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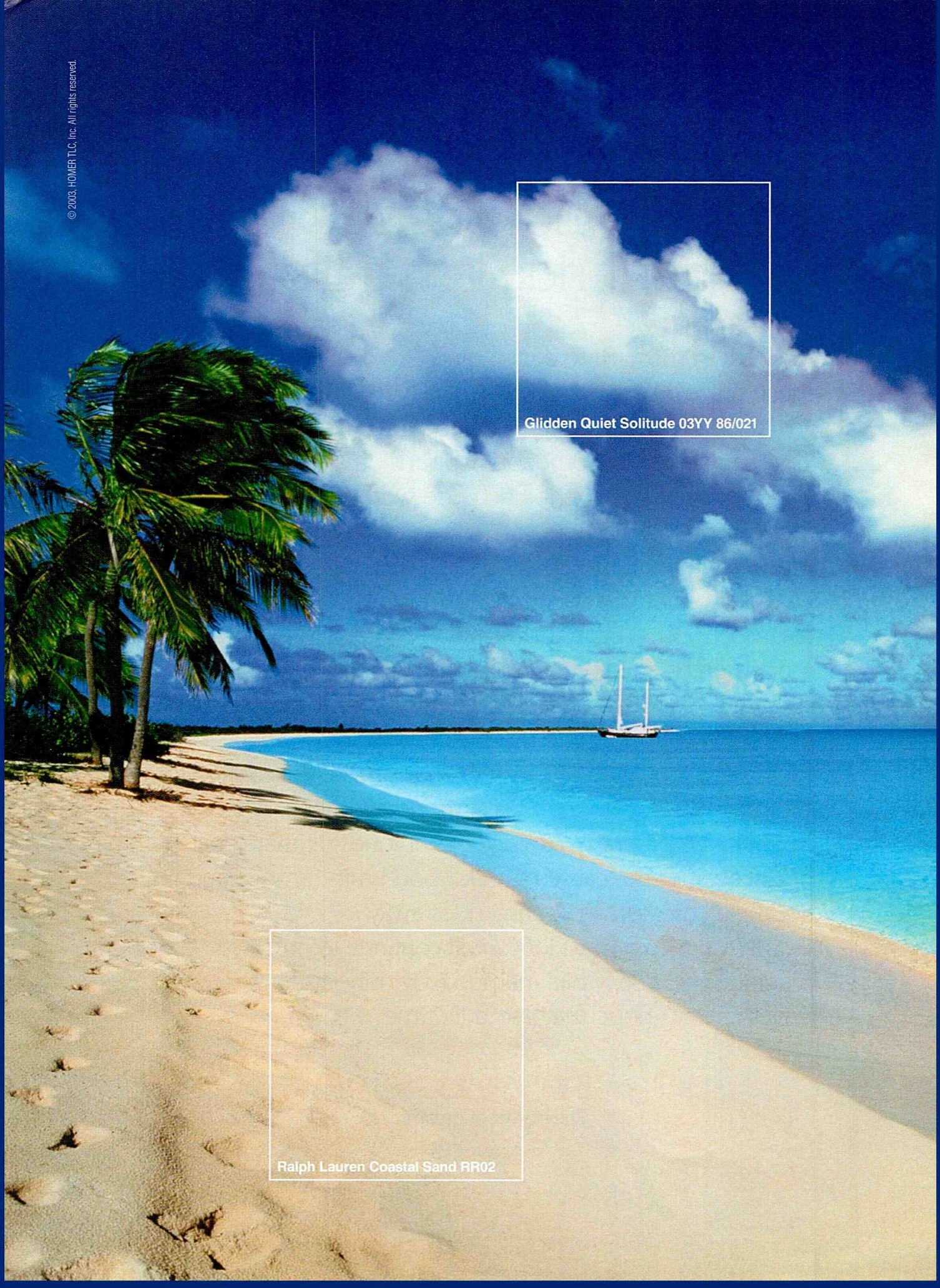
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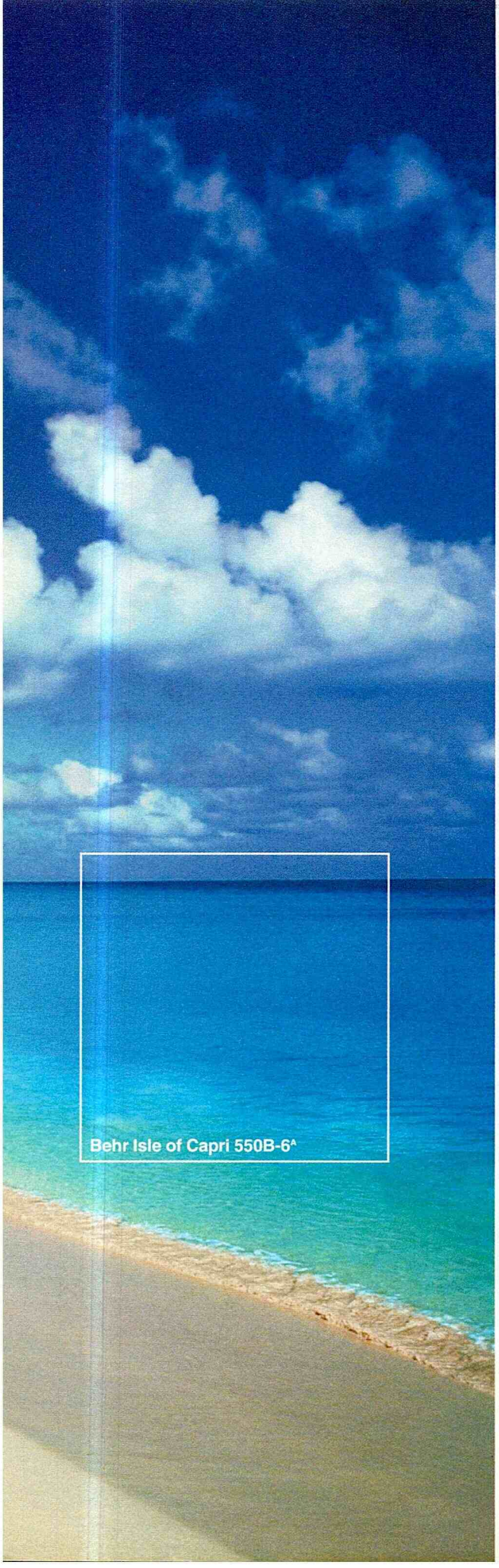

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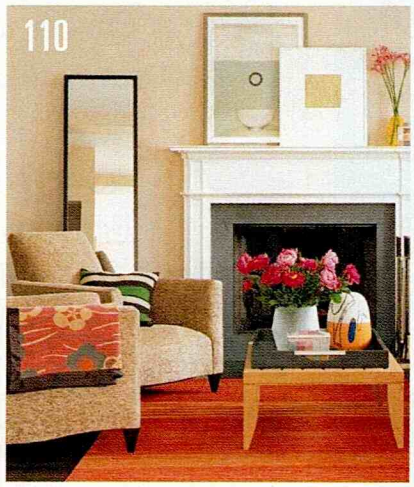

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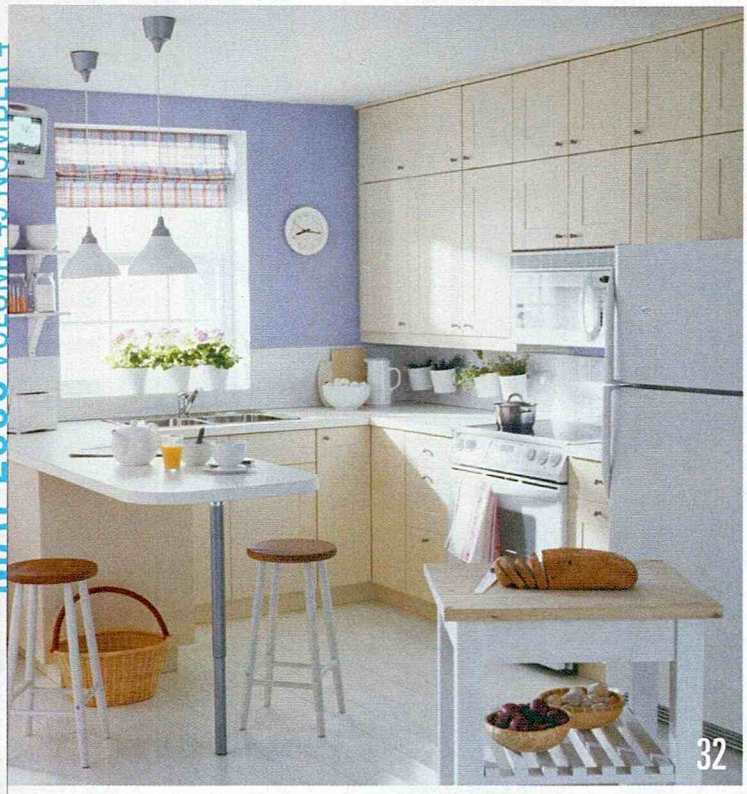

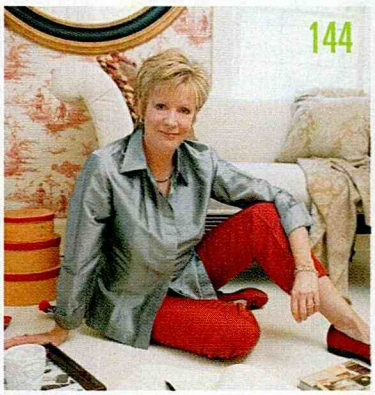

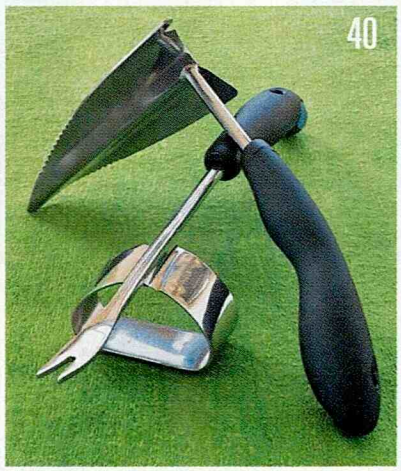



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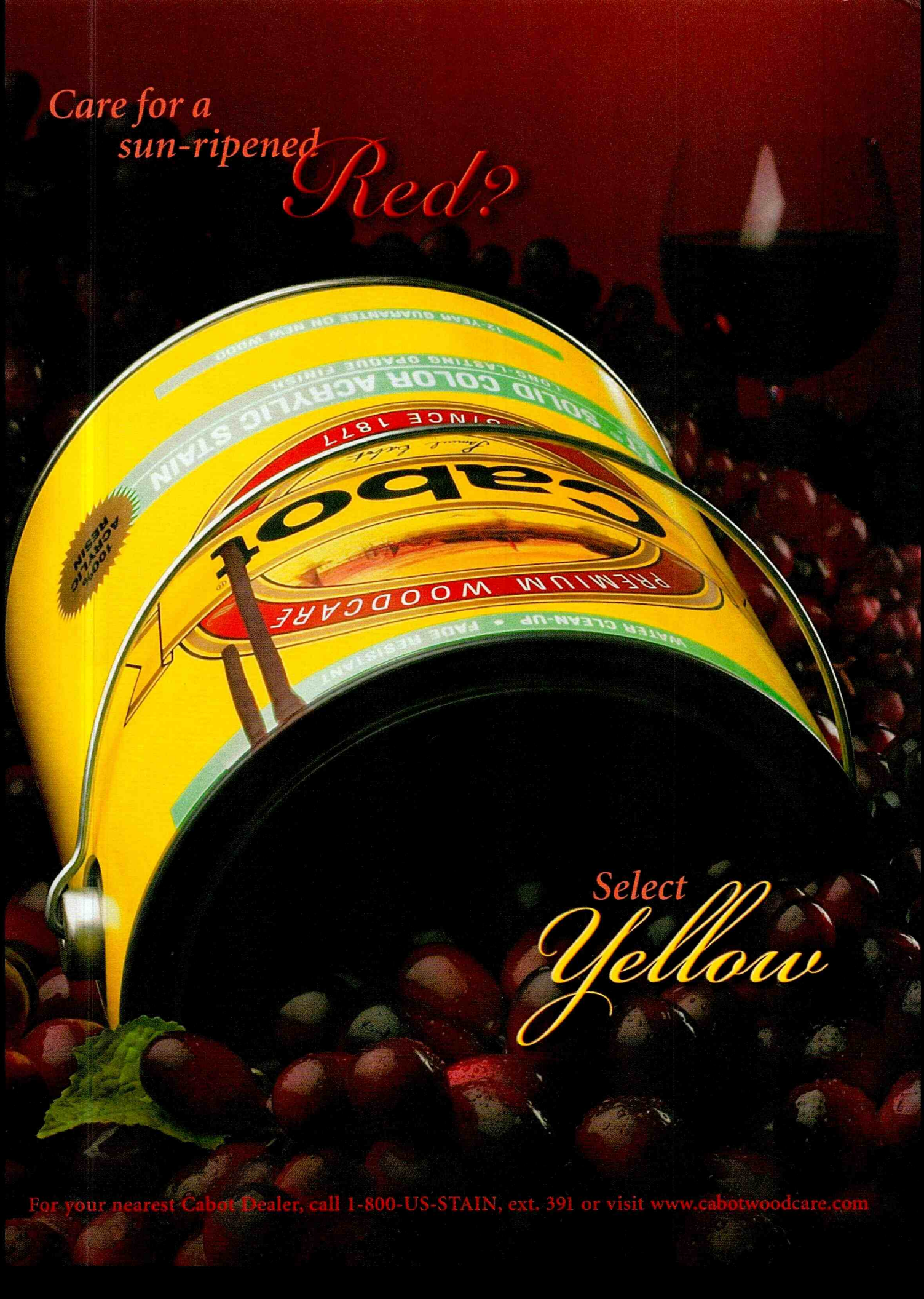
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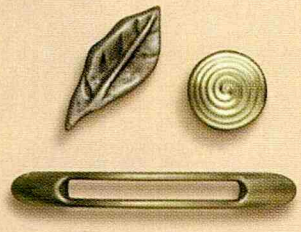

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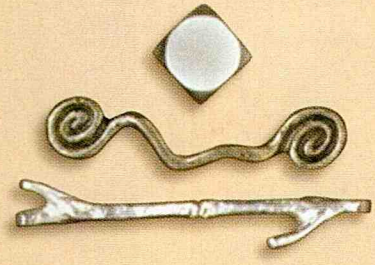

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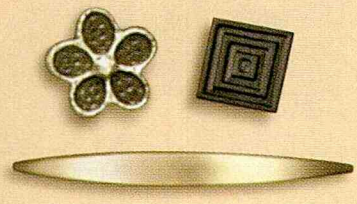

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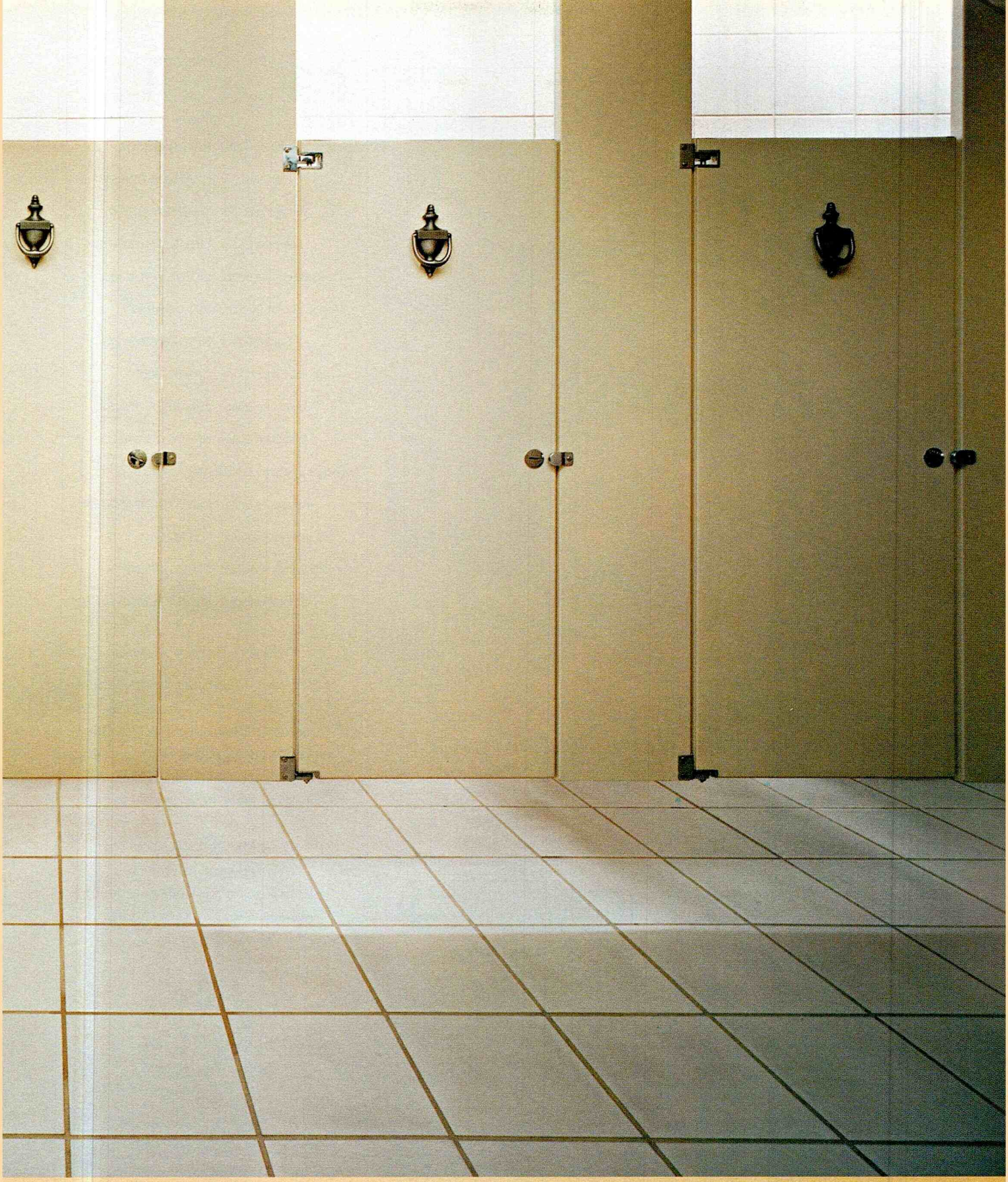

