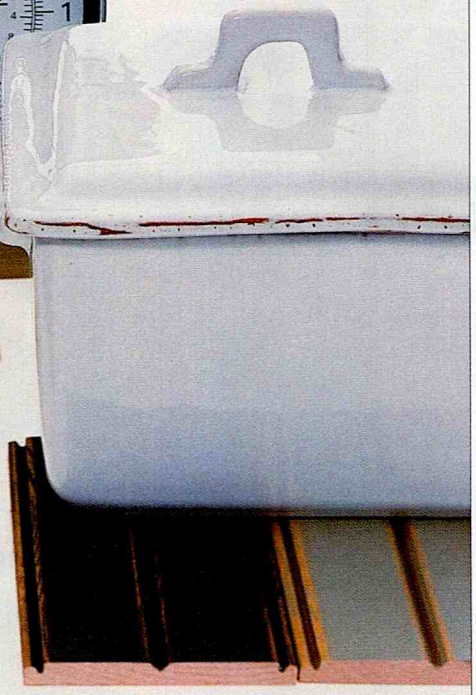
Dinner Italian-style in the Antico Bianco square oven **casserole,** $80. Vietri, 800-277-5933.





The vintage-style Madison **faucet,** $678, in polished chrome. Villeroy & Boch by Dornbracht, 212-677-1151.

Willow Creek Asparagus 4-by-4-inch ceramic **tile,** $12. Walker Zanger, 877-611-0199.

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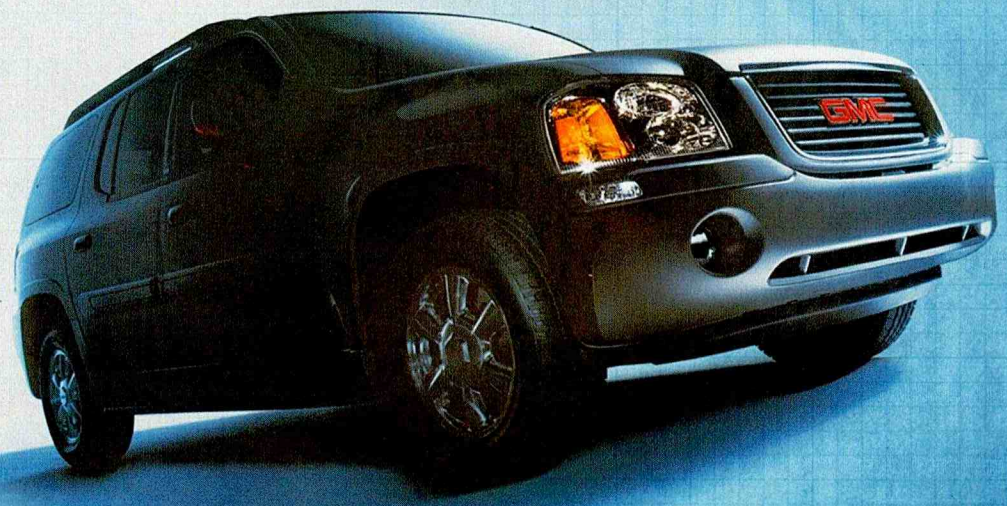
"ANYBODY ELSE IN THERE?"

- CANADIAN BORDER PATROL AFTER SEEING SEVEN PEOPLE GET OUT OF YOUR SUV



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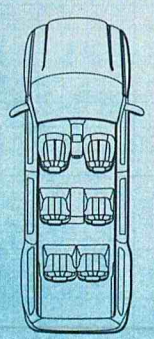

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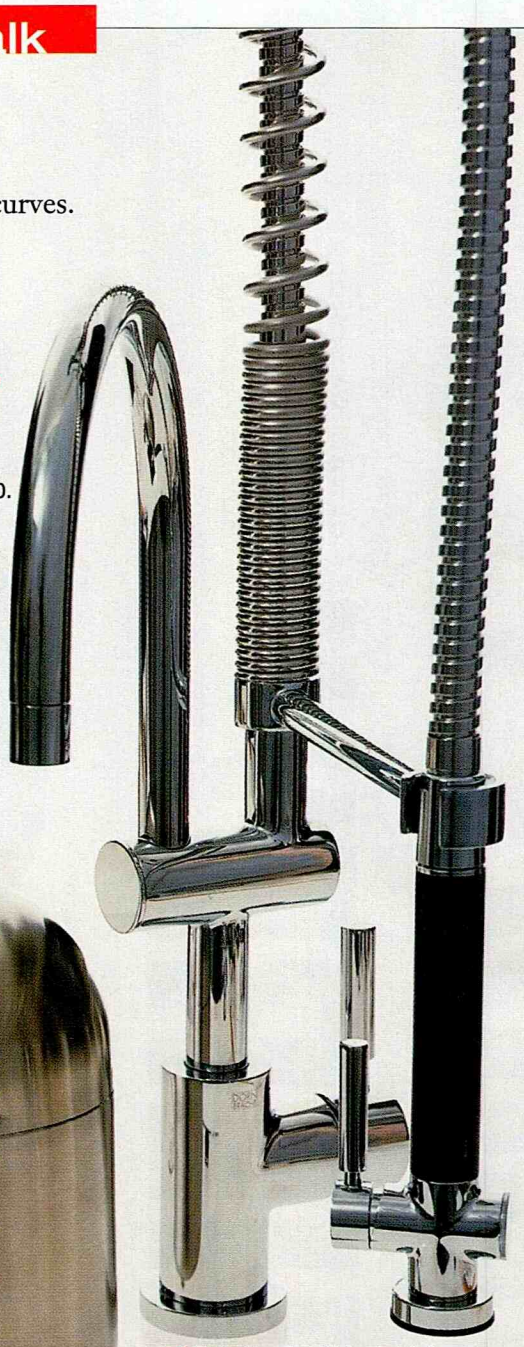


➤ Standing strong, Dornbracht's Tara Classic Profi **faucet,** $1,480 to $2,150, features a swinging spray head. Davis & Warshow, 212-688-5990.

▼ For a chic backsplash, this faux mosaic, $26 for each 6-by-6-inch piece, features ½-inch-square nickel-silver Metalcoat **tiles.** Artistic Tile, 800-260-8646.

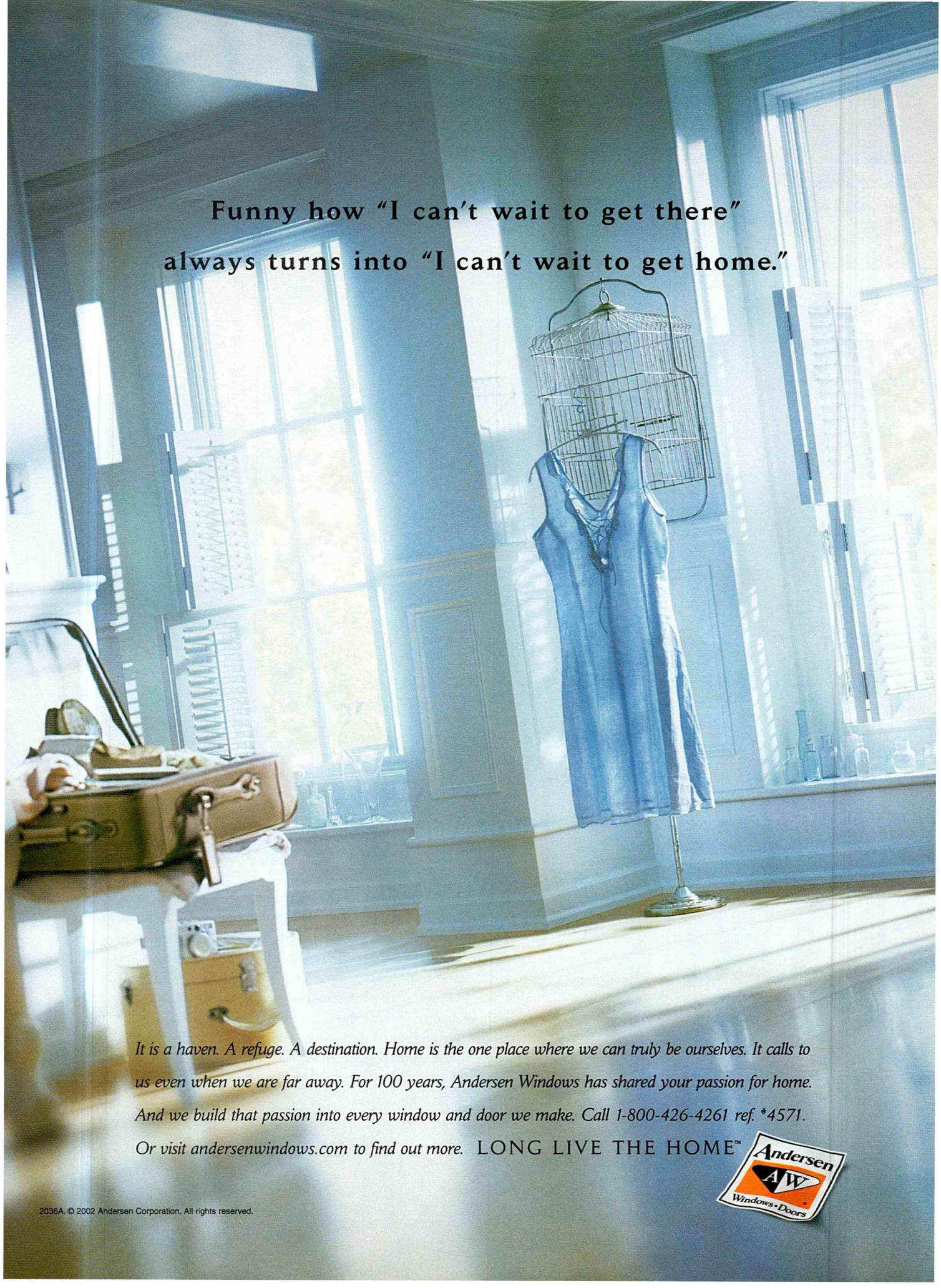
➤ Take in the view from the top with this two-cup Good Grips angled **measuring cup,** $7. Oxo, 800-545-4411.

◄ This handy 7½-inch-high **wastebin,** $25, is perfect for the countertop. Frieling, 800-827-2582.

▲ Culinar Santoku **knife,** $125. Wüsthof-Trident, 800-289-9878.

▲ Bacteria-resistant silicone **pot holder,** $32. Eva Solo, 877-735-6688.

cool reflections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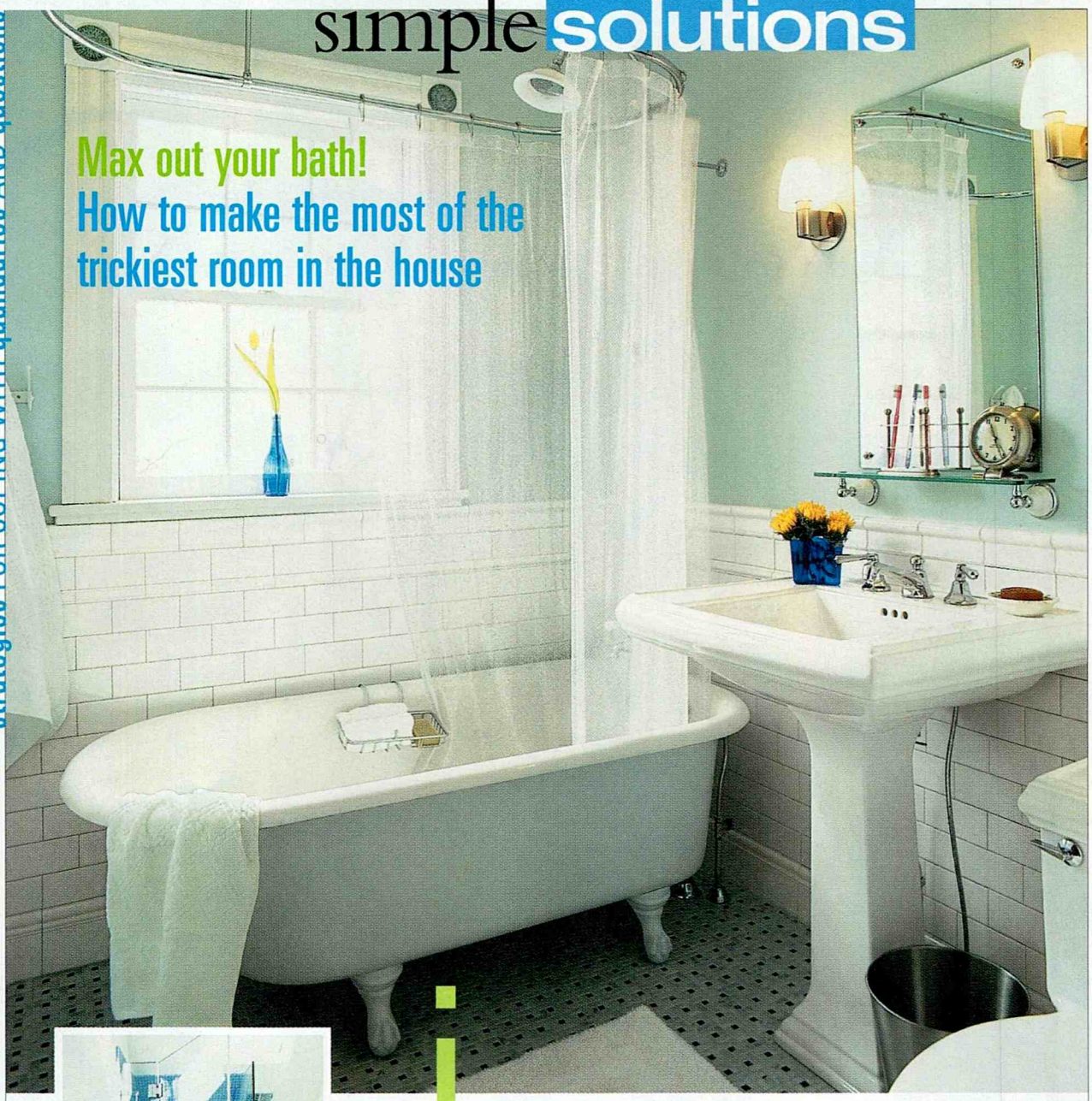
Max out your bath!
How to make the most of the trickiest room in the house





Top A translucent shower curtain lets in light and makes the room appear a few feet larger. **Above** A stand-up shower can take up half the space of a full bathtub. Try one with a built-in shelf and seat.

Written by **Jennifer Jones**

Itsy bitsy bath got you down? Does the mere thought of a houseguest peeking in your medicine cabinet keep you up at night? If so, your should-be sanctuary needs serious help. The first step is to stop treating the cramped quarters like a catchall for miscellaneous junk and give it the same respect you would your living room or kitchen. (Hey, unless you live alone, it's your one true source of privacy in the house.) Once you realize you can't judge a bath by its square footage, you'll start making the most of your space—from taking stock of what you have, to employing a few trompe l'oeil tricks. Follow these five steps, and we'll help you forget that the maximum capacity of your bath is still just one.

small talk

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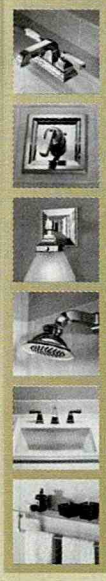

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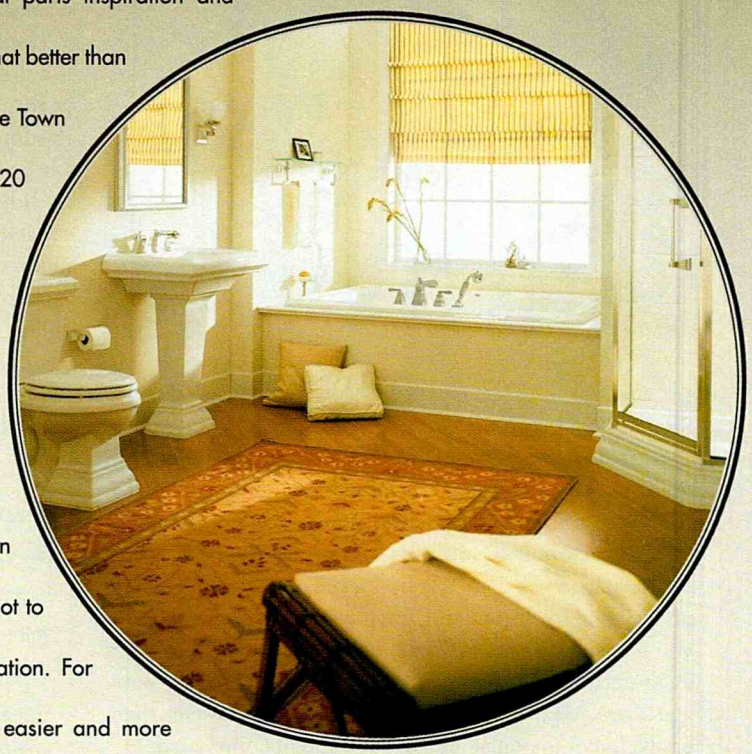

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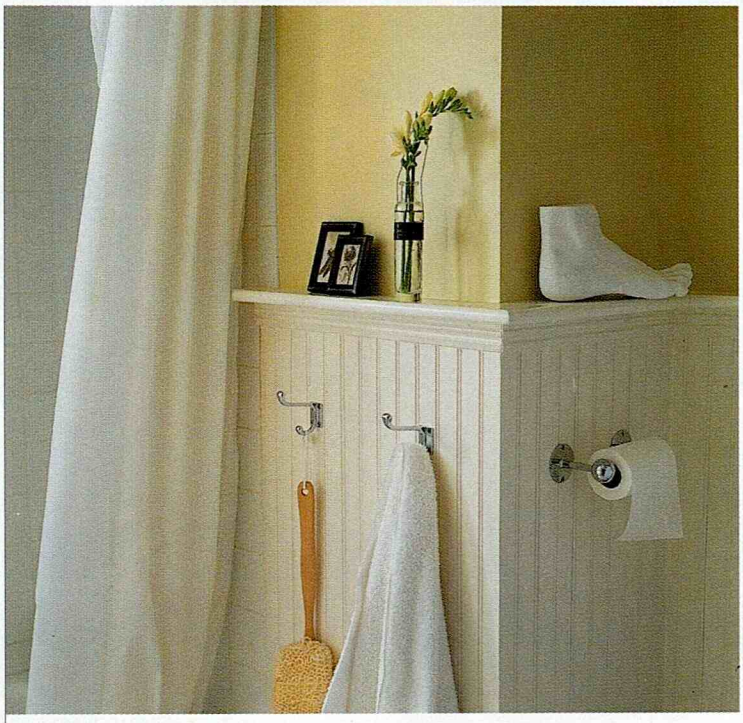

Left Hang chrome hooks on the wall for towels, a back brush, or a cozy bathrobe. **Below** Hanging holders for toothbrushes, cups, and soap keep the vanity countertop clutter free. **Below left** Store cotton swabs, soaps, and cotton balls in decorative tins or glass jars for easy access.





So you wanna... Use neglected spaces

Take advantage of wasted walls and corners.

- **Take your magazine rack** to new heights by hanging it on the wall. Make sure you can reach it from the loo.
- **Use a window ledge** to display a plant or a colorful floral arrangement to distract the eye from the room itself.
- **Buy a shelving unit** that fits over the toilet tank. Try the InterMetro étagère from the Container Store—three sturdy shelves provide 1,000 square inches of storage.
- **Hang a rack** on the back of the door. Guests will never see it from the hallway, and you'll appreciate the convenience. The easy-to-install Hinge-It towel and clothes rack from Bed Bath & Beyond has four 16-inch arms providing at least five more feet of storage space.

So you wanna... Face your clutter head on

Simplify your stuff for a sense of openness.

- **Grab the biggest trash bag** you can find and head to the bath. Open up the medicine cabinet and start tossing. Reserve it for daily essentials like pills, shavers, and floss.
- **Move cleaning supplies** to the room where you're most likely to use them. (What's a can of shoe polish doing under your bathroom sink anyway?) That goes for items you'll need while the facility is occupied, like a first-aid kit.
- **Keep under-the-sink toiletries** in coordinating storage boxes. Make sure they have tops, so you can stack them easily. Label the outside with the contents or a name.
- **Limit your visible accessories.** If you pile up all of your clean towels, reduce the stack; replenish as needed.
- **Keep floors and surfaces tidy.** When you see more floor, a small space seems larger. Anything protruding too far from the wall can make the room seem to shrink.

think small

We're not saying you should run out and buy up all of the travel-size toiletries from the 99-cent bulk bins at the drug store. But just give one of these mini models a try:

- Petite and surprisingly powerful, Brookstone's dual-voltage 800-watt hair dryer, $20, folds in half.
- Replace loose items under your sink with the all-in-one Traveler's personal care kit, $80 from the Sharper Image. It includes everything from tweezers to a lint brush.
- It won't make you lose weight, but you'll get a wee bit of exercise by sliding the mini Thinner chrome and glass scale, $50 from Bed Bath & Beyond, under low furniture.

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So you wanna... Find storage

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- **Think vertical.** Invest in a narrow, floor-to-ceiling storage unit for behind the door. Frosted-glass cabinet doors hide unattractive contents and let in light.
- **Pick petite furniture** that really does double duty, like a bench that opens for storage and provides a surface for sitting and stacking towels.
- **Hide what you don't want to flaunt** in sleek, slim canisters. Hold Everything's Baxter Collection conceals a toilet plunger, bowl brush, and four rolls of paper.

So you wanna... Brighten up the place

Use light to make a space look dramatically bigger.

- **A light color scheme** gives the illusion of more room. Try neutrals and pastels, and keep patterns to a minimum.
- **Place wall sconces** on either side of a mirror, or install a row of halogen bulbs above a wide vanity as task lighting.
- **Ricochet light with a chrome faucet,** mirrored cabinets, and other reflective surfaces, such as a polished marble vanity.
- **Find a huge mirror,** and hang it or lean it against a wall. Try two mirrors side by side or a wide horizontal model.

So you wanna... Keep bath fixtures to scale

Downsize slightly for an astounding difference.

- **Replace your standard toilet** with a wall-mounted one that frees up floor space. Opt for a rounded rather than elongated bowl, which extends out a few extra inches.
- **Switch to a new pedestal, wall-hung, or corner sink.** American Standard's Corner Minette wall-mounted sink or Ellisse Petite pedestal sink are good options. Then consider a narrow, 18-inch-wide vanity to replace your 24-inch version.
- **Opt for a modest bathtub.** Try a 4-foot-long tub or the ProFlex 5454 corner bath from Kohler to save space.





Top left You won't sweat the small stuff with the Container Store's clear-cut Elfa mini drawer system. **Above** In the linen closet, store extra vanity items in baskets with tall sides to hide contents. **Left** Slim, tall vertical furniture from Pottery Barn Bed + Bath saves floor space. *See Resource Guide for details.*

out with the old

According to a study conducted for mymedcab.com, 80 percent of us clean out our fridges seasonally, but only **42 percent empty out the medicine cabinet.** C'mon, admit it. We're all guilty of holding onto ancient bottles of tile cleaner and hoarding expired prescriptions. If you need better reasons than just to free up space, here you go:

essentials	when to ditch	why
Toothbrush	Every three to four months and after being sick	Harmful bacteria can cause infections like gingivitis and periodontitis.
Mascara	Every three months	Bacteria can cause eye infections; in rare cases, temporary or permanent blindness can occur, according to the FDA.
Prescription drugs	Within two years of buying	Many lose their potency or even become toxic. Check for changes in color.
Sponges	After every use	These babies are like holding cells for bacteria.
Aerosol cans	Now	Get with the times—they're bad for the environment!

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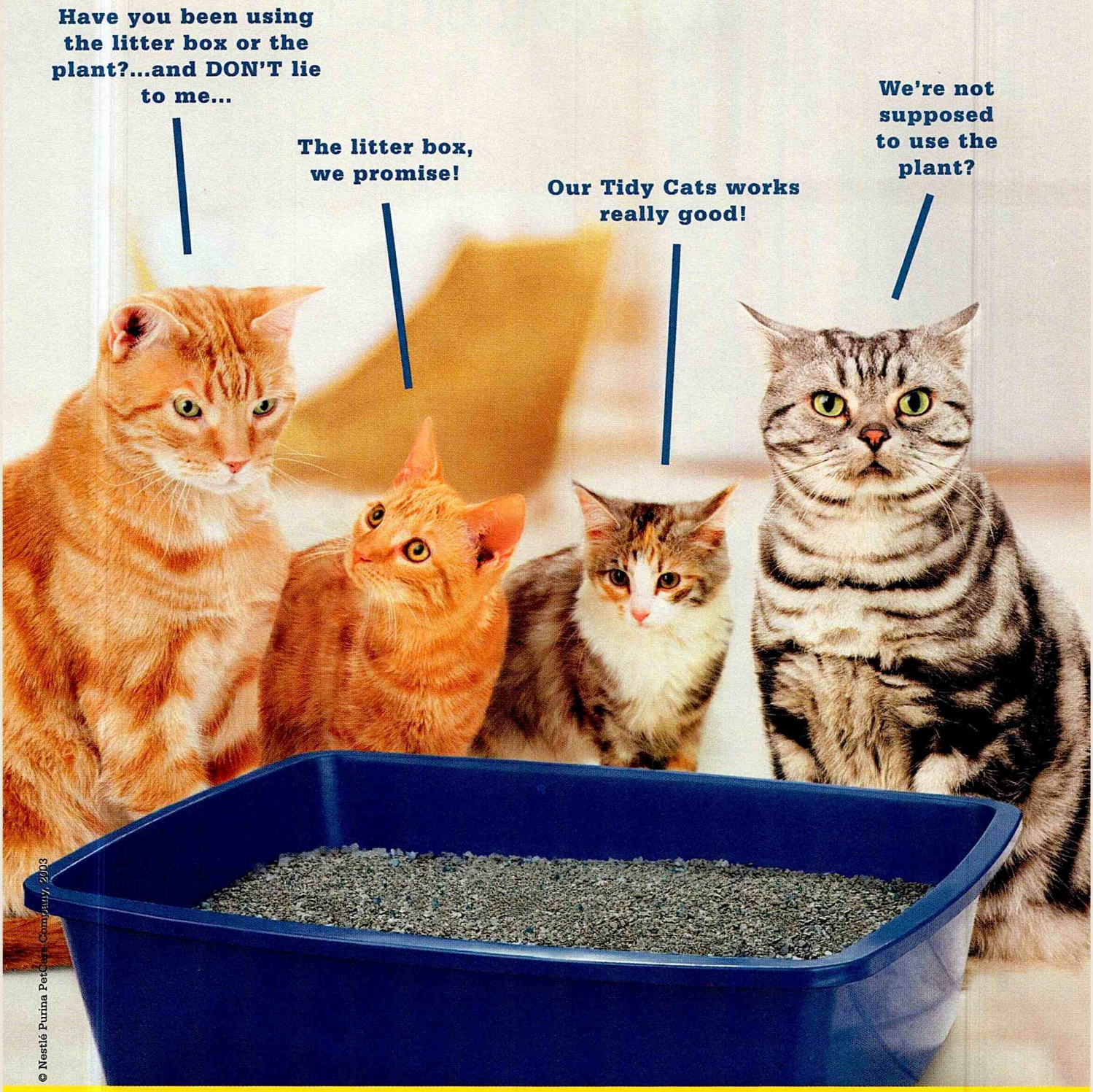

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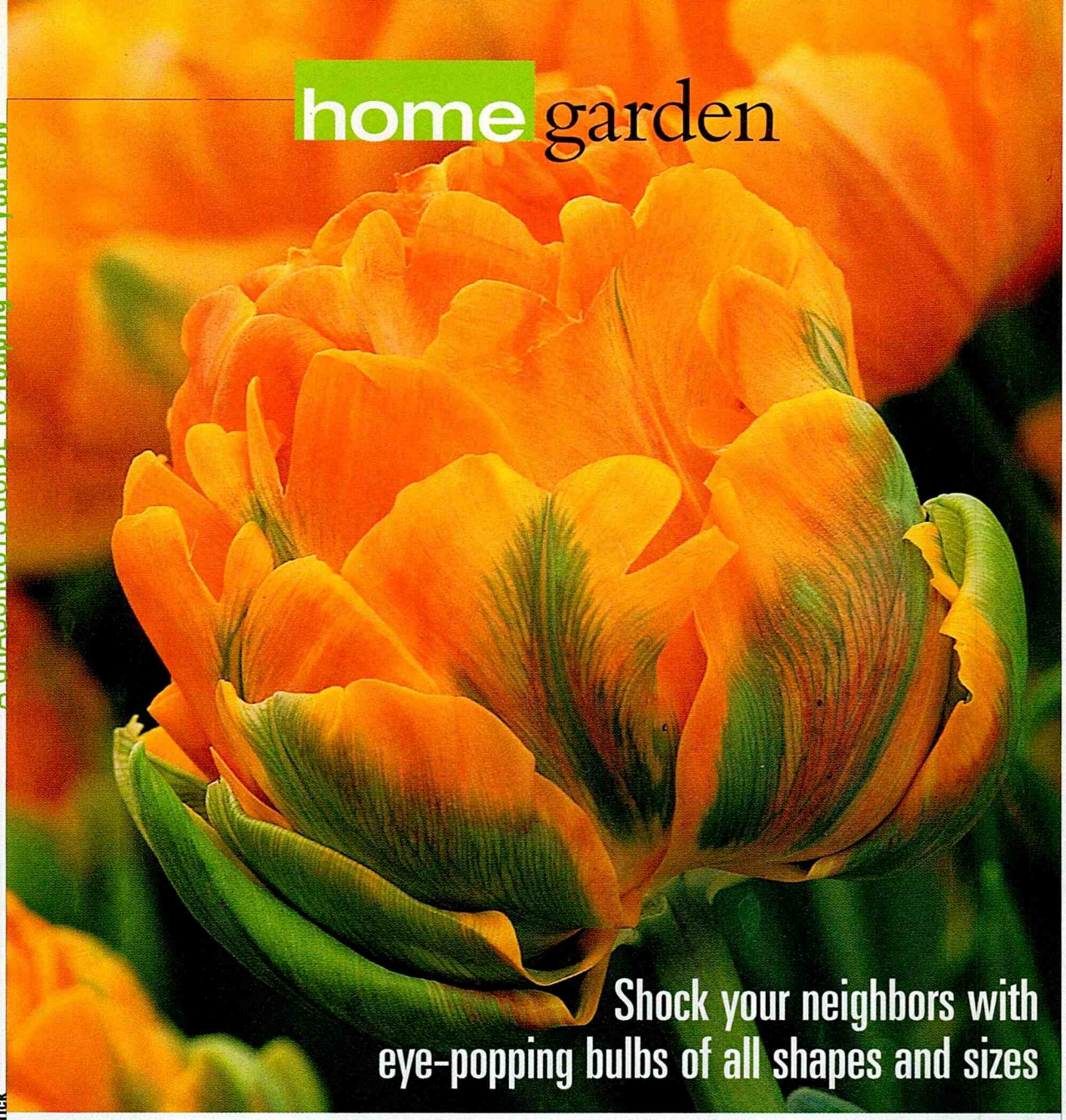

Shock your neighbors with eye-popping bulbs of all shapes and sizes

Written by Ellen Spector Platt ■ Photographed by Alan & Linda Detrick

Above Double-late *Tulipa* 'Orange Princess' has a refreshing fragrance in midspring. **Below** *Lilium Orientalis* 'Sorbonne' is a hybrid.