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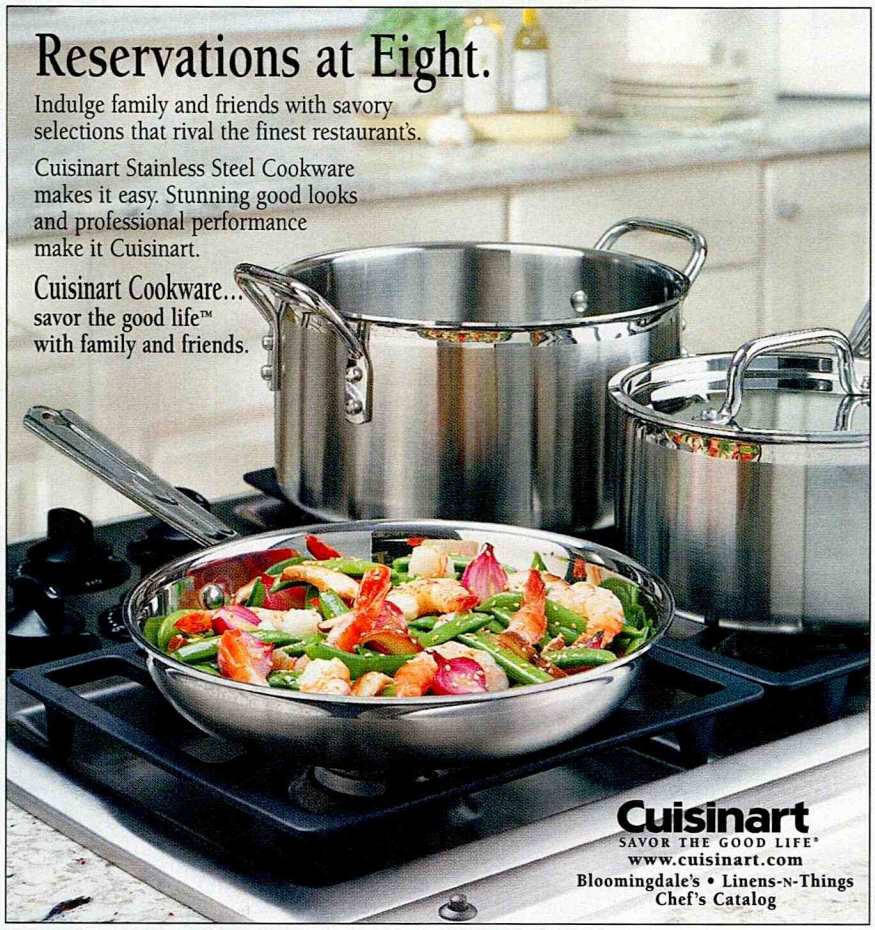

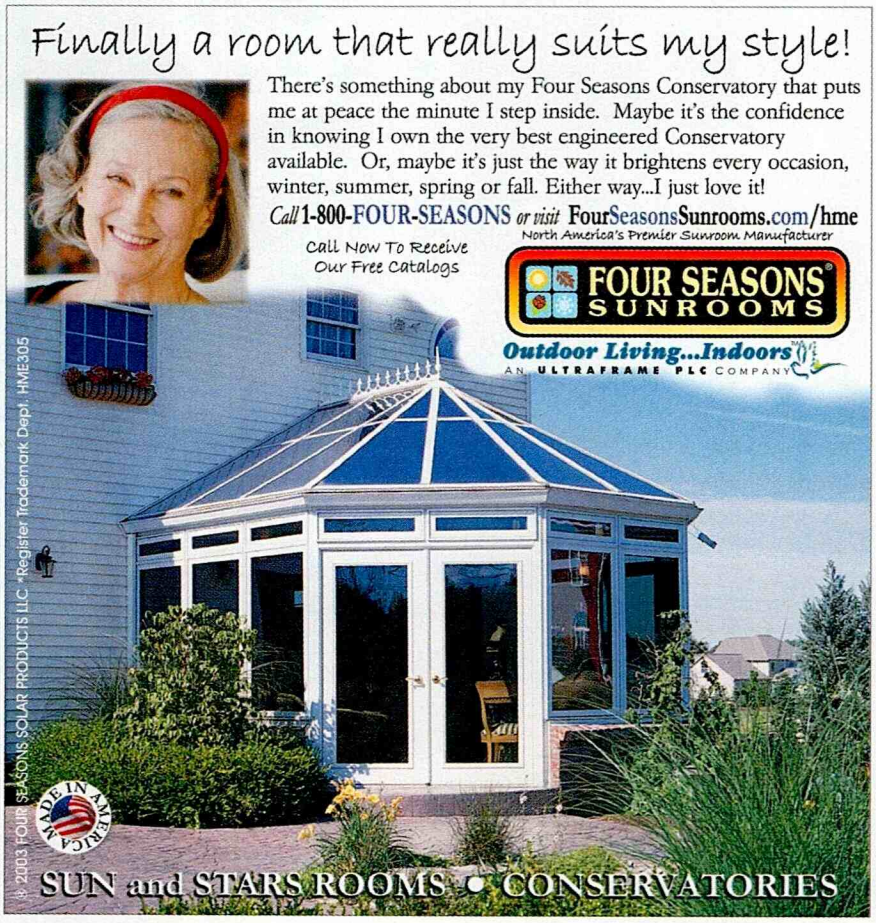

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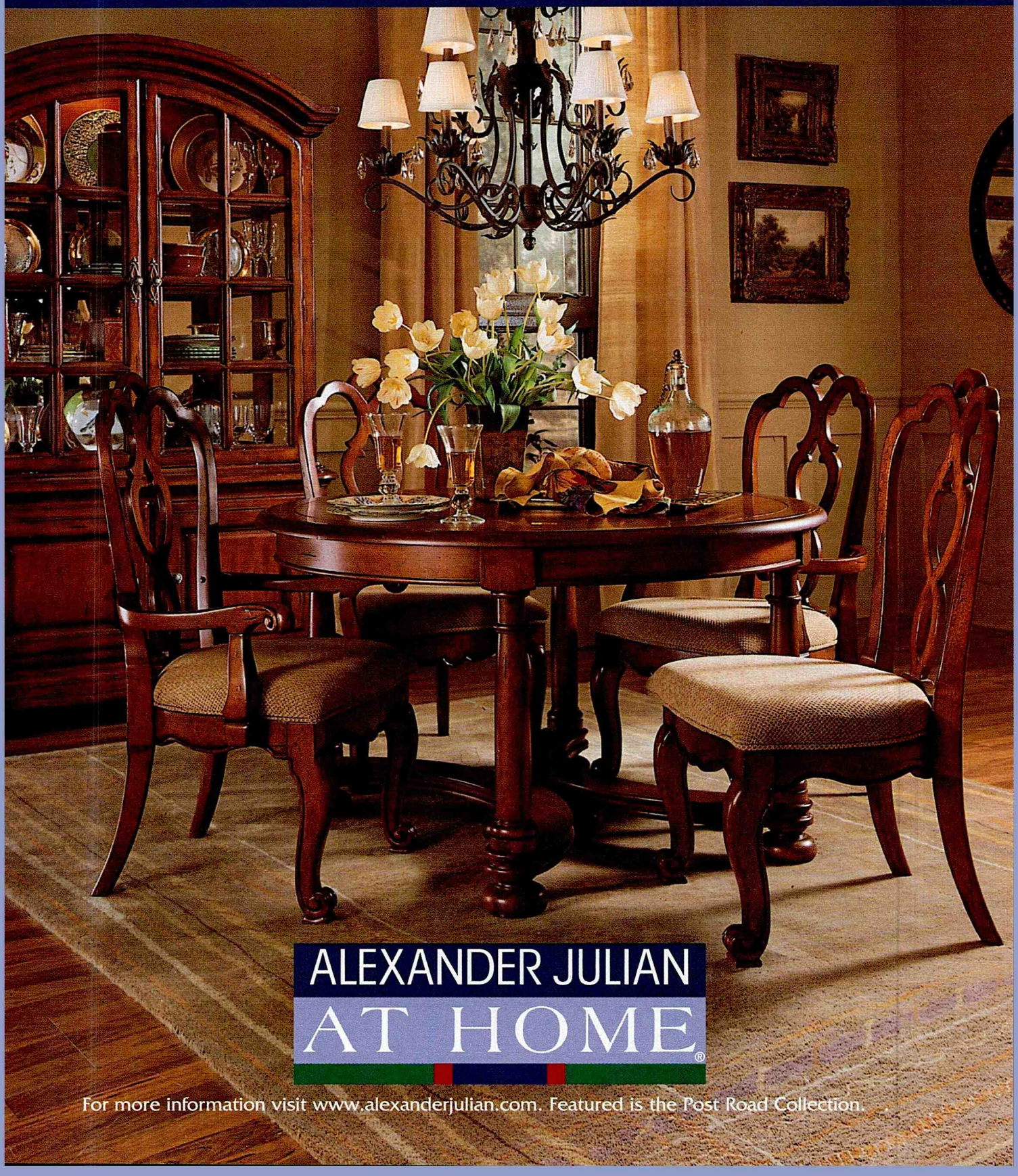

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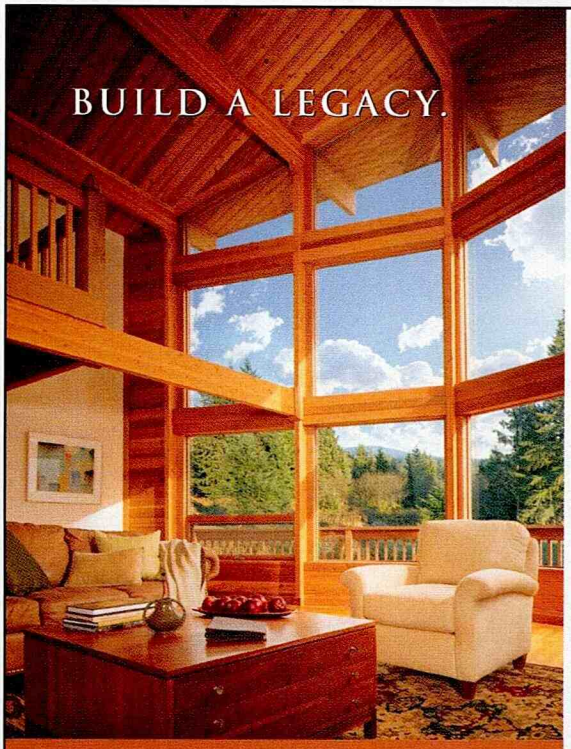

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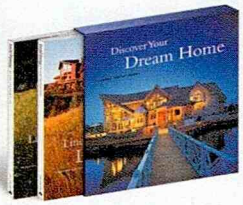

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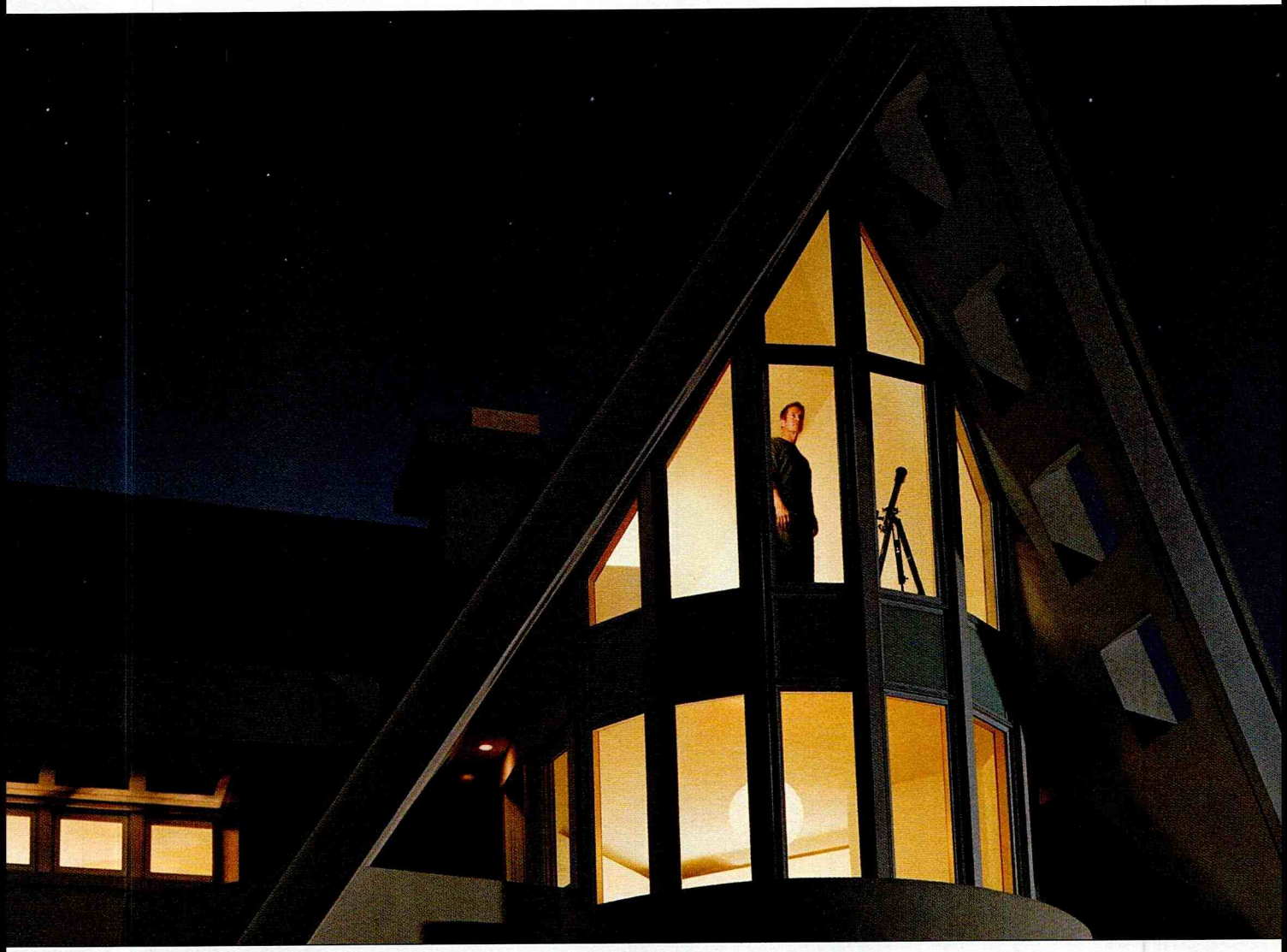

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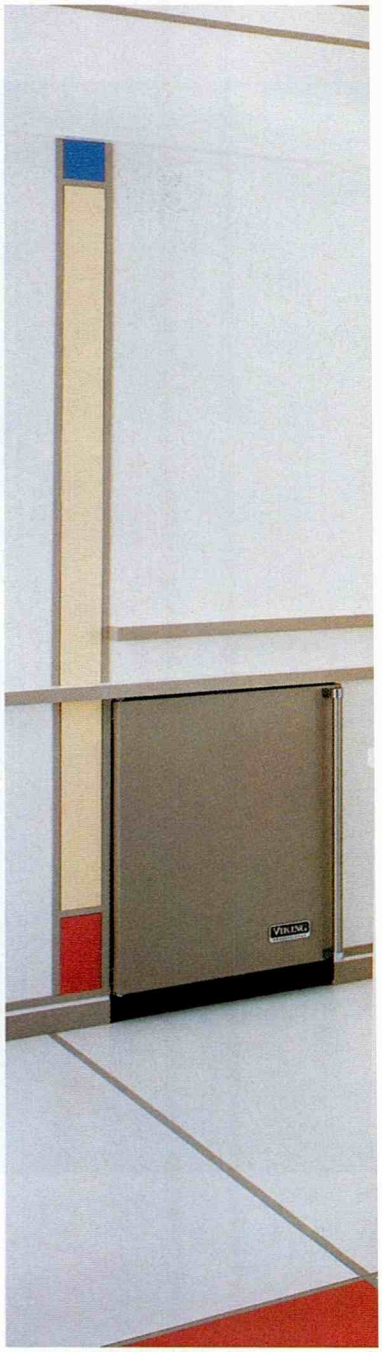



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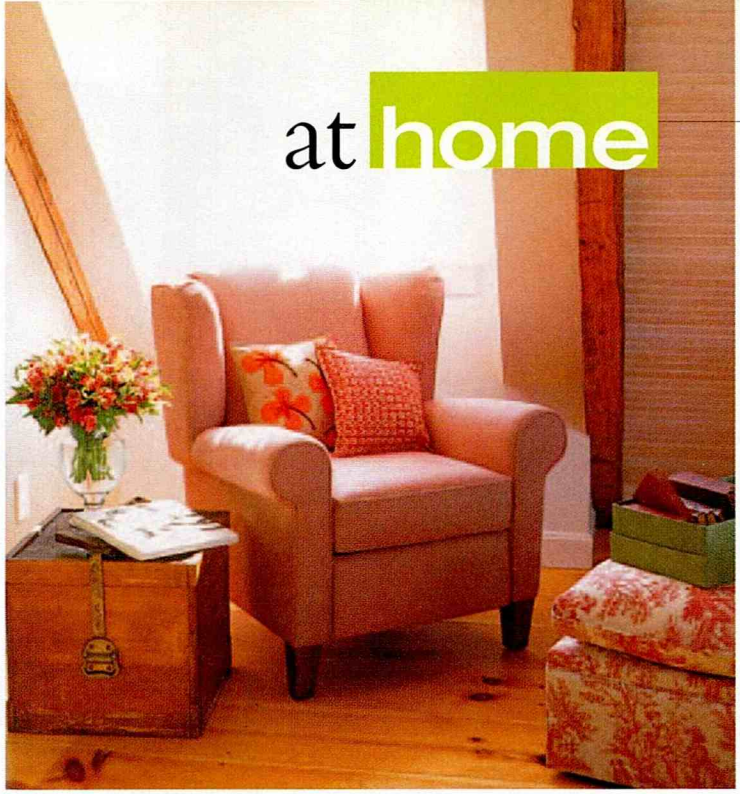

Vision and careful craftsmanship give an
1840 New Hampshire farmhouse a new lease on life.

We all love to dream. When we look at our own homes we see them, not as they are, but as the transformed houses we hope they will be someday. A kitchen is not just a kitchen. It's the unpainted canvas on which we hope to create a multitasking gourmet food center that can easily shift from turning out elegant hors d'oeuvres for one hundred; to preparing a frenzied, out-the-door breakfast; to cooking up an intimate dinner for two. A basement is never just a basement. It is an unrealized rec room, a media center, a wine cellar, or all of the above, waiting to be born.

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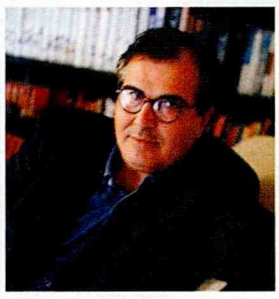

While we're on the subject of remodeling, we'd like you to look at a notable change we've made at *Home*. We've introduced a new department, on the last page, titled "Going Home." Here we plan to spend a little time, at the end of each issue, with the people who inspire us most and, by glancing into their homes, to come away with a few ideas about how we can better fulfill the dreams we have for our homes. In this premier edition we visit with noted designer and author Chris Madden, who shares her tips on how she organizes her living room, her private space, and her collections. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you.

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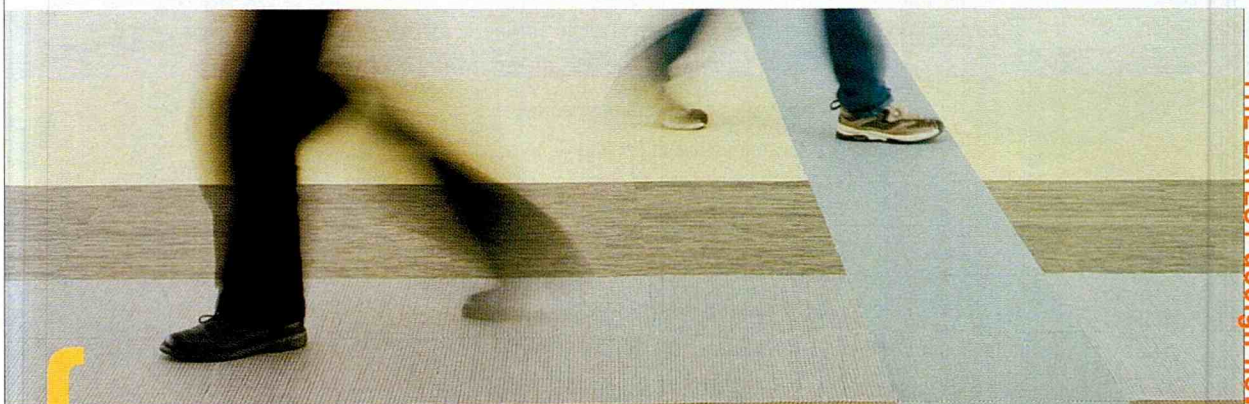

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chat room



Emeril Lagasse, chef extraordinaire, Food Network host, and restaurateur. With his latest namesake venue set to hit Atlanta in June, Emeril dishes on...the bare necessities, nightmare remodels, and the meal that changed his life.

Home What are five kitchen essentials?

Emeril Aside from a stove, a 10- or 12-inch nonstick sauté pan, a good-quality knife that you like, a cutting board, a nonstick spatula, and a vegetable peeler.

Home You're renovating two of your personal kitchens. How do you keep your sanity? Any advice?

Emeril It came to the point of near disaster when we tore the floor right down to the concrete and found the sewer lines were broken. Remodeling is rewarding, though. You can customize every inch for your personal and family needs. Two crucial decisions are flooring (you're on your feet while cooking) and lighting (avoid fluorescent, and speak to an expert). Also, don't select materials strictly for aesthetics; you'll regret it later. My suggestion: Start with a self-questionnaire on how you live, work, and store things in the kitchen.

Home What do people do in the kitchen that makes you cringe?

Emeril They put everything in the dishwasher, regardless of what it is. I don't recommend putting any decent cookware, especially nonstick pots and pans, in the dishwasher. The heat will eventually ruin them.

Home What's your favorite childhood memory in the kitchen?

Emeril For me, it was standing on a stool at the stove cooking homemade vegetable soup with my mom. I was eight, and she was my first inspiration.

Home If you were stranded on a desert island, what one kitchen gadget would you want with you?

Emeril A cast-iron pan to cook over a fire. Aside from water, you could probably live on pasta alone! *by Jennifer Jones*



top 10 moving tips

May marks the beginning of high season for swapping spaces. If you're one of millions on the move this year, follow Allied Van Line's top 10 musts for a more manageable moving day. *by Judy Ostrow*

1. Make a master to-do list. Use a calendar to set a deadline for each chore.

2. Clearly **identify items** that aren't moving with you.

3. Recycle what is staying behind—make donations or host a yard sale.

4. Use up cleaning supplies and frozen foods.

5. Pack like items together to simplify unpacking.

6. Color-code boxes for each room at the new place so movers get it right.

7. Travel with a survival kit, including lightbulbs, toilet paper, garbage bags, soap, tools, and linens.

8. Bring moving documents in the car with you.

9. Service the car, cut your hair, and fill prescriptions.

10. Send change-of-address cards to creditors, family, and the other usual suspects.

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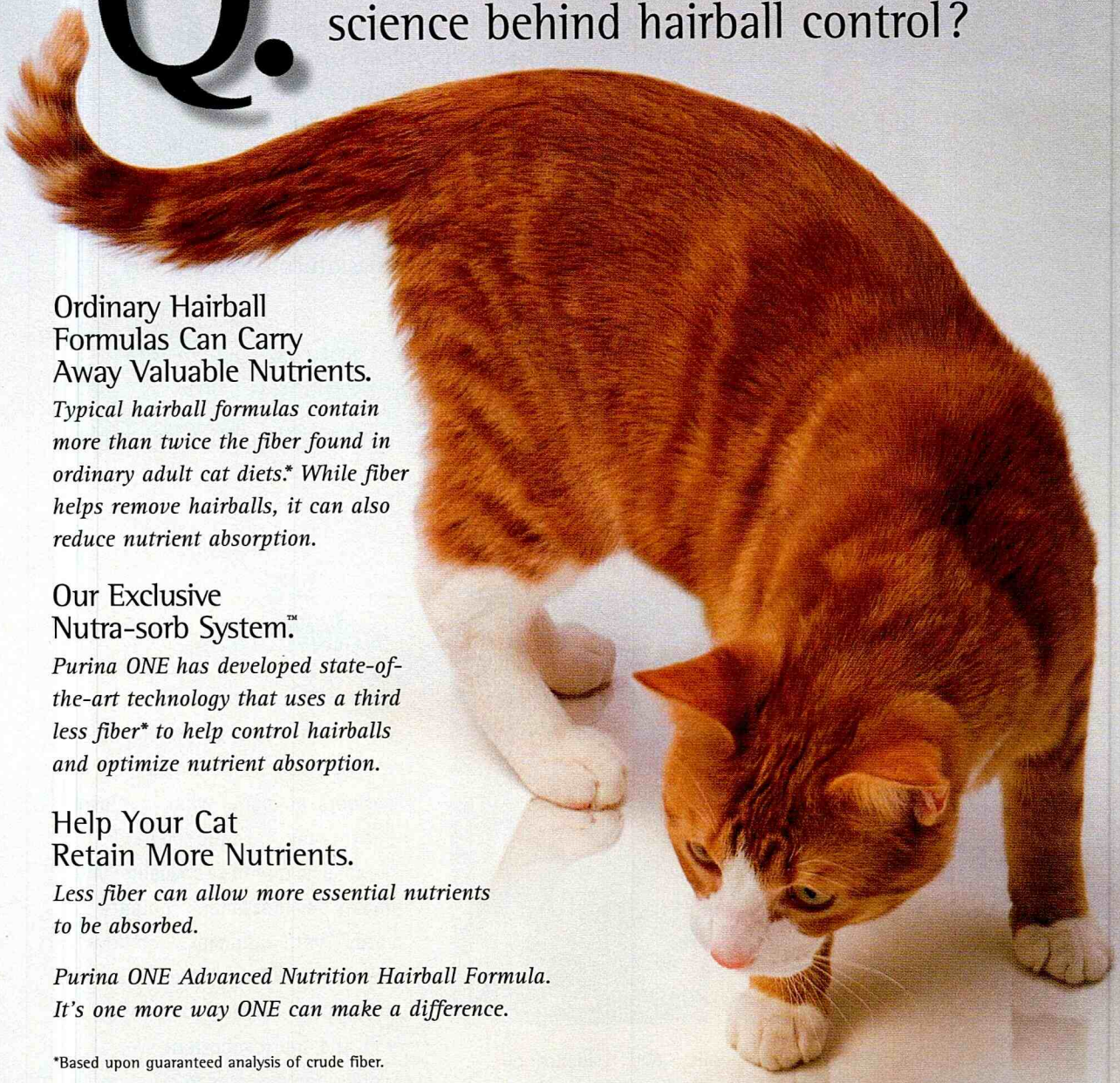

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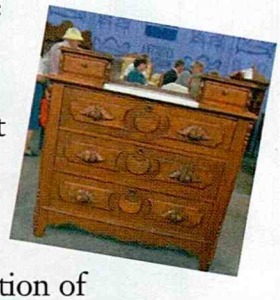

Even if you're not an ***Antiques Roadshow*** junkie like the rest of us, you'll still appreciate the new 60-piece furniture collection due out in August by Pulaski. Inspired by antiques appraised on the hit PBS series, the collection ranges from cabinets and clocks to bedroom furniture, above left and right. So you can savor a slice of American history without having to brave the musty smell of Grandad's attic to get it. And a portion of the proceeds help fund public television. Pieces cost from $500 to $1,500. For info: 540-980-7330, pulaskifurniture.com.—*J.J.*



Random Fact: The world's largest sofa is 450 feet long. Called Sofa of the Muses, it's from Italian furniture manufacturer Natuzzi and seats 120 people *Source: Guinness Book of World Records*

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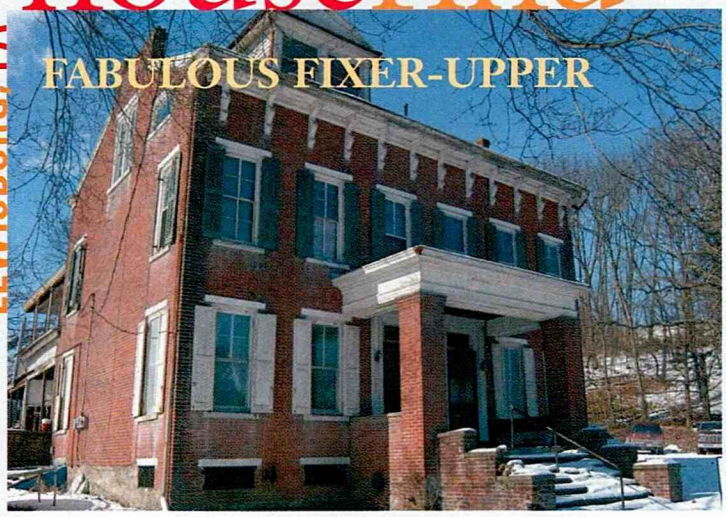

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WHO ERA Classic Realty, Inc., 570-523-1000; and Susquehanna Valley Visitors Bureau, 800-525-7320.—*J.J.*

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When it comes to gardening, the website **yardcare.com** has the answers, no matter what your level of expertise. Take the fun yard personality quiz to see whether you qualify as "first timer," "country yard," "yard enthusiast," or "low maintenance." You'll then receive custom-tailored advice on what will, and, more important, won't work when it comes to creating a beautiful yard in line with your "nature." If time is a precious commodity and you can't get out in the garden much, take a peek at the site's time-saving tips, plus updates on gardening technology and new products. *by Emily Sennesh*

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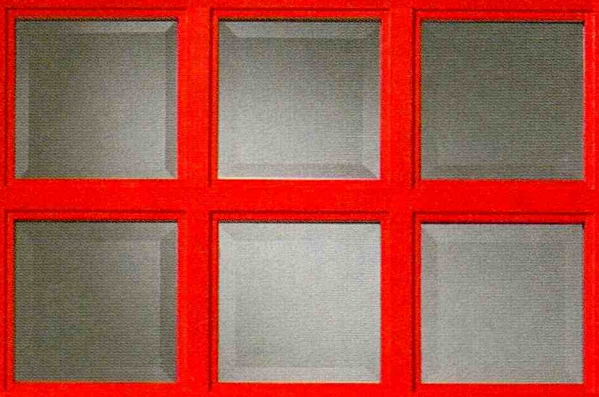
The hand-finished wrought-iron Tavernkeep's **lantern,** $535, features a rounded-bail and iron window grill. Period Lighting, 800-828-6990.



Be bold with your threshold



The new wooden entry **door** #1862, $500, in the Craftsman collection features two- and three-panel designs with decorative glass inserts. Jeld-Wen, 800-877-9482.

Modern Craftsman **house numbers** #CN0-9L, $12 each, shown in a Blacksmith iron finish are inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright. Atlas Homewares, 818-240-3500.





Get serious protection against forcible entry with the new Sheridan deadbolt **handleset,** $148, in antique nickel. Kwikset, 800-327-5625.

Although it resembles wrought iron, this **doormat,** $49, is actually waterproof rubber made to withstand extreme changes in temperature. Williams-Sonoma, 800-541-2233.



New prepainted Redwood fiber-cement **siding,** $100 to $130 a square foot uninstalled, looks like wood but is much easier to maintain. It's available in lap and shingle panels. James Hardie, 866-442-7343.

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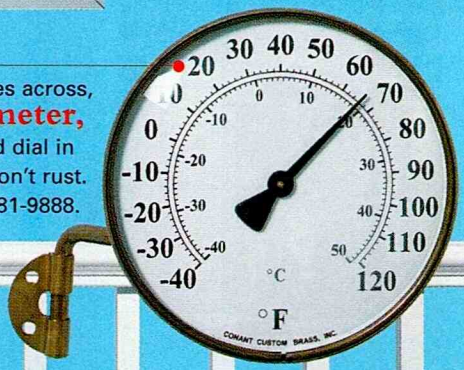
The new 500 Series easy-tilt double-hung **window,** $675, has simulated divided lites and special EasyCare glass that stays cleaner, longer. Peachtree Doors and Windows, 800-732-2499.



Perfect for outdoor use, the weather-resistant Utopia **fan,** $375, adds a touch of charm to your porch ceiling. Casablanca Fan Company, 888-227-2178.



Measuring just 4½ inches across, the Bristol **thermometer,** $39, has an easy-to-read dial in a brass casing, and it won't rust. Smith & Hawken, 800-981-9888.

Weatherproof PVC PermaPorch **railing,** $285 for 8 feet (shown in Savannah finish with square balusters) can be painted to match any color scheme. HB&G, 800-264-4424.

A smart alternative to wood, these 1-by-6-inch tongue-and-groove composite porch **planks,** $14 for 8 feet, won't warp, split, or splinter. Tendura, 800-836-3872. Painted with Academy Blue in an eggshell finish, $16 for a quart. Pratt & Lambert, 800-289-7728.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Dress your yard to impress



The solid brass **lantern** #P-5487-20, $239, in Oxford Silver is coupled with a black steel post #P5431-10, $273, with controls that turn the lantern on and off at dusk and dawn. Progress Lighting, 864-599-6000.



Greet the postman with the chic Coronado **mailbox,** $235. The extralarge galvanized steel body is big enough for even the most active armchair shopper. MailBoxes4Less, 800-634-5475.



Top your fence in style with the Newport 4-by-4-inch copper **ball cap,** $14, top; and Victorian vinyl copper **high point,** $11, bottom. Hooverfence.com, 800-355-2335.



Rust-resistant English Garden **fencing,** $20 for three 18-inch sections and three 6-inch sections, is hinged to easily go around corners. Suncast, 800-444-3310.



Build a **stone wall** with Carolina Ledgestone, $10 to $15 a square foot installed. A system of modular components with an interlocking mortar groove, it installs without grout. Cultured Stone, 800-255-1727.

Old Towne clay **pavers,** $1.80 to $2.70 a square foot uninstalled, beat a rustic path to your door. Pine Hall Brick, 800-334-8689.



Showcase a flowering friend in this 14-inch-high Chinese porcelain **planter,** $60. Pier 1 Imports, 800-245-4595.

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Top and bottom Shelving units help maximize and define your closet space.

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makeover madness

Five facelifts to transform your home

Written by **Max Alexander**

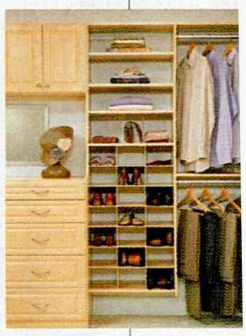
Building an addition, remodeling the kitchen, adding a pool—these are the monster projects that can totally revamp a home. They also cost tens of thousands of dollars and can make your abode unlivable for months. If these projects don't jibe with your present situation, consider a less disruptive undertaking. These five mini-endeavors—projects that can be tackled in a few weekends by a handy homeowner, or in even less time if you hire a pro—can drastically change the look and feel of your home for much less than a whole-home remodel.