Growing a massive display of bulbs is the easiest and most fun way to add explosive color to the garden. From early spring to late fall, bulbs rock the landscape. The trick is to plant them in large groups, instead of alone in stingy rows, for the most breathtaking drifts, swathes, and mounds of color. The cost—and effort—is modest for the dazzling effect it produces.

bulbs gone wild

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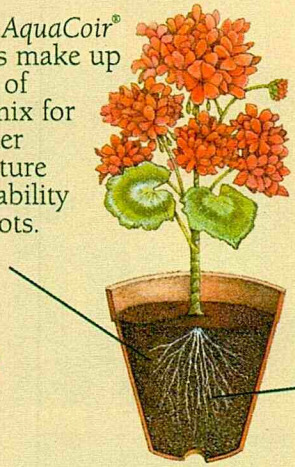

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Top left *Fritillaria michailovskyi* has dainty yellow-edged, purplish bell-shaped flowers—great for a rock garden. **Above** *Narcissus* 'Mint Julep' is a small-cupped daffodil with pale yellow petals. **Left** Grape hyacinth (*Muscari armenacium*) naturalizes well and is excellent for forcing into early bloom.

Remember: Bulbs are alive and can deteriorate if you wait too long to plant

Timing is Everything

First things first: Plant your bulbs in the fall for spring or summer blooms, and in the spring for late summer and fall blooms. Several mail-order companies (see "Resource Guide" for our picks) will ship bulbs at the appropriate planting time in your region. Open the box immediately and plant when recommended, usually within two to three weeks of receiving the package. In the meantime, keep the bulbs in a cool, dry place. Remember they are alive and can deteriorate if you wait too long to plant, so don't store them in the corner of the garage until you eventually get around to it. Once the ground freezes, you'll have to cut your losses. Nature abhors a disruption of her schedule.

This Bulb's for You

The early- and midspring-blooming bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, grape hyacinths, and crown imperials, are able to provide us with the most stunning color display—while many other perennials are still developing. If you're in the market for summer bulbs, which you'll also plant in the fall, try tall and stately *Allium* 'Purple Sensation', an ornamental onion that blooms in late spring and early summer, and others like Stars-of-Persia (*A. christophii*) and *A. bulgaricum* (a.k.a. *Nectaroscordum siculum*). Alliums have three strong attributes in addition to their color. They're deer resistant, create an unusual form in the flower bed, and their seed heads will surprise you long after the flowers have faded.



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Brief Summary of Prescribing Information as of November 2000

ALLEGRA®
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE
Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis
ALLEGRA is indicated for the relief of symptoms associated with seasonal allergic rhinitis in adults and children 6 years of age and older. Symptoms treated effectively were sneezing, rhinorrhea, itchy nose/palate/throat, itchy/watery/red eyes.
Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria
ALLEGRA is indicated for treatment of uncomplicated skin manifestations of chronic idiopathic urticaria in adults and children 6 years of age and older. It significantly reduces pruritus and the number of wheals.

CONTRAINDICATIONS
ALLEGRA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any of its ingredients.

PRECAUTIONS
Drug Interaction with Erythromycin and Ketoconazole
Fexofenadine hydrochloride has been shown to exhibit minimal (ca. 5%) metabolism. However, co-administration of fexofenadine hydrochloride with ketoconazole and erythromycin led to increased plasma levels of fexofenadine hydrochloride. Fexofenadine hydrochloride had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of erythromycin and ketoconazole. In two separate studies, fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg twice daily (two times the recommended twice daily dose) was co-administered with erythromycin 500 mg every 8 hours or ketoconazole 400 mg once daily under steady-state conditions to normal, healthy volunteers (n=24, each study). No differences in adverse events or QT_c interval were observed when patients were administered fexofenadine hydrochloride alone or in combination with erythromycin or ketoconazole. The findings of these studies are summarized in the following table:

Effects on steady-state fexofenadine hydrochloride pharmacokinetics after 7 days of co-administration with fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg every 12 hours (two times the recommended twice daily dose) in normal volunteers (n=24)

Concomitant Drug	C_{maxSS} *(Peak plasma concentration)*	$AUC_{ss(0-12h)}$ *(Extent of systemic exposure)*
Erythromycin (500 mg every 8 hrs)	+82%	+109%
Ketoconazole (400 mg once daily)	+135%	+164%

The changes in plasma levels were within the range of plasma levels achieved in adequate and well-controlled clinical trials.
The mechanism of these interactions has been evaluated in *in vitro*, *in situ*, and *in vivo* animal models. These studies indicate that ketoconazole or erythromycin co-administration enhances fexofenadine gastrointestinal absorption. *In vivo* animal studies also suggest that in addition to increasing absorption, ketoconazole decreases fexofenadine hydrochloride gastrointestinal secretion, while erythromycin may also decrease biliary excretion.
Drug Interactions with Antacids
Administration of 120 mg of fexofenadine hydrochloride (2 x 60 mg capsule) within 15 minutes of an aluminum and magnesium containing antacid (Maalox®) decreased fexofenadine AUC by 41% and C_{max} by 43%. ALLEGRA should not be taken closely in time with aluminum and magnesium containing antacids.
Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
The carcinogenic potential and reproductive toxicity of fexofenadine hydrochloride were assessed using terfenadine studies with adequate fexofenadine hydrochloride exposure (based on plasma area-under-the-concentration vs. time [AUC] values). No evidence of carcinogenicity was observed in an 18-month study in mice and in a 24-month study in rats at oral doses up to 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were respectively approximately 3 and 5 times the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and children).
In *in vitro* (Bacterial Reverse Mutation, CHO/HGPRT Forward Mutation, and Rat Lymphocyte Chromosomal Aberration assays) and *in vivo* (Mouse Bone Marrow Micronucleus assay) tests, fexofenadine hydrochloride revealed no evidence of mutagenicity.
In rat fertility studies, dose-related reductions in implants and increases in postimplantation losses were observed at an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine hydrochloride exposures that were approximately 3 times the exposure of the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults).
Pregnancy
Teratogenic Effects: Category C. There was no evidence of teratogenicity in rats or rabbits at oral doses of terfenadine up to 300 mg/kg (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were approximately 4 and 31 times, respectively, the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine in adults). There are no adequate and well controlled studies in pregnant women. Fexofenadine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.
Nonteratogenic Effects. Dose-related decreases in pup weight gain and survival were observed in rats exposed to an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (approximately 3 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults based on comparison of fexofenadine hydrochloride AUCs).
Nursing Mothers
There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in women during lactation. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when fexofenadine hydrochloride is administered to a nursing woman.
Pediatric Use
The recommended dose in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adults and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended doses.
The safety of ALLEGRA tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily has been demonstrated in 438 pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age in two placebo-controlled 2-week seasonal allergic rhinitis trials. The safety of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adult and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose.
The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis in patients 6 to 11 years of age was demonstrated in one trial (n=411) in which ALLEGRA tablets 30 mg twice daily significantly reduced total symptom scores compared to placebo, along with extrapolation of demonstrated efficacy in patients ages 12 years and above, and the pharmacokinetic comparisons in adults and children. The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on an extrapolation of the demonstrated efficacy of ALLEGRA in adults with this condition and the likelihood that the disease course, pathophysiology and the drug's effect are substantially similar in children to that of adult patients.
The safety and effectiveness of ALLEGRA in pediatric patients under 6 years of age have not been established.
Geriatric Use
Clinical studies of ALLEGRA tablets and capsules did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 years and over to determine whether this population responds differently from younger patients. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the geriatric and younger patients. This drug is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and may be useful to monitor renal function. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

ADVERSE REACTIONS
Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis
Adults. In placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in patients 12 years of age and older, which included 2461 patients receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride capsules at doses of 20 mg to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. All adverse events that were reported by greater than 1% of patients who received the recommended daily dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride (60 mg capsules twice daily), and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo, are listed in Table 1.
In a placebo-controlled clinical study in the United States, which included 570 patients aged 12 years and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 120 or 180 mg once daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 1 also lists adverse experiences that were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 180 mg once daily and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo. The incidence of adverse events, including drowsiness, was not dose-related and was similar across subgroups defined by age, gender, and race.

Table 1
Adverse experiences in patients ages 12 years and older reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in the United States
Twice daily dosing with fexofenadine capsules at rates of greater than 1%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 60 mg Twice Daily (n=679)*	*Placebo Twice Daily (n=671)*
Viral Infection (cold, flu)	2.5%	1.5%
Nausea	1.5%	1.5%
Dysmenorrhea	1.5%	0.3%
Drowsiness	1.3%	0.9%
Dyspepsia	1.3%	0.6%
Fatigue	1.3%	0.9%

Once daily dosing with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 180 mg once daily (n=283)*	*Placebo (n=293)*
Headache	10.6%	7.5%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	3.2%	3.1%
Back Pain	2.8%	1.4%

The frequency and magnitude of laboratory abnormalities were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients.
Pediatric. Table 2 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 6 to 11 years of age which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in the United States and Canada that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo.

Table 2
Adverse experiences reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in pediatric patients ages 6 to 11 in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 30 mg twice daily (n=209)*	*Placebo (n=229)*
Headache	7.2%	6.6%
Accidental Injury	2.9%	1.3%
Coughing	3.8%	1.3%
Fever	2.4%	0.9%
Pain	2.4%	0.4%
Otitis Media	2.4%	0.0%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	4.3%	1.7%

Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria
Adverse events reported by patients 12 years of age and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies were similar to those reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies. In placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria clinical trials, which included 726 patients 12 years of age and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 20 to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 3 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 12 years and older which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride 60 mg tablets twice daily in controlled clinical studies in the United States and Canada and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo. The safety of fexofenadine hydrochloride in the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and adolescent patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose (see Pediatric Use).

Table 3
Adverse experiences reported in patients 12 years and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 60 mg twice daily (n=186)*	*Placebo (n=178)*
Back Pain	2.2%	1.1%
Sinusitis	2.2%	1.1%
Dizziness	2.2%	0.6%
Drowsiness	2.2%	0.0%

Events that have been reported during controlled clinical trials involving seasonal allergic rhinitis and chronic idiopathic urticaria patients with incidences less than 1% and similar to placebo and have been rarely reported during postmarketing surveillance include: insomnia, nervousness, and sleep disorders or paroniria. In rare cases, rash, urticaria, pruritus and hypersensitivity reactions with manifestations such as angioedema, chest tightness, dyspnea, flushing and systemic anaphylaxis have been reported.
OVERDOSAGE
Reports of fexofenadine hydrochloride overdose have been infrequent and contain limited information. However, dizziness, drowsiness, and dry mouth have been reported. Single doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 800 mg (six normal volunteers at this dose level), and doses up to 690 mg twice daily for 1 month (three normal volunteers at this dose level) or 240 mg once daily for 1 year (234 normal volunteers at this dose level) were administered without the development of clinically significant adverse events as compared to placebo.
In the event of overdose, consider standard measures to remove any unabsorbed drug. Symptomatic and supportive treatment is recommended.
Hemodialysis did not effectively remove fexofenadine hydrochloride from blood (1.7% removed) following terfenadine administration.
No deaths occurred at oral doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 5000 mg/kg in mice (110 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 200 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²) and up to 5000 mg/kg in rats (230 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 400 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²). Additionally, no clinical signs of toxicity or gross pathological findings were observed. In dogs, no evidence of toxicity was observed at oral doses up to 2000 mg/kg (300 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 530 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²).

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Above The Triumph tulip (*Tulipa* 'Negrita') has deep-purple flowers and combines well with the single-late *T.* 'Magier'.

For summer and early fall color, experiment with one of the many species of lilies (*Lilium*). They range in color from pristine white to deep mahogany red, and they're beloved for their reliable bloom and erect stems.

Another option is the lesser-known autumn crocus (*Colchicum*), which is about twice the size of the spring crocus and is still an attractive standout in the garden when most of the other plants have died out.

Select an area with well-drained soil; bulbs may rot in a week or two if left in puddles after a rain

Planting Primer

Select an area with well-drained soil; your bulbs may start to rot in a week or two if they are left planted in puddles after a rain. For a massive color display, it's best to dig or rototill a large patch of soil, but if you must plant your bulbs in an established bed, there are two tools gardeners swear by: a heavy-duty dibble, a tool with a pointed metal tip; and a bulb auger, a boring tool that fits into a portable ¼-inch drill and will bust its way through stubborn compact soil.

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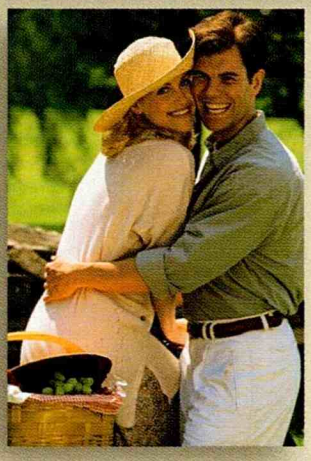

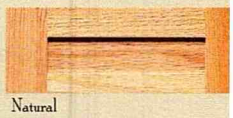
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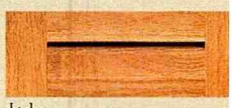
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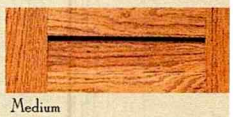
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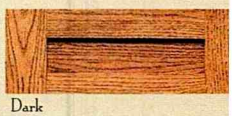
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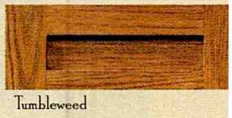
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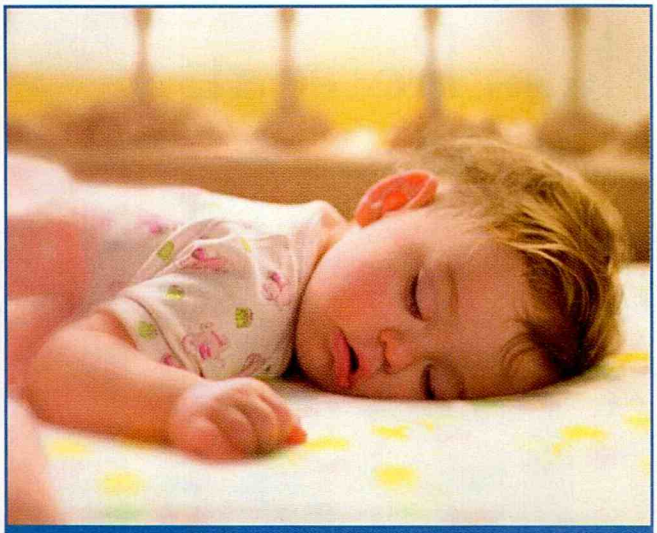

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Since bulbs are perennials, you can generally leave them in the ground, and they'll last for years if you take a few simple precautions. When the flower starts to shrivel, nip it off (with about 3 inches of stem) and discard it. Keep all of the leaves intact. Allow foliage to die back naturally; don't cut or tie it. When totally yellowed, gently pull or cut at the soil surface. Foliage of the allium family can start to shrivel before the flowers even bloom, so plant them with other perennials.

Plant with the bulb tip up and the roots down at the depth recommended on the package. Fertilize when you plant and again after the bulb blooms. Rather than straight bonemeal, use an organic bulb food such as 7-10-5 or the 5-10-5 you may have lying around the garage. From then on, you'll only need to fertilize once every spring and fall.

Ellen Spector Platt is the author of seven flower and gardening books, including *Lemon Herbs* (Stackpole Books, 2002).

helpful hints before you buy

* Many garden centers and catalogs will give **volume discounts** if you ask. Pay attention and up the number you order whenever possible.
* **Buy a mixture or a prepackaged collection** of one bulb species for a real bargain. Try narcissus, which usually contains miniature to large varieties in a wide range of colors and cup shapes.
* **Judge bulbs as you would fruit at the market—** discard any with mold, mildew, or cuts.
* **Read the fine print** in mail-order catalogs featuring color sketches of bulbs blooming simultaneously. In reality, they may bloom in sequence.
* **In unusually warm or cold years,** all bets are off.





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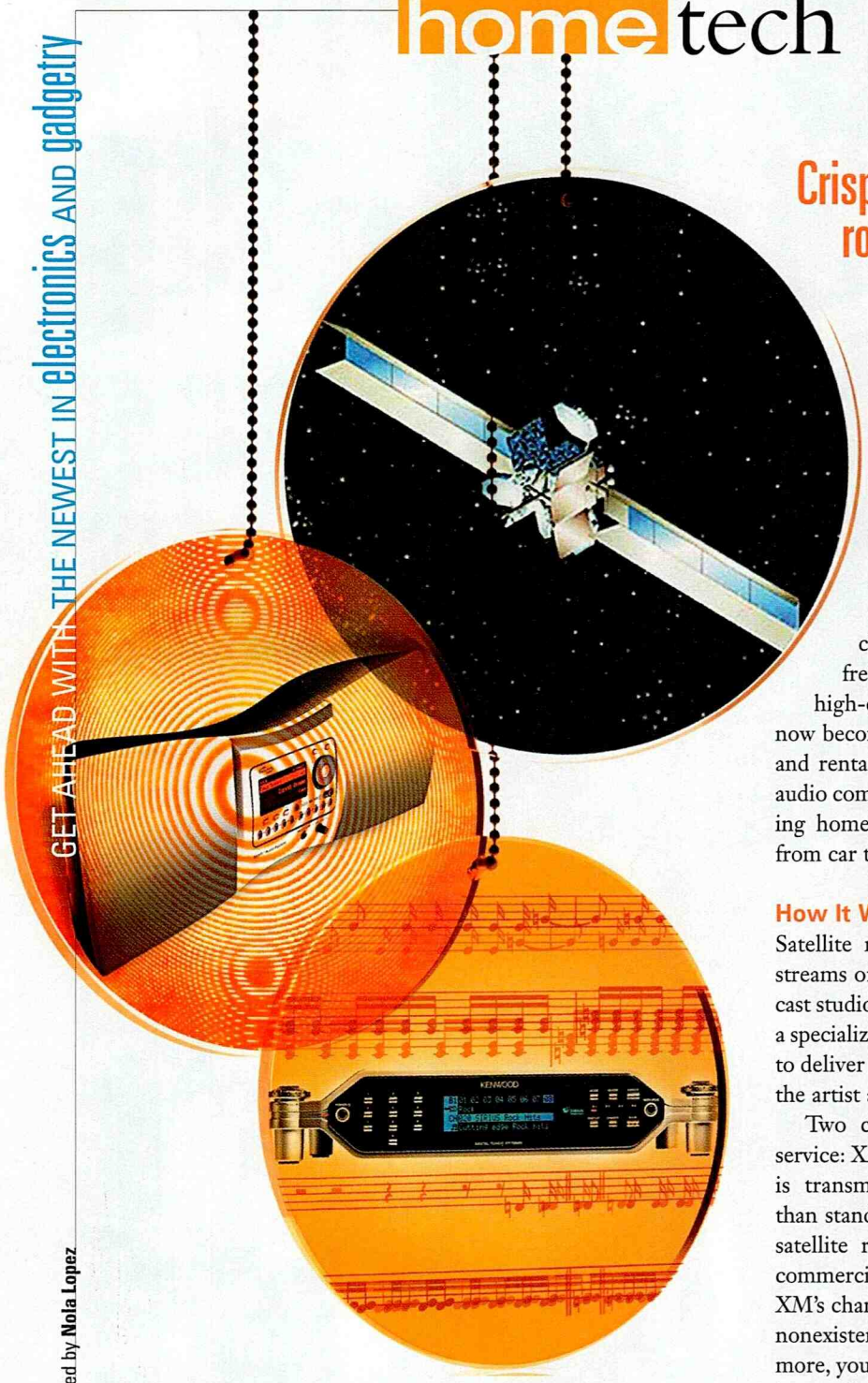

Crisp and clear, satellite is rockin' the radio waves

Get set: The radio revolution is upon us. No more static-filled AM news broadcasts or music stations with more commercials than songs. We're talking satellite radio, and the options are clearer than ever.

Launched in 2001, the first satellite radio systems offered 100-plus channels of crystal-clear, commercial-free radio but were designed only for high-end cars. Happily, these systems are now becoming standard fare in midlevel models and rental cars everywhere. Even better, home audio companies are getting into the act, launching home-based and portable units that move from car to boat to living room without a hitch.

How It Works

Satellite radio works like satellite TV; digital streams of information are beamed from broadcast studios to satellites in space and then back to a specialized antenna that connects to your stereo to deliver both sound and basic information, like the artist and title, on digital readouts.

Two companies currently provide satellite service: XM Radio and Sirius. Because the sound is transmitted digitally, its quality is better than standard AM or FM broadcasts. And since satellite radio is a subscription-based service, commercials tend to be more scarce (on many of XM's channels and Sirius' talk channels) or even nonexistent (on Sirius' music channels). What's more, you can get original programming, such as live performances of varying musical genres.

How to Get It

To sign up, you'll need to buy either a satellite receiver that integrates into your existing audio system, or an all-in-one satellite radio unit—and then activate it with either XM or Sirius. The catch? The radio you buy determines which service you'll get, so you have to do your homework beforehand. Radios that can receive both XM and Sirius service aren't expected to hit the

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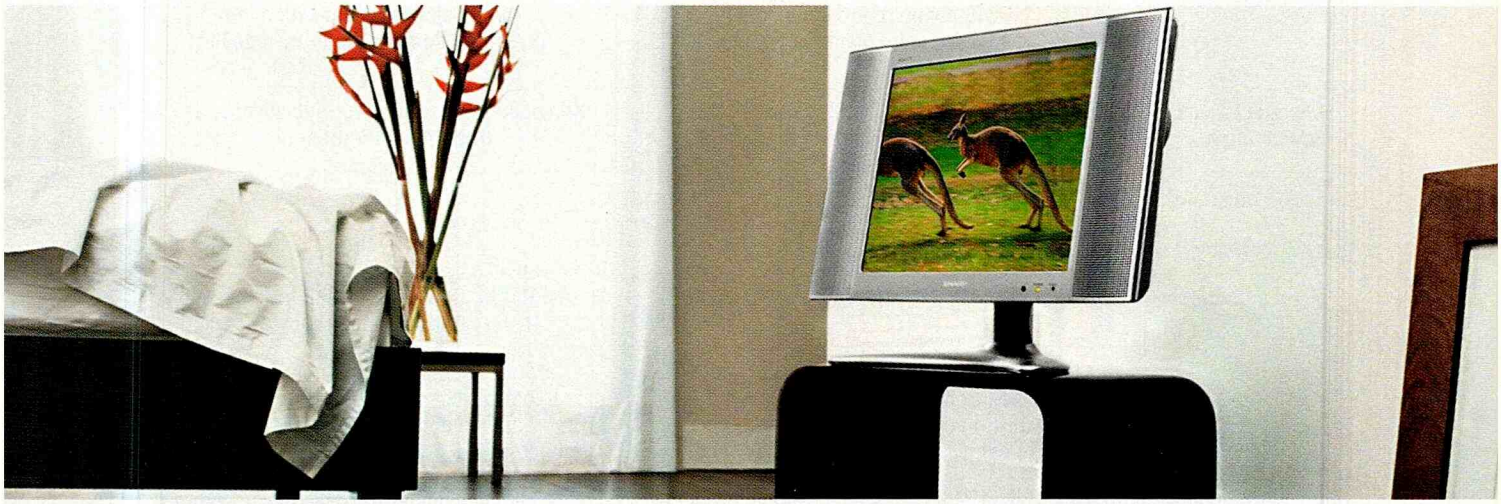

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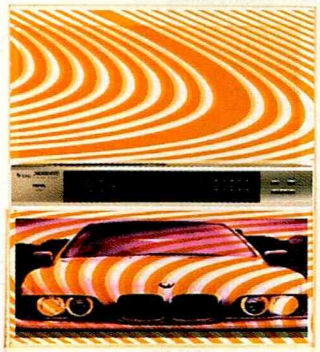
market for at least another year. So consider carefully how the two services differ. First, check out the basics (see "Choices, Choices"), then surf to the companies' websites to hear samples of their broadcasts and read lists of the channels they offer.

When you have decided which system works best for you, sign up over the Internet. (Both companies charge lower activation fees if you register online.) Input the ID number of your unit, arrange to pay the bill, and off you go. (Service fees range from $10 to $13 a month.)

Because home and portable units are so new, only a few models are currently available. At the moment, your best home-based options come from XM Radio, which has had a portable unit on the market since the service was launched a year ago. Two simple systems? The Delphi XM SkyFi (radio: $130; adapter for home stereo inputs: $70; boom box adapter: $100) has a docking station for either home or car use and can plug into either your existing home stereo or a special boom box case. The Sony XM Satellite Radio Receiver for Home ($250; a newer unit with an advanced remote control and a more legible display—which we do recommend—is $300) plugs into the audio jacks on your stereo. Both come with an antenna.



How to Choose the Right Radio

Regardless of which radio you buy, you'll want to keep a few things in mind. For starters, look closely at the digital display on the unit you're considering. A teeny display tends to scroll the artist and song information, which can be annoying if you are trying to channel-hop. Plus, most systems on the market today aren't component-size, so they will not fit into that stack of stereo equipment you already have in your living room.

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Although XM is leading now with more (and cheaper) home setups, reliable sources say these Sirius units are in the works and set to launch this year:

Kenwood Sirius portable unit ($150)

- It'll sell with a cradle for use in car or boat, or with home-stereo applications.
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Audiovox Sirius plug-and-play portable unit (about $300 total)

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Choices, Choices

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Cheapest home setup now available	Delphi XM SkyFi, $200 (requires existing stereo)	Kenwood Sovereign Entré Hub system, $1,750 (requires Internet access)
Music channels	70	60
Talk channels	31	40
Popular exclusives	*USA Today*, NASCAR Radio	NPR, PRI, Outdoor Life Network, CourtTV, History Channel, Biography Channel
Home reception	Fixed satellites require typical southern exposure for strongest reception. People near urban areas with repeaters (boosted signals) will get less-fussy home reception.	Mobile satellites don't need southern exposure but may get weaker signals at times. People near urban areas with repeaters will get less-fussy home reception.
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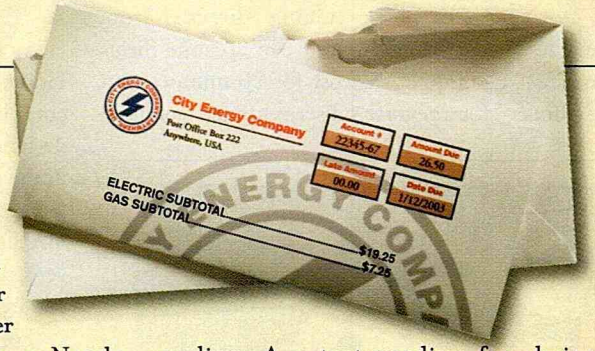

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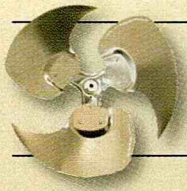

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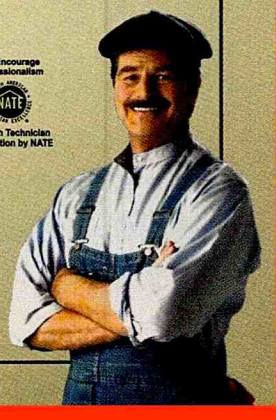

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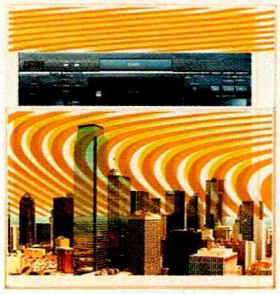
Make sure you have room for a radio to perch on top of your existing equipment, or wait until later this year when more home units hit the market.

If you don't need to go portable, choose a stationary system, especially if you don't live in a major metropolitan area. That's because with satellite radio, the reception depends heavily on where its antenna is placed.

So a home stereo with a small antenna mounted near a window or on the outside of your house will fare better than a boom box. Major metro areas are a better bet for portable units, because they don't rely solely on the satellites for reception. They're wired with repeaters by the satellite companies, which boost the signal in places satellites have a tough time reaching (think urban canyons between skyscrapers).



And there's another option: If you want to listen to satellite radio in only one location at home, and you don't want to spring for a receiver, consider listening directly from the Internet. You can try out Sirius online at no cost for 20 minutes, but for a regular subscription fee, you have unlimited usage. Combine that with a good sound card (what your computer speakers plug into; you can upgrade them for better-quality sound) and high-quality computer speakers, and you'll have a system that costs less than current in-home alternatives. XM offers repeating samples of its channels online, but not live feeds.

TV Tunes Satellite radio isn't your only option for streaming high-quality audio at home. Most cable and satellite TV companies, including **Comcast** and **DirecTV,** offer (at no extra cost) music-only channels to subscribers of their higher-end digital services. The advantage: Those music-only channels are often free when you buy certain TV packages. The disadvantage: Few television companies offer the same range of channels and services, and, of course, TVs attached to digital cable and satellite boxes aren't portable.

How to Set It Up

Home-based systems are generally less complicated to set up than those designed for cars. To get satellite radio in the car, you often need to buy three parts: the radio, a tuner (usually installed in the trunk or under the driver's seat), and an antenna. Once you add installation, it can cost up to $700.

Fortunately, home-based units not only tend to be less expensive, they're usually very much like boom boxes and include all three parts. Or, they come as standard stereo components. Two cables are included—one to plug into the wall; the other has two plugs (red and white) that connect to your home stereo, just as a CD player does.

Depending on the unit and the service you choose, the antenna ranges from tiny blocks to miniature satellite dishes a few inches in diameter. The antenna can be located near either the radio or a window; it can also be mounted on the outside of your house or in the yard. If the antenna is not already built in, it plugs into the back of the unit. The wire running to the antenna is very small and low voltage, so it can run anywhere without any special installation. *See Resource Guide for details.*

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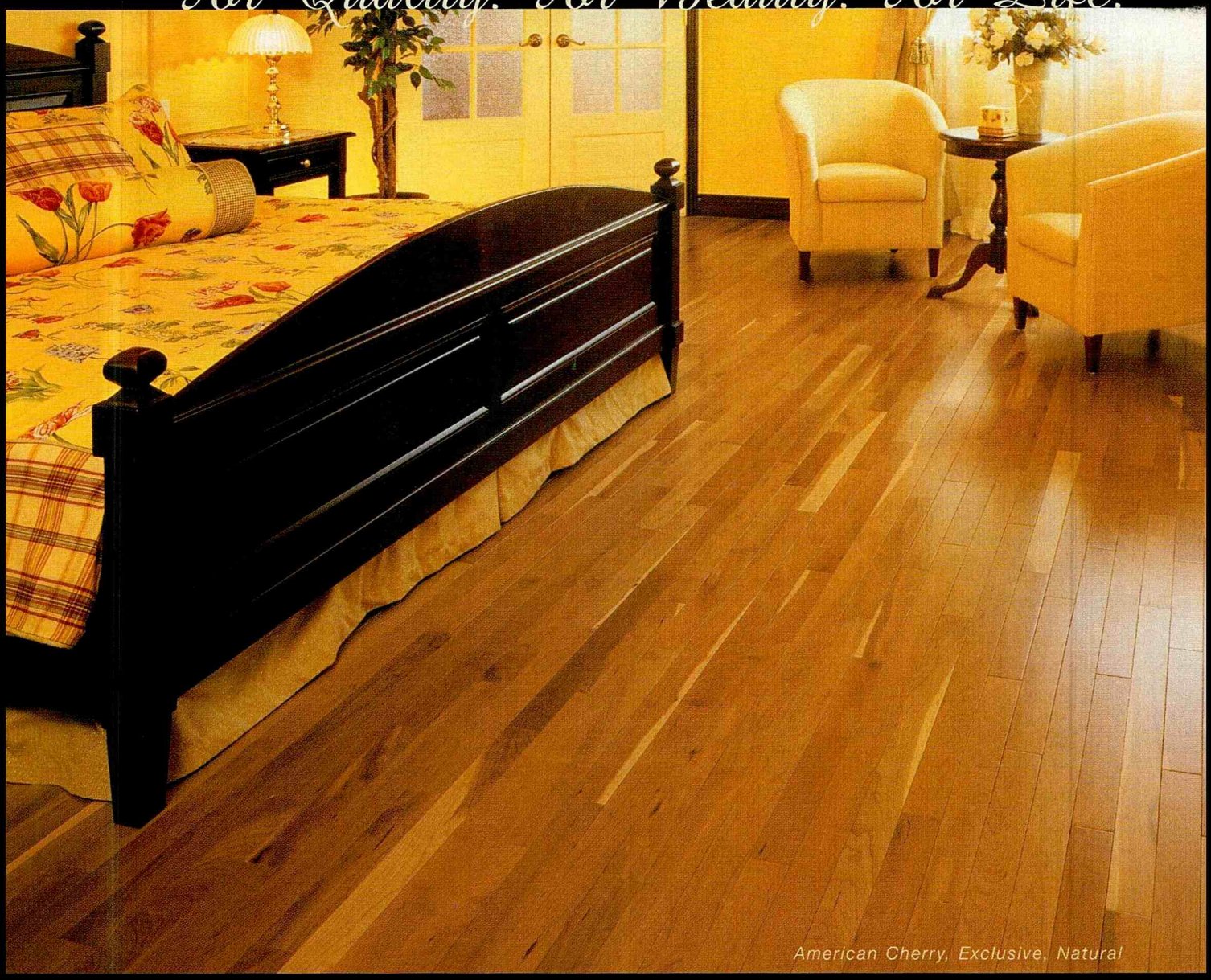

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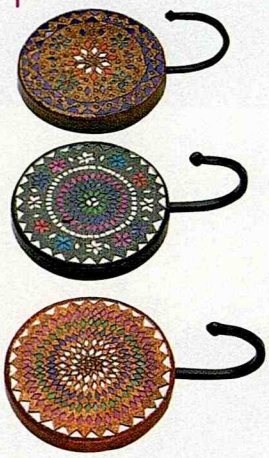

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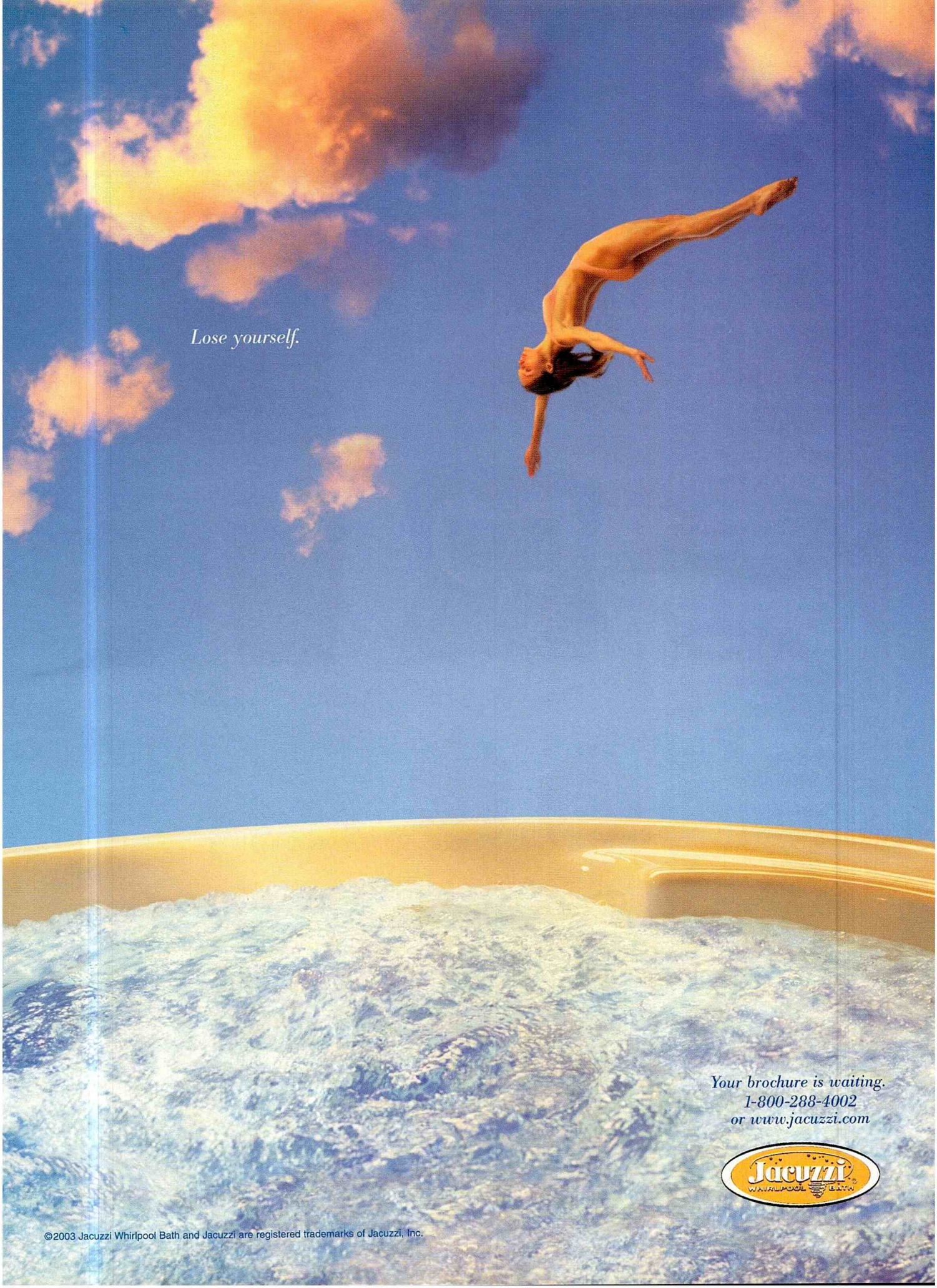

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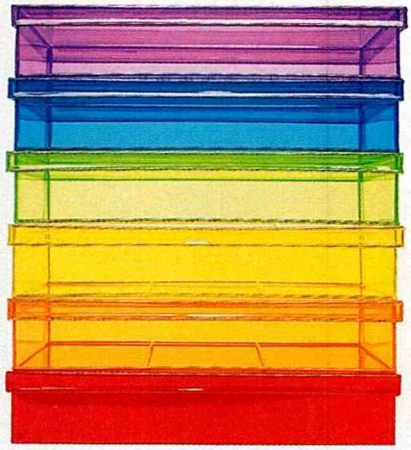

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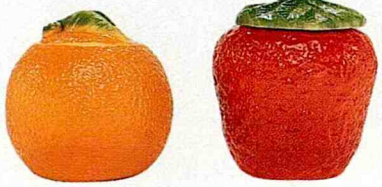

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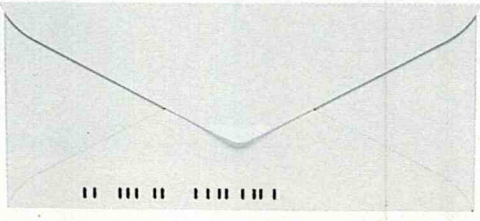

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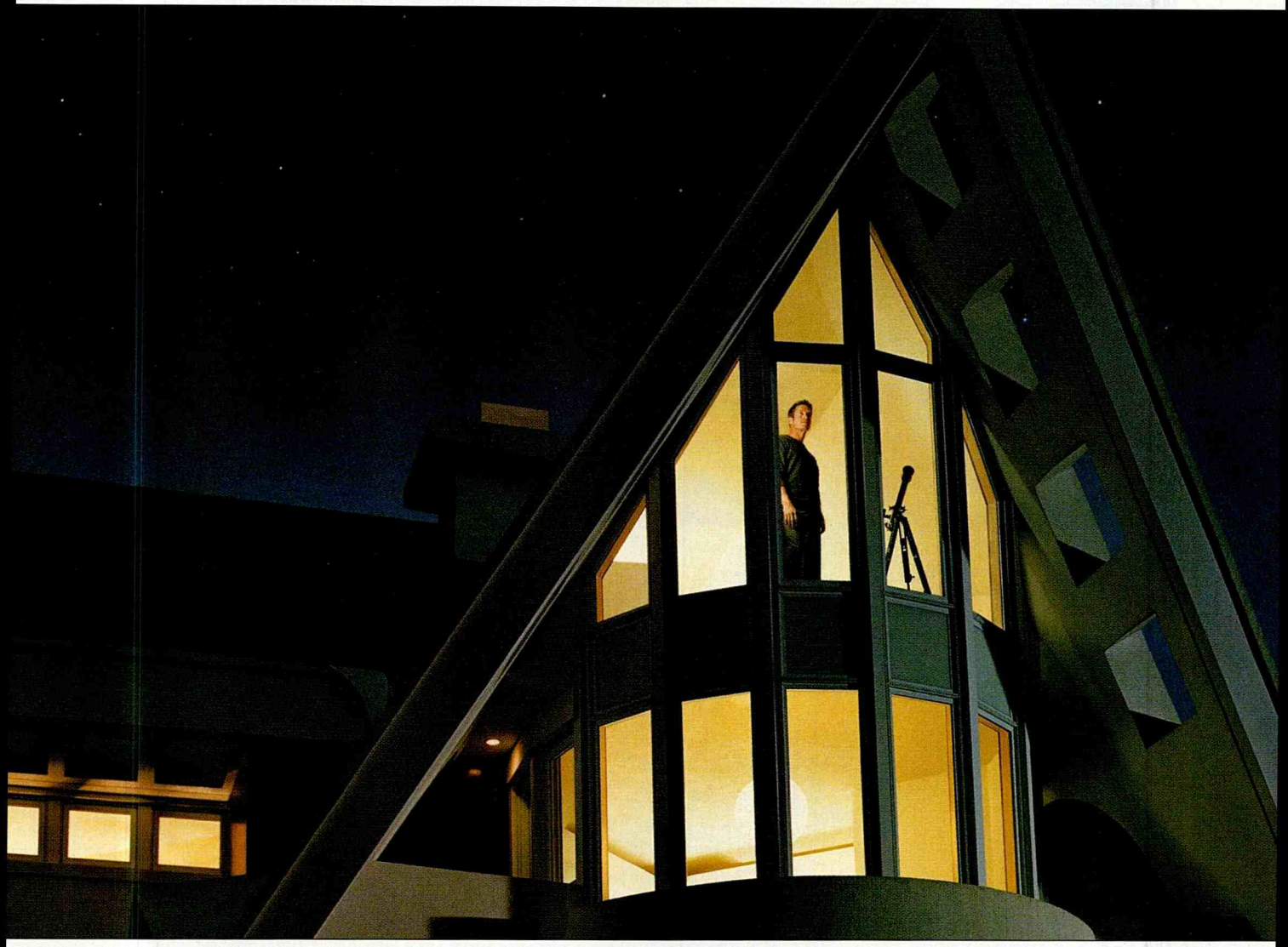

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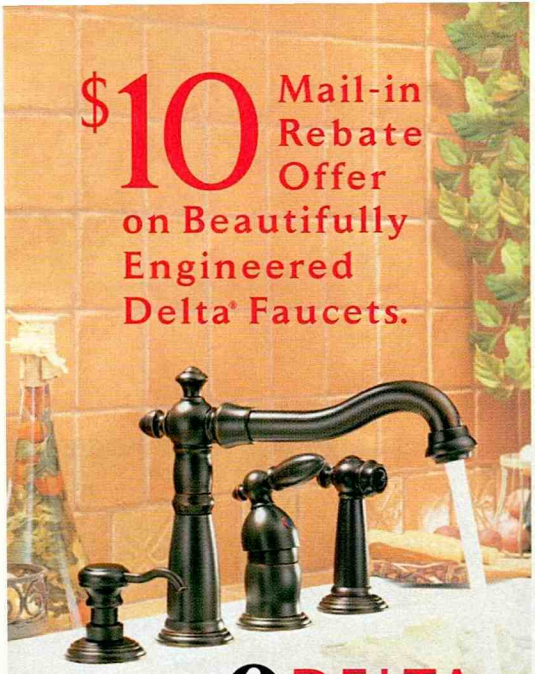

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Cabinet Quandary

Q I'd like to install **cabinets with doors that open up** (like garage doors) or sideways (like entertainment centers) so they are hidden and out of the way during meal preparation. I'd appreciate your help. Thank you.—*Camille Silvestri, Warren, New Jersey*

A Try the Italian kitchen and bath manufacturer Snaidero (877-762-4337, snaidero-usa.com); they have showrooms nationwide. The popular Ola model, designed by Ferrari stylist Paolo Pinifarina, features upward-lifting doors like the ones you describe. The Viva model, above, was also designed by Pinifarina and has a more subtle silhouette than the Ola. Sistema ES freestanding cabinetry also features upward-lifting doors, and the Idea cabinets come with pocket doors that slide out of view. It's best to call for pricing on all of the various custom options.

Too Much Advice

Q We're planning to refinish our **kitchen cupboards.** We've been advised to put on a Kilz brand oil-based primer first, then to paint with a semigloss latex enamel. Another suggestion was to wipe down the surface with a heavy-duty cleaner like trisodium phosphate (TSP) and then paint. We're totally confused. Can you help? Thanks.—*Tom and LaVerne Adams, Tacoma, Washington*

A Because you mentioned Kilz (866-774-6371, kilz.com), we contacted the company for a professional recommendation. They advise lightly sanding the cabinets, then sanding more heavily in areas where greasy buildup usually occurs (above the stove or sink, for example). Wipe with TSP, and dry thoroughly. Then, apply one coat of an oil-based primer to the surface, and wait one hour. For a shiny topcoat, apply two layers of a semigloss oil-based enamel.

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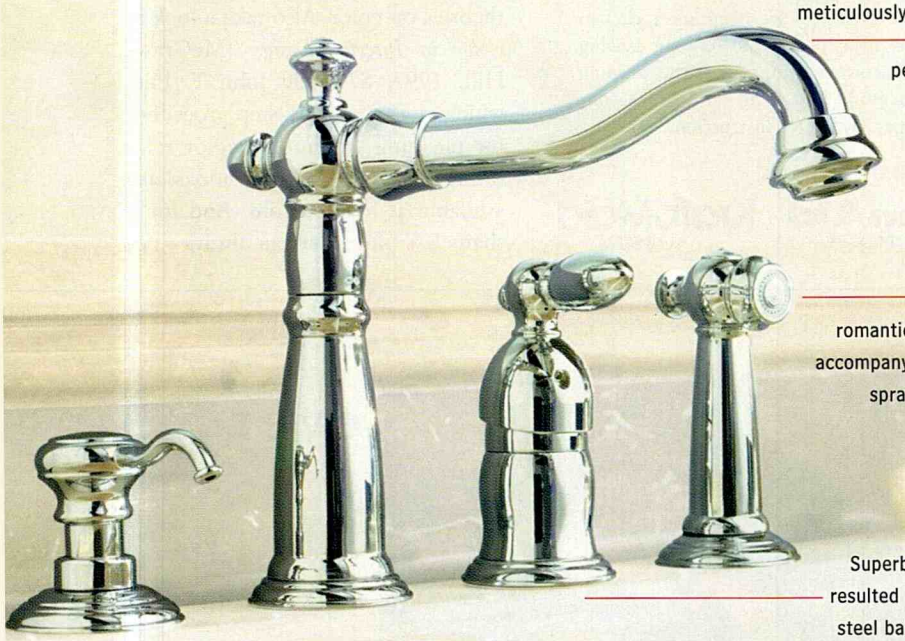

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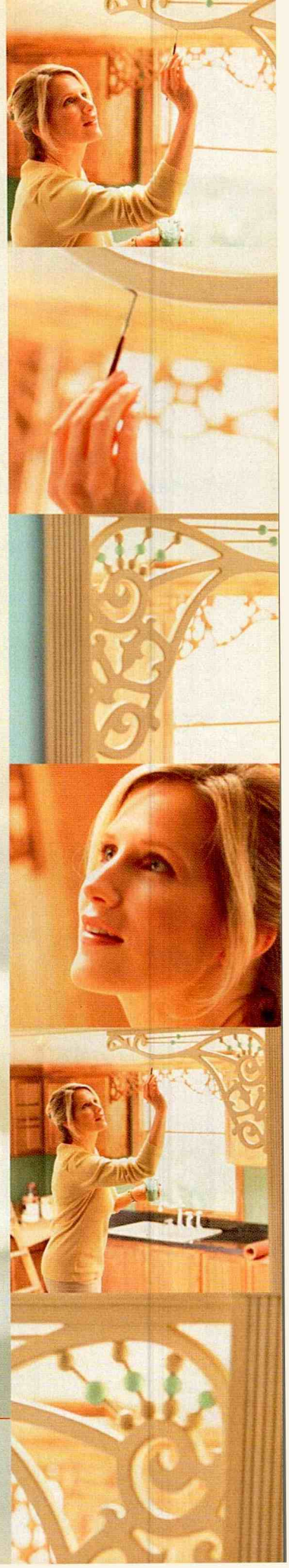

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Q We're **building a custom home,** and I'm actually selecting many of the interior items. I'm having a difficult time choosing tile and floor colors—I want to make sure these selections reflect a smooth transition from room to room. Could you recommend any great resources? *—Apra Rajpal, Detroit, Michigan*

A *Color Palettes* (Clarkson Potter, 1998, $40), by Suzanne K. Butterfield and Jacqueline Goewey, explores noted designer and color specialist Donald Kaufman's theories on color. Also take a look at *Color in Interior Design* (McGraw-Hill, 1997, $70), by John F. Pile, which gives a step-by-step procedure for planning transitional color relationships. Both of the books are available at amazon.com. And for a shameless plug: You can always refer



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Removing Wallpaper

Q) Can you offer any tips for **stripping wallpaper that has been painted over?** I started pulling off sections where it began to peel and discovered that the wall underneath is not plaster or drywall but some kind of particleboard. Is it possible to remove the paper without damaging the wall? Thank you for your advice. —*Arijuana Ford, Detroit, Michigan*

A) Wall damage shouldn't be a huge concern with particleboard. Hampton Road, Virginia-based Rebecca Schunk Wallpaper Installation and Removal (757-535-8904, wallpaperinstaller.com) suggests cutting a horizontal line with a razor knife through the top layer of your paper. Work the blade under the cut to start a peel. (If you have trouble, try wetting the wall surface with water, which will help you pull off the wallpaper in full sheets.) The backing material can be sprayed or sponged down with a solution of warm water and dishwashing detergent. Soak for five minutes, reapplying as necessary, and peel off with a metal spackle or putty knife. Wet the surface and feel the wall—if it's slimy, adhesive still remains. Use elbow grease to scrub until the surface is smooth.

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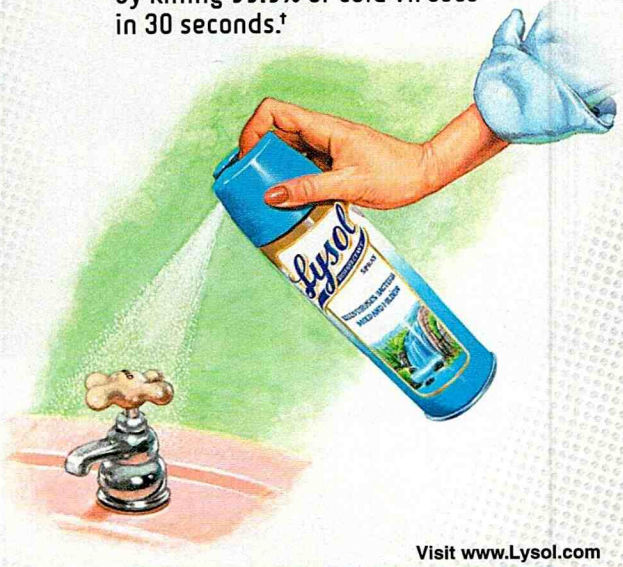

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An icon of early prefab construction, a 1919 Sears kit bungalow gets a modern-day makeover

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Inset top Before the renovation, this bungalow-style home was charming but impractical. **This page** The new kitchen offers contemporary amenities, including a professional range and a custom copper hood, but the update remains sympathetic to the original architectural style.



Inset below The old kitchen was gloomy, with barely room for one cook at a time. **Below** The new kitchen is bigger and brighter, thanks to a French door and multipane windows in the breakfast room, which replaced a powder room.

Sears sold thousands of charming, identical kit bungalows in the early 1900s—but there is only one that looks exactly like this one does today. For although the structure retains many of its original characteristics, this Elsmore model bungalow in Arlington, Virginia, has been updated to embrace contemporary lifestyles.

"When we first bought the house," says one of the two women who now own it, "the kitchen was too small for us to cook together, which is something we really enjoy. The steps that led from the kitchen down to the basement were so cramped that you had to duck to walk downstairs."

"This used to be a dark and dreary space; now it's light and open," says architect James Pandula

They had put in a guest room, but the only way to get to it was to walk through the unattractive, unfinished laundry room and boiler room."

After waiting a few years to understand how they really lived in the space and how they needed to change the existing layout, the owners hired architect James Pandula of Blackburn Architects, Washington, DC, to solve the design dilemmas created by various ill-considered prior renovations.

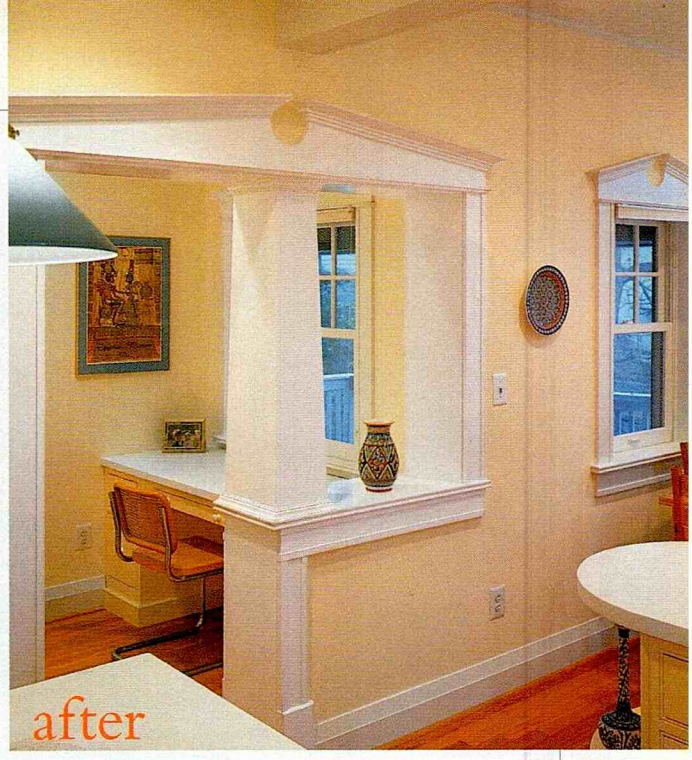
"The original design of these houses was wonderful," says Pandula, "So, actually, a big part of my job was simply to correct mistakes of the previous renovations. But we did have to go a step beyond that, too," he says, "because several of the home's original details, while charming, didn't suit the way people live today.

"Back in the early 1900s," he explains, "people gathered on the front porch and in the formal living room. Today, people live more informally, in the backyard and the kitchen."





Above In a previous renovation, an old screened porch was enclosed, creating this dreary and rarely used breakfast room.
Right Now that the kitchen has been opened up and the eating area relocated, the same spot is home to a desk—one more nod to the way people really live today.



Below The old kitchen was small and dark, its walls to the outside blocked by a powder room. The stairway to the basement was inconvenient and cramped, and there was no flow from indoor to outdoor areas. **Bottom** With 120 square feet added to the kitchen, and the powder room and breakfast area relocated, the livable space is much larger and enjoys sunlight all day. New stairways—both inside the house and out to the garden—are more spacious, making the home feel like one inviting, flowing space.

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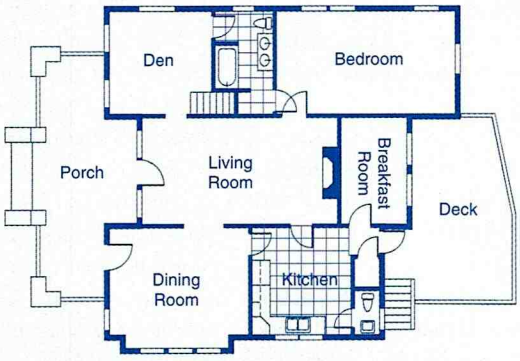

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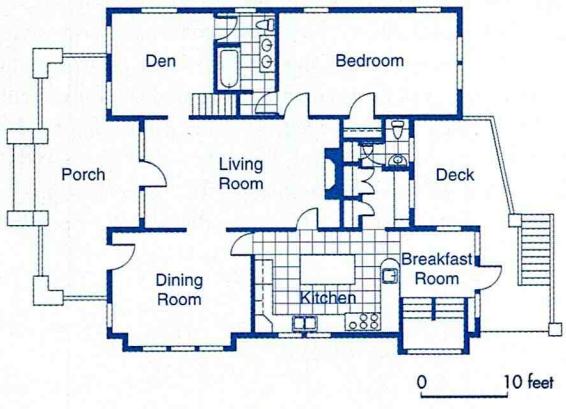
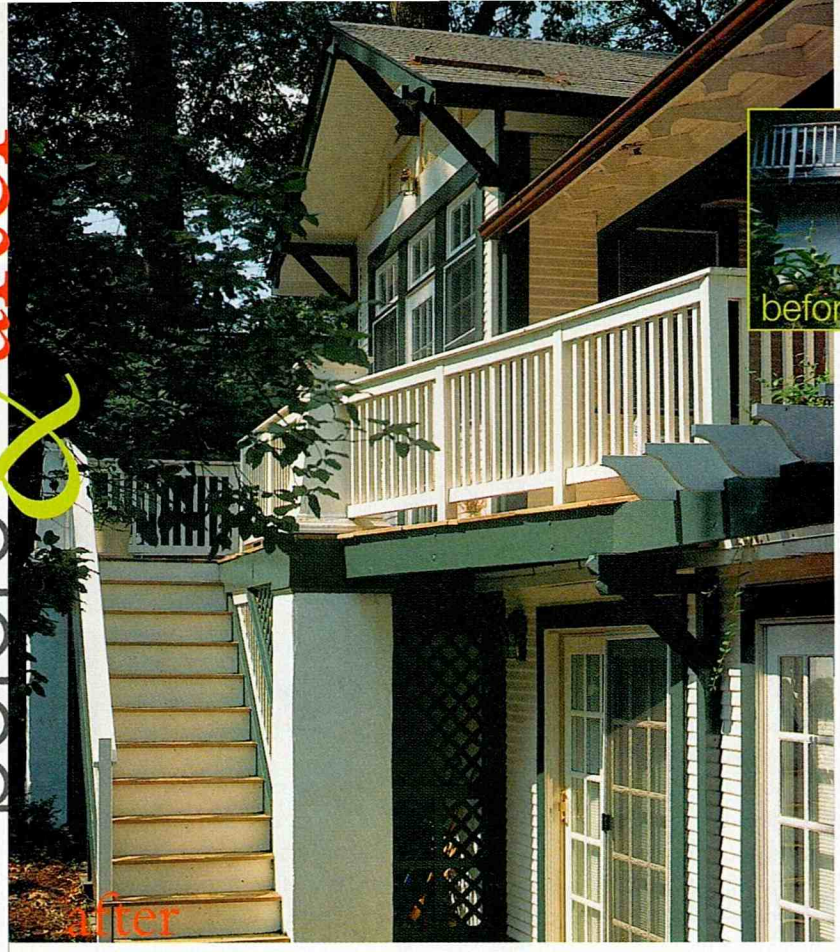


For the kind of easygoing backyard living his clients were after, Pandula expanded a small concrete landing behind the house into a wood-railinged balcony with enough room for two gas grills, and for guests to mill around and sip drinks or help flip burgers. "We have a couch and chairs there [in the covered seating area]," says one of the owners, "so it's a great space for social gatherings."