Organize a Scary Closet

Why do it If opening your closet makes you cringe, take heart—almost every home has at least one frightening storage space. Uncluttering a closet, using one of many storage systems on the market, is a quick project that pays off in peace of mind. To plan your own closet makeover, check out websites such as easyclosets.com, where you can design your space online. Several do-it-yourself systems are available for a few hundred dollars at large home centers.

Time investment You're looking at a day's work.

What to consider For storage, try pullout bins and baskets for smaller items, multilevel clothing rods, foldout laundry hampers, and over-the-door shoe compartments. A combination of hangers and shelves will help keep stuff off the floor and in its place.



Plan to spend Companies like California Closets will send a specialist to your home for a design consultation. Such custom closets, installed by a pro, average about $2,500. But you can save big by designing and installing your own with a few standard tools.





Left and above Rather than replace your old cabinets, reface them to get a brand-new feel for a lot less money. **Bottom** Brighten a dull bath (and up your home's value) by installing new tiles. You can do it yourself over a couple of weekends.

Reface Kitchen Cabinets

Why do it Breathe new life into your cooking space. Old cabinets can be replaced for a small fortune—or refaced for considerably less, without gutting your entire kitchen.

Time investment A pro can reface cabinets in a day.

What to consider Refacing involves applying a special adhesive veneer to the cabinet frames, and replacing the doors and drawer fronts. First, if you hate the layout of your current kitchen, don't waste money refacing the cabinets. Refacing won't make cheap cabinets stronger. Replacement doors come in two basic materials: real wood or a composite material called Thermofoil, which is made by bonding a supertough man-made veneer to panels of particleboard. Wood comes in a wide range of tones and types—from stained cherry to paint-grade maple—but it's more expensive and can warp over time. Although it lacks the warmth of real wood, Thermofoil is more stable and virtually indestructible. Look for a refacing company with a solid reputation in your area, and check references, or take a trip to your local home store for a look at your options.

Plan to spend Expect to pay anywhere from $4,000 to $8,000 to reface an average 1,500-square-foot kitchen, but you can save money by doing the installation yourself.

Tile a Bathroom

Why do it Waterproof and durable, tile outlasts vinyl, needs less care than wood, and adds value to your home. A small bath can appear larger by tiling the floor in 1-inch mosaic tiles that come on easy-to-apply sheets.

Time investment Allow at least two weekends to tile a bathroom floor yourself, or just a few days with a pro.

What to consider For an elegant and easy-to-clean bath, choose wall tiles that are glazed; floor tiles typically have a matte finish, which is less slippery. Tiling is not difficult to install yourself, but it certainly takes patience and attention to detail. Tiles must be applied to a subsurface called mortarboard, which comes in 3-by-5-foot sheets and should be screwed down to the existing floor. If the floor has been weakened by water damage, you'll need to replace any damaged wood first. When you are laying down tile, consider using a good premixed all-in-one adhesive and grout that resists mildew.

Plan to spend Tile itself costs $5 to $50 a square foot; the higher end represents the finest handmade tiles.



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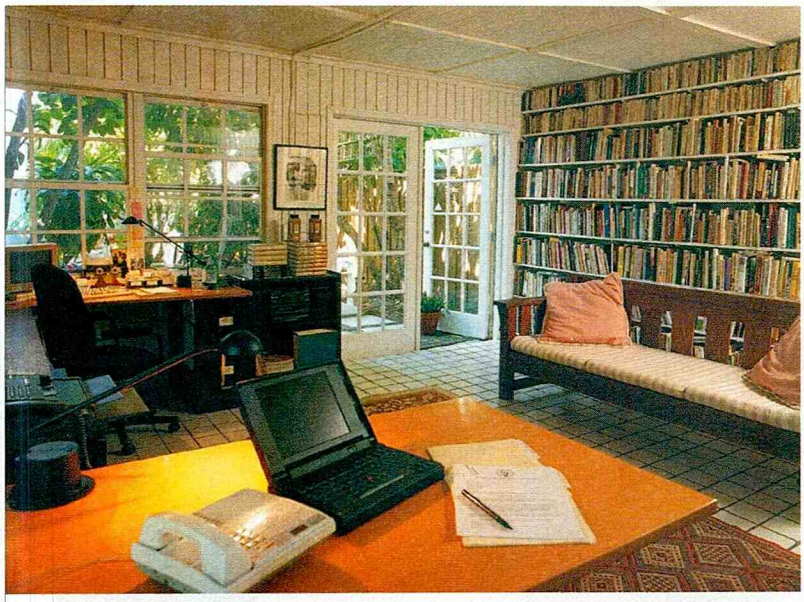

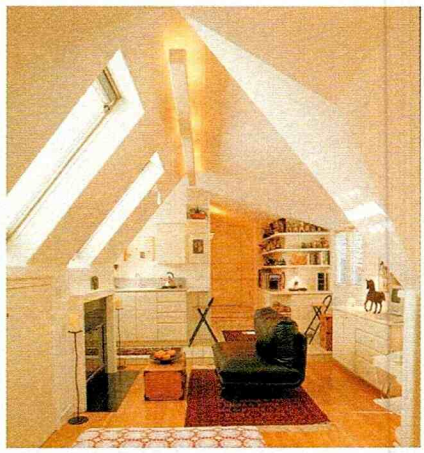

Left Turn your garage into a library, home office, or lounge. **Above** Convert a wasted attic into useful space with a few skylights. **Bottom** A brick veneer, this one from Novabrik, can energize a tired foundation on any house. *See Resource Guide.*

Reinvent a Space

Why do it Basements, garages, and attics are often wasted rooms you could make over into a home office or recreational space for the kids. Converting unused cellar space, for example, is a lot cheaper than building an addition. But before doing anything, play it safe—check local building codes to be sure your basement qualifies as a living space. (Because furnaces are potential hazards, most communities regulate the use of basements.)

Time investment You can estimate at least three or four weekends, depending on the space, if you go it alone.

What to consider Today's engineered flooring and composite wall paneling are great for basements, where humidity can cause solid wood to warp. Engineered and composite material is much more stable and looks just like the real thing, because it is finished in real wood veneers. Best of all, most can be installed by a competent do-it-yourselfer. In a converted garage space, think about installing plywood panels and battens to conceal the unattractive wires, joists, and pipes. Consider an engineered wood floor that is "glue-down" or "floating;" both can be laid right on concrete—look for a tough aluminum oxide finish for the wood. If these options don't appeal to you, consider indoor-outdoor carpeting. For walls, check out prefinished composite beadboard systems that fit together like a puzzle. You'll probably need to add lots of light, given that basements are usually dark. In low-ceilinged rooms, go with recessed halogen fixtures, spaced about every 6 feet. (This is definitely a job for an electrician.)

Plan to spend Figure on dropping about $5,000 to create a 250-square-foot playroom—not counting the lavish dollhouse you were talked into building.

Add Old Charm to Your Exterior

Why do it No wonder people hide their foundations behind bushes—virtually all are made of poured concrete, which is strong and economical, but boring. Developments in brick and stone veneers have made it easy to apply a new facing to the surface of a conventional concrete foundation.



Time investment Most veneers are best left to a skilled mason, who can make over your exterior in only a few days.

What to consider Some veneers are real bricks (made of fired clay or shale) that are just ½-inch thick; others are molded from concrete and stone aggregates, then tinted to look like real bricks or stones. Good ones, for instance, Cultured Stone, are nearly impossible to tell from the real thing, and they weigh less than half as much. When planning just a foundation veneer, be sure to match any new brick or stonework to the home's existing chimney. Most veneers are applied to the existing foundation with epoxy mortars or other glues, then they're grouted like tiles. A brand called Novabrik has interlocking grooves that eliminate mortar and can be installed by a handy homeowner.

Plan to spend You'll dish out $2,000 to $5,000 for the foundation alone, including materials.

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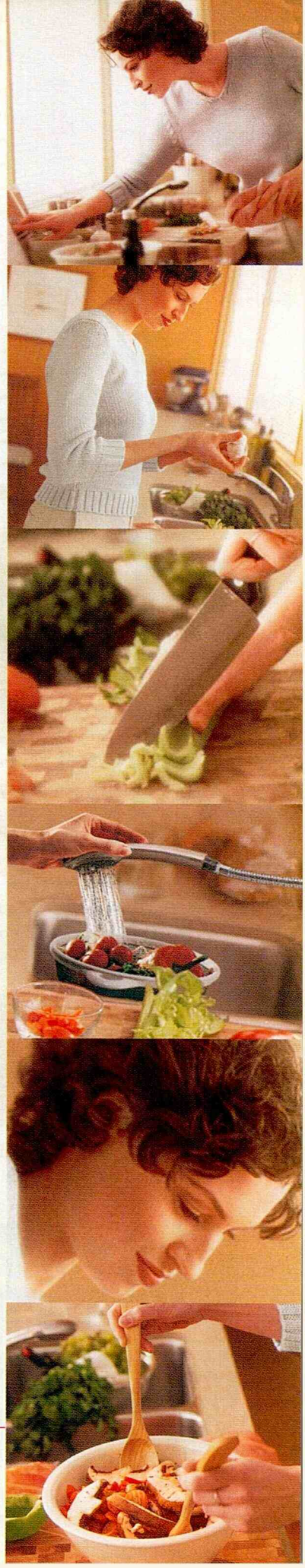

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1. Mat Tricks This inventive new Welcome doormat, $40, has 30 peel-away layers coated with an acrylic material that captures and holds dirt particles. When the top layer is soiled, just pull the corner tab to expose a clean sheet. CleanStep, 866-345-8470. **2. Mini Meltdown** Dip into delicacies with this perfectly sized red fondue pot, $27, also available in green, yellow, white, and cobalt blue. Emile Henry, 302-326-4800. **3. Fizz Factor** Add a little spritz to your spring garden party with funky new soda siphons, $50 each, in tangerine, lemon, and sky. Isi North America, 800-447-2426. **4. To the Nines** Organize your greenhouse, or even keep knick-knacks from invading the home office, with this galvanized seed box #GAL015, $58, from Sas Living. Legacy Trading, 214-953-2222. **5. Crafty Cleaner** This DirtBuster Hand Vac, $40, comes with 14 accessories, including a flexible hose, crevice tool, and dusting brush. Black & Decker, 800-544-6986. **6. Painting Pal** With a handy roller rest and brush holder, this Premium paint tray, $8, snaps onto all step ladders. The sure-grip roller frame, $9, ensures a steady hand. Shur-Line, 800-253-7856. **7. Garden Garnish** Made of powder-coated metal, these garden markers, $36 for a set of three, are easy to write on to identify seedlings. Notre Monde, 614-263-7708. **8. Computer Care** Suck up dust and cookie crumbs

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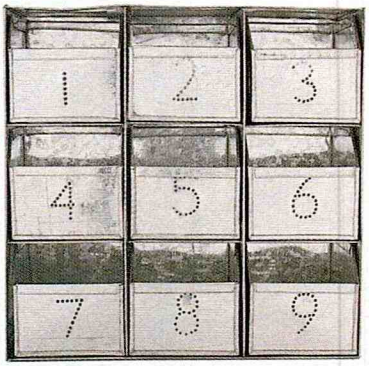

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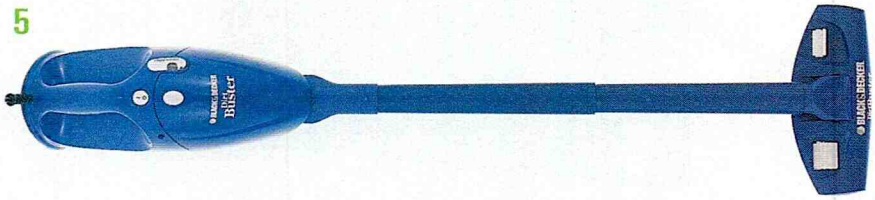

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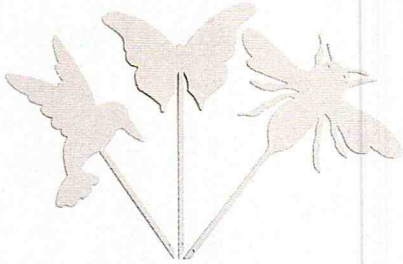

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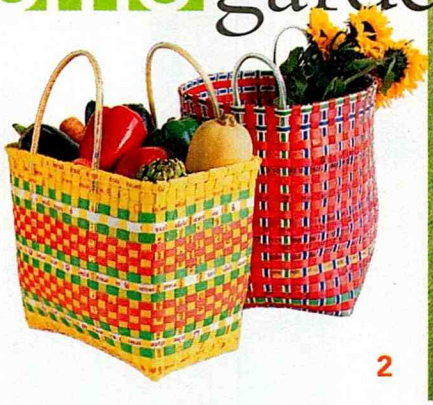
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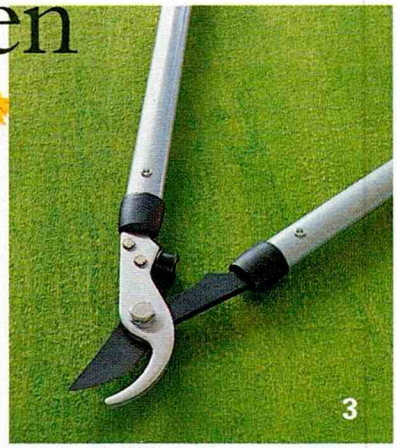
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The latest dirt on gardening gear, you dig?

Forget about lugging those rusty, backbreaking tools out of the shed for yet another season of slaving in the sun. Instead, impress your pals, and treat yourself to some new, more ergonomic gardening gear and a few timeless must-haves—all set to make your outdoor chores easier and a lot more enjoyable. Here are our picks for gadgets with knockout looks, function, and affordability.


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1. Try your hand at an ergonomic **trowel, cultivator,** and **V hoe,** $13 to $15 each, designed to minimize wrist and arm strain. Earth Bud-Eze; 877-504-9800, earthbudeze.com. 2. Tote your veggies and cut flowers from garden to table in a **Market bag,** $12, or **Gathering basket,** $19, both handwoven in Thailand from recycled packaging straps. Smith & Hawken; 800-981-9888, smithandhawken.com. 3. Don't pass up the power-packed **Bypass loppers,** $28, which offer shock absorption, a nonslip grip, and a Teflon-coated cutting blade for maximum strength. Oxo; 800-545-4411, oxo.com. 4. The rotating handles on the Felco **professional pruner** #7, $62, are designed to reduce strain on fingers. Kinsman Company; 800-733-4146, kinsmangarden.com. 5. Eliminate your stooping and squatting with the **4-Wheel Scoot,** $100, which has a contoured, tractor-style swivel seat for optimal mobility. It holds up to 400 pounds. Gardener's Supply Company; 800-427-3363, gardeners.com. 6. The **Gauntlet glove,** $28, and lanolin-infused **Goatskin glove,** $25, are so soft you'll forget you're wearing them. Womanswork; 800-639-2709, womanswork.com.

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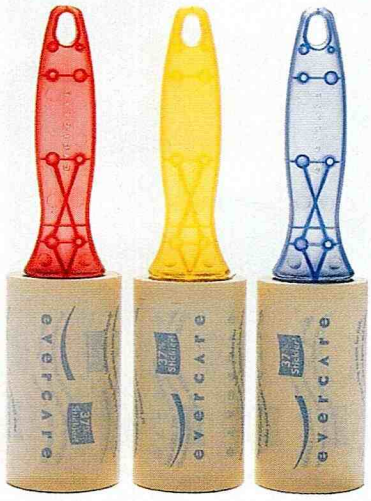

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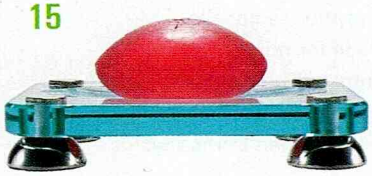

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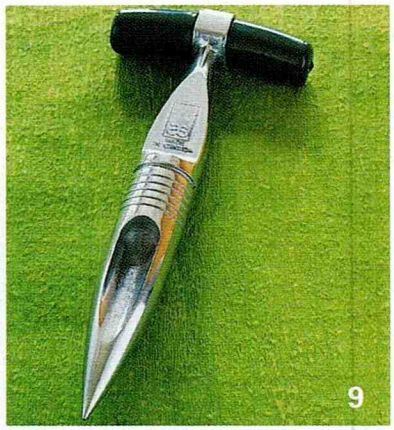
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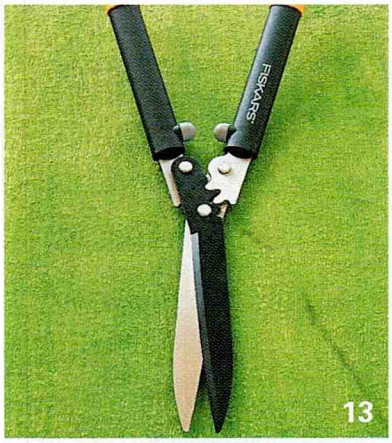

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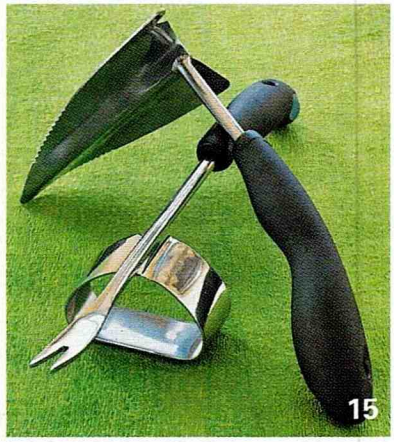
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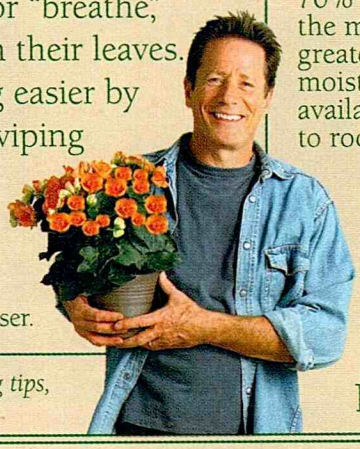

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We all love our phones, but this wireless world is changing fast—here's the 4-1-1

Today's cell phones do much more than just make and take calls. They snap photos; play games and music; download software; hook up to a laptop; surf the web; and send e-mail, multimedia, and instant messages.