To create better flow between the house and the property it sits on, Pandula removed a staircase that previously led down the side of the house to the neighbors' yard and replaced it with sturdy steps that go straight to this home's backyard instead. Then,

before & after





architectural details

"I had no idea there was so much interest in kit homes," says one owner of this 1919 Sears bungalow, "until one morning, a tour bus pulled up." Here's where to turn for more information:

- **Tours** Smithsonian Institute; 877-338-8687, smithsonianjourneys.org.
- **Online** oldhouseweb.net
- **Books** *The Houses That Sears Built: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sears Catalogue Homes*, by Rose Thornton (Gentle Beam, 2002, $20) and *Houses By Mail: A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck and Company*, by Katherine Cole Stevenson and H. Ward Jandl (Preservation Press, 1986, $28).

to give the exterior of the house a more finished look, he replaced a part of the garden with a pretty fieldstone patio, leaving room for flowers and shrubs. A vine-covered pergola shields French doors that look on to the patio.

The deck and the backyard beyond it are now inviting and accessible—but if not for the architect's renovation they would have remained invisible from the kitchen, where the homeowners spend so much of their time.

"Before," says Pandula, "there was a powder room at the back of the kitchen, which blocked any view to the outdoors. The house was inward looking, but my clients were more interested in linking to the garden."

To give them the view and the open feeling they desired, he bumped out the back of the kitchen, added a French door flanked by multipane windows and transoms. Cathedral ceilings over the expanded area make it look airier, as well as larger.

"We actually only expanded the footprint of the house by about 120 square feet," says the architect, "but there is a lot going on in the revision."

Indeed. The revision includes two kitchen workstations and room for a professional range. There's now plenty of cabinet space, above and below the Corian counters. And although the cabinets are designed to hold contemporary cookware, they're fashioned from painted wood to maintain the cozy bungalow style. The expanded kitchen also has enough room for a spacious dining table and a convenient desk nook. "It's not a complete home office," Pandula concedes, "but it's the perfect place to balance a checkbook or pay bills."

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Above left A gracious new porch and stairs lead to the backyard, now an ideal spot for outdoor entertaining. **Inset top** Old sliding doors and a shallow balcony offered neither charm nor comfort. **Below** Another new stairway leads to the finished portion of the basement. *See Resource Guide for details.*





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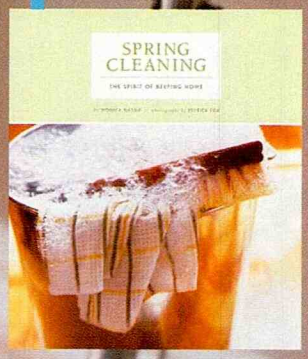

dirty little secret #1 Assign one mop to the wash bucket and another to the rinse bucket so you're never using dirty water on clean spots. If your mops are identical, put a piece of tape on one.

Spring cleaning is a big undertaking. If you just start tackling projects at random, though, you'll soon run into snags. Maybe you'll need to keep running to the store for tools and supplies. Or you'll waste time by scrubbing your kitchen floor before realizing that cleaning your oven will only make it dirty again.

To cut your spring cleaning down to size, you need two simple tools: a notebook and a pen. Walk around your home, notebook in hand, and write down what you see. Be specific—and constructive. "Front hallway may be eligible for federal disaster relief funds" may be accurate but it isn't helpful. Zero in on details, like changing burned-out lightbulbs, spot-cleaning scuff marks on the wall, polishing brass or silver fixtures, and cleaning mirrors. Here, we offer tips, tricks, and reminders for mastering five rooms in the house: the entryway, kitchen, bathroom, living room, and bedroom. ➤

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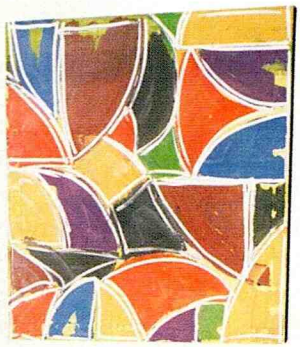

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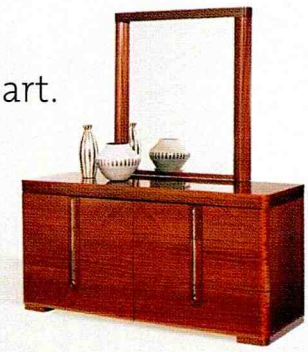

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Entryway

The entryway is a great place to begin. The space is typically small, so a relatively minor investment of time and effort will pay off big. *And* the foyer is one of the most public areas of your home, so you'll make a great first impression on your guests by making it shine. Entry areas tend to accumulate the things we bring in from the outside—mail, briefcases, gym bags—so these floors get the most tracked-in dirt. Start at the top with the ceiling, and work your way down to the floor.

dirty little secret #2 When washing painted walls, rinse each section before moving on—it'll prevent cleanser residue from drying in streaks.

- Remove cobwebs
- Dust light fixtures
- Polish furniture
- Wipe woodwork
- Dust framed artwork
- Shake out doormat
- Replace burned-out bulbs
- Clean mirrors
- Sweep and mop floor
- Wash windows and walls
- Dust and polish architectural details like stair railings
- Unclutter and organize tabletops and other surfaces

Kitchen

If you like getting the biggest, most difficult jobs out of the way, tackle the kitchen next. It's the hub of activity in almost every home. And even though they're hidden from public view, don't forget to clean the interiors of appliances, like the microwave, stove, toaster, and refrigerator. Use some elbow grease and remember to move all countertop appliances to clean beneath them.

- Remove cobwebs
- Wipe cabinet doors
- Spot-clean oil and smoke stains on the ceiling above the range
- Weed out unused pots, pans, and appliances and donate to a local charity
- Dust light fixtures
- Dust, then wash walls
- Thoroughly wash windows
- Sweep and scrub floor
- Empty and completely wipe down cabinet and drawer interiors
- Gather unneeded canned goods for local food bank donation
- Unclutter countertops and other surfaces



dirty little secret #3 Before dusting the ceiling, drape a drop cloth over counters, appliances, and furnishings. Don't forget your goggles!





Screen Saver

We all know to clean our windows regularly, but don't forget about those screens. The **easiest way to clean screens is outdoors** with a garden hose, window cleaner, and scrub brush. But if you don't feel like getting wet or you're an apartment dweller, follow these simple steps:

- **Remove** the screen and rest the bottom edge on the floor with an old towel. **Spot-clean** obvious crud with a scrub brush and a squirt of window cleaner; let dry. Hold a lint-free towel flat against one side of the screen and **vacuum** with the brush attachment of your vacuum cleaner. Keep moving the towel to correspond with the brush so it's always supporting the area of the screen you're vacuuming.
- You can also wash all but the largest screens in a deep laundry sink. Fill the tub with about 6 inches of hot water and a squirt of all-purpose cleaner. **Remove grime** with a scrub brush. Rinse well—soap residue will give dirt something to stick to. Allow to **dry completely** before installing the screen back into the window frame.

Bathroom

The bathroom is one of your most frequently used rooms and (hopefully) gets plenty of cleaning attention throughout the year. Even so, it's time to catch up on less-obvious nooks and crannies.

- Remove cobwebs
- Wash mirrors
- Dust light fixtures
- Empty and wipe down cabinet and drawer interiors
- Remove hard-water residue from showerhead
- Wipe cabinet doors
- Dust, then wash windows and walls
- Unclutter countertops and other surfaces
- Clean countertops and sinks
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- Remove cobwebs
- Dust bookcases, books, and artwork
- Spot- and steam-clean carpet
- Polish wood floor
- Carefully vacuum window treatments
- Polish mantel, candlesticks, and furniture
- Clean fireplace
- Dust, then wash windows and walls
- Polish furniture
- Vacuum behind and under furniture

Bedroom

The ideal bedroom is a sanctuary, your softly upholstered refuge from a world where you have to be clean, pressed, punctual, and ready for anything. Privacy is the bedroom's greatest strength—and its greatest weakness: you don't have to clean the bedroom if company is coming over for dinner. Your bedroom probably won't run away from home, but if neglected for too long, it'll develop some scary characteristics. Because a vigorous cleaning can stir up a lot of dust, schedule your sprucing for a day when you can open all the windows.

- Remove cobwebs
- Unclutter all surfaces
- Collect unneeded clothing for charity
- Dust artwork, lamps, and other decorations
- Polish furniture
- Spot-clean rug
- Carefully vacuum window treatments
- Flip the mattress
- Vacuum behind and under furniture
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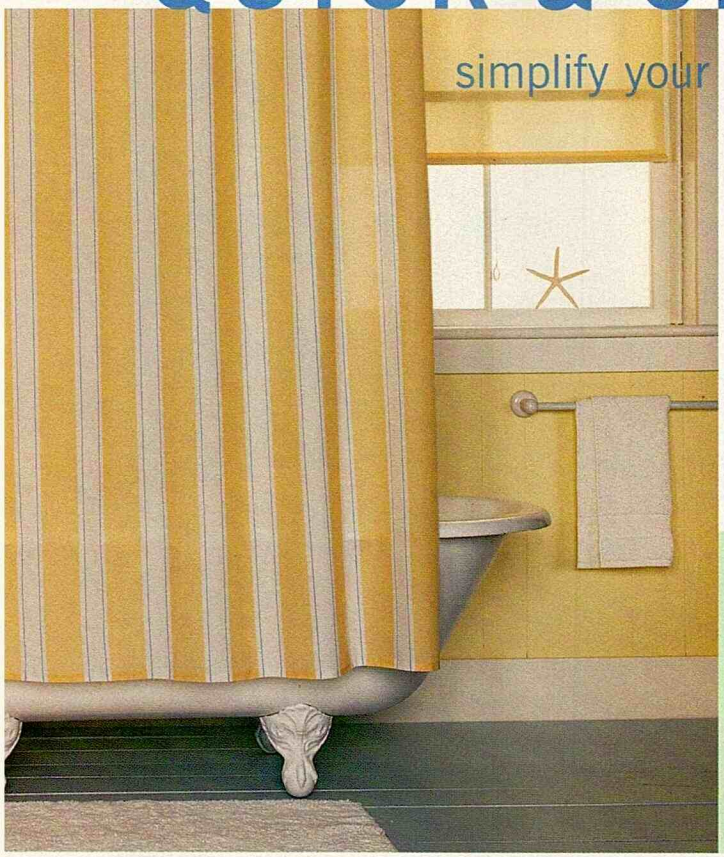

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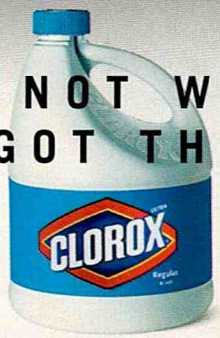

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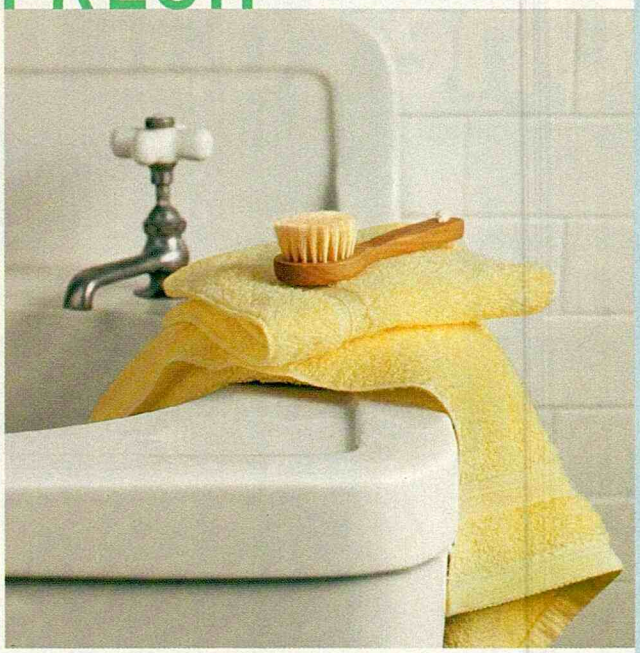

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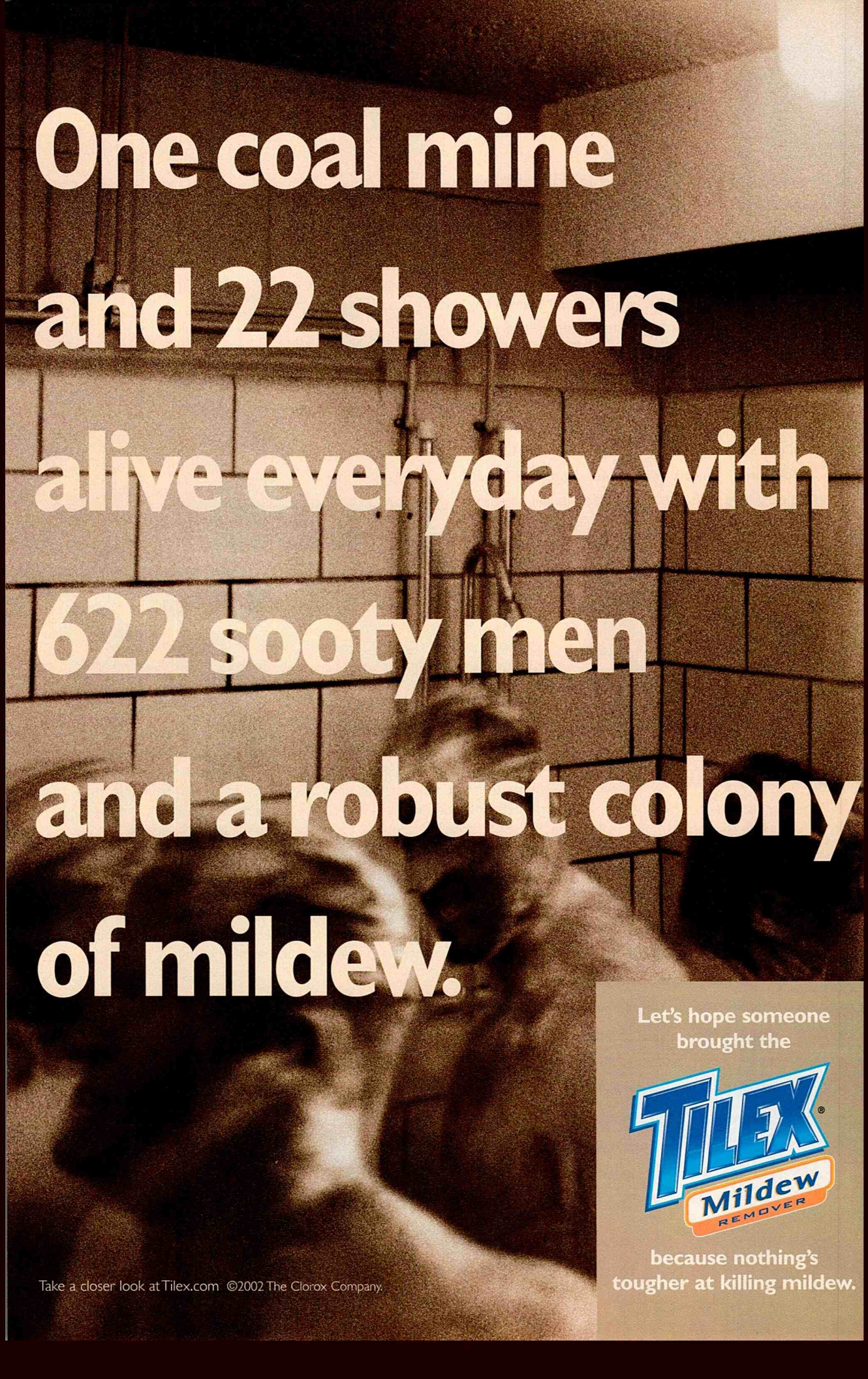
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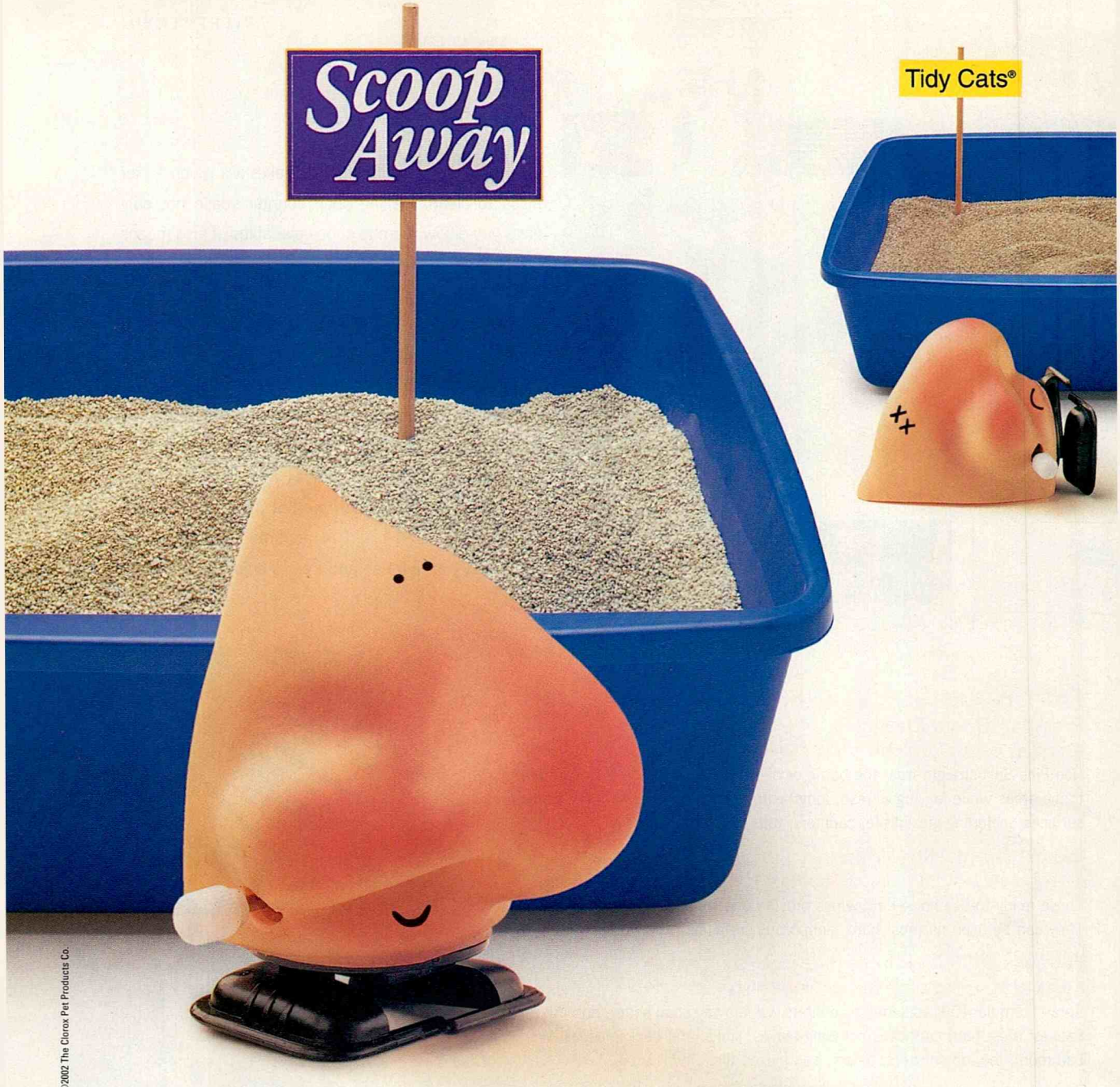

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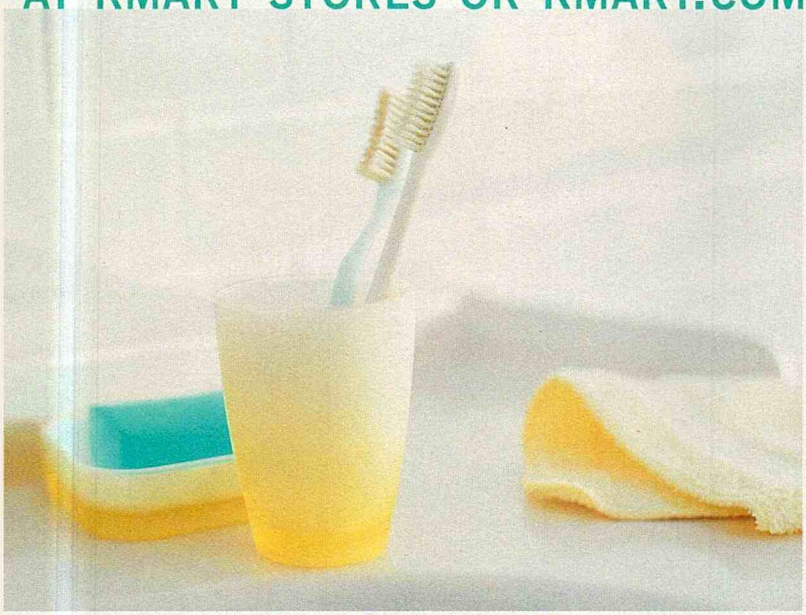

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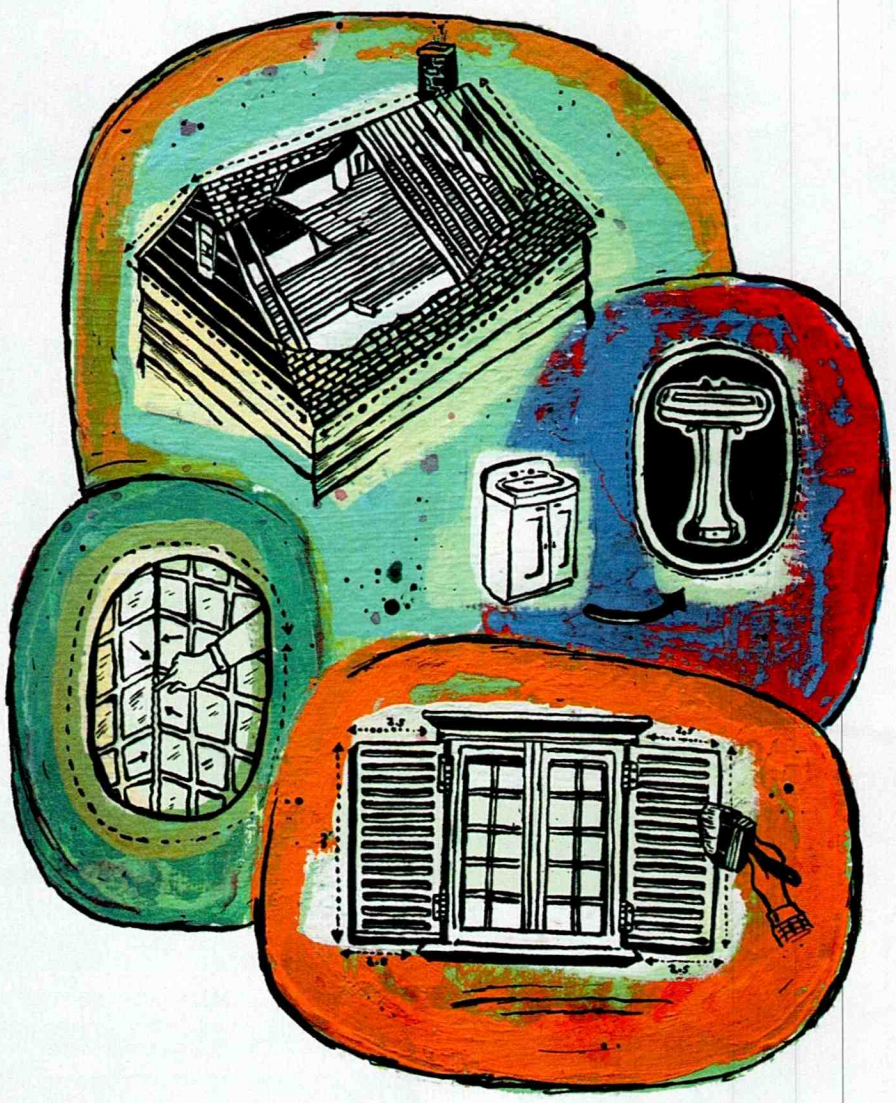

Although we all love our homes (right?!), who doesn't dream of upgrading to bigger and better digs? And in a competitive market, you'll have to leverage every advantage to make your home more attractive to buyers. It's common to let a few maintenance projects slide over the years, but have they slid right off your list? As Dorcas Helfant, a Coldwell Banker broker in Virginia Beach, Virginia, puts it: "If your house were a girl, would you date her?"

Even minor cosmetic improvements, such as a strategically placed garden bench, make a big difference. And remember: Buyers don't use just their eyes. A timeless bit of advice from realtors is to have cookies baking in the oven when prospective buyers arrive.

So look at the whole picture, and don't just focus on the Big Two of home improvement: the kitchen and the bath. Although projects in these rooms offer the biggest return on your investment, many spaces, inside and out, deserve attention. Do a few upgrades now, so you'll actually get to enjoy the results.

1. Replace old doorknobs with brass or glass ones. This only works if your doors are in good shape; chipped and abused doors will look even worse with shiny new knobs.

2. Line the hall closet with cedar board. Instant charm! This homey addition is a bonus feature your competition probably won't have.

3. Go for wider moldings. Most homes have standard 2½-inch molding, but wider versions add character and a custom look. Consider 3½-inch to 4-inch trim for windows and doors and 6-inch for baseboards.

4. Revamp your floors. Are your wood floors banged up, worn, and dirty? Treat them to a rewaxing or new coat of polyurethane.

5. Switch the bathroom sink to a shapely pedestal model. Done carefully, this relatively stress-free and inexpensive project can make cramped bathrooms appear larger by increasing the visible floor space. Plus, it's a streamlined look.

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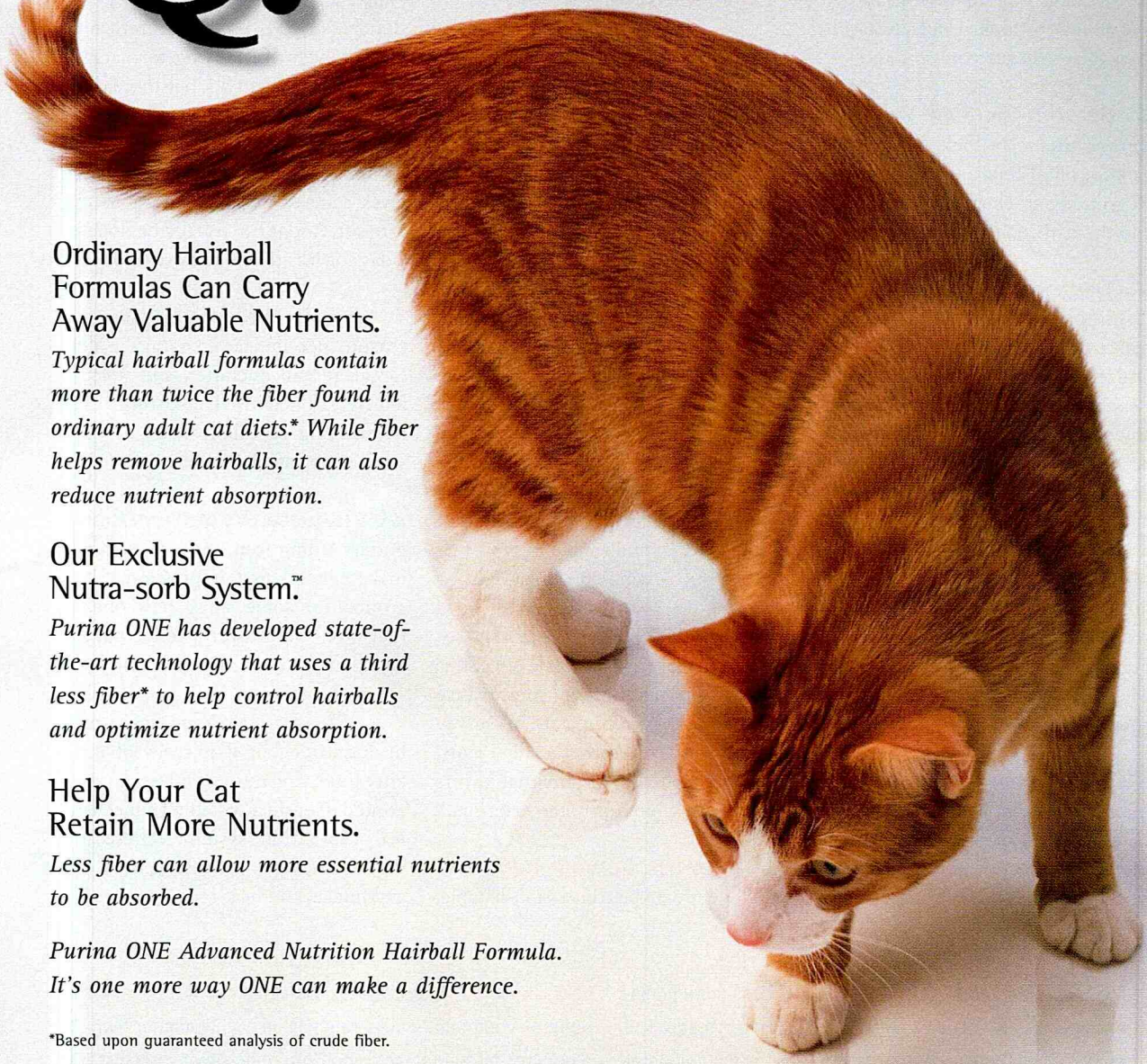

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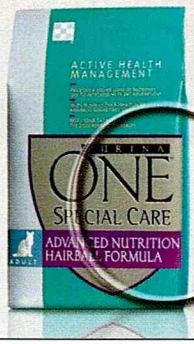

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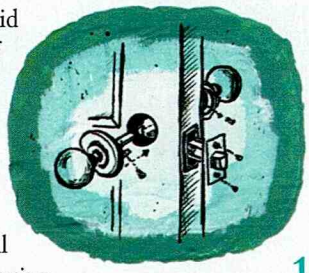
6. Add new light fixtures. It's a quick way to improve the ambience and get a cohesive look.

7. Update your bathroom vanity. Consider vanities and coordinating mirrors; they're inexpensive and easy to install. Face it: We all love to look at ourselves—that goes for prospective buyers, too.

8. Regrout the tiles. Your tub or shower tiles may look fine, but the grout around them probably doesn't. Regrouting is cheaper than retiling, and the bathroom will sparkle.

9. Ditch those ancient kitchen appliances. Short of a complete makeover, it's the easiest way to modernize this important room. Realtors tell us to avoid anything, regardless of its period, that dates your kitchen.



10. Install a fireplace. We know you dream about sitting all cozy in front of a roaring fireplace, and so will potential buyers when they see yours. This isn't a do-it-yourself job, so consult a contractor.

11. Update your windows. Many new windows have specially coated double-paned glass and are extremely energy efficient. They're worth the investment.

12. Convert the attic. The fact that you have one in the first place is a selling point, but why not turn it into an art studio or guest room to enhance your total square footage?

13. Trim hedges to below window height. This minor fix greatly improves curb appeal. Many buyers rate a place from the street first, so exterior maintenance is huge.

14. Flaunt your front door. It's the first thing guests see; spring for a new brass knocker and handle to show that you're house-proud.

15. Paint the house. It's hard to overestimate the effect this has on buyers. But be conservative with color. According to a survey done by Sears Weatherbeater Paints, almost 40 percent of potential buyers still prefer white for home exteriors.

16. Spruce up your backyard. Add a garden bench, a stylish table, and lanterns. These minor details add charm, as do fresh plantings. Consider installing a modest brick patio or terrace to make the yard feel more functional and inviting.

17. Enlarge your garage. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) says that most new home buyers are looking for garages that hold not just two, but three cars!

18. Plant a perennial border. This inexpensive, colorful project gives a massive beauty boost to the exterior. And it can usually be done in a day for less than a hundred dollars.

19. Clean the garage. There's a reason people have garage sales. Organize and unclutter, and sell the leftovers. Then install tall, sturdy utility shelving or cabinets to get what you've kept off the floor.

20. Replace the gutters. Rusted gutters falling from the house do not make a good first impression. Shop around for some shiny new ones—they won't turn a prospective buyer's head, but that's exactly the point.

21. Deodorize! Your home may be beautiful, but if it reeks of dirty kitty litter, don't expect buyers to stick around. Consider installing a mechanical ventilation system. There are three basic types: exhaust, exhaust and intake, and heat recovery.

help is here

For big projects like **kitchen remodeling,** consider a home-equity loan—which is essentially a second mortgage. The equity you've built up in your home provides the collateral. But beware! A second mortgage isn't for everyone.

- "You have to decide: **Is this a project that will add value to your home?"** says Greg McBride, a senior financial analyst at bankrate.com, a personal finance website. "People have the mistaken impression that if they invest $10,000 in renovating their home, it's automatically worth $10,000 more, which isn't necessarily the case."
- **The benefits?** Interest rates are at historic lows (in general, your home-equity rate will be slightly higher than a primary mortgage), and since you're borrowing against the equity, **you can deduct the interest from your taxes.** If you want or need to incur debt, it's much more efficient and sensible than whipping out the plastic.
- Home-equity **loans are an excellent tool,** but not if you're planning to move in the near future. You'll end up getting less back at closing; the longer you stay in the house, the more you get your money's worth.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Inset The other living areas of the 2003 Dream House appeared in *Home's* February 2003 issue. **This page** The centerpiece of the master bath is the Sök Overflowing tub with Chromatherapy and Laminar faucets, all by Kohler, set into an alcove with windows by Andersen.

Destination Home *part two*

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How do you create a dream kitchen? Start with wide-open spaces, add lots of counters, then create two expansive work islands, one with a breakfast bar and the other with a hardworking professional-style sink. Throw in a 48-inch gas range with a custom integrated vent hood and a matching freezer and refrigerator hidden behind elegant wooden panels. Build in a wall oven, a microwave, and a warming drawer. Toss in a built-in espresso center, two sets of refrigerator drawers, a trash compactor, and an under-the-counter wine cooler. Then situate the kitchen so that it opens onto a high-ceilinged great room with a baronial fireplace *and* a media center and, just out the door, add a covered patio with a fireplace and beefy gas grill. Embellish it all with sweeping sunset views across a jaw-dropping pool, and you will have created, more or less, the kitchen of the 2003 Dream House that *Home Magazine* has built in Las Vegas.

To fashion this dream kitchen and several baths, along with a whole house full of fantasy amenities (for more on the rest of our 2003 Dream House, see "Destination Home" in the February 2003 issue of *Home Magazine*), we began by assembling a focus group of women homeowners and asking them what they would want most if they could design their own dream houses. What emerged over and over again was the word *livability*. With builder Chris Stuhmer; architect Mark Scheurer; interior designer Chris Johnson; and our collaborator, *Builder Magazine*, we created a design that blended expansive spaces and intimate places, and filled it with creative features that enhance its livability. Despite its custom 10,000-square-foot floor plan, this is a home dedicated to personal space, all of it created using off-the-shelf building products available anywhere in the country. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the kitchen and 11 bathrooms scattered throughout the house (in the interest of economy, we are only showing you six of them here).

This personalized livability is most clearly evident in the kitchen. Although it is large, it is not outsize. It is designed to organize various functions into distinct zones within a manageable space. At one end is the hardworking preparation area with the range, side-by-side Sub-Zero freezer and refrigerator, and a working island with a large Kohler Pro TaskCenter sink





Left A 48-inch Wolf gas range anchors the pro-grade kitchen. **Above** The Miele coffee system in the pantry makes quick latte breaks a simple matter. **Opposite** A Kohler Pro TaskCenter sink provides the working heart of the variegated walnut butcher-block island.


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DESPITE ITS CUSTOM LOOKS AND LUXE STYLING, VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING IN OUR DREAM HOUSE IS AVAILABLE OFF-THE-SHELF FROM SUPPLIERS IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY

These pages Rough stone walls and a dark-metal hearth and vent hood wrapped around a Wolf gas range, provide a rugged counterpoint to the paneled built-in Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer, and the Wolf wall oven, microwave, and warming drawer. In the foreground, the second island features a Kohler ProAvatar faucet and stainless Undertone sink.





EVERY BATH IN THIS HOME IS ACCESSORIZED WITH SOFT AND HOMEY ADORNMENTS THAT BRING CHIC ELEGANCE DOWN TO THE PERSONAL LEVEL

that is equipped with a high-arched chef-style faucet with a pulldown sprayer. At the other end, bordering the great room and the outdoor patio, is the entertaining area. The second island is designed for dining and socializing. Along the adjacent wall under the windows are a wine rack and a Sub-Zero wine cooler. It is easy to make oneself at home in any of several little nooks that this design creates. A key note of the design is the use of finishes that connect the kitchen to the wide-open spaces beyond the doors. The stone veneer (made with faux or "cultured" stone) on the wall behind the stove is carried on to the exterior walls of the covered patio, just outside, in a theme that is seen throughout the house.

The master bath located on the second floor (adjacent to the master bedroom, naturally) is another area where a



sense of place has trumped space. It incorporates two separate sink and vanity areas, two enclosed toilets (one with a bidet), a shower with multiple body sprays, and a jetted soaking tub featuring underwater "chromatherapy" that creates a colorful aquatic light show in your bath to help you relax or refresh, depending on the settings you choose.

Throw in a shared master dressing room with makeup vanity, and his and her walk-in closets, and the bath area of the master suite dwarfs the actual bedroom. But for those couples who prefer not to have to do *everything* together, it is an ideal design. Two people can easily go about their daily ablutions, or get ready for a night on the town—and in Las Vegas, that is no simple exercise—without crawling over each other to get in front of a mirror.

All of the other baths around the home continue this theme of individualized touches. The designer, Chris Johnson, has worked diligently to create a rich and traditional look in some rooms and a sleek, more contemporary style in others. In the second upstairs bath, for example, she used creamy Walker Zanger tiles to cover the vanity countertop, giving it a light yet gracious country style. In others, such as the master bath, Johnson has used elegant chocolate brown marble, which is used there as the countertop material for both the his and hers vanities, as well as for the dressing vanity, all of which feature dark-wood cabinetry. In some baths, such as in the formal powder room and in the third upstairs bath, she has used countertop sinks to create an artfully sculpted look. In other baths, she has used undermounted sinks to give the room a clean, more elegant and finished style. In the small powder room adjacent to the tower office, she has used an integrated sink and stand to give the bath a sharp simplicity that works well with its strictly business location.

Large luxurious mirrors are a consistent theme in most of the baths of our dream house. They are not there simply for primping, but as a way of visually exploding the often small spaces into much larger rooms.

Every bath in this home is also accessorized with an abundance of comfort-inducing adornments that bring all of the elegance and style down to the personal level. Simple touches like a quilted shower curtain, as in the second upstairs bath, can quickly lift any bath out of the ordinary and into the realm of dreamy sanctuary.

Storage is another prime consideration in all of these baths. Nothing kills style more quickly than clutter, so each bath is designed with lots of niches and shelves integrated into the walls and tub surrounds, creating simple storage solutions that are never far from reach. Large cabinets, along with strategically located closets, fill out the agenda of easy-to-reach stashes. Lighting that is both ample and creatively rendered is the final element that gives these baths their oomph. So even if you don't have a 10,000-square-foot custom home in your future, there are lots of ideas here to bring home.

ideas to steal

Looking for ways to turn your kitchen and baths into dream spaces? The design strategies shown in this house are very simple and easy to transfer:

1. Rich materials inspire rich designs. **Splurge on a few expensive finishes,** especially for your master bath or kitchen. These will set the standard for your other design decisions, and if you are clever about choosing fixtures, you won't have to bust your budget.
2. Approach each bathroom as a **new adventure,** a unique project. Avoid creating a series of cookie-cutter bathrooms within a single house. Mix it up; use different palettes, styles, and finishes.
3. Make your kitchen **the social center of your home** by creating space for lots of complementary family activities, such as cooking and socializing.



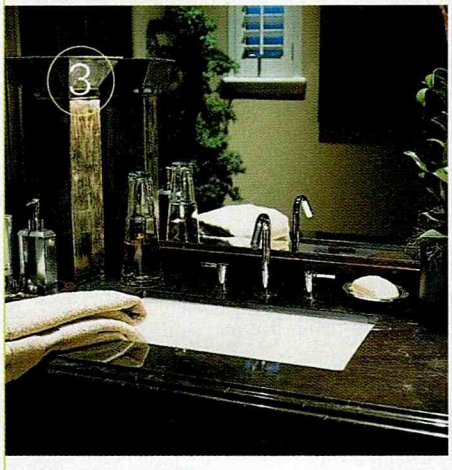
Opposite top The bath in the third upstairs bedroom offers a stainless Timpani sink and a Falling Water wall-mounted faucet from Kohler. **Opposite** The formal powder room uses a Hex Strata lav sink in Biscuit and a Stillness faucet, all by Kohler, set on a marble countertop against a backdrop of Walker Zanger tiles. **Right** Classic white Kohler Memoirs fixtures, off-white cabinets, and cream-and-white Walker Zanger tiles create a perfect blend of soothing color in the second upstairs bath. *See Shopping Resources for details.*

design details



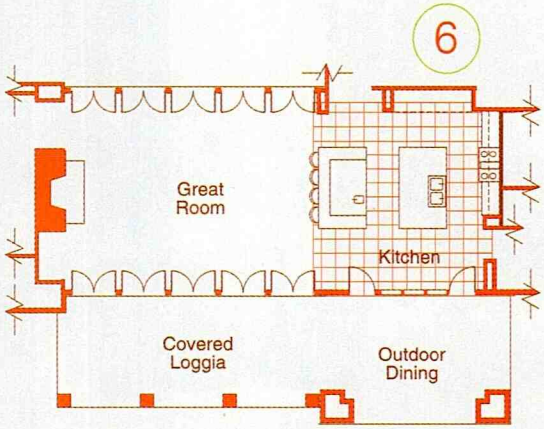
1. The 48-inch Wolf gas range features four dual burners and a 22-inch French Top, which produces high heat in the center and lower temperatures at the outside, allowing you to sauté in the center and simmer on the edge. **2. Roman shades** in the kitchen (see page 81) have a rich diamond pattern. **3."Her" sink in the master bath** features a Kathryn undercounter sink and a Stillness deck-mounted faucet, both from Kohler, set into a rich brown marble countertop. **4. A luxury bath needs** a shower with multiple heads. This one has four Kohler MasterShower body sprays and tiles by Walker Zanger. **5. The powder room of the tower office** features an Iron Works Tellieur sink and console table from Kohler. **6. The kitchen's floor plan** shows its close relationship to the great room and the outdoor entertaining spaces.











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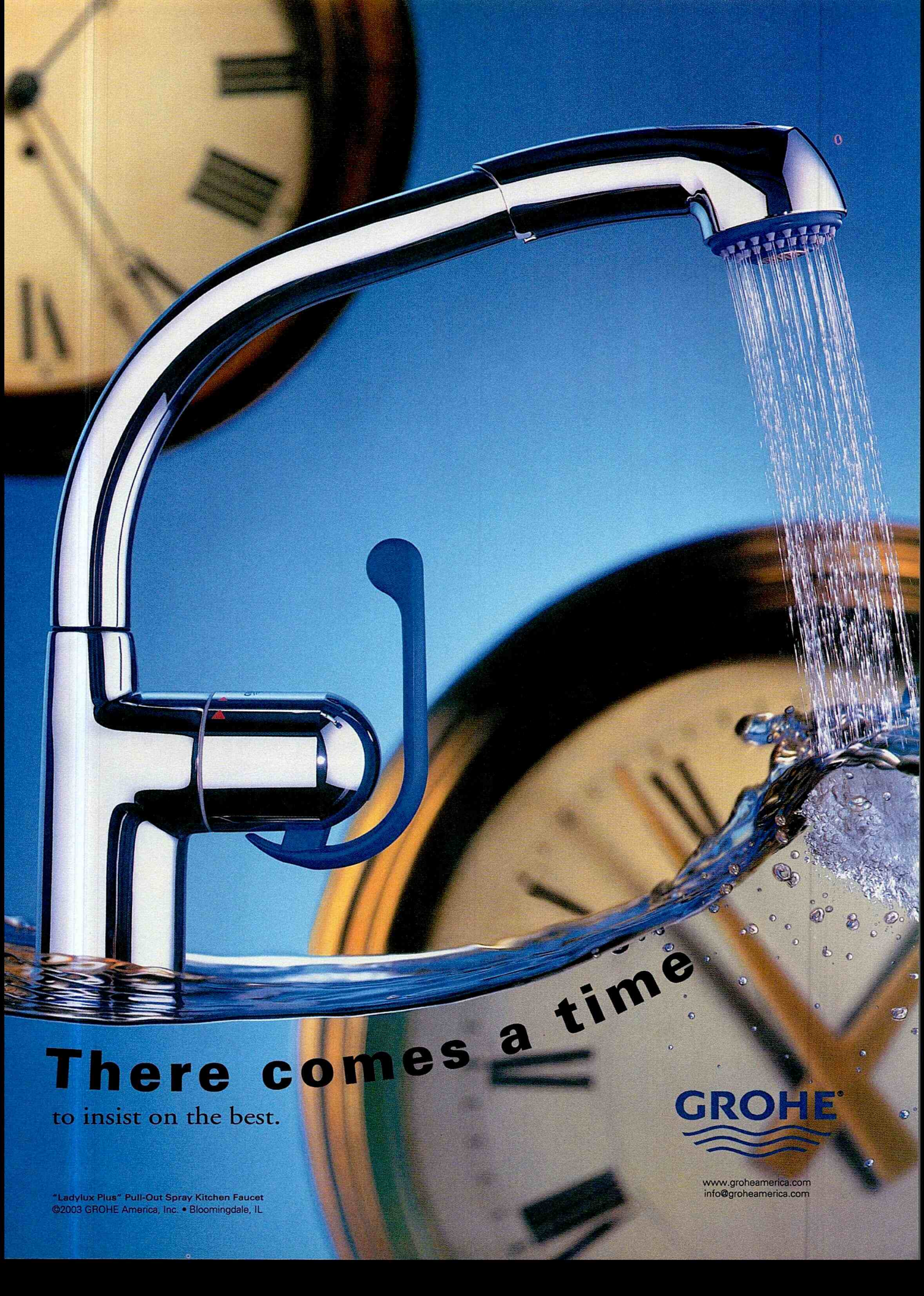
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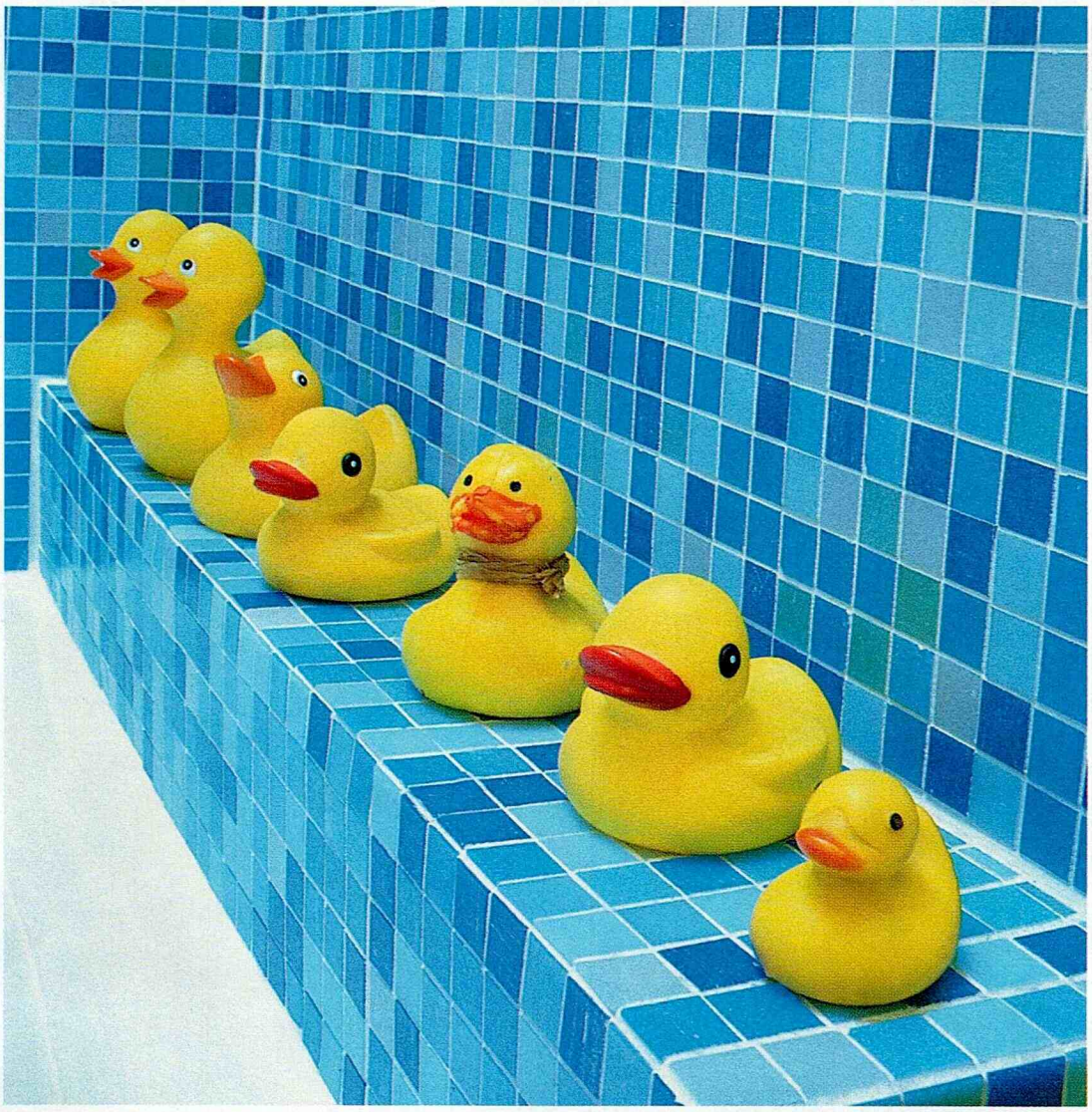

Just so you know, we won't be hurt if you tear out your favorite pages for your planning file. In fact, we encourage it, especially if you're thinking about a dream kitchen or a perfect bath. Getting these two rooms just right entails myriad questions and decisions, which is why this issue focuses on these two complex spaces. To help you get all of your ducks in a row, we've put together a collection of terrific kitchens and baths. The ideas are yours for the taking.

come and get 'em

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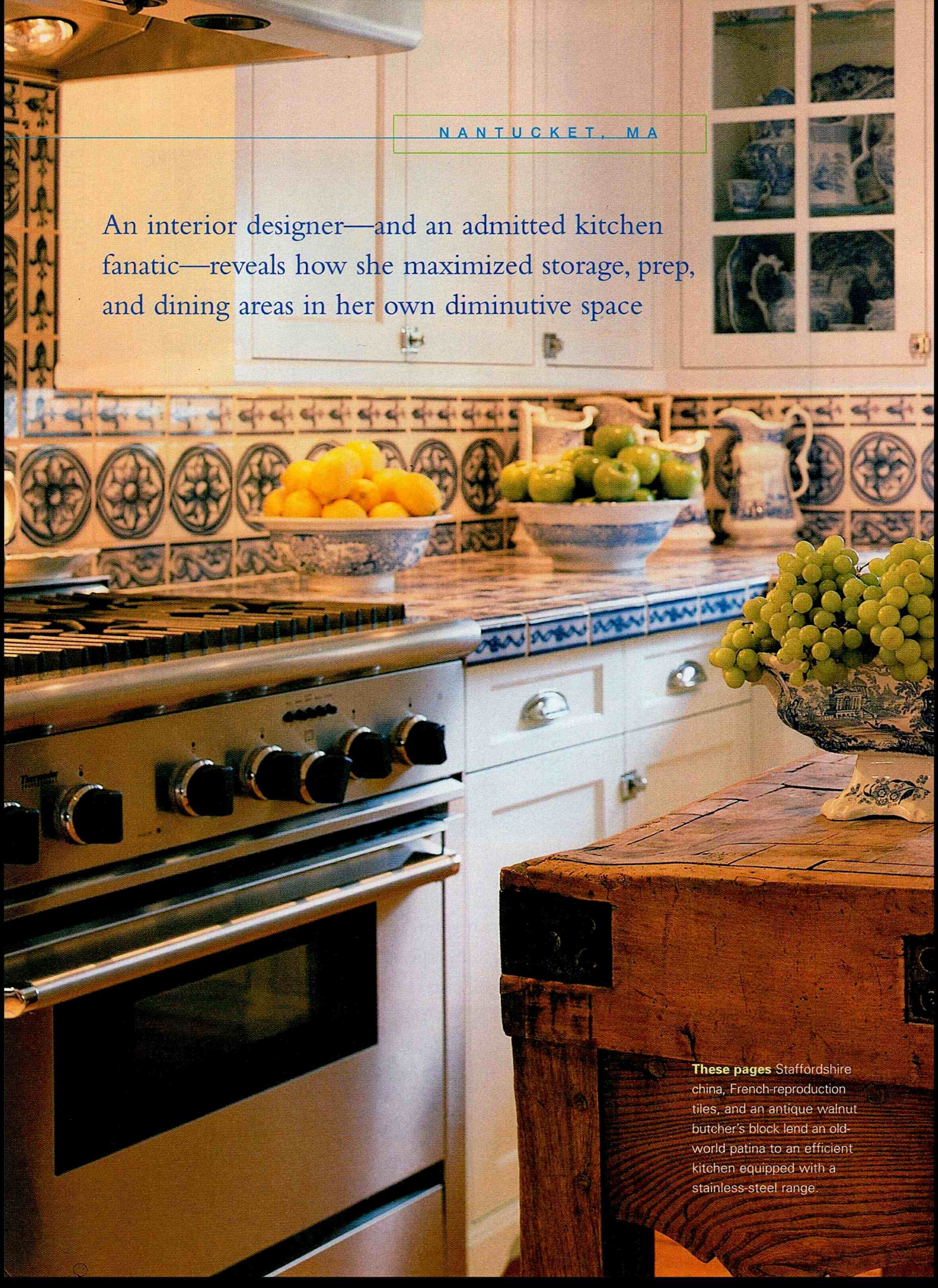
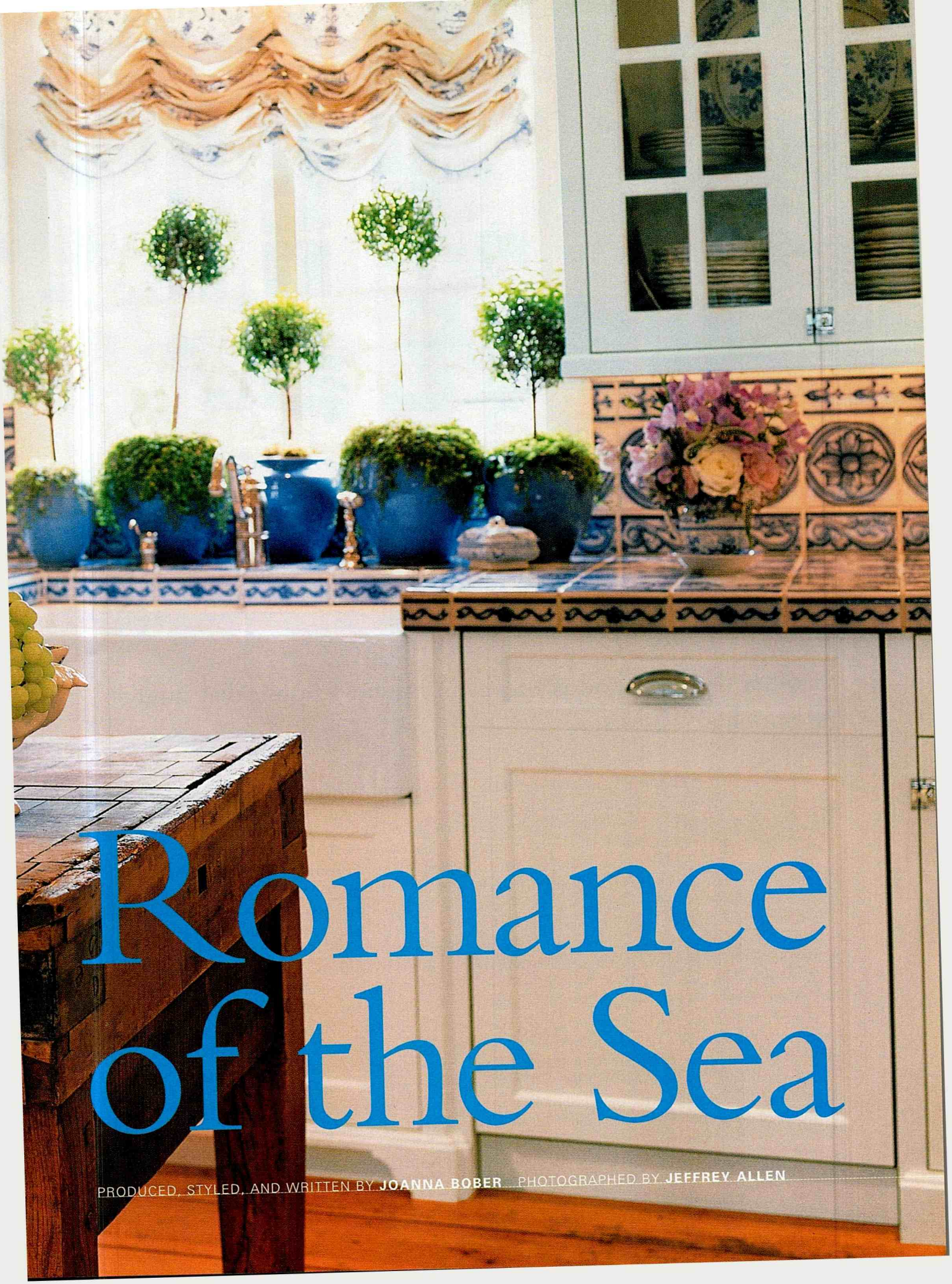
An interior designer—and an admitted kitchen fanatic—reveals how she maximized storage, prep, and dining areas in her own diminutive space



These pages Staffordshire china, French-reproduction tiles, and an antique walnut butcher's block lend an old-world patina to an efficient kitchen equipped with a stainless-steel range.



Romance of the Sea

PRODUCED, STYLED, AND WRITTEN BY **JOANNA BOBER** PHOTOGRAPHED BY **JEFFREY ALLEN**





Left The kitchen faucets are placed 8 inches away from the windowsill, making it easier to clean. **Above** Custom cabinets with specially designed storage face the large table, defining the space as the dining area. *See Resource Guide for details.*

"I often try unorthodox moves in my own house that might be difficult to convince a client to do," Valliere laughs

When interior designer Wendy Valliere planned the custom kitchen in her charming, three-bedroom Nantucket home, she pulled out all the stops. A courageous, avowed kitchen fanatic, she says: "I'll often try things in my own house that might be difficult to convince someone else to do," she laughs. She volunteers one of her most unorthodox moves: placing her kitchen faucets a good 8 inches away from the facing windowsill to make the area easier to clean up.