Not enough bells and whistles to woo you to a new model? Just wait. New processors by the world's two largest wireless phone chip companies, Texas Instruments (TI) and Intel, will enable phones available by year-end to do all that—and more. Plus, these dynamos will enable phones to shrink to the size of a box of Tic Tacs.

It's a Buyer's Market

Customer turnover is high: According to Jupiter Research, companies lose 2.5 percent of their customers every month. That number is expected to rise in November, when we'll be able to keep our phone numbers even if we sign on with another company. The end result? Companies are outdoing each other to offer better service and snazzy extras.

Virtually every service provider has contracted, or is in negotiation, with phone manufacturers to accommodate new functions and special equipment such as cameras. Want your entire Microsoft Outlook address book on your phone so you can voice-dial anyone, anytime? Done. Tired of looking at that boring two-line display? Most new models have screens in the 1-by-2½-inch range, some with 64,000 colors and more options than a small handheld computer. Actually, some of them *are* handheld computers. PocketPC and PalmOS-style hybrids have become common phenomena.

Slim and stylish phones are all the rage, with models shrinking even as their capabilities grow. For a hint of where the market's headed, look to Europe, where makers such as Siemens are turning out teardrop-shaped phones that hang on a



A Palm-powered phone, **Samsung's SPH-i330** features a color screen and web access.

A multitasker's dream, the **Palm Tungsten W** comes with a hands-free headset for chatting while you surf the web, e-mail, and fiddle with Word, Excel, or PowerPoint files.

The **Sony Ericsson T300** features a color screen and snap-on MCA-25 CommuniCam digital camera accessory.

A solid contender, the **Audiovox 9155GPX** has GPS location capability and a seven-line display.

The **Kyocera 3225's** strobe lights, on the sides, alert you to a call, text message, or event.

The **Nokia 7210** has a four-way scroll, integrated FM radio, color display, and polyphonic sounds.

cell mates

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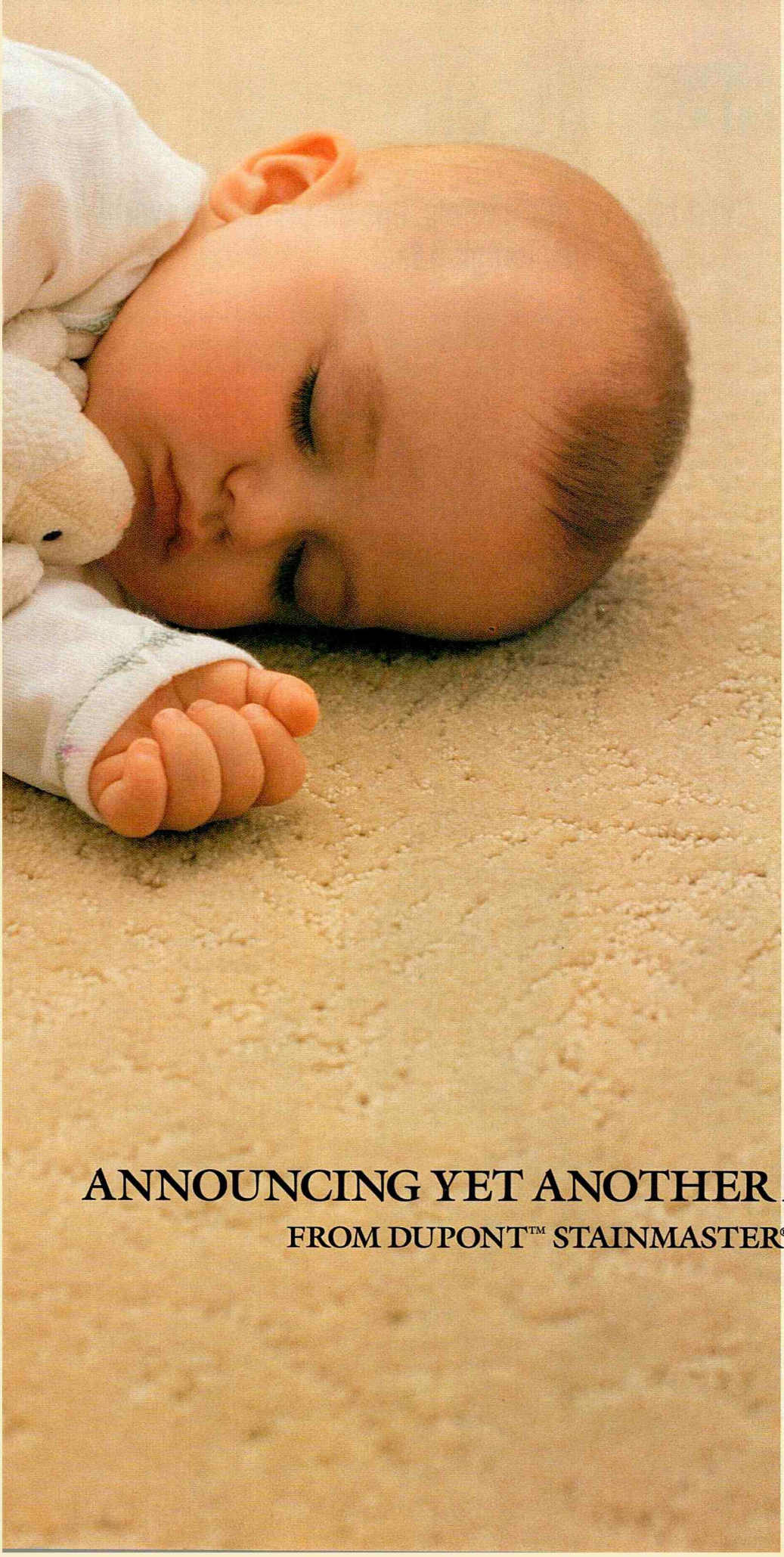

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cord around your neck. Phones are also getting ultracustomized. If all you want is a game machine that lets you make calls and play others head-to-head, you've got it in the new Nokia N-Gage. If you're out to get a handheld computer with a versatile minikeyboard, wireless phone service, and color screen, opt for Palm's new Tungsten W or an established winner such as Handspring's Trēo 300.

New Developments

Keep an eye out for phones with two new chips debuting this fall. Texas Instruments' new Omap line uses less juice and offers more processing power, speedier graphics, and a tiny size. Intel is hot on TI's heels with the new PXA800F, a clumsy acronym for a very smart brain that builds the phone's communications, memory, and processing functions into a single chip. The result? Faster, smarter, cheaper phones that can do everything today's models can at a third of the size and a quarter of the price.

What to Expect

The next wave of phones will be even more specialized. If you want voice and nothing but, you'll enjoy a longer battery life and models small enough to be built right into earsets. The bottom line? Shop for service first: Specific phones depend on the carrier you choose. And plan on trading your phone in after a year or two. Most services offer updates on new equipment, and the technology is moving way too fast to stick with one phone for long. How appropriate for a mobile device. *See Resource Guide.*

don't get scammed

Avoid the biggest traps in your wireless plan. Here are five things to consider:

1. Data minutes and megabytes versus voice calls If you're buying a fancy phone—say, for a camera or Internet connection—some plans charge by the minute, while others charge by the megabyte. Photos may cost only minutes to upload but can use up your precious data allotment if you e-mail them over the phone to friends.

2. Directory assistance The biggest hidden cost! Ask about the charges, and try to build free calls into your plan.

3. Add-on fees Piling extra services on a basic contract may be more expensive than buying a bigger bucket of minutes with more extras up front. Ask what's out there; you might find services such as Verizon's Voice Gear (voice dialing of anyone in your computer's address book) worth an extra fee if you can't get it built into a package.

4. Roaming and long distance Most plans come with some combination of the two, but read the fine print. Long-distance calls and data transfers will cost you more while you're roaming out of your service area.

5. What's new Call your company every six months to see what options you can snag—for instance, more minutes or features added to your plan for free.

4 of our faves

model	best at	comments	carrier	price without plan	lowest price seen
Sanyo SCP-5300	Overall	We love this phone; it offers a low-resolution camera, gorgeous color screen, games, web-messaging, and great reception.	Sprint	$400	$350
Handspring Trēo 300/270	Internet/ e-mail	Our pick for a phone-handheld-computer hybrid. A good option for T-Mobile or Cingular subscribers.	Sprint (300), T-Mobile, Cingular (270)	$499 $699	$499 $499
Motorola T720	Local service	A good compromise for those who want a mix of features, size, reception, and price in a flip phone. Its color screen does a dandy job with surfing, playing, or just plain dialing.	Verizon Wireless, Cingular, AT&T Wireless	$449	$49 (No, that's not a typo!)
Nokia N-Gage Mobile Game Deck	Games	Looks like a Nintendo Game Boy Advance, but it can play against people across the room or around the world.	T-Mobile	TBA	TBA
Panasonic DuraMax EB-TX220	Durability	Offers basic features (text messaging but no web) and a rubberized case that can take a lot of punishment.	AT&T Wireless	$89	Free

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Dueling Fire

Q I want to purchase a Jenn-Air dual-fuel professional-style range and would like to know what the benefits are of **dual fuel versus gas.** There's also a grill as part of the cooktop. Is indoor grilling really a positive, considering the strong odors and cleanup? *—Rochelle Tarlowe, New York, New York*

A A dual-fuel range means it's a product that uses two different energy sources, usually a gas cooktop and an electric oven. Most people agree that gas cooktops perform better, because it's easier to control the temperature. Ovens are a bit trickier: Gas is fine, but, because a certain amount of air is required for combustion, it can produce cold spots. Electric ovens tend to keep a more even, consistent temperature. As for the indoor grill, Jenn-Air's David Kargas says the downdraft ventilation is extremely efficient at removing smoke and odors. "It captures smoke at the point of creation," he says. "So while grilling foods indoors will create some smoke, downdraft grabs it before it escapes into the room." Cleanup is easy: Jenn-Air's grills now come with dishwasher-safe liner pans and grill grates.

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where can i find...

the **paint color** used in the Daniel Island, South Carolina, show home's family room ("Comfort is in the Details," March 2003)? As usual, I read this issue from cover to cover. Thanks for your help! *—Holly Landauer, Highlands Ranch, Colorado*

A The paint color, shown above, is Benjamin Moore's Rockport Gray #HC-105. For more information, call 800-826-2623, or log on to benjaminmoore.com.

Ask the pros...

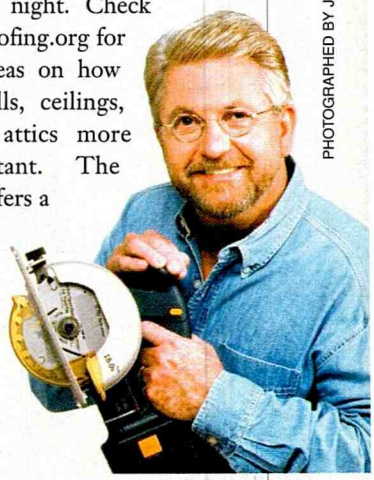
Ron Hazelton

is home improvement editor of ABC's *Good Morning America* and host of the weekly syndicated television show, *Ron Hazelton's HouseCalls*

Noisy Neighborhood

Q I'm a recent subscriber and love your Writing Home department. We have recently moved into a 2,200-square-foot single-story home built in the 1940s. We like everything about our home and neighborhood, except the noise that comes from a nearby municipal airport. Can you provide some **soundproofing suggestions?** I'm interested in anything from curtains to ceiling coverings to insulation for the attic (although our furnace is up there) to anything that can be done outdoors. Thanks. *—Kelly Coleman, Long Beach, California*

A A lot of exterior sound comes through single-paned windows. Upgrading to double- or even triple-paned versions can cut noise significantly, but it's a pricey solution. Less expensive options include adding storm windows outside, installing a window on the inside of an existing window, or even making a removable soundproofing plug, particularly for bedrooms at night. Check out soundproofing.org for additional ideas on how to make walls, ceilings, floors, and attics more noise resistant. The group also offers a useful booklet, "Quieting: A Practical Guide to Noise Control."



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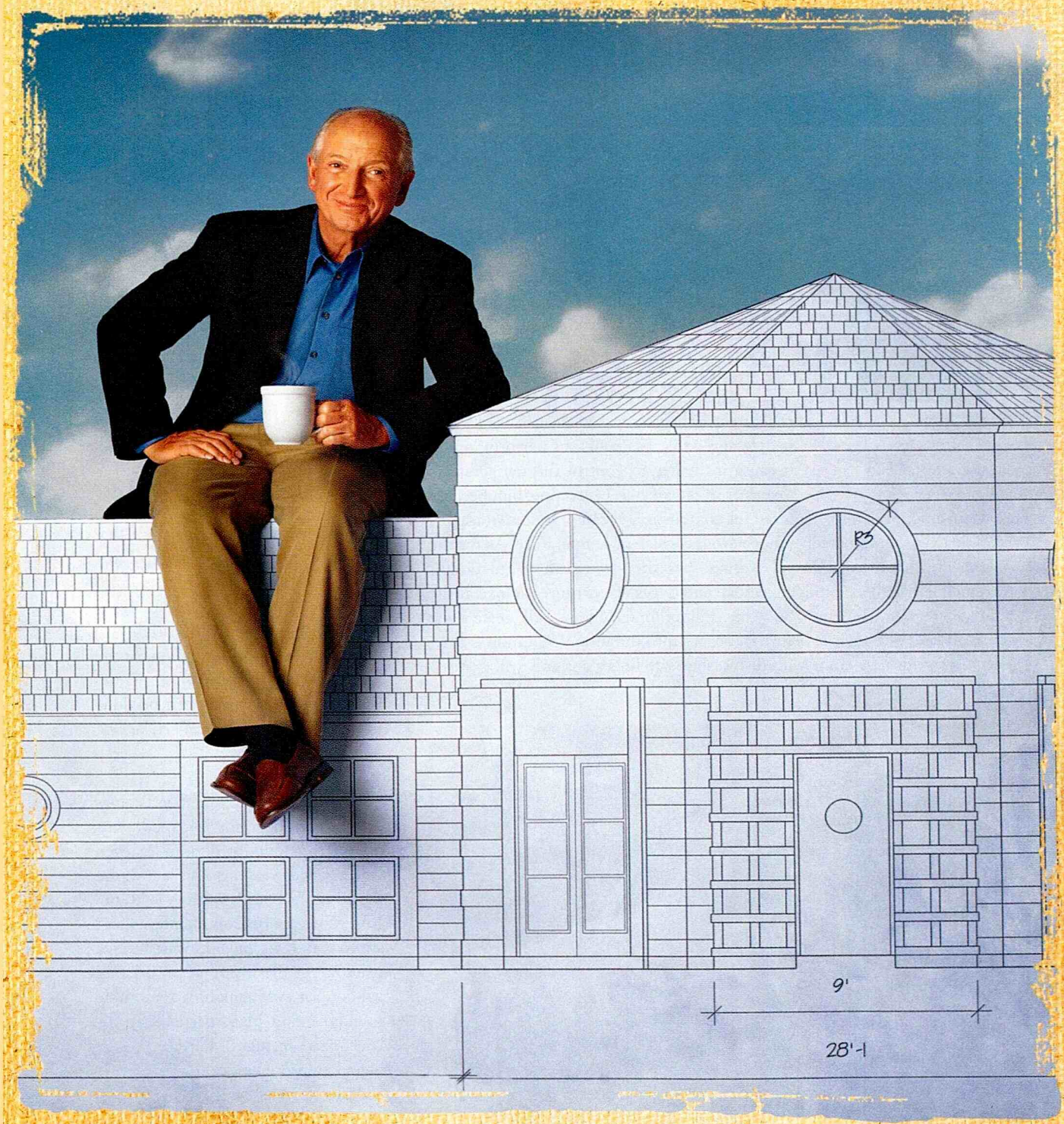



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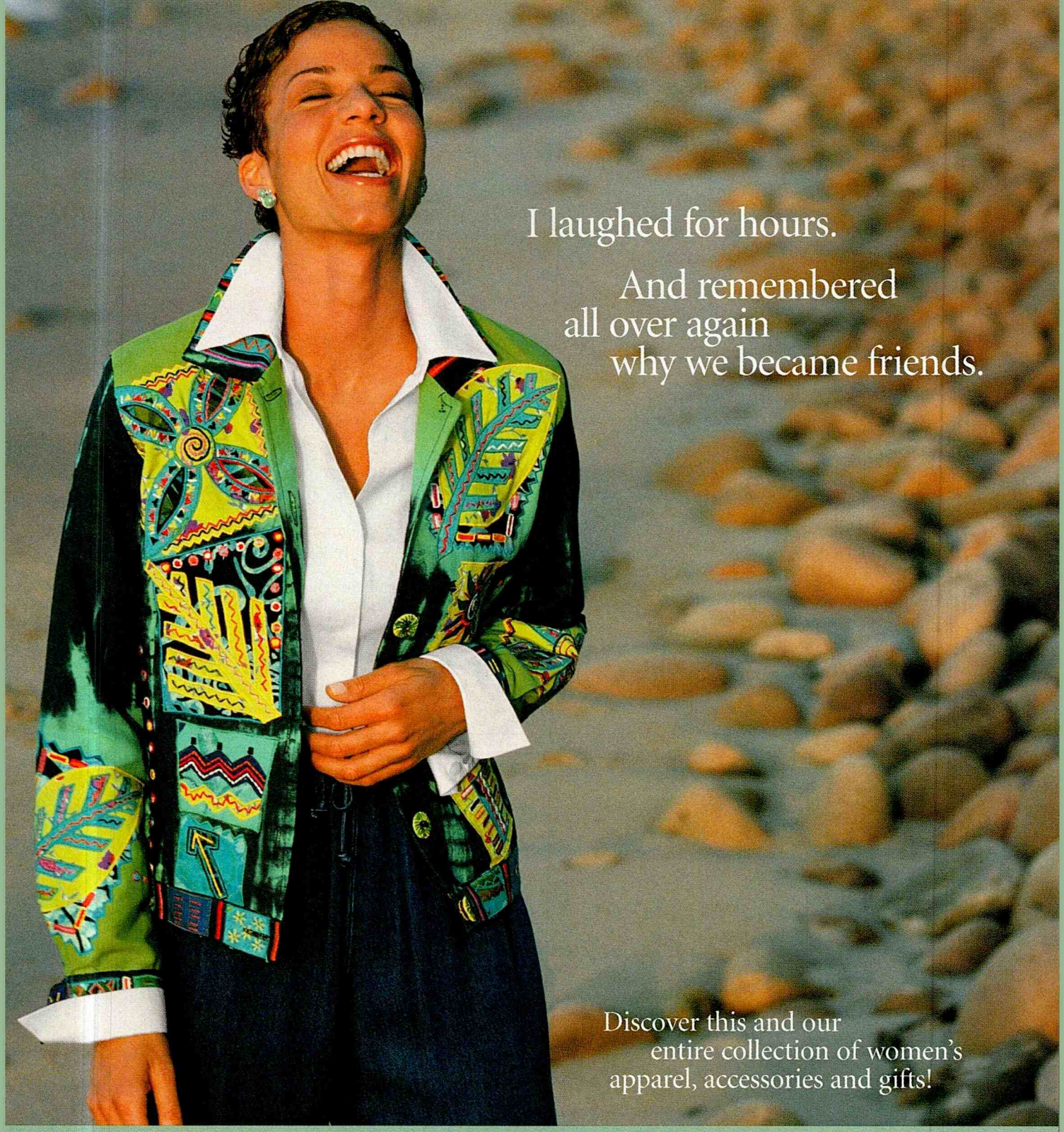