Working with the Wooster, Massachusetts–based custom cabinetmakers, Woodmeister, Valliere conceived a simple plan to maximize storage and dining space in the somewhat small room. She started out by walling off an awkward passageway that led to the adjoining living room. With the doorway gone, she gained an extra wall of cabinets and created a more balanced, U-shaped cooking area.

Because she didn't want to cut the beautiful blue-and-white hand-painted tiles she'd chosen for her countertops and backsplash, she decided to design the cabinetry around them. As a result, she added about 6 inches to the depth of the cabinets below, allowing for deep drawers and shelves.

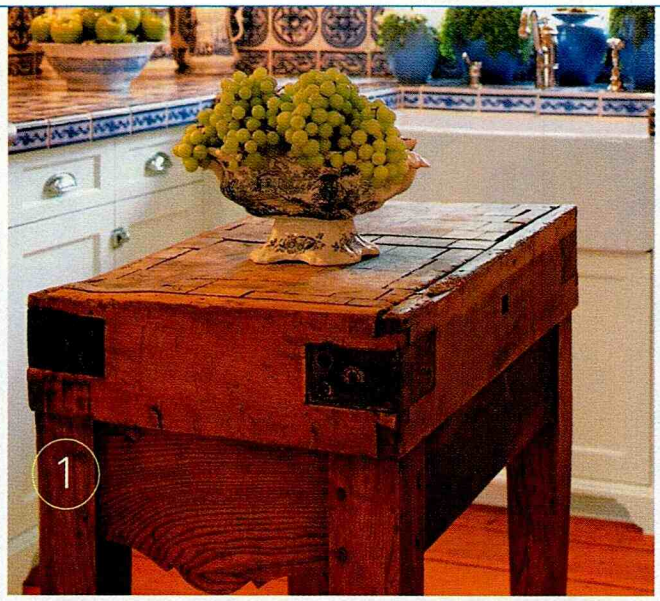
"I gained almost as much space as if I'd had an island," she says. Instead of an island, she used a well-worn antique walnut butcher's block, found in a Paris flea market, to provide the extra work surface. She covered most of the appliances ("I hate to see the microwave," she notes) with clean, wooden cabinetry to keep the space uncluttered. The dining space, at the other end of the room, faces more formal cabinets that suggest a separate area.

An avid collector of Staffordshire china, which she uses every day, Valliere displays the blue-and-white patterned pieces in glass-front cabinets. Distressed-glass panes and nickel latches lend the cabinets an antiquelike appearance.

The kitchen has its brilliant, odd details, including a built-in breadbox; an electrical outlet every 6 inches along the countertop; and deep, roll-out shelves for pots and other heavy cooking equipment.

Valliere has thought of every detail, right down to lining her drawers with jeweler's felt to protect her superb collection of silver flatware and serving pieces from tarnishing in the salty Nantucket sea air.

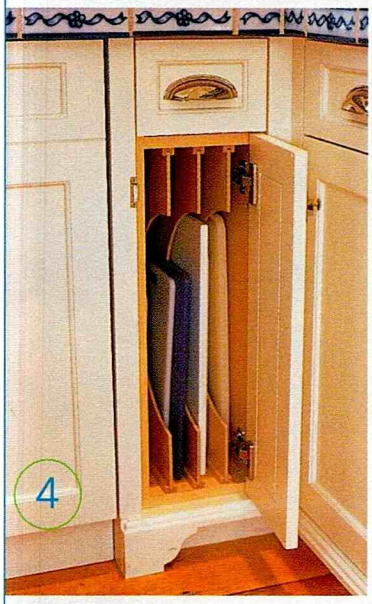
design details

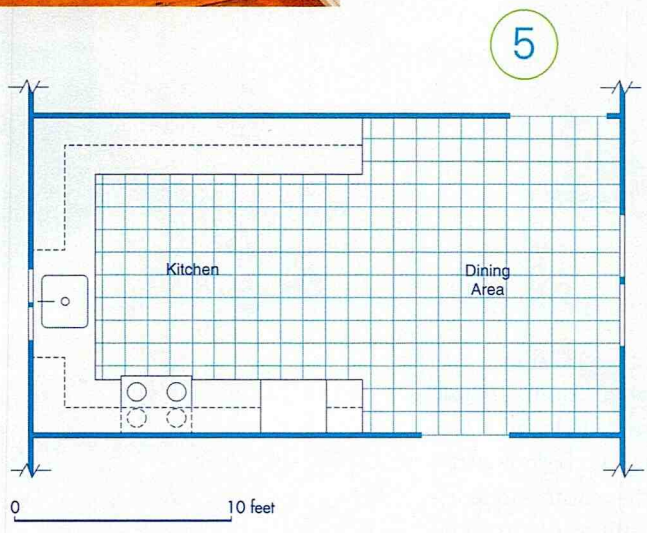




1. Valliere found this antique walnut butcher's block at a Paris flea market during one of her professional buying trips. She opted to use the butcher block, rather than build a large new island, because its smaller size works better within the dimensions of the kitchen. **2. The uncluttered lines of a Thermador stainless-steel range** contrast with the surrounding tile and white cabinetry with classic bin pulls. **3. A hidden built-in bread cabinet** helps keep the countertop clean. **4. Valliere stores cutting boards** and baking sheets in tall, slotted bins. **5. A U-shaped floor plan** maximizes the kitchen's functionality, while leaving space for a separate dining area.







product picks

- **Tiles** Hand-painted faience (also available in a production line) based on a French tile from the 19th century. From Country Floors; 212-627-8300, countryfloors.com.
- **Paint** in Oyster Bisque by Benjamin Moore; 800-826-2623, benjaminmoore.com.
- **Fabric** #J125F in Tamora Blue designed by Jane Churchill and available through Cowtan & Tout (to the trade only); 212-647-6900.

BATHED IN COLOR

Forget white. Here are 10 bright and beautiful bathrooms where color works its magic

PRODUCED BY **LAURA DYE LANG** WRITTEN BY **SUSAN HILLSTROM**

For some, the bath is a place to slow down and soak. Others like to rev up and get ready for the day with a quick trip in and out of the shower. Whatever the mood, there's a color to match it. Blue will calm and soothe you; red will perk you up. And some colors—soft yellows, earthy greens—will do both. Let our tour of 10 colorful, inventive baths inspire you.



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blue note

Interior designer Phelps Dillon of Southeastern Galleries in Charleston, South Carolina, drenched this powder room in **bold blue**, then accented it with **white for a crisp look.** Part of a new house by Chatham Builders of Fairhope, Alabama, the bath boasts a custom-made Corian vanity with a curvy top; 19th-century-style fittings come complete with a soap dish. On the counter, the graceful scalloped bowl by American Standard is actually a vessel-type sink.



sun spot

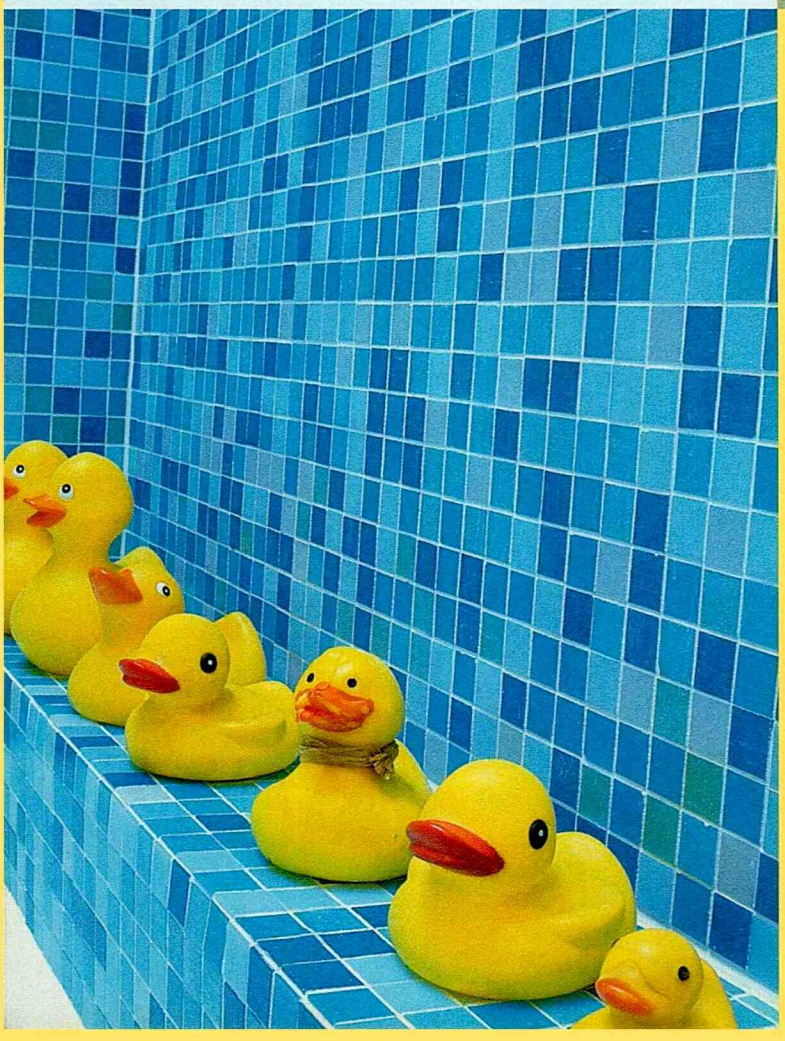
When Rick Emmert, president of S.A. Maxwell, a wallcovering manufacturer, decided to spruce up a guest bathroom in his house on Chicago's North Shore, he and his company's design consultants chose a **sunshine-yellow wallpaper** accented with stylized **metallic gold bees**. Part of Maxwell's new Winnetka Collection, inspired by French decorating themes, this pattern re-creates a historic design with gilt bees from the Napoleonic era. Serving two guest bedrooms—one papered in lime green and pink, the other in yellow and blue—the sunny room offers visitors a cheery wake-up call.



turn on the juice

A bright orange Corian countertop, above, provides a jolt of citrusy orange to this large ultrasleek bathroom in a New York City loft. Designed by architect Rachael Gray of Work Architecture and Design in New York, the room avoids punch-drunk brilliance thanks to **subtle blue-green walls** (covered in Corian as well), sleek stainless-steel fixtures, and mirrors.





yellow, yellow

Designed by New York City architect Ted Porter of Ryall Porter for a small home in New Albany, Mississippi, this under-eave **guest bath,** above, gets its happy disposition from a shower wall and bench covered in **bright yellow tile.** Says Porter, "We wanted a burst of primary yellow to reflect the light that comes in the shower window."

splish splash

Chosen because they "shimmer like water" and match the fish in the wallcovering, tiny glass tiles in a mosaic of **turquoise, blue, green, and white** form a backdrop and handy storage ledge for the bathtub in this Atlanta child's bath, left. "We wanted something **playful, fun, and refreshing** for my son," says homeowner Karen Varsha, a photographer, who put together the room with designer Wallace Bryan of Bryan Design in Atlanta.



mix it up

A swathe of colorful ceramic tile—**bright yellow and vivid turquoise squares in a dove-gray background**—on the tub surround and floor make a visual splash in this Seattle bath. Seattle architects Margot Arellano and Philip Christofides restricted hot colors to this tilescape, floating the rest of the room in hopeful off-whites and light wood. "**We didn't want vibrant color everywhere;** we thought it would be too busy," they say. A clever feature—the framed mirror conceals storage built into the wall above the tub; when privacy is an issue, it glides over to cover a window that looks out on spectacular Mt. Washington.

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green room

Color experts nominate **green as the most restful color**—so it's a perfect choice for this master bath, above and inset, where **soft apple-green** cabinetry and a leafy toile wallcovering establish a tranquil setting. **Inspired by the fruit and flowers** in the wallcovering, the mellow green appears also in the tile work, the framed vanity mirror, and the tub surround, underscoring the nature-inspired ambience of this calming retreat.



purple haze

Associated with both royalty and spirituality, purple has surrounded this shower, left, with serenity. To keep the bright shade from overwhelming the room, the owners **muted it by sponging and dabbing** the wall paint to create a soft patina. Reinforcing the timeless quality are a stately decorative column standing at the edge of the shower and an antique-style lace shower curtain.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY BILL GEDDES/BEATEWORKS (GREEN), PLANELLS/INSIDE/BEATEWORKS.COM (PURPLE), FRASER/INSIDE/BEATEWORKS.COM (RED), AND DAVID FRAZIER (SAGE). SAGE: STYLED BY CHARLES RILEY; BUILDER: GARY BUMPASS; BATH PRODUCTS: CASWELL MASSEY; CANDLES: AROMATIQUE

red alert

Some all-white rooms lack warmth and character; but in this light and airy master bath, **strategic splashes of red**—the most energizing of all colors—save the day. A bold red cross affixed to the wall above the tub rescues the room from sterility. Thick red towels, stainless-steel sinks, and a pine floor add punches of contrast and texture.





sage advice

Gray-green walls and honey-sand cabinets, the dominant shades in this opulent Houston master bath, left and below, evoke the Lone Star landscape, says Larry James, whose firm designed the house. **"You find sage all over Texas,"** says James, "and the honey tones of the built-ins recall the light-colored stone in the Hill Country." The light-brown granite on the floor, tub surround, and shower suits this naturalistic palette to a big T. *See Resource Guide for details.*



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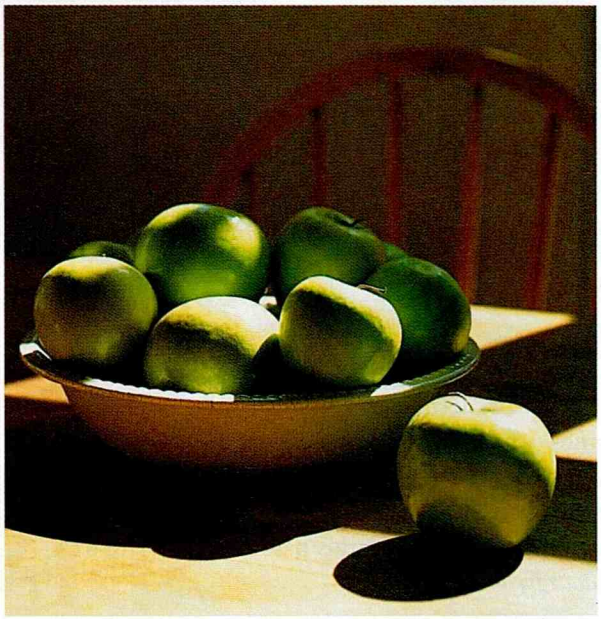
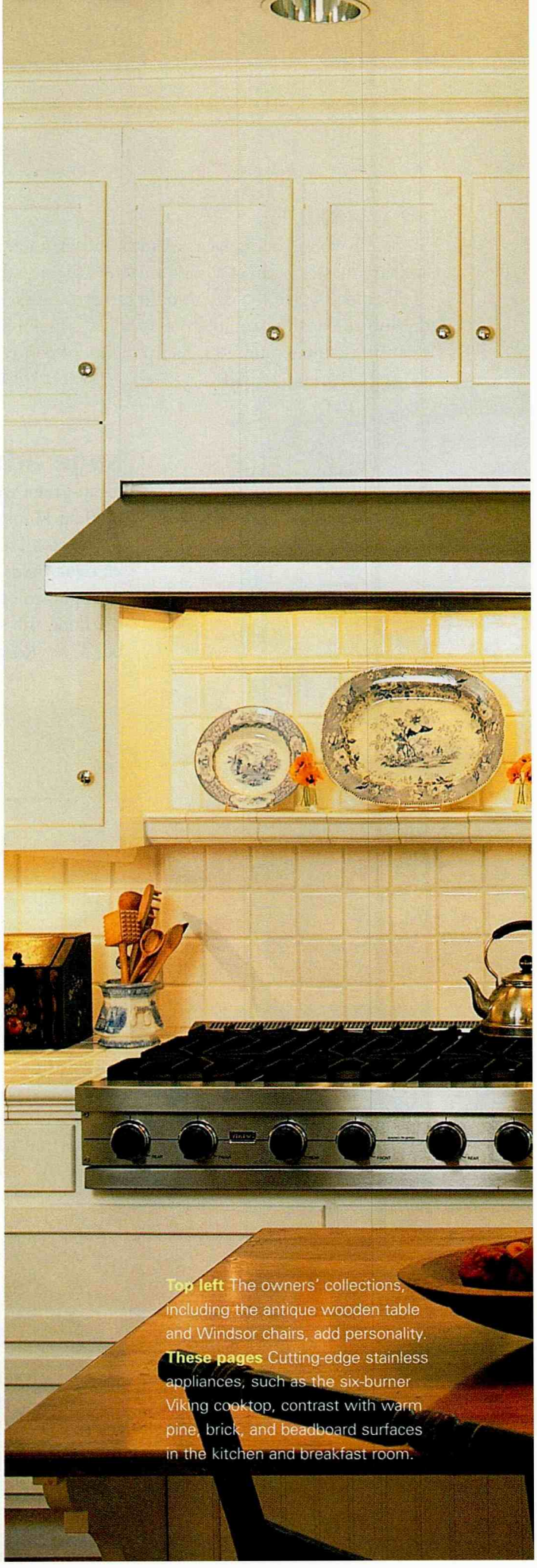


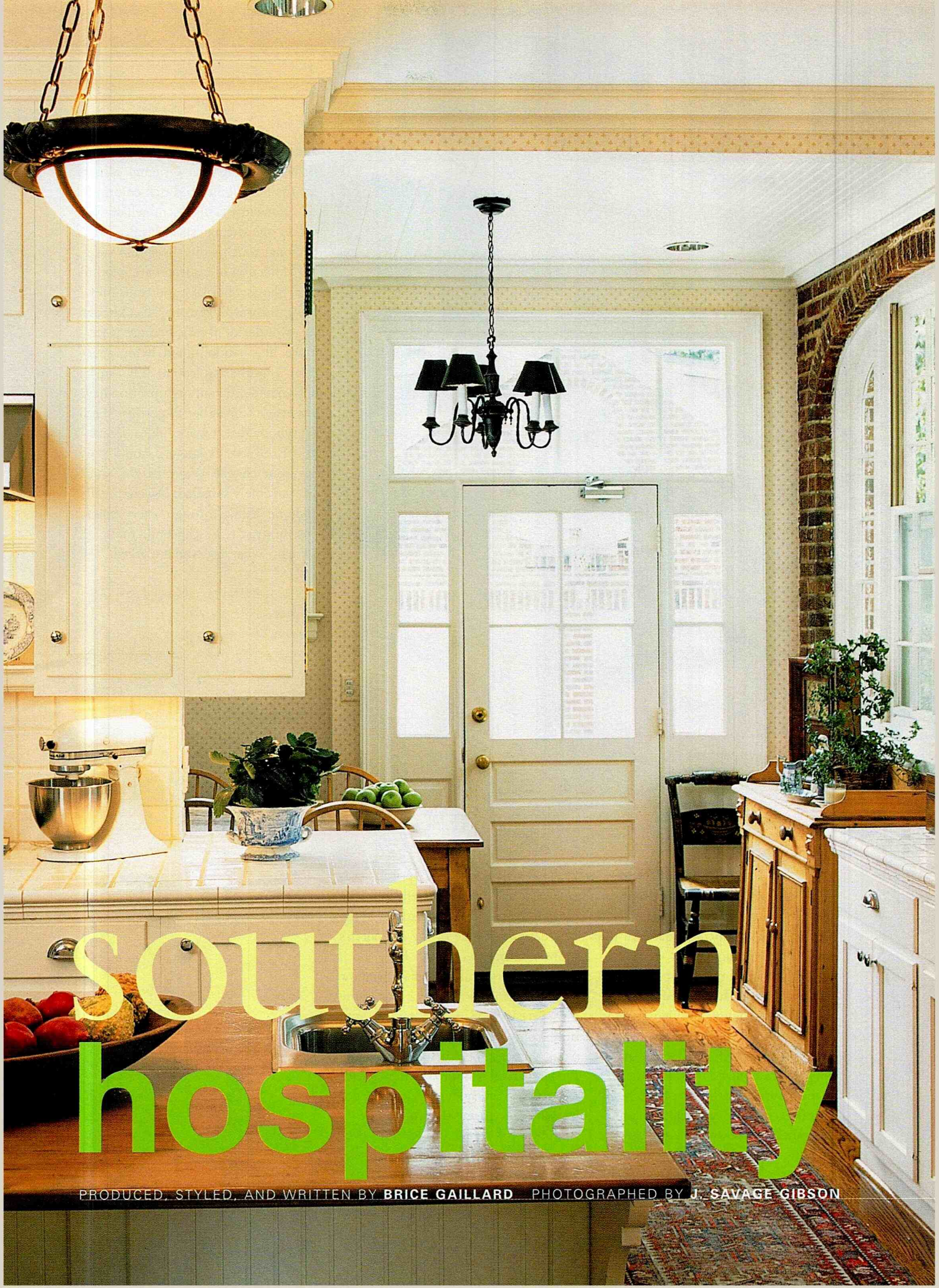
FAMILY-FRIENDLY UPDATES TO A 1950s KITCHEN EVOKE THE HOME'S GRACIOUS GEORGIAN STYLE

For more than 30 years, Broward and Gooch Milam have lived in one of the leading examples of Georgian Revival-style residential architecture in Jacksonville, Florida. The kitchen, however, didn't live up to the home's architectural pedigree. "I loved my kitchen; our family had literally lived in there," says Broward, the lady of the house. A vivacious North Carolina transplant, she cherished the existing kitchen's counter space and storage.

"It was already a joyful place with good natural light," says kitchen designer Neena Corbin, who spearheaded this update. But the last renovation to the 1928 house was done way back in the midcentury-modern '50s, and a change was long overdue. Yellow-and-aqua tiles were well past their prime, and dented GE metal cabinets, then state-of-the-art, featured outdated fluorescent lights underneath and inside that no longer functioned.



Top left The owners' collections, including the antique wooden table and Windsor chairs, add personality. **These pages** Cutting-edge stainless appliances, such as the six-burner Viking cooktop, contrast with warm pine, brick, and beadboard surfaces in the kitchen and breakfast room.



southern hospitality

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and furniture-style feet to the island. Broward brought in Oriental carpets for their durability and rich color.

Neena insists that "so much of what makes [the kitchen] special is Broward's personal touch—the silver bud vases, her collection of transferware, blooming plants, books, and antiques." Now, Broward likens her new kitchen to a wonderful library, because it feels more like a book-lined living space than a utilitarian room. The smart design and efficient organization have put everything at her fingertips. "I tell everybody that it works like a breeze," says Broward. "I knew I would only have one chance to get it right, and I am extremely satisfied. [Neena] really had me think through every single possibility. So by the end, there were no 'what ifs?' And it worked."

Left Broward's vast collection of transferware is displayed in glass-front cabinets To create enough space for the center island, the cabinets below are just 16 inches deep. **Below** To maximize storage, all the overhead cabinets extend to the ceiling. *See Resource Guide for details.*

SPACE-SAVING SECRET: TO MAXIMIZE STORAGE, INSTALL OVERHEAD CABINETS TO THE CEILING. KEEP A STEPLADDER HANDY FOR EASY ACCESS

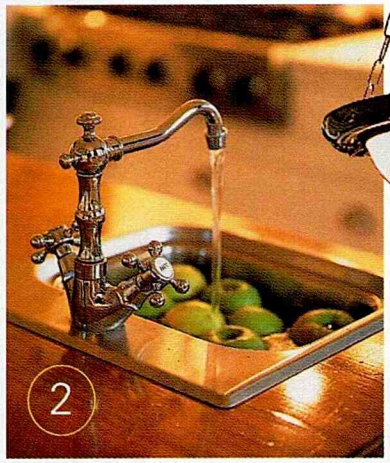
Broward wanted to bring the traditional style of the rest of the house to the kitchen. Neena hoped to maintain the same convivial, family feel of the old kitchen (Broward often chats with her children there), while introducing new professional-quality appliances and wood cabinetry. So she selected Georgian-style features, such as hardwood floors similar to those in the rest of the house; handmade tile counters with backsplashes; and painted frame-and-panel cabinets, with classic chrome bin pulls, rising to the ceiling. Chrome was chosen over brass to coordinate with the stainless appliances and sinks.

The family's back porch was enclosed and incorporated into the kitchen. Neena and Broward keyed the new design to some of the old porch's more charming details: They both loved the graceful Palladian window and the warm exposed-brick wall in the old space, which were retained—and now complement the antiques and wood surfaces in the new area. Moving the kitchen table out to the new breakfast room freed up square footage for an island, increasing the work space.

Interior designer Jim Howard provided authentic Georgian touches by adding crown molding to match the cornices in the foyer, period wallpaper,





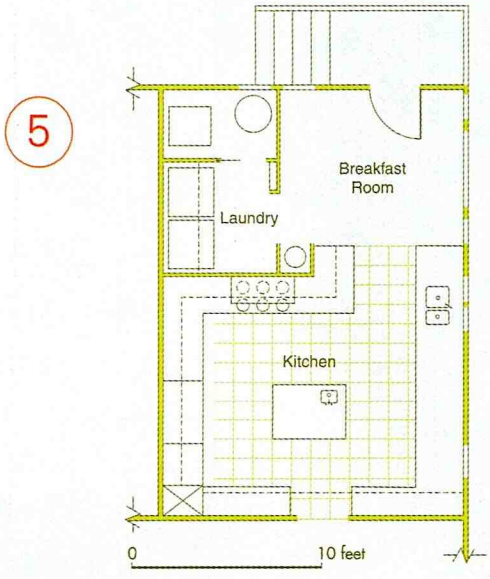




1. As part of the kitchen redesign, wall space was dedicated to displaying the owner's collection of blue-and-white transferware. **2. Adding a small sink** to the island put a water source near the range. **3. Broward and Neena** scoured a local salvage company for the light fixture. From a turn-of-the-century Florida hotel, it's an authentic period detail. After a professional cleaning, they discovered the shade was made of fine alabaster. **4. The furniturelike island** offers both an additional work surface and easy-to-reach storage space. **5. A former porch** was enclosed to create a breakfast room. Moving the table out of the old kitchen made room for the island.

product picks

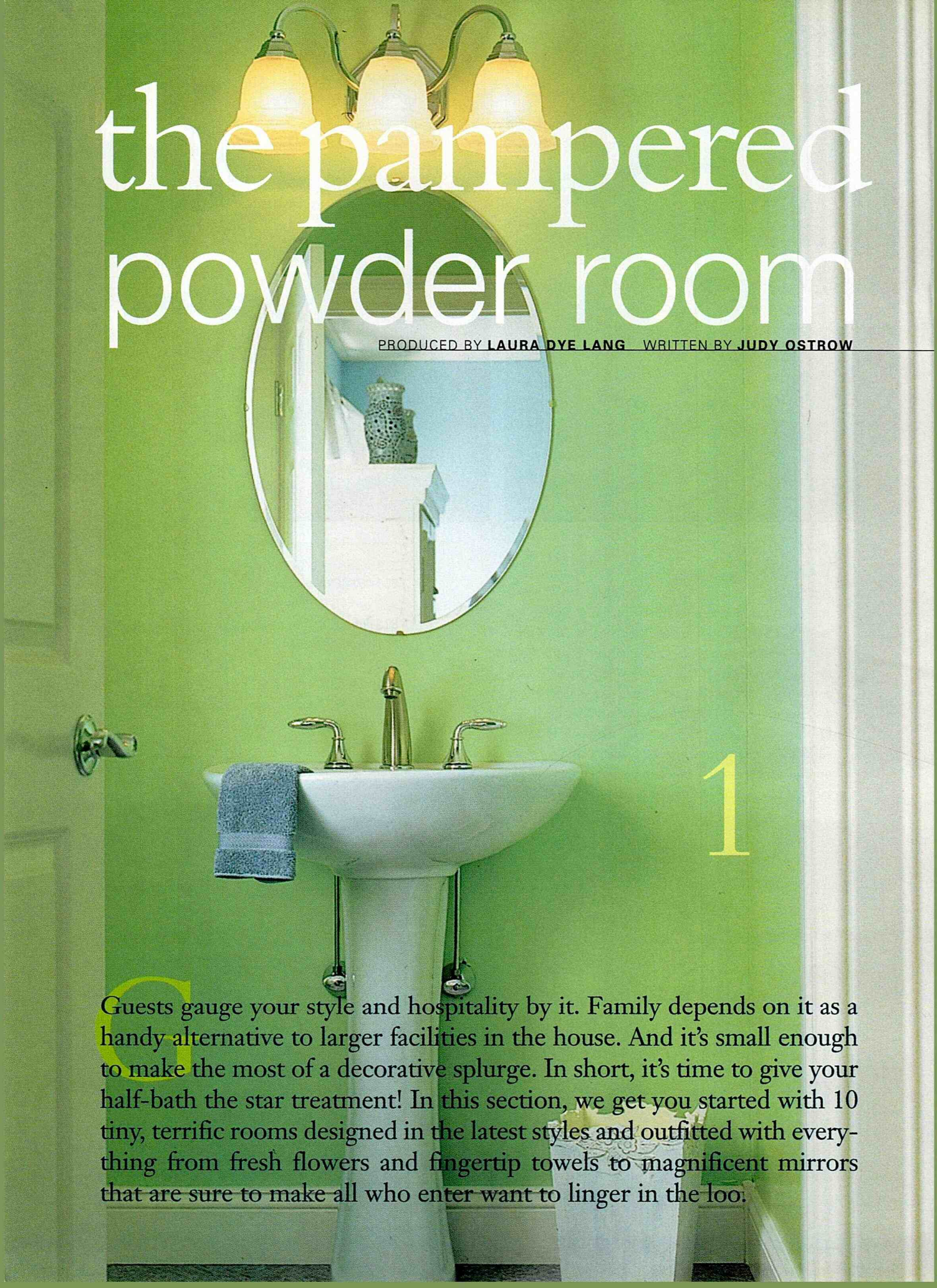
- **Cooktop** SVGRT360-4G by Viking; 800-467-4623, vikingrange.com.
- **Oven** TCT227 by Thermador; 800-656-9226, thermador.com.
- **Microwave** JEM 31 by GE; 800-571-1990, geappliances.com.
- **Sinks** K3247 and K362 by Kohler; 800-456-4537, kohler.com.
- **Faucet** SP-N943CP by Brasstech Newportbrass, 866-417-5207.





the pampered powder room

PRODUCED BY **LAURA DYE LANG** WRITTEN BY **JUDY OSTROW**



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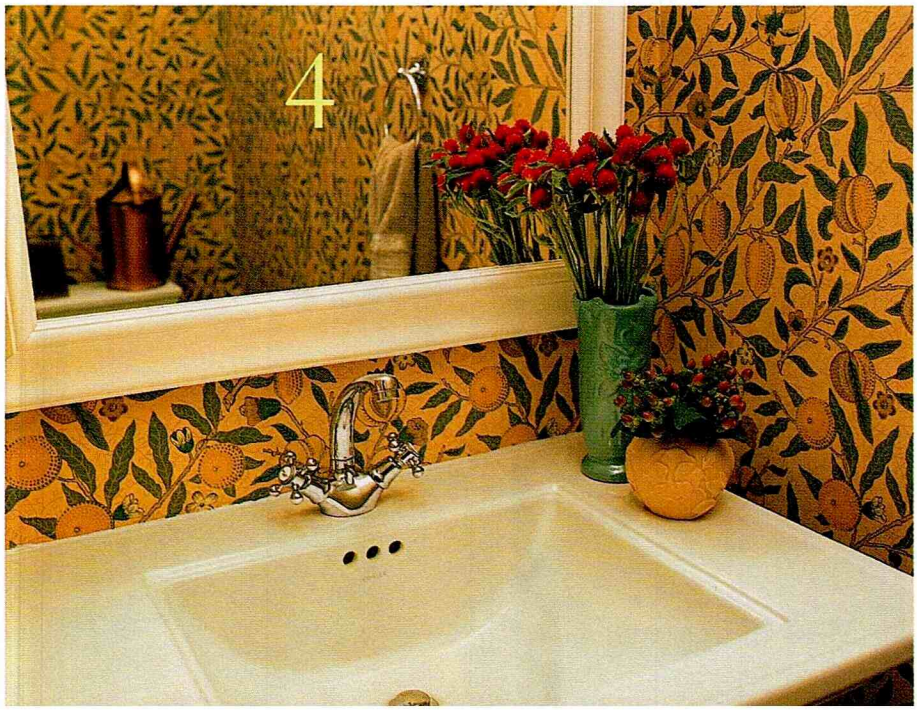
Guests gauge your style and hospitality by it. Family depends on it as a handy alternative to larger facilities in the house. And it's small enough to make the most of a decorative splurge. In short, it's time to give your half-bath the star treatment! In this section, we get you started with 10 tiny, terrific rooms designed in the latest styles and outfitted with everything from fresh flowers and fingertip towels to magnificent mirrors that are sure to make all who enter want to linger in the loo.





1. Even a standard layout, equipped with off-the-shelf fixtures and fittings, can easily be transformed with a quick burst of vivid color and a charming accessory or two. Kiwi-green walls give this hallway powder room an energetic lift, while the frameless oval mirror emphasizes the half-bath's high ceiling. **2. Designer Wendy Valliere's** goal is to make her clients' powder rooms into what she calls "little jewel boxes. Pay special attention to these rooms, because your guests always use them." Valliere likes to include one surprise element, such as the etched Venetian mirror that is the centerpiece of this tiny Nantucket gem. **3. Architect Graham Gund** created an unforgettable space by positioning this powder room in a Massachusetts beach house at the foot of a two-story tower. Suggesting lighthouse design, a skylight at the top of the structure, inset, admits natural light. Latticework molding, understated fixtures, and a neutral palette focus attention on the room's extraordinary proportions.



4. Opting for Arts and Crafts style in both architecture and interior design, the owners selected a calm, subdued period palette for the walls throughout the home. In the powder room, a reproduction-William Morris wallpaper pattern by Sanderson picks up the colors of the nearby peacock-blue dining room and squash-yellow kitchen. Matte-glazed art pottery by Van Briggle completes the mellowed vintage look.

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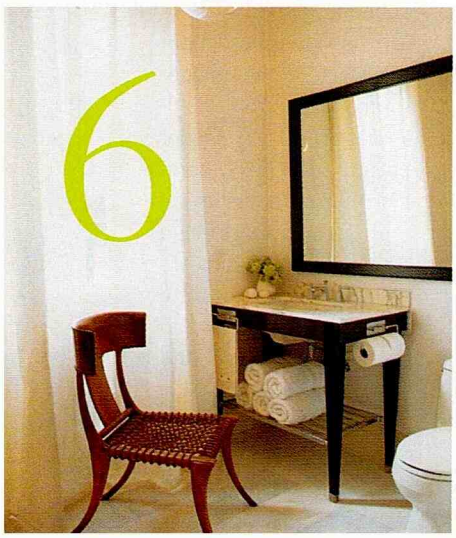
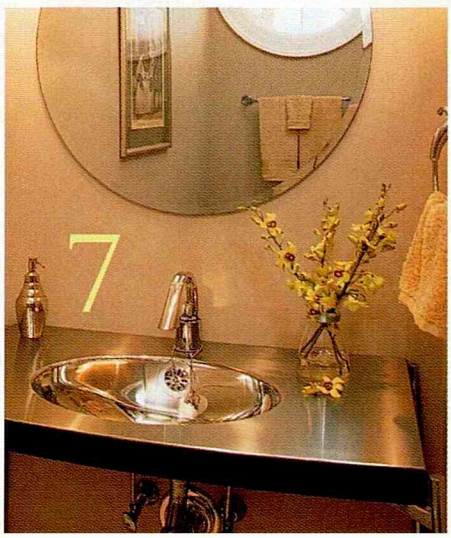
5. A study in simplicity, the walls of this room show off a rough plaster treatment, painted to resemble cool concrete. Block shelves and angular fixtures in pristine white emphasize the pleasing geometry of the layout. The mirror adds a dash of bright color to provide a logical focal point.

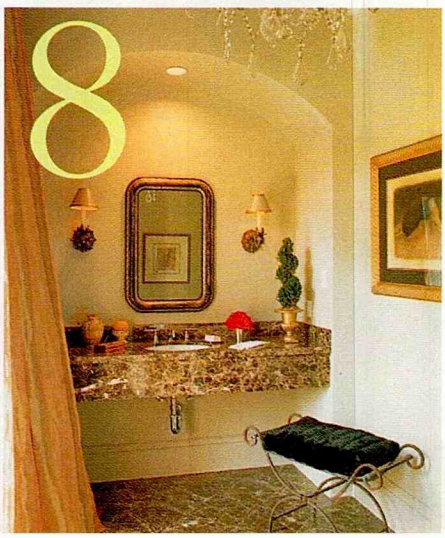
6. A space short on square footage can go long on luxury. This powder room, by designer Susan Boyd in a New Orleans showhouse, features a custom-designed lavatory and coordinating mirror, patent leather-covered walls, antique seating, and white marble flooring.

7. Designer Ann Theriot believes that a powder room can strike a different note from the house's overall scheme to become a standout space, decorated for maximum effect. This minimalist powder room shimmers in the glow of polished-chrome fixtures and fittings and a silvery, round beveled mirror.

8. Vikki Leftwich designed this powder room at the entry of a Louisiana home to coddle guests. Marble vanity and floors, silk taffeta curtains, and a faux mink-covered bench are a preview of the sumptuous details in the rest of the house.







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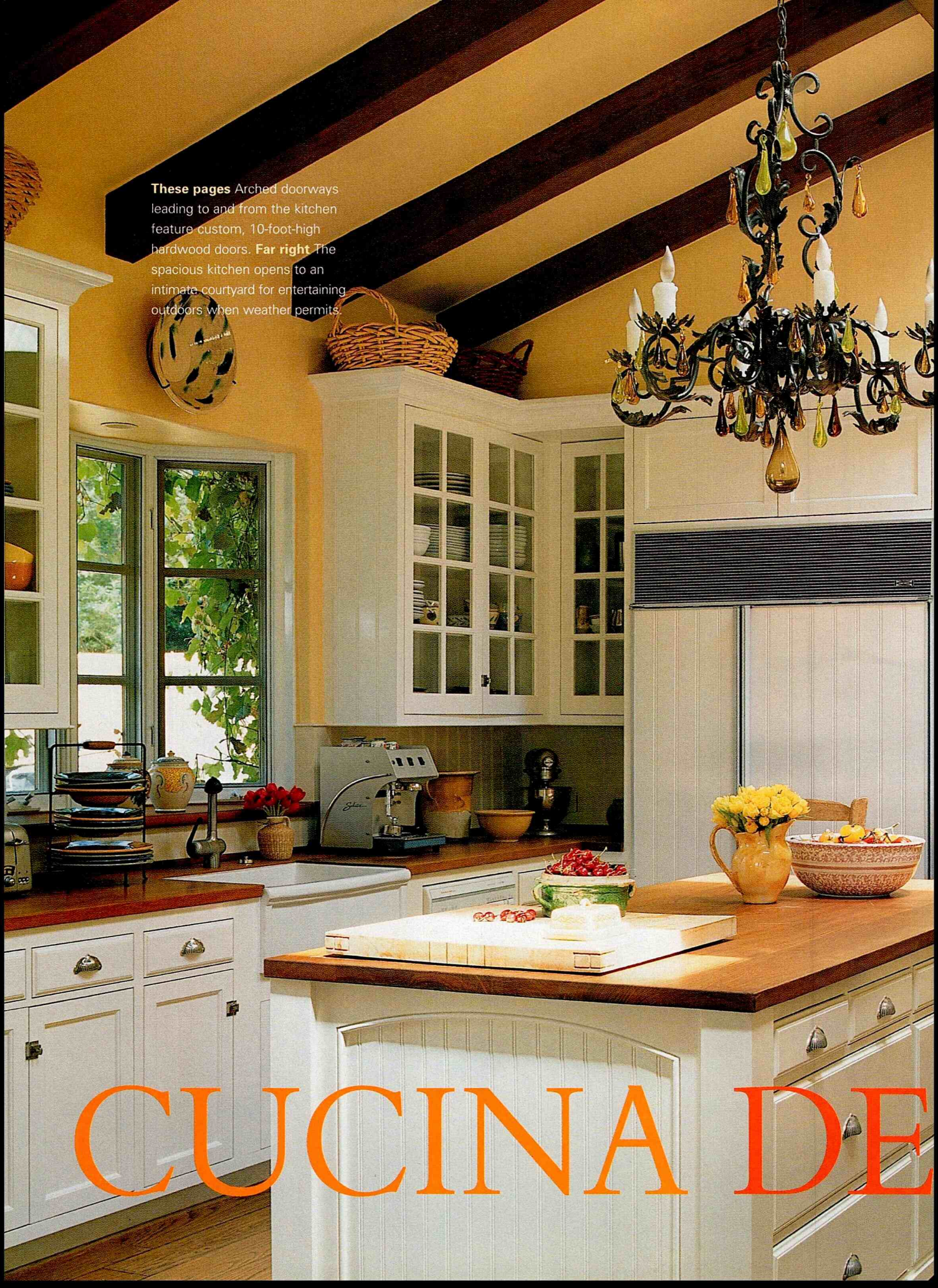
9. The usual restful palette of a seaside retreat comprises tones of sea and sand; but powder rooms offer an opportunity to turn this decorating strategy on its head. Rich poppy-red walls above the wainscoting of this room in Nantucket, Massachusetts, add spice to the elegant simplicity of its design by Boston interior design firm Bierly-Drake Associates.

10. The streets of Atlanta's upscale Buckhead neighborhood are lined with elegant homes; this powder room shares the local taste for formal furnishings.The blend of antique brass and bronze fixtures with a handsomely detailed vanity; subdued lighting; and richly toned, parchment-colored walls creates a quiet retreat for guests. *See Resource Guide for details.*



These pages Arched doorways leading to and from the kitchen feature custom, 10-foot-high hardwood doors. **Far right** The spacious kitchen opens to an intimate courtyard for entertaining outdoors when weather permits.

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L'ARTISTA

A European-country sensibility produces a one-of-a-kind kitchen where an artist cooks up conversation and memories

PRODUCED AND STYLED BY **CHAR HATCH LANGOS**
PHOTOGRAPHED BY **GREY CRAWFORD**
WRITTEN BY **SHERISE DORE**

A well-appointed kitchen, large enough for multiple cooks and plenty of guests, was the main draw when Carin Gerard and her husband decided to buy their Mediterranean-style home in Montecito near the southern California coast. "I'd spent several years studying fine art in Tuscany," explains Gerard,

a professional artist who exhibits at the John Pence Gallery in San Francisco. "In Italy, the kitchen is the most popular room in the home, and the natural spot for everyone to convene. That was what I wanted in our house—a place where we could entertain six or sixteen, with plenty of room to cook and have everyone hang out and sample the meal in progress.

Thanks to a central location that connects one side of the house to the other, the spacious 25-by-22-foot room already functioned as the heart of the 4,500-square-foot home. The kitchen's 15-foot beamed ceilings, three skylights, ample center island, and generous cabinet and counter space meant that "the bones were there," Gerard says. "But I wanted it to feel more intimate and inspire [all kinds of family gatherings from] great conversation over cappuccino to a big meatball cook-off!"

She hired interior designer Hélène Aumont, of Europa Design in nearby Santa Barbara, to make the cosmetic changes that would imbue the space with Mediterranean warmth. Aumont took one look at the kitchen and decided she liked the floor plan: The center-island work flow was efficient, and the abundant natural light and artificial overhead lighting were perfect. Unfortunately, the all-white scheme was not suited to the sunny European-country aesthetic the homeowners wanted. So Aumont painted the walls a golden yellow and the Shaker-style cabinets a creamy white "so they look clean but not sterile," she says.

The owners wanted the restyled kitchen to inspire everything from "great conversation over cappuccino to a meatball cook-off!"



Next, the designer installed a white porcelain French farm sink and a luxe faucet "that really appeals to serious cooks because of its powerful spray." She replaced the sleek cabinet hardware with antique scalloped pulls. The hand-planed, wide-plank floors with wooden pegs were finished in walnut to match the ceiling beams and the 10-foot-high custom doors.

swipe this style

If you love food (who doesn't?) and just mentioning the word *Italy* starts Puccini scores running through your head, you're a primo candidate for the romantic look shown in this kitchen. **Use these ideas to get started:**

- **Plan for family.** Everyone ends up in the kitchen! Ensure there are enough work areas for everyone to prep, cook, and socialize comfortably—together.
- **Blend rustic with refined.** Exposed beams and a pro-look range with an elegant chandelier and oil painting? But of course! Currey & Company (curreyco.com) makes stock metal chandeliers with glass accents similar to the custom-made one shown here.
- **Art, appreciate it!** Consider a painterly faux finish for walls. Accent with colorful paintings, prints, sculptures, and decorative pottery. Vietri (800-277-5933, vietri.com) makes dinnerware, bakeware, and accessories similar to those shown in this kitchen.
- **Move on out.** You'll enjoy the great outdoors more with an alfresco (that's Italian!) dining and entertaining area. KitchenAid (800-422-1230, kitchenaid.com), Viking (888-845-4641, vikingrange.com), and Wolf (800-332-9513, subzero.com/wolf), are just a few of the manufacturers making hardy sinks, refrigerators, grills, smokers, and other items for outdoor kitchens.



This page An archway opens to a sunlit dining room, which the owners use for both formal and casual meals. Wrought-iron French doors give onto a lap pool and frame distant ocean views. **Far left** Generous glass-front cabinets flank the Wolf range, a focal point, thanks to Gerard's oil painting of a pastoral allée.



Aumont also added a vertical storage cabinet to house the homeowners' extensive collection of colorful rustic platters from the Grazia ceramics factory in Deruta, Italy. She hung 18th-century Italian plates over the archway to the dining room, where wrought-iron accents and Italian furniture add to the Mediterranean look.

The designer then turned her attention to another potential focal point: the stainless-steel Wolf range. "It feels very original to be able to hang an oil painting [above the stove], without worrying about damage from the heat. If it gets ruined, Carin will paint another," laughs Aumont, who gives the homeowner high marks for both her talent as a painter and her willingness to help with the makeover.

Bright ideas: Make your kitchen glow with windows, skylights, and reflective surfaces

In fact, when Aumont suggested replacing the cut crystals hanging from the wrought-iron chandelier with colorful glass drops handblown by an Italian artisan, Gerard embraced the idea. Her husband, unfortunately, vetoed it. This might have stopped a homeowner who was less involved in this dynamic process.

"One night," Gerard recounts, "I sneaked into the kitchen with wire cutters, climbed up on the island, and cut off the [clear] crystals." Then designer and client attached the new, colorful glass drops with twist ties to test for their placement. Aumont finished the job by oxidizing standard wire to faux-age it, then reattached the new glass gems with the wire.

The result? "It's my husband's favorite thing about the room now," says Gerard, "and it makes a wonderful conversation piece."

Above The new bay window overlooks a courtyard and verdant garden beyond. A French farm sink and a faucet with powerful spray appeal to serious cooks.

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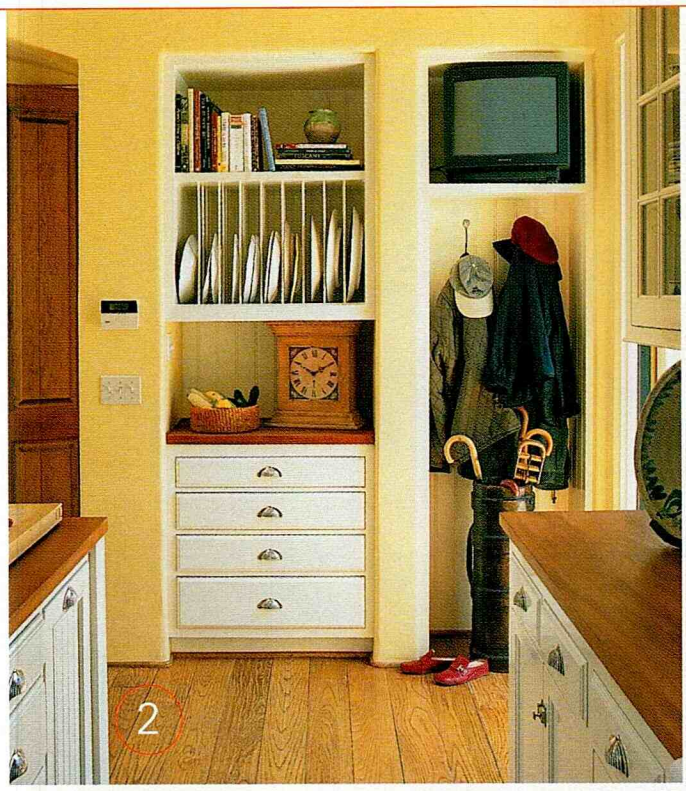
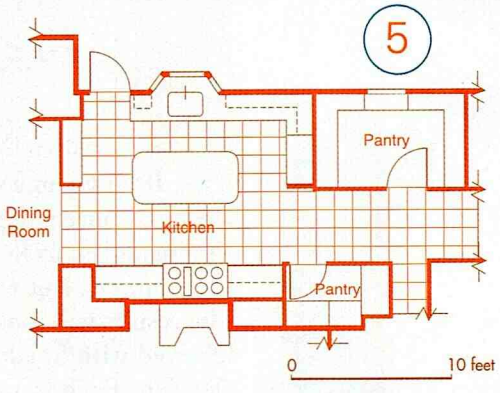




1. Swapping clear, cut crystals for colorful, imported handblown glass drops customized the wrought-iron chandelier, which hangs from the kitchen's unusually high ceiling and provides one of the room's decorative focal points. **2. A vertical storage cabinet** houses the homeowner's extensive collection of rustic ceramic platters from Deruta, Italy. **3. Slide-out drawers** supply storage space for the homeowner's much-loved collection of hand-painted Italian ceramics. **4. Old-fashioned scalloped cabinet pulls** look right at home alongside a collection of beautiful antique silver. **5. "The bones were there,"** says owner Carin Gerard of the efficient kitchen floor plan.







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More than other rooms in the home, kitchens and baths need to adhere to high standards of style and function. This year's 12 awardees won for ingenious performance innovations paired with beautiful, often artisan-inspired designs

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The Standard Collection by American Standard

1) Styles come and go, but our love of classic design stays. Case in point: the large-capacity pedestal sink, right, introduced by American Standard in 1922. The Standard Collection, exclusively at the Home Depot and at Expo Design Center locations, celebrates the original's great bones. It also updates performance with a comfortable ergonomic basin height. State-of-the-art faucets are available separately.





Bisazza Smalto Tile

2) If only you could apply the pure vibrant colors of Venetian glass to floors, walls, and counters. But wait, you can! The results will look like those achieved with Smalto mosaic tiles, left. Each transparent glass mini-tile has a streak of enamel running through its center, a venerable optical technique adopted from traditional Venetian glassblowers.

Delta Trevi Faucet

3) The Trevi faucet's sculptural fountainlike attitude, right, makes it a graceful accent to any contemporary kitchen, bath, or bar area. The winglike V-shaped handles and high-arching faucet pair well stylistically and functionally with deep sinks or high-style vessel basins. Delta's Brilliance finish protects the brushed-nickel, all-brass construction.



Wilsonart Estate Plus Flooring

4) Go ahead, bring on the foot traffic, the wear and tear, the abuse. Estate Plus high-pressure laminate floor tiles, above, are built to take it. They have a Scuffshield outer layer for protection; interior layers for noise reduction, impact, and mildew resistance. The 15½-inch tiles come in dramatic patterns, and the glueless, tongue-and-groove installation is absolutely a snap.

DuPont Corian, Private Collection, Palladio Series, Solid Surfacing

5) Soft colors distinguish the new Private Collection, Palladio Series, named after the 16th-century architect Andrea Palladio. Subtle tone-on-tone veining adds depth to this Corian palette of soothing neutrals: Camel, Ecru, Cirrus White, and Natural Gray. They're perfect for solid-surface counters and provide a strong, yet quiet backdrop for any turn your decorating style may take.



Sealed-Burner System by Viking Range

6) Viking Professional Series range with sealed-burner option, left, (available 30 or 36 inches wide) uses both gas (burners) and electricity (oven). The stylish, high-performance range has a one-piece top to contain spills, so you can clean up the VSH (Vari-Simmer to High) gas burners in a flash. The range, with an oven that has eight convection and conventional settings, packs a punch in 14 nifty colors.



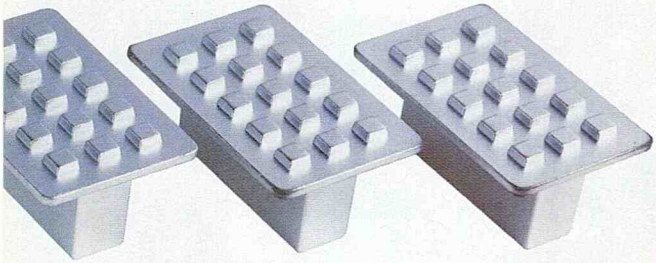
Bosch Axxis+ Washer

8) Taking us a step closer to a washer that can do the laundry by itself, this intelligent machine, above, handles large loads, gauges the appropriate temperatures and cycles for different fabrics, and cuts wash times—all while using 70 percent less water and 79 percent less energy. A pullout utility shelf and an energy-saving companion dryer can be stacked on top of the washer.

Duravit Multibox Mirror Cabinet System



7) The jaunty Multibox cabinet, right, offers a number of flexible storage options for the bath. The basic cabinet module, with two mirrored doors and sidelights, can be customized to suit your own needs. You can choose from clip-on custom options, including open shelves, pull-out drawers, a chrome rail, and additional mirrored doors.



Valli & Valli Cabinet Hardware

9) Add a little texture to cabinet doors and drawers with the Forges line of cabinet hardware. Valli & Valli called on top designer Andrea Branzi to create distinctive hardware for them: The result is pieces such as this rectangle-on-rectangle design, left, that have a high-quality heft and feel in the hand. Branzi's high-impact designs are finished in matte chrome and brass.

KitchenAid Briva In-Sink Dishwasher

10) Whether or not kitchen space is at a premium, the Briva in-sink dishwasher, above, is a revelation. It works overtime for small kitchens or bar areas: Remove the rack and spray arm to create a double sink. For high-volume family kitchens, the quick-wash cycle handles glasses and plates between full loads of the regular dishwasher. Ahhh, you needed that!

Samsung Toast & Bake Microwave Oven

11) Clear out those extra appliances. The Toast & Bake with cool pulldown door, right, turns up the heat on everything from baked chicken to toasted bagels. Touch-panel settings allow you to bake, broil, or toast (with light and dark settings). Or, select from menus, such as Kid's Meals and Snack Bar, and buttons for Popcorn and Pizza.





KraftMaid Cabinetry, New Glaze Finishes

12) Quiet washes of color—Amber, Bisque, Chiffon, Hazelnut, and Pewter—offer a softer look for kitchen cabinetry. KraftMaid's newest finishes pair lighter backgrounds with glazes that highlight cabinet detailing. Reflecting the trend toward warmer tones, they complement stainless-steel appliances and brushed-metal accessories. *See Resource Guide for details.*

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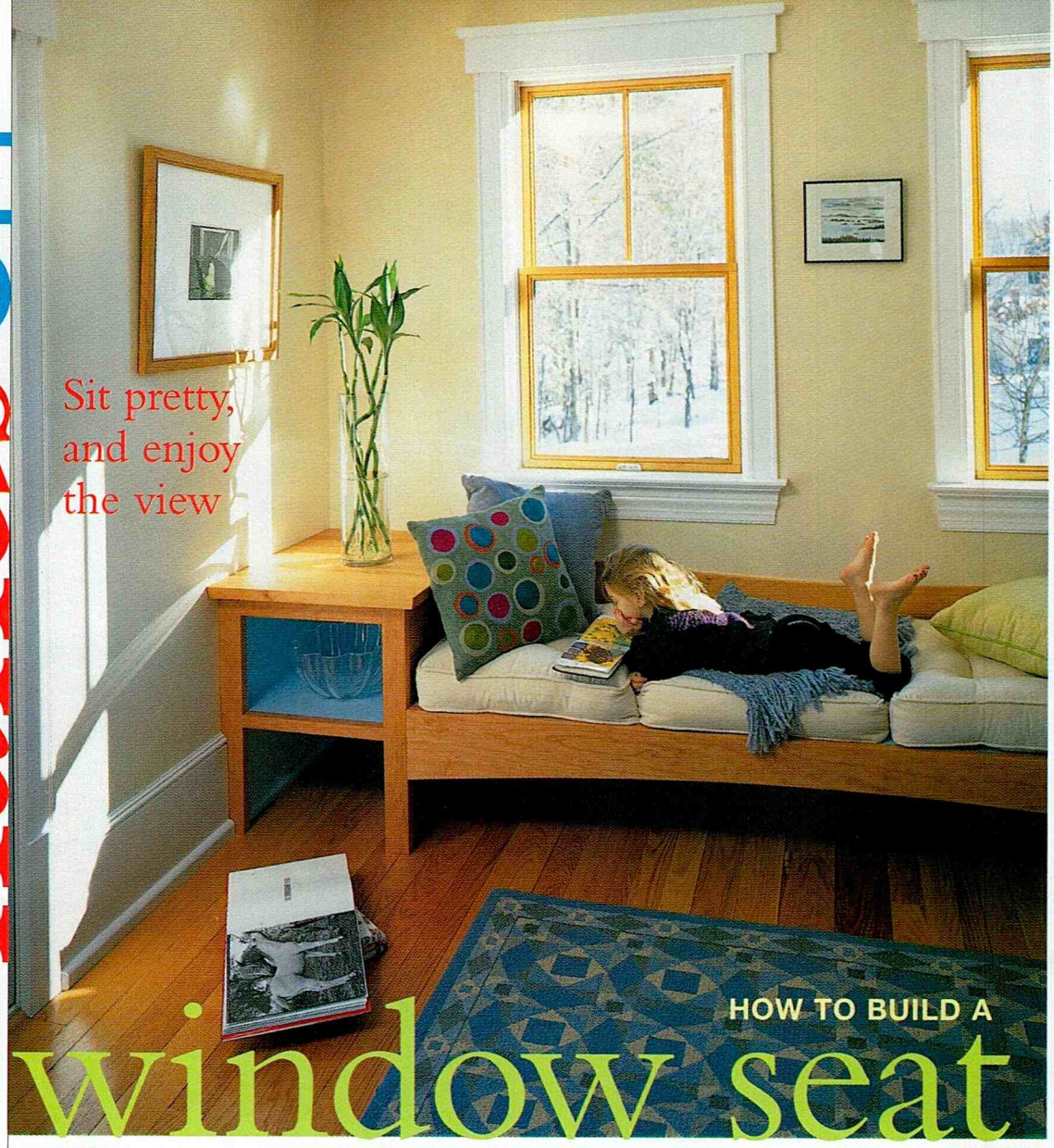

Sit pretty, and enjoy the view

HOW TO BUILD A

window seat

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

Cozy and inviting, window seats just draw you in. Whether it's to curl up with a good book, catch a quick nap, or to watch the world go by, these charming treasures provide the best seat in the house. With integrated storage space, they become great places to stash would-be clutter while adding custom-made class to your home.

This cherrywood window seat, constructed for us by New Hampshire builder Vince Todd, cost about $409 in materials—much less than a ready-made cushioned bench and two end tables. Since the room that it is built into uses radiant-floor heating, we designed the window seat to be open underneath and created storage with attached side tables. This design also has the added benefit of creating a lighter, unintrusive, and less boxy appearance.

Above A window seat provides the perfect backdrop for daydreams and reading. **Right** The best window-seat location is a small space, enclosed on three sides.