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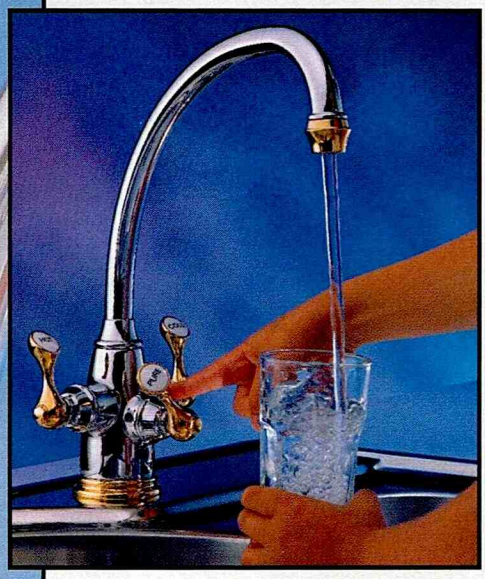

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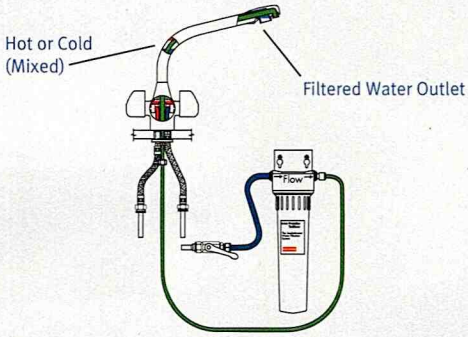

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Studly Situation

Q I applied **paneling** to my basement walls 10 years ago. I want to take the paneling down but am unsure of how to get the glue off.—*Duane Kuebler, Crete, Nebraska*

A) Unfortunately, there's no magic solution. Most glues made in the past 25 years create a high-strength bond and only two elements work on them: extreme heat and highly toxic chemicals (most of which have been banned). You need two old-fashioned tools: a hammer and a chisel. And if you're extremely ambitious, you could hire a contractor to cut the studs away and reinstall new studs or furring strips (if it's not structural material).

CORRECTIONS

- February 2003, page 101: J.S. Benson Woodworking and Design's website is jsbensonwoodworking.com.
- March 2003, page 26: The price for DuPont Corian's Graphic Blue solid surface is $45 to $75 per square foot, installed.

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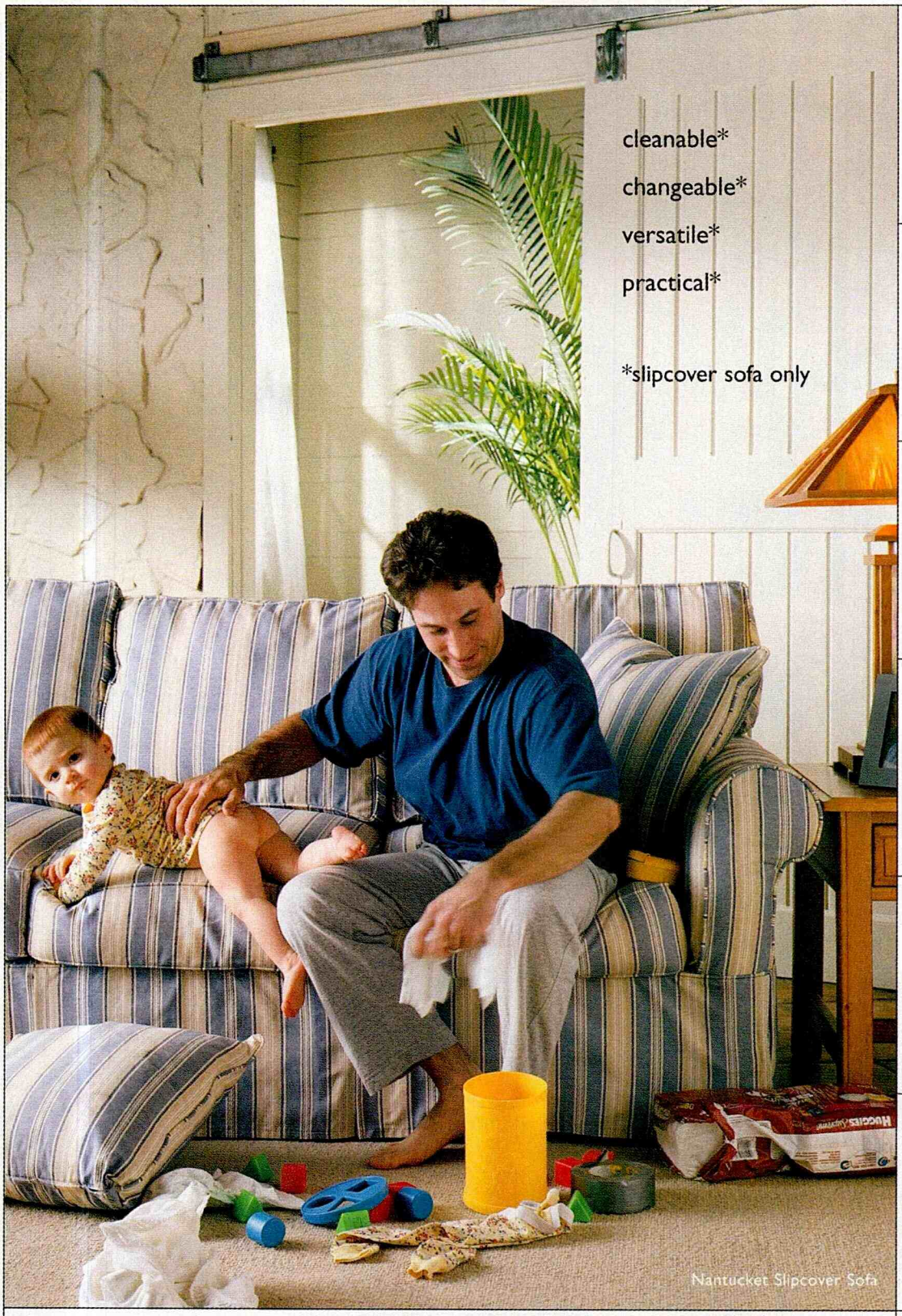













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A serving center made from KraftMaid cabinets and a Dupont Zodiaq countertop is a practical and attractive addition to the kitchen. **Inset top** The other living areas of the 2003 American Home of the Year appeared in *Home Magazine*'s March 2003 issue.

part two comfort *is in* the details

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Are your kitchen goods less than picture-perfect? Cabinets with frosted-glass fronts reveal only their contents' shadowy allure
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Once kitchens were strictly low-tech, functional spaces churning out pot roasts and gobbling up dirty dishes. Bathrooms, too, were purely practical—without body sprays, steam showers, and many of the other modern-day bells and whistles we've come to rely on for relaxation. But times have changed, and these disparate spaces have morphed into rooms in which pleasure and convenience are part of the daily vernacular. A case in point: the beautiful kitchen and bathrooms in our spectacular American Home of the Year—a honey-hued, two-story stucco house designed by Schmitt Sampson Walker Architects and built by Kalman Construction on Daniel Island, South Carolina, a 4,000-acre spit of land situated between Charleston's Cooper and Wando rivers.

The 340-square-foot kitchen is the home's hub—a central core where family and friends like to convene. The design is organized around a large central work island that divides the room into two distinct zones: a U-shaped area for cooking and a rectangular-shaped space for entertaining. The island, which contains the room's primary sink, functions as both an informal dining table and an expansive work surface. A raised ledge on the front of the island shields the sink and the cooking area beyond from the rest of the room, while providing a place for guests to congregate. "They can easily converse with the cook, but they don't have to look at a mess of dirty dishes," says James Walker, the principal architect on this major kitchen-bath project .

They can also gaze out at the home's lushly landscaped gardens and courtyard, thanks to Walker's judicious use of glass. The eating area is equipped with a pair of 8-foot-tall French doors that frame garden views and open to the home's interior courtyard. In the U-shaped work zone, the cabinet layout was configured to accommodate a pair of double-hung windows. The windows, which fall on either side of the cooktop, outline views of a small garden terrace. "We had to leave out some cabinets to make the design work," says Walker. "But kitchens are so much more pleasant when they're filled with lots of natural light."

To make up for the lost cabinet space, Walker added a generous 112-square-foot butler's pantry off the kitchen at the back of the house. Instead of using the pantry as the usual buffer between dining room and kitchen, he placed it between the kitchen and the family room near a door leading to the driveway. "It seemed like the most logical location," he says of the room's nontraditional placement. "Groceries can go from car to cupboard with very little effort."

In addition to holding a stash of surplus supplies, the pantry—equipped with its own sink, dishwasher, 36-inch refrigerator, and wine cooler—doubles as a convenient staging area for dinner parties and other large-scale social



Opposite In the pantry, KraftMaid cabinets in Charcoal store food, china, and linens. Outfitted with KitchenAid appliances, Dupont Zodiaq counters, and an American Standard sink, it doubles as a prep area for parties. **Right** A large island and counters topped with Dupont Zodiaq, plus a 48-inch gas cooktop from KitchenAid's Architect Series make meals for large groups a snap. Hunter Douglas window shades can be lowered to block out any bright sun.





Left Walker Zanger floor tile in a calming blue complements the pale yellow Benjamin Moore paint on the walls of the girl's bedroom and bath. **Above** To extend the bedroom's cottage look to the bath, we covered the lower three-quarters of the wall in beadboard paneling from New England Classic. **Below** In the guest bath, double doors by Masonite part to show a wall-mounted sink by Porcher that saves space without skimping on storage. **Opposite** Because each of this second-floor bath's double vanities has only one sink, there's plenty of counter space for toiletries.

Private party: Each of the home's four full baths is connected to a bedroom. Shared design elements coordinate the spaces



functions. "It removes the mess from places where people are hanging out," explains builder Kevin Kalman.

The task of finishing these sun-filled spaces at the back of the house fell to Ann Theriot and Julie O'Connor, the project's Charleston-based design team. To create a seamless transition between these rooms and the more formal spaces at the front of the house (see "Comfort is in the Details" in our March 2003 issue), O'Connor and Theriot selected a neutral color palette of creamy whites and calming browns. The limestone-tile floor, which continues from the front door to the back door, subtly grounds the house. In the kitchen, the soft-taupe tile is a tasteful complement to deep-charcoal cabinets, says O'Connor. Cream-colored Zodiaq counters and the stainless steel KitchenAid appliances complete the space, adding a contemporary edge to the room's classic looks.

For privacy and convenience, Walker worked the home's layout so that each bath, except the tiny first-floor powder room, connects to a bedroom. "It's simply a more

5 design ideas you can steal

Stumped for decorating ideas? Let these tips from project designers Julie O'Connor and Ann Theriot inspire your next kitchen and bath renovation project.

1. Always leave room for windows. Lots of natural light makes spending time in utilitarian spaces such as kitchens and baths more enjoyable.

2. Avoid boxy cabinets, which can make small spaces feel cramped. Instead, choose furniture-style built-ins with legs and feet that allow you to see the floor.

3. If you like to entertain, add a butler's pantry, and outfit it with a second sink, dishwasher, and refrigerator. You'll find the extra space and added appliances make getting ready and cleaning up less of a chore.

4. Create a seamless transition between a bedroom and adjoining bathroom by using the same flooring and complementary wall and window treatments in each.

5. Use stainless steel appliances to give a classic interior a stylish contemporary edge.



comfortable arrangement," says Kalman. "Family and friends don't have to worry about sharing the bathroom or bumping into each other in the middle of the night."

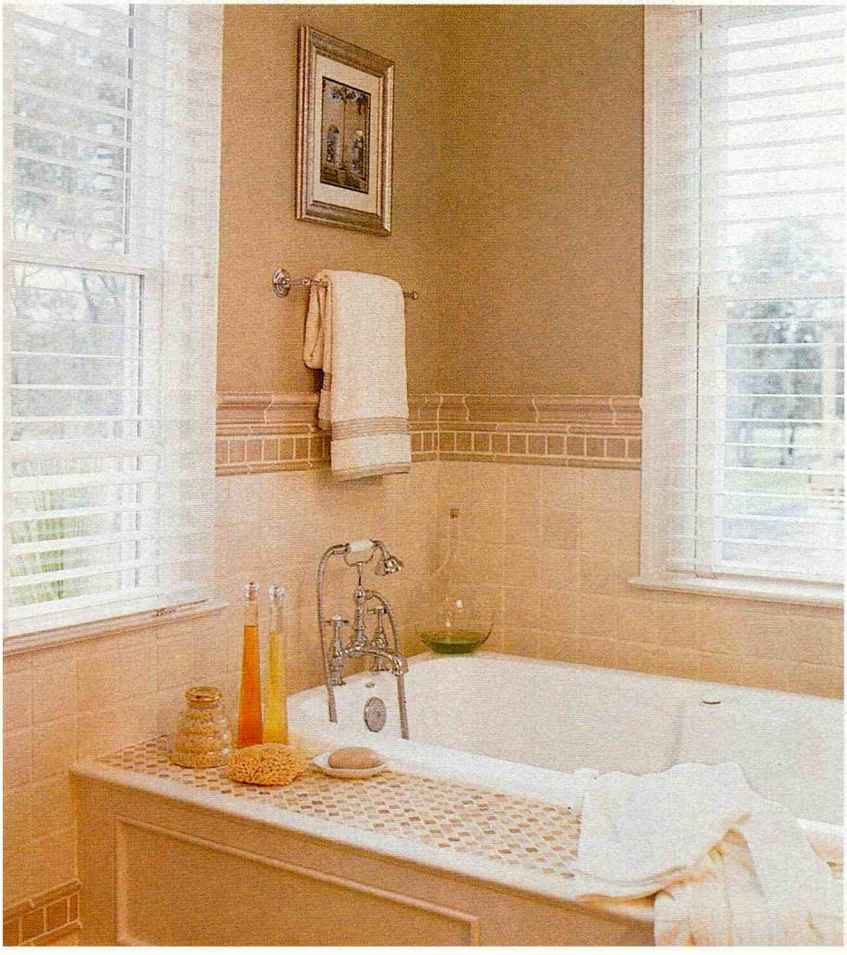
Like the kitchen, these simple utilitarian spaces are designed to feel comfortable and inviting. Tile in a range of muted hues covers the floors, providing a serene setting for the dark-colored furniture-style cabinets and pale painted wall finishes chosen by Theriot and O'Connor to blend with materials used throughout the house. Windows, which feature prominently in the kitchen design, also make an appearance in every bath. "You can never have too much natural light," Walker says.

The master bath, the largest and most elaborate of the lot, is divided into three distinct parts (the water closet, the tub and shower room, and the dressing area) so that two people can comfortably use the space at the same time. Oversize proportions have also figured into Walker's plans for the baths that connect with the home's remaining two bedrooms and the guest suite over the garage. "These aren't gigantic rooms," he says, "but we increased their size slightly to make them more comfortable to navigate."

To give the master bath a spalike feel, he specified a large whirlpool tub with a wide ledge for storing lots of pampering paraphernalia, as well as a separate 4-by-6-foot shower with body sprays and steam. The other baths feature either a standard tub-with-shower combination or, as in the guest suite, a large shower with a bench. "Versatility is essential when you're creating spaces that could potentially be used by more than one person," says Kalman.

The one exception to our design team's classic-meets-contemporary decorating plan is the supermodern powder room just off the foyer. For this space, Theriot and O'Connor selected a stainless steel console-style sink and contemporary chrome faucet. "It's by far the edgiest space in the house," says Theriot, "but powder rooms are their own entity, so they can be a bit more playful."