1. Measure the space and plan your seat layout. Window seats are typically 18 inches above the floor; because we planned to use 4-inch-thick cushions for added comfort, we designed the seat platform at 14 inches high, with end-table tops about a foot higher. Unless you plan to use custom cushions, you may want to purchase and measure store-bought cushions before plotting seat dimensions.



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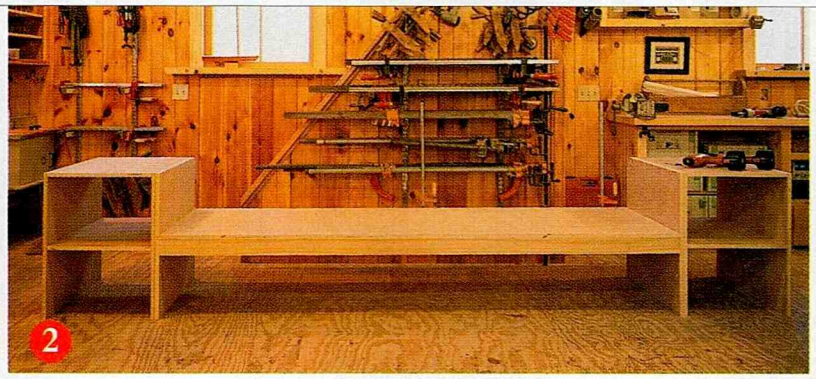




2. Build the bench and the two end-table bases out of ¾-inch-thick birch plywood, using wood glue and 1½-inch screws. On the side that will face the bench seat, screw two more pieces of plywood, leaving a horizontal ¾-inch gap in the middle (the bench seat will go here). To keep the bench from sagging in the middle, support it along the front and back edges with pieces of ¾-inch-by-5-inch poplar.





3. The screws are driven down so the heads are "countersunk" slightly below the plywood's surface; the resulting holes are filled with wood plugs called bungs (available at lumberyards), which are glued in place. Once the glue is dry, slice the exposed part of the bung off with a chisel. Sand until the surface is smooth. Once painted, the bung will disappear.

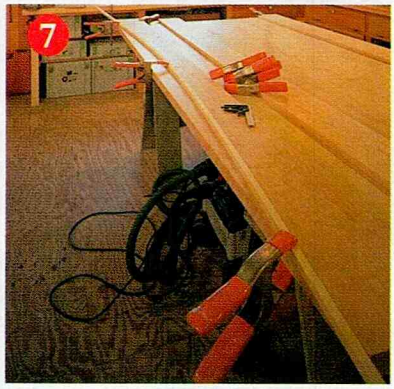


4. Paint the plywood base before installation; it's much easier than trying to cut in the paint along the walls once the unit is installed. We used Benjamin Moore's latex primer and Varsity Blues #756 semigloss latex paint—for details, call 888-236-6667.

5. Remove the existing baseboard and cut it back with a circular saw to allow the window seat to rest flush against the wall. Check the base with a level to make sure your walls and floor are plumb—use wood shims behind and below it if necessary.

6. We used cherry for the end tables, in widths ranging from 1¼ inch for the middle shelf to 2⅝ inches for the vertical end pieces. (If you don't have a table saw to rip down various widths of cherry, just use available widths from a good lumberyard.)

We assembled our face frames using a biscuit joiner, a specialized tool that produces strong joints. But you could just as well carefully glue and screw them together. Attach the frames to the base cabinets using a flexible construction adhesive like PL 200, as well as a few screws toed in, or driven in obliquely, from the edges of the base (which will be well-hidden by the finish surfaces).



7. Employ a boatbuilder's trick to help mark the cut for the arched cherry apron and back piece. Simply clamp a flexible piece of wood trim onto the cherry board, arranging the trim into the desired arch pattern. Trace the edge onto the cherrywood, remove the trim strip, then cut the curve with a jigsaw or circular saw. To make the same arch on the second piece of cherry, use the waste piece

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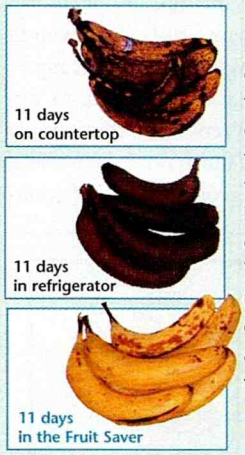

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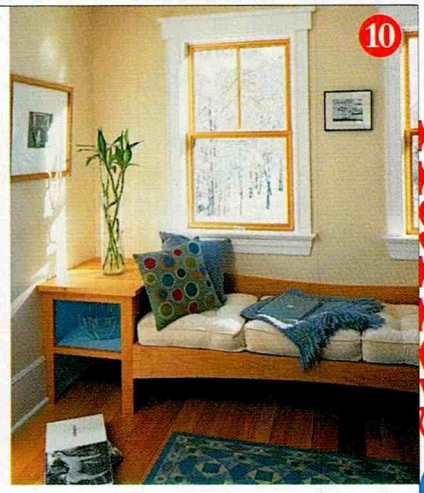

from the first cut to mark the line. After making the cuts, sand the pieces smooth. Attach the front apron to the base with construction adhesive; screw it in from the back, through the base. Screw the rear apron into studs in the wall; fill the holes with cherry bungs.

8. To make the end-table tops, glue two pieces of 1-inch-thick cherry and clamp until dry. Cut to fit and sand, then fasten the tops with PL 200 adhesive and four screws from the bottom.

9. After construction is complete, rub the cherrywood with a homemade oil finish—a mixture of 50 percent boiled linseed oil, 25 percent spar varnish, and 25 percent turpentine—not paint thinner. (Or you could substitute tung oil for this mixture.) Apply the oil finish with a foam brush, let it seep in for five minutes, then use a soft rag to wipe off the excess. Allow it to dry overnight, then repeat the steps. Apply several coats of finish until the wood is saturated. (To avoid the risk of spontaneous combustion, be sure to dispose of oil-soaked rags properly.)

10. The window seat is complete, so why not break in all those bungs and boards and cuddle up on your creation? You deserve it.

materials list

If you're a beginner and new to power tools, consider calling in a pro. Here's what you'll need and how much it'll cost to build an 18-inch-high window seat similar to ours.

Two 4-foot-by-8-foot sheets, ¾-inch-thick birch plywood	$104
Three ¾-inch-by-5-inch poplar boards, 8 feet long	$21
Two 1-inch-by-6-inch cherry boards, 8 feet long	$56
Four ¾-inch-by-8-inch cherry boards, 8 feet long	$128
¼ pound of drywall screws	$3
15 bungs	$5
Wood glue	$4
PL 200 construction adhesive	$4
1 quart primer	$8
1 quart paint	$9
1 quart boiled linseed oil	$4
1 quart spar varnish	$4
1 quart turpentine	$4
Four 25-inch cushions	$55
Total*	**$409**

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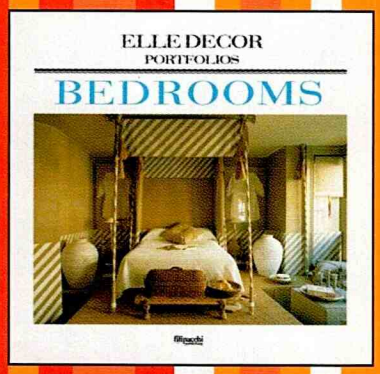

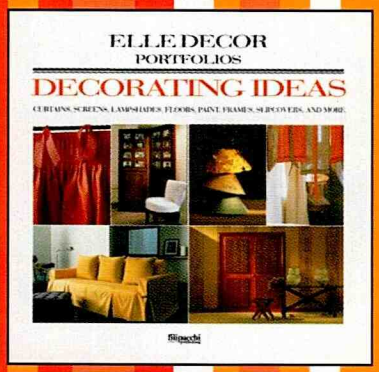

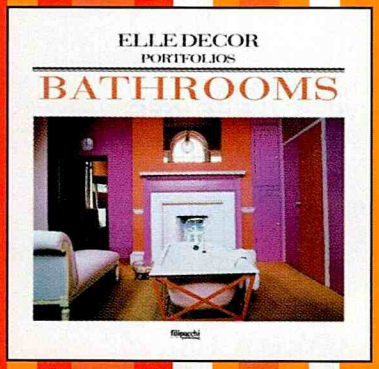

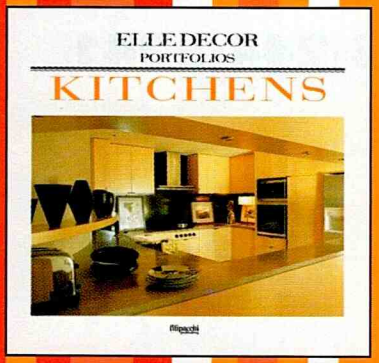

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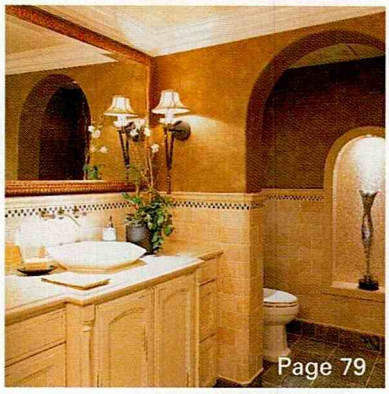

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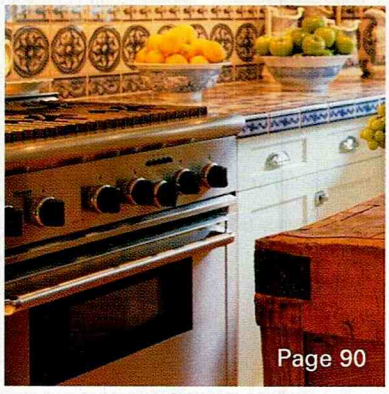

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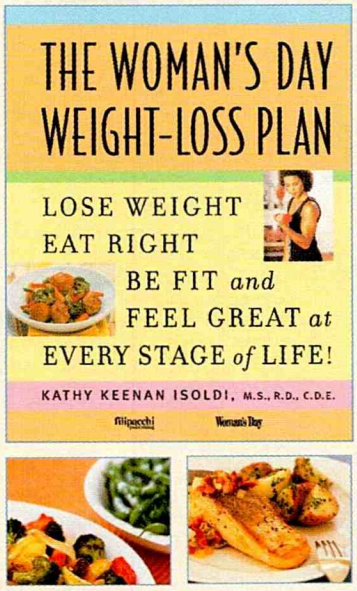

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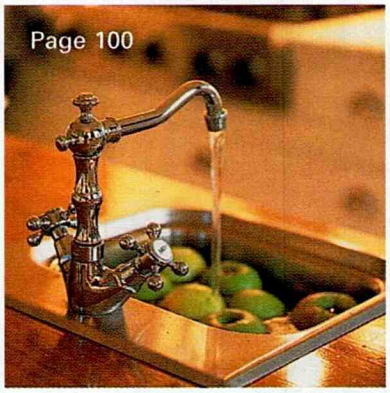

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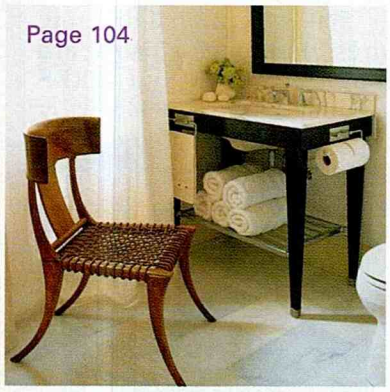

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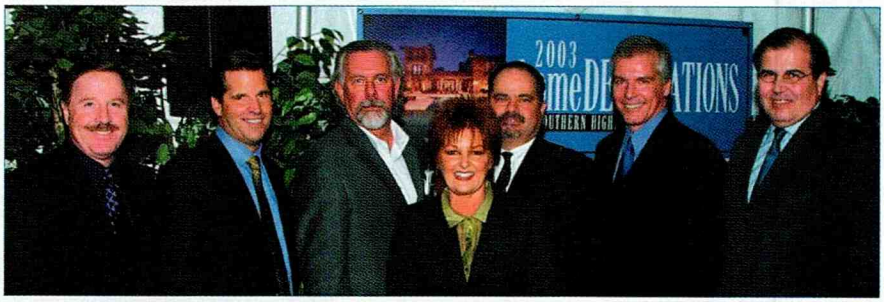

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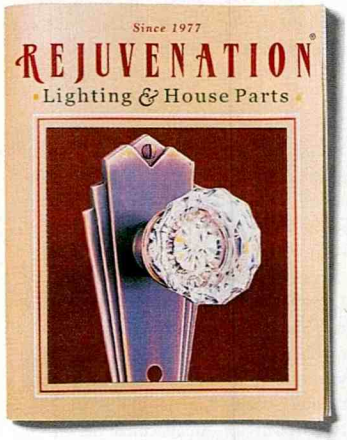

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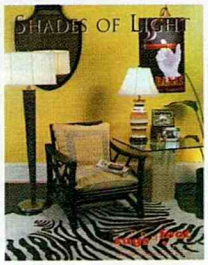

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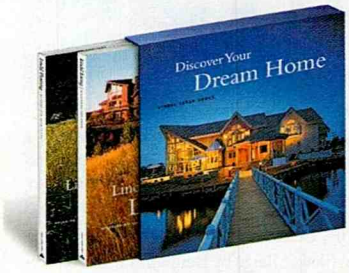

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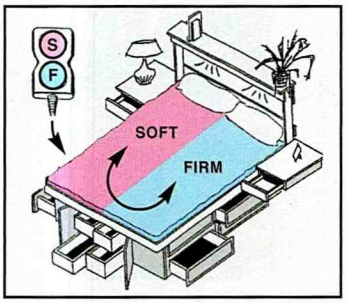

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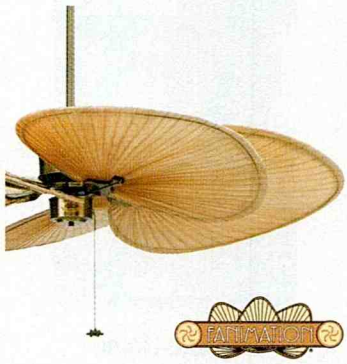

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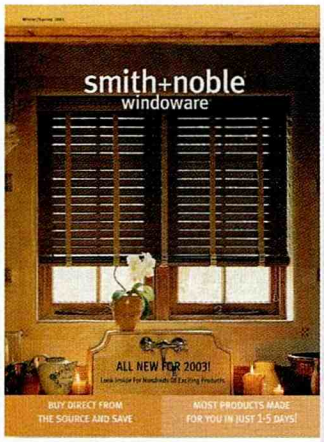

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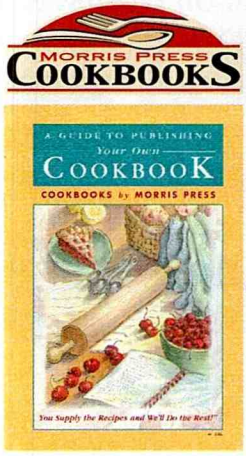

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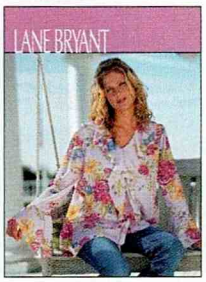

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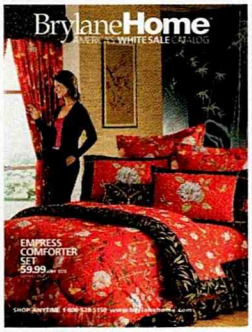

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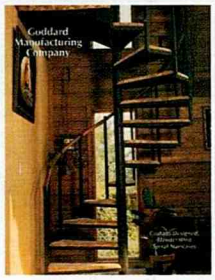

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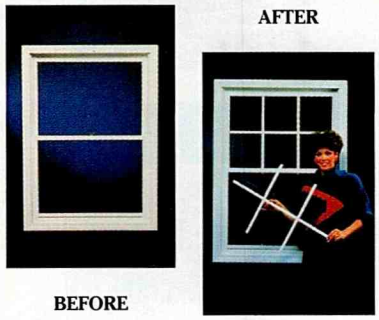

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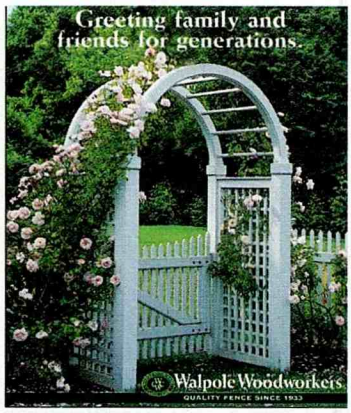

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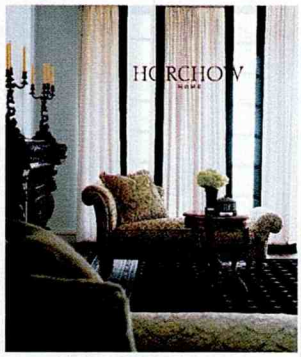

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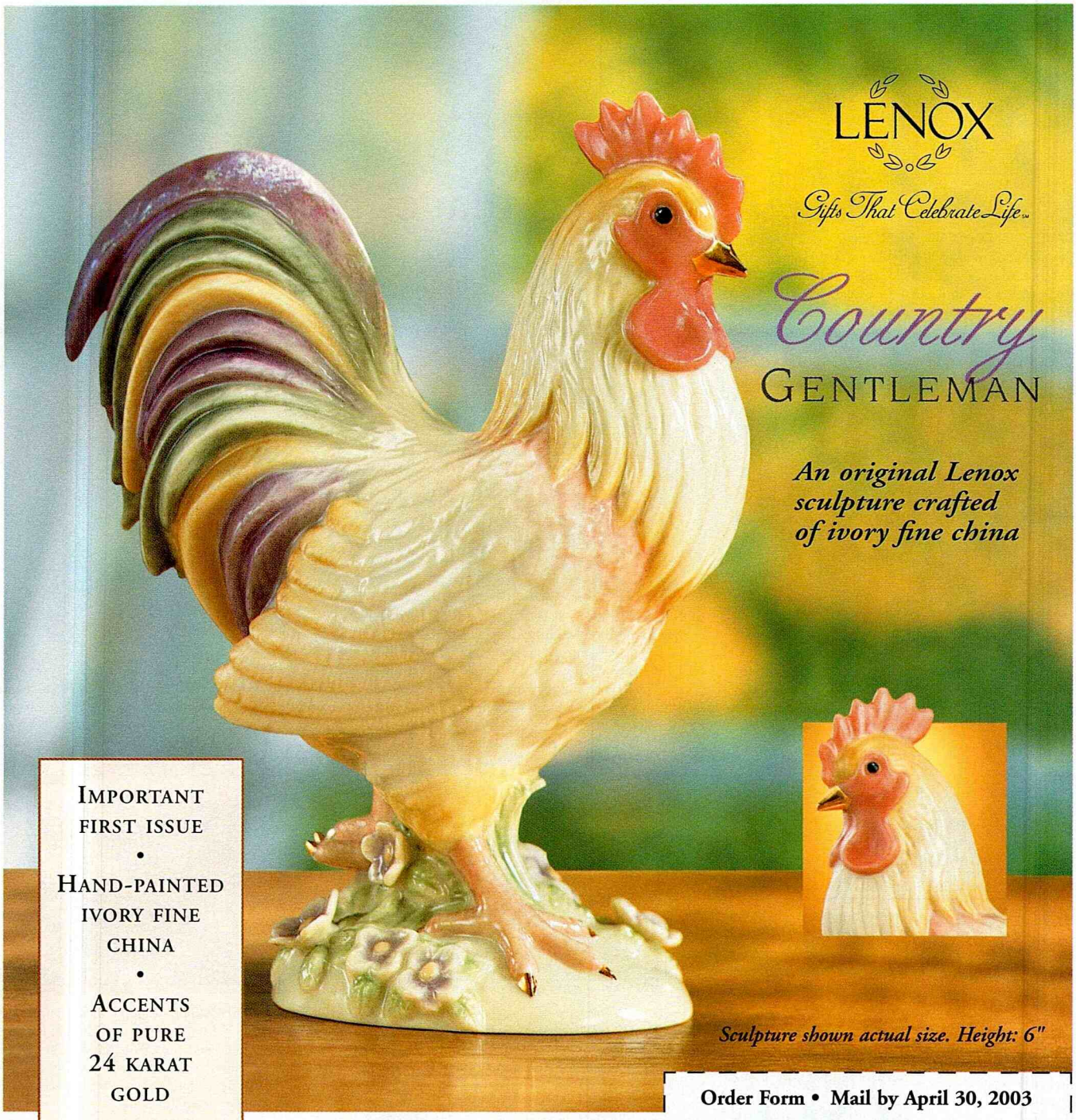

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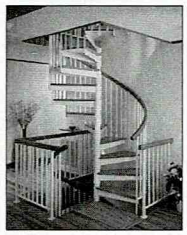

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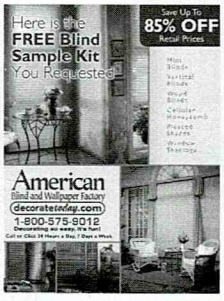



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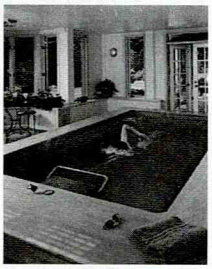

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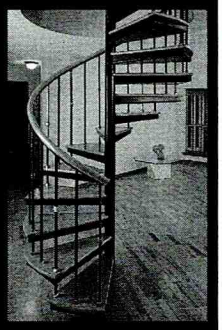

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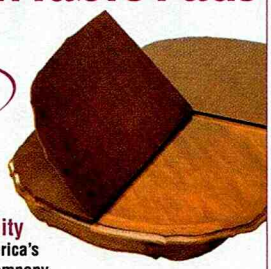

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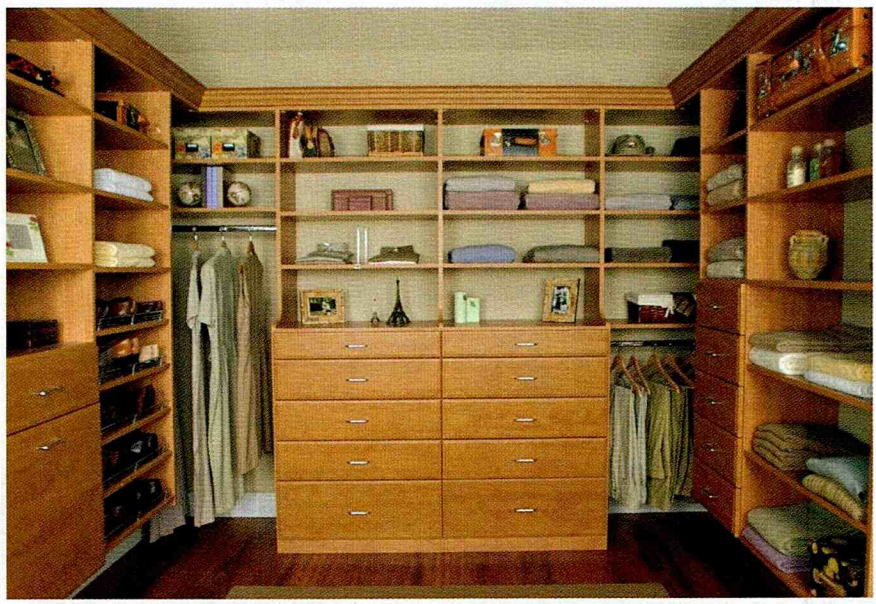

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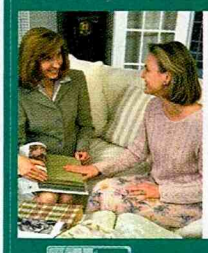

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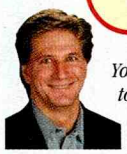

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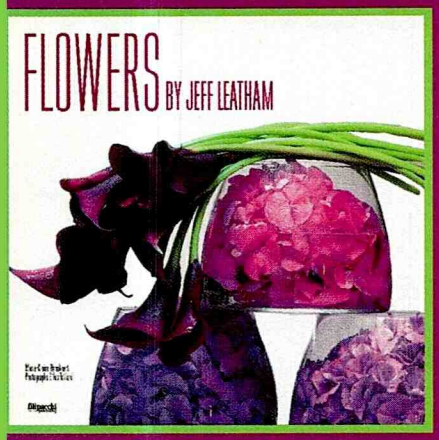

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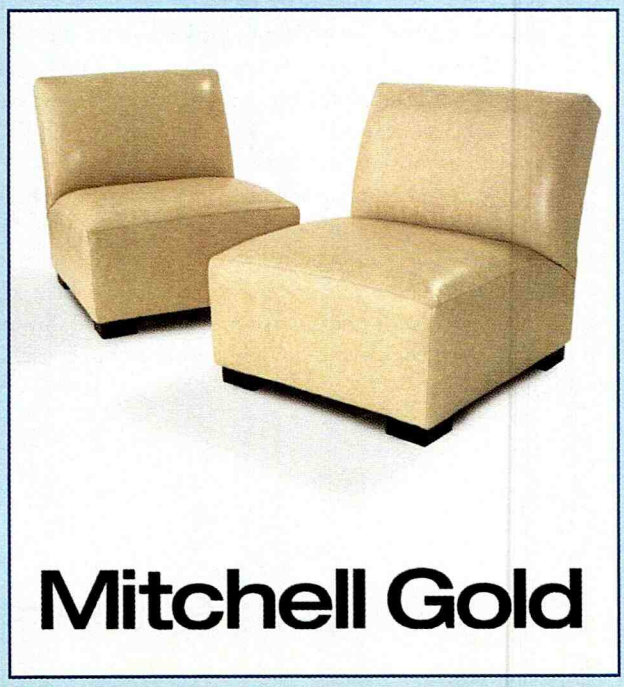

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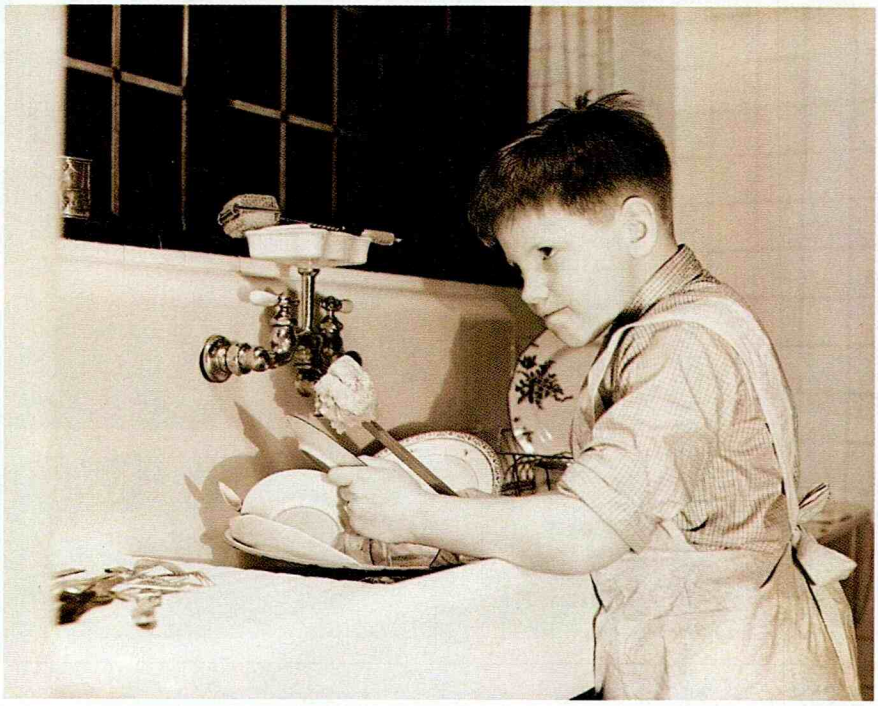

in praise of chores

Written by **Michael Hainey**

Spring. In most homes, it's the season of the chore, and we either rise to it or run from it. I rise to it, but I guess I had no choice. My mother never let me evade my assigned tasks. In my childhood home, from the time I was seven—no matter the season—I was greeted by the same scene every Saturday morning when I shuffled into the kitchen for breakfast. My place at the table was set with juice, and a milk glass and cereal bowl. Inside the bowl, though, wasn't some colorful, sugary treat. Instead of puffy confections, I would find a list of chores for the day, neatly written by my mother.

As a kid, I imagined myself as a woeful Dickensian waif holding out my note-in-a-bowl and begging, "Please, ma'am…I'd like no more." Now, as the season of chores comes around, I feel grateful to my mother. Like so many lessons we learn from our parents, I understand why this torture was necessary. In doing the work of the house, we are rewarded. We focus. We tend to its needs, and it comforts. Whether we're scrubbing down walls, repainting shutters, or cleaning out gutters, we experience the seasonal rhythms of our home. It changes as we do, and needs as much upkeep and attention as us. When we honor our home, it responds by letting us escape into tranquility and rootedness.

Recently, I bought a small farm. The house was well kept by the previous owner but needed a solid overhaul to shake off the years. I've been doing the labor myself—tearing up floors, sanding walls, painting—and it's given me great satisfaction. There's much to do, but I'm not worried. I start with the basics: On Friday evening, I take stock of what needs to be done the next day and draw up a list of chores. Then, before turning in, I leave the list at my place on the kitchen table. When I shuffle in for breakfast, the list is there, neat as always. These days, though, I find it not in my cereal bowl, but tucked into my coffee cup.

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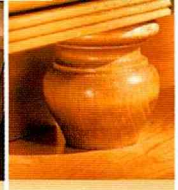

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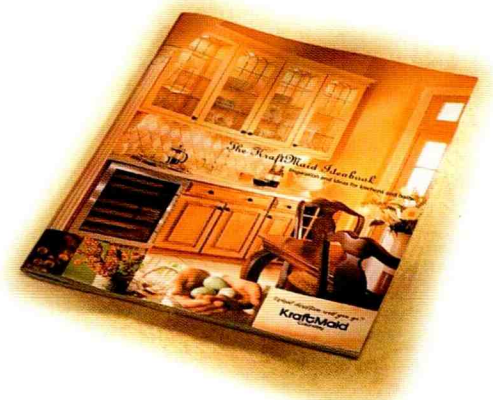

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