Master your bath: Use creamy floor tiles, tumbled marble countertops, and warm wooden cabinets to create your own soothing spa right at home





Left A whirlpool tub by American Standard turns a corner of the master bath into a relaxing retreat. Windows by Pozzi fill the room with natural light, while Hunter Douglas blinds add privacy. **Above** Wall sconces from Progress Lighting illuminate the vanity. **Opposite** A stylish linen storage center uses KraftMaid cabinetry and decorative glass-door inserts from Charleston Architectural Glass. *See Resource Guide for details.*



design details









1. Metalismo brick tiles from Walker Zanger create a classic backsplash with a contemporary twist. The tile's silvery gray finish complements the stainless steel cooktop. **2. In the pantry,** a wine refrigerator from KitchenAid's Architect Series cools white wines. For red wines, there is a rack built into the room's KraftMaid cabinets. **3. KitchenAid's stainless steel Architect Series microwave,** wall oven, and warming drawer fit perfectly with KraftMaid's Charcoal-finish cabinetry. **4. Sleek deep-green glass-brick tile** by Walker Zanger shimmers in the spacious guest suite walk-in shower with built-in seat. **5. Decorative glass inserts** from Charleston Architectural Glass Studio lend a furniture-like quality to the master bathroom's linen cabinet. **6. The laundry room** means business with its hardworking Mannington Andino Cherry Plank wood floor and KraftMaid cabinets in a Muslin finish. **7. On the first floor,** the kitchen connects the formal living-dining spaces with the informal family room and courtyard. On both the first and second floors, each bedroom has its own secluded bath.

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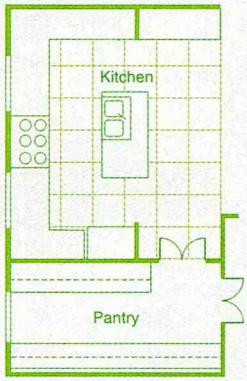





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product picks

- **Kitchen Shades** Provenance woven with Mandalay fabric in Onyx by Hunter Douglas; 800-937-7895, hunterdouglas.com.
- **Paint** Lenox Tan HC-44 (in master bathroom) by Benjamin Moore; 800-826-2623, benjaminmoore.com.
- **Kitchen Cabinets** Huntington Maple in Charcoal finish, Winters Day glass inserts by KraftMaid; 800-571-1990, kraftmaid.com.
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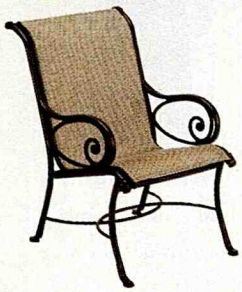

Inspired by 19th-century Parisian styles, the aluminum **Melbourne Sling dining chair,** $383, features cast-aluminum arms and finials. Woodard, woodard-furniture.com.



Classic white wicker takes on a fresh look with the **Mandalay chair-and-a-half,** $1,014. It's spacious enough to lay your paper on or cozy up to a loved one. Lloyd/Flanders, 888-227-8252.



The ultrahigh back of the **Tobago Cay settee,** $759, crafted of powder-coated aluminum, is ideal for those lazy days spent out on the porch. Telescope Casual, 518-642-1100.

You've been stuck inside long enough! So head for the great outdoors; you certainly won't be alone. As the lines between indoor and outdoor living have blurred, more and more of us are creating cozy alfresco spaces. Fortunately, weather-resistant furniture is looking better than ever. You can customize an open-air refuge for entertaining, reading, or simply stargazing. We've found a slew of durable new sofas and chairs so comfortable and stylish you'll never hibernate indoors again.

The chic lines of the **Coast collection** ($730 for **armchair;** $1,850 for 52-by-80-inch **table**) intrigue the eye. Made of cast and wrought aluminum, the chair's slightly concave back maximizes comfort. Brown Jordan, 800-743-4252.

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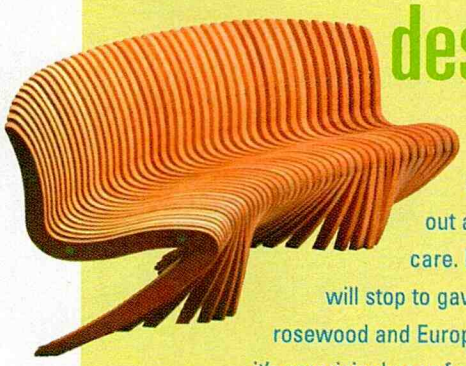
Perfect for long talks on toasty nights, the teak **Madison glider,** $1,955, from Danish designer Povl Eskildsen has a supportive back and graceful, gently rounded arms. Gloster Furniture, 888-456-7837.

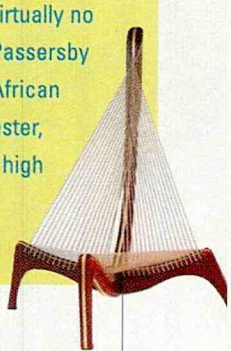
Whether you're in the country, city, or somewhere in between, the **Nantucket settee,** $450, will provide you with a sense of serenity. The distressed finish adds charm without sacrificing durability. Uwharrie Chair, 800-934-9663.

design divas

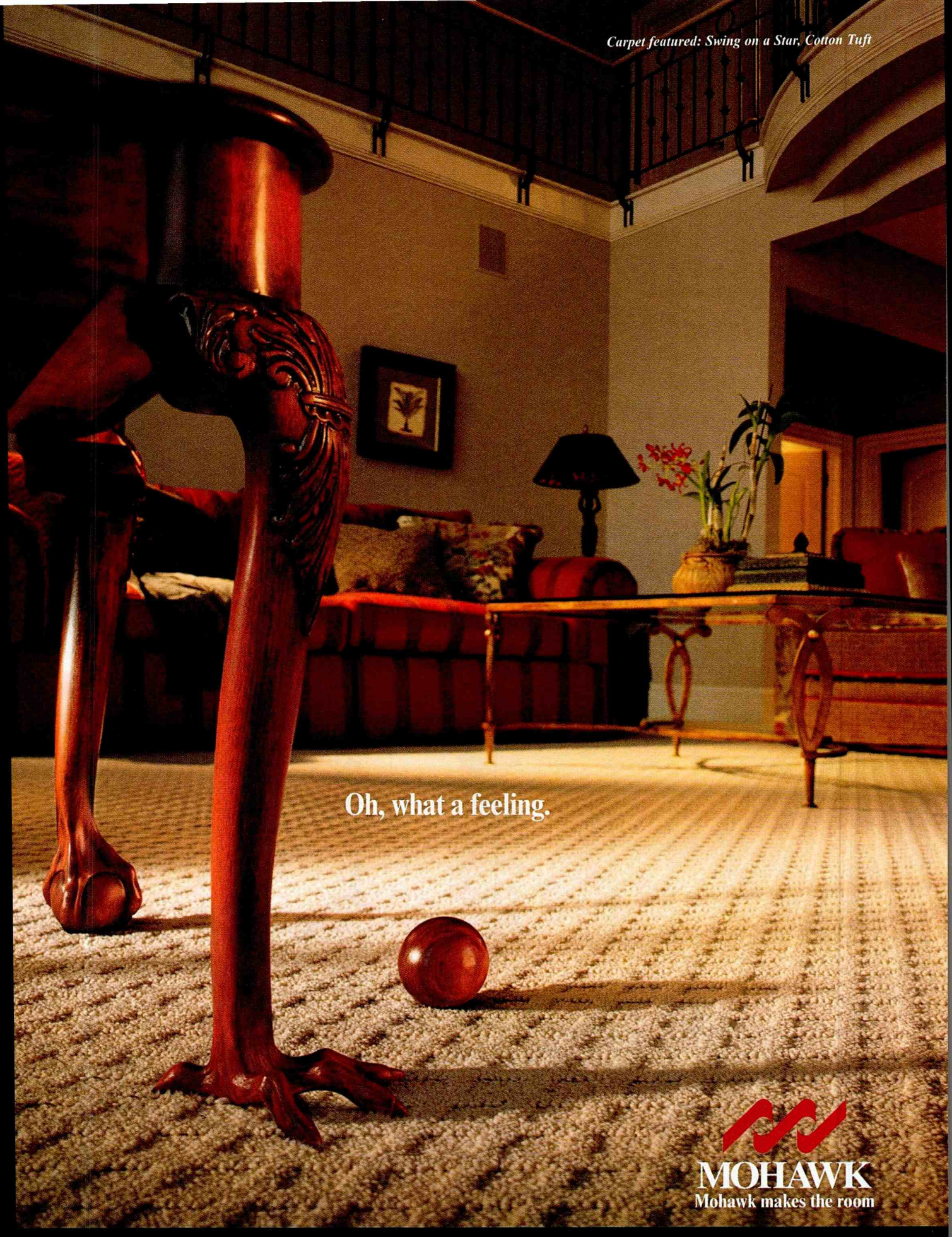
Taking outdoor-furniture design to an entirely new level, these three posh items suit the swankiest of environments. It may look like a museum piece, but the curved teak **Spirit Song bench,** $3,000, left, can stay out all winter and will last for 50-plus years with virtually no care. Diamond Tropical Hardwoods, 877-874-8325. Passersby will stop to gawk at the **Harp chair,** $499, right. Crafted of African rosewood and European beech, and braided with texturized polyester, it's surprisingly comfy. Air Chair International, 516-431-4919. And for high style, the **Randi sofa,** $5,310, bottom left, is handwoven of rattan fibers. Walters Wicker, 212-758-0472 (to the trade only).







The adjustable **Wave chaise,** $1,490, with an extruded-aluminum frame and elastomeric-fiber seat, flaunts its sexy contours and suave auto-worthy suspension and support. Brown Jordan, 800-743-4252.



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◀ Imagine that you could take your favorite cushions outside. The **Montecito cube set** (handmade of durable Sunbrella fabric), $98 to $200 each, lets you do just that. The covers come off easily; to clean, just throw them in the washing machine. J line Designs, 619-287-4394.

▼ The **Castillo line,** $2,000 to $8,000 each, exudes sophistication. Hand-carved teak detailing and overstuffed cushions make this luxurious **lounge chair** irresistible. Giati Designs, 805-965-6535 (to the trade only).



fabulous fabrics



■ **Outdoor chenille** has an incredible velvety texture—so soft you won't believe **you can actually leave it outside.** To date, only a few companies offer this supersoft 100-percent acrylic fabric. The Homecrest Trinity Collection, $550 to $1,899 each, includes a three-seater all-chenille sofa with five throw pillows, above, in more than 10 patterns. Homecrest, 888-346-4852.

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■ **Sensation,** a new fabric collection from Homecrest, features a **unique contour sling** effect that stretches and molds to your body. Available in five colors and patterns, the fabric can be put on any of the company's sling chairs.



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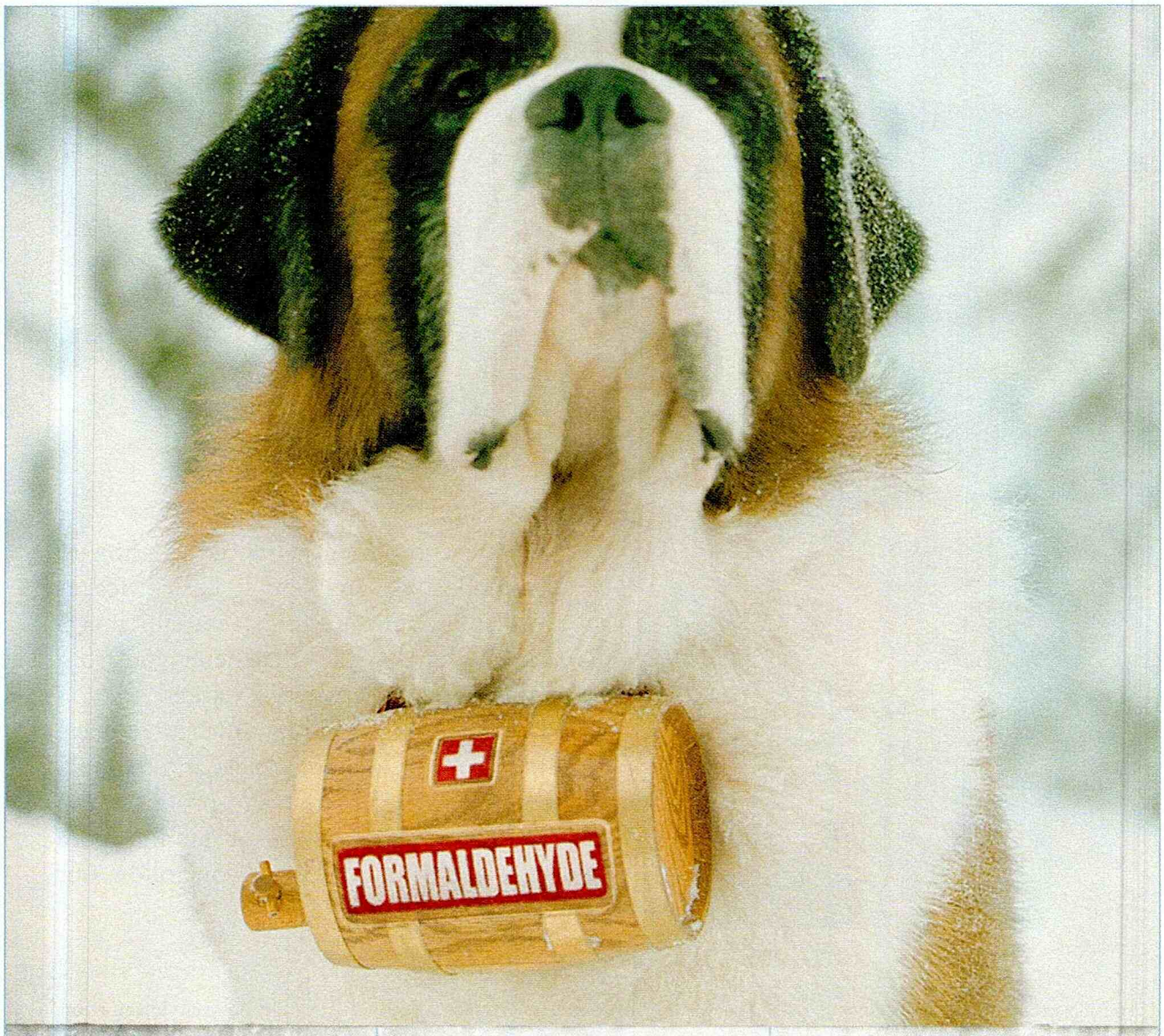



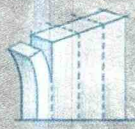



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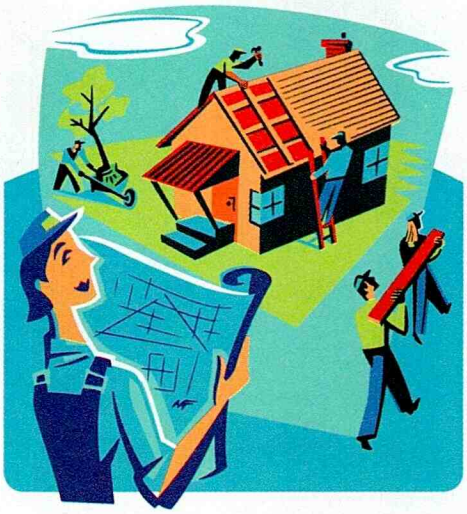
remodeling dos & don'ts

A renovation can build you up or tear you down—you decide



Anyone who's ever experienced a nightmare remodel will tell you it cost twice as much money and time as initially imagined. But don't let that deter you from the home you've always wanted. All you need is a clear understanding of what you have to spend, a precise plan of attack, and the help of a competent contractor. We promise: You can have that new kitchen or family room *without* losing your sanity—if you follow our essential guide, that is.

1. Do consider your contractor's personality. This person will be in your home each day, so it's paramount that you feel comfortable talking to him or her.

2. Don't be an absentee homeowner. Communicate with your contractor daily by phone or e-mail, and meet once a week face-to-face.

3. Do ask for a contract. A good contract should cover the following: start and finish dates, total cost (include how add-ons will be handled), a payment schedule, names of all parties, contractor's license number, description of project, and provisions for early termination. If necessary, consult a lawyer.

4. Don't micromanage the crew. Instead, schedule a weekly meeting with the job foreman to discuss progress.

5. Do be wary if your contractor is reluctant to lay out a timeline for your project; it may mean the contractor has too many jobs at once to finish yours on time.

6. Don't undercut your contractor. The quickest way to sour a relationship is to hire a member of the contractor's crew to do work after hours for less pay.

7. Do create a directory. Record in a notebook contact information for each person working in your home.

8. Don't be shy about what you have to spend, especially if money is tight. Everything should be in the contract.

9. Do ask about insurance. Anyone working on your home needs it. You're liable if you hire an uninsured contractor and one of his crew is injured.

10. Don't rely on your imagination. Ask to see color swatches and paint chips for finishes before you order materials.

11. Do nominate a decision maker. The easiest way to prevent "he said, she said" is to appoint one family member to deal directly with the contractor and to update everyone else.

12. Don't be ignorant about permits and regulations. Visit your local building department to find out what requirements affect the design of your remodeling, but if you have an architect or contractor, leave it to them to apply for all of the necessary permits.

13. Do plan how many electrical outlets you need and where they should be. With this information, the electrician's cost estimate will be more accurate. ➤

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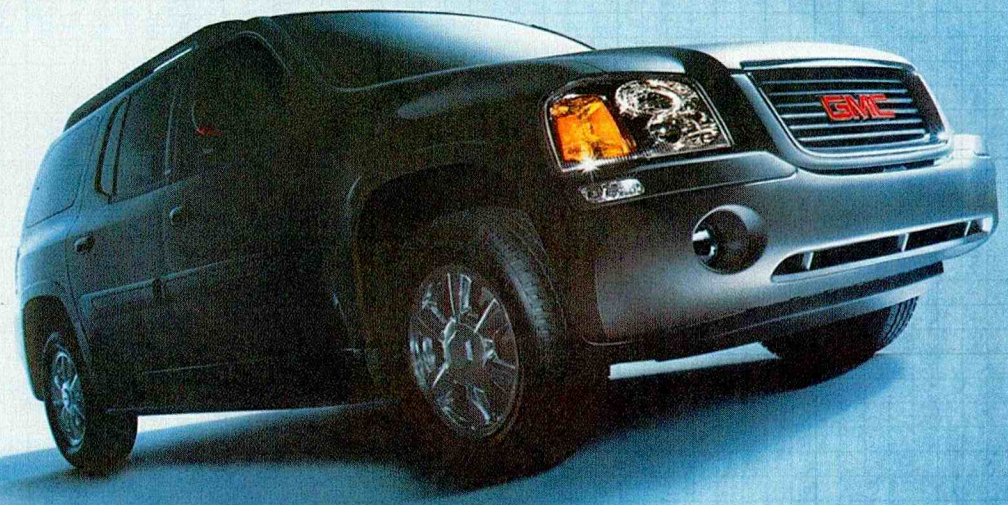

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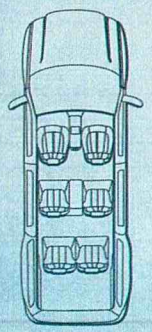

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remodeling...

14. Do surf the web. Check out sites such as handymanonline.com and contractor.com for candidates who have been prescreened for licensing and have gone through a Better Business Bureau background check

15. Don't forget to investigate behind your walls. Outdated wiring and other budget-breaking surprises are often concealed, so have your contractor cut openings in key places before you begin remodeling.

16. Do protect yourself legally. Ask your contractor for an Affidavit of Final Release once work is complete and final payment has been made. This way you won't be held liable for any third-party claims.

17. Don't leave your treasures out. Store anything that's breakable or valuable out of the construction zone.

18. Do clean out the garage so workers have a place to keep tools and supplies. The longer it takes them to find things, the longer it'll be before they finish the job.

19. Don't let your contractor start any demolition work until all the new equipment and materials—appliances, cabinets, windows, and other essentials—have already arrived.

20. Do buy a big roll of plastic sheeting and blue painter's tape (which won't harm finishes), and seal off any entrance into the construction zone so dust doesn't seep out.

21. Don't get disorganized. Keep a job file that includes a copy of the contract, plans, specifications, invoices, change orders, and all other papers.

22. Do establish boundaries. Make sure your crew knows where your yard ends so they don't dump debris on your neighbor's property.

23. Don't expect your contractor to watch your children or pets. Consider sending the kids to a sitter, or boarding your dog, if you can't be there.

24. Do perform a final inspection. Walk through with the contractor, who should have a list of all minor items yet to be completed.

25. Don't forget that remodeling is a finite experience. No matter how disruptive the process, it's not going to last forever.

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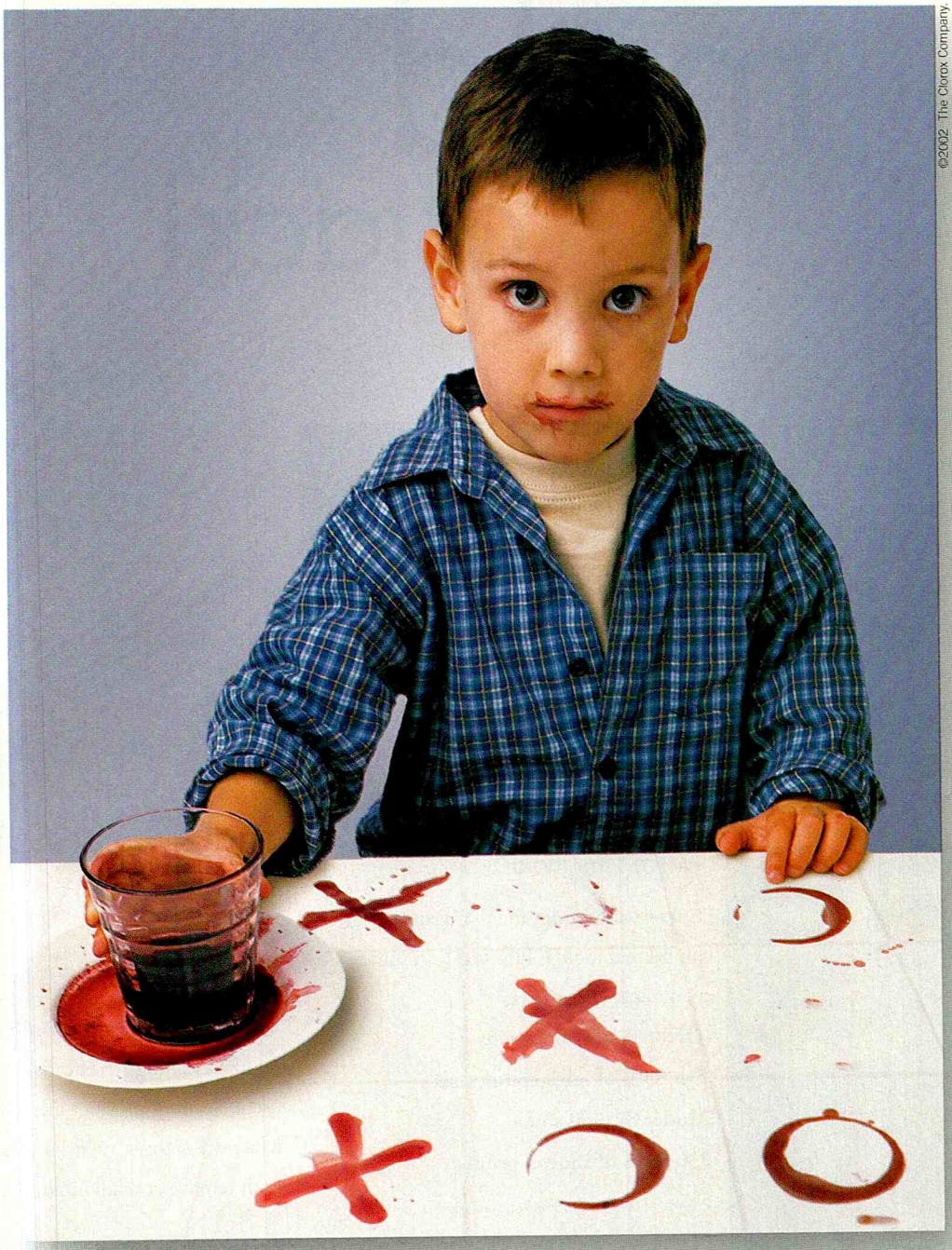

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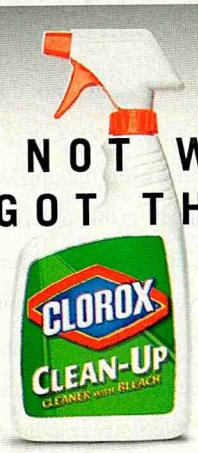

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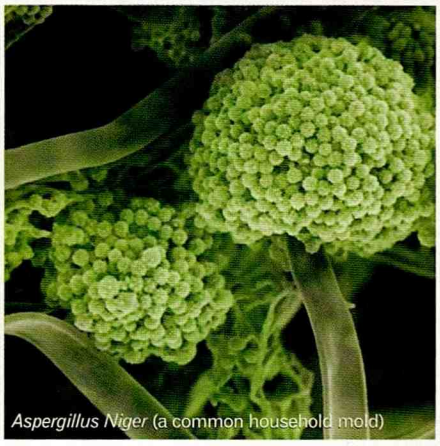
For allergy and asthma sufferers, controlling triggers, like common household molds, is a key step to feeling better.



Aspergillus Niger (a common household mold)

It is impossible to keep mold out of the house. It comes in through windows and doors or you and your pets track it in from the outside. The challenge is to keep the millions of microscopic spores from colonizing all over your home. The spores of common household molds are allergens that can trigger symptoms of allergies and asthma.



where's the mold?

A new study* from the University of Arizona found that mold is flourishing in some places you might not expect:

On 88% of windowsills

On 83% of refrigerator seals

Under 82% of sinks

On 49% of shower grout

*Study of 180 homes in seven states across the US

toxic molds

Common household mold is not the same as "black mold" (*Stachybotrys Chartarum*), a toxic mold that has been making headlines. Black mold typically grows in dark, hidden places such as behind walls or under carpets. It is suspected that exposure to black mold is linked to serious health effects. If you suspect a black mold problem, do not try to take care of it yourself. Seek professional help immediately.

what can you do to prevent mold build-up?

Here are recommendations from the Asthma anc Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA).

- Keep humidity levels below 40%
- Use an air conditioner or dehumidifier during humid months
- Make sure your home has adequate ventilation
- Do not carpet bathrooms and basements
- Get rid of moldy materials immediately, once they're found
- Clean hard surfaces regularly with mold-killing products – Allergy or asthma sufferers should ask nonsensitive people to apply cleaning products

what's the right way to clean?

The best defense against mold build-up is regular cleaning. To effectively kill the mold, use a cleaning product like Tilex® Mold & Mildew Remover,* which has been proven to both remove and kill mold and mildew.

*Because of the potential sensitivities of allergy and asthma sufferers to cleaning products, cleaning should be done by a nonsufferer and the area should be allowed to ventilate before reentry. Always read and follow all precautions and usage directions before using cleaning products.

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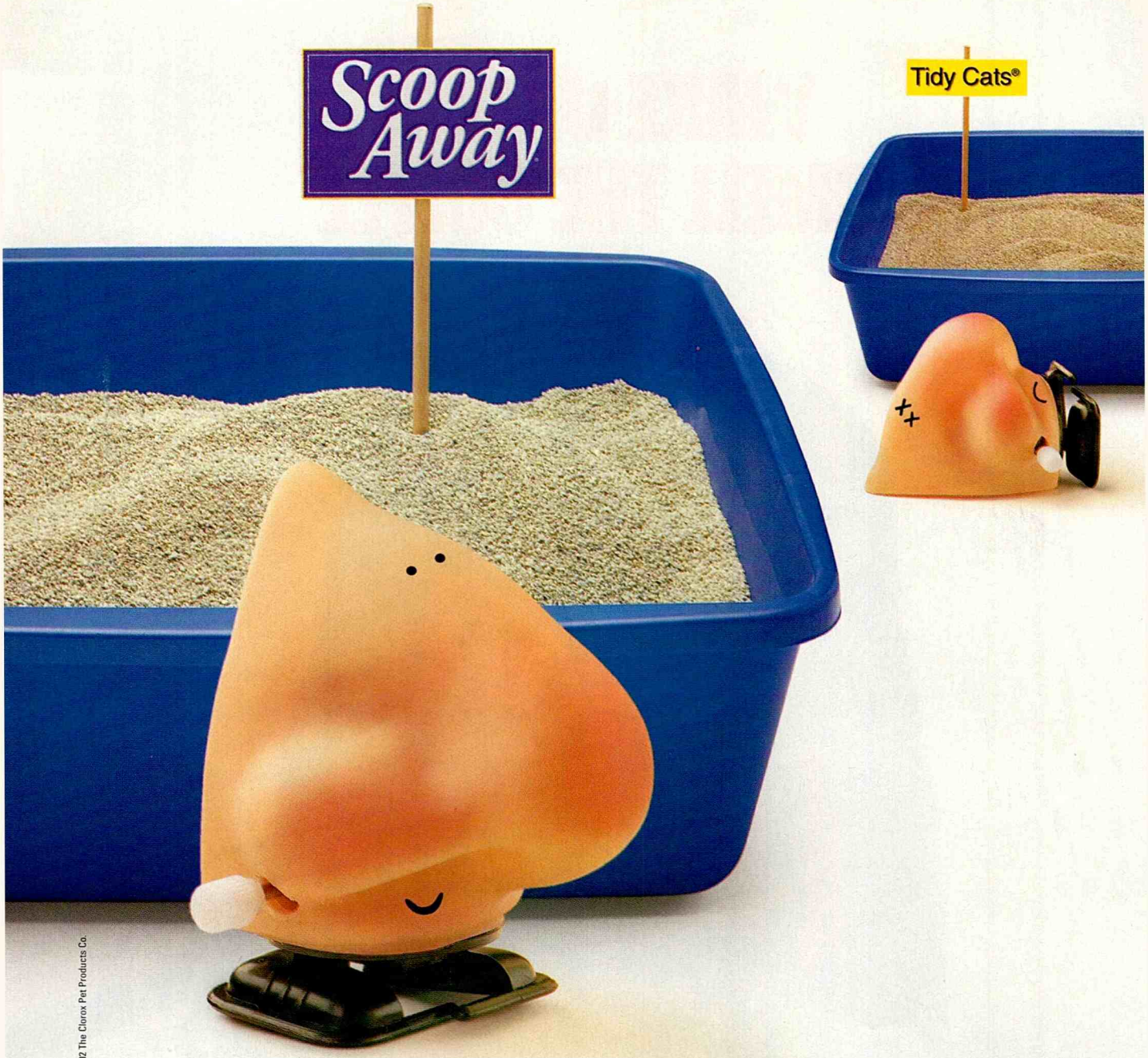

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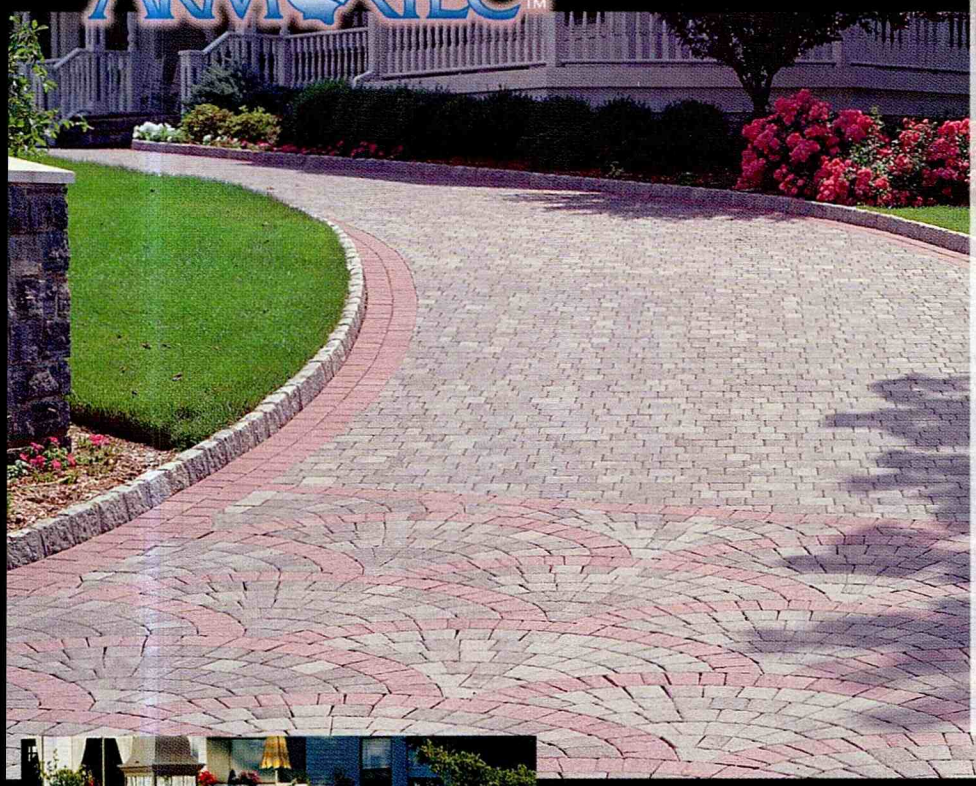

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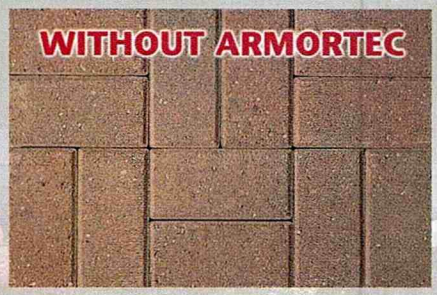

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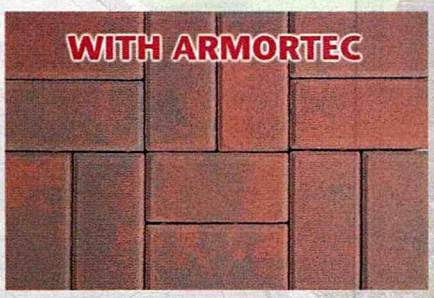

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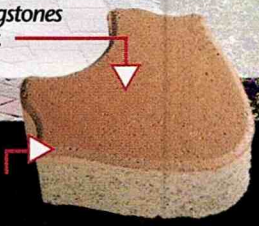



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Find your own sense of style by learning what you don't like in others'



You'd be embarrassed, too, if your couch looked like this

When I was ten years old, I learned my first real style lesson. We were visiting my grandparents' house, and, while they were out, my mother and aunt suddenly started redecorating. "*This* has got to go," said my mother, removing a red ceramic bull from the coffee table. "And what about *these* hideous things?" said my aunt, unplugging the giant gilded lamps with faux jewels a-dangling. They replaced everything just in time, but I had a revelation that day. I recognized that my grandparents' kitschy-gaudy-Liberace-'70s look was ridiculous, albeit endearingly so. And even though I didn't know what my own style was yet, I was closer—I knew what it wasn't.

What you hate can help you discover and hone your true design style as much as what you love—and maybe more. The first step is harnessing that critical interior monologue that starts the minute you feel a "How can you *live* with that rug?!" comment coming on. Rather than suppressing your judgmental, snobby, know-it-all tendencies, let 'em rip! Honor your inner critic—because every time your skin starts to crawl, you're that much closer to learning your true sense of style. Here's how you can get started.

Look at the Big Picture

Have fun with this experiment: When you walk into a space for the first time—be it a niece's playroom or your girlfriend's living room—try to ignore the details and get in touch with your overall impression. Do you feel free, crowded, overstimulated, soothed, entertained, anxious, annoyed? These observations will help you pinpoint precisely what you dislike—the ill-fitting floral slipcovers, the assault of ersatz Victorian clutter—or maybe it's just the not-so-great spanakopita hors d'oeuvres you downed for lunch.

Written by **Maura Sheehy**

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I recently visited a friend's new home, and my first reaction was raging envy at the wide-open space and minimal modern decor—a look I'd always craved. An hour later, my eyes ached and I realized that unless I wanted to live in an art gallery or surgical ward, stark white walls and recessed spotlights were not for me. There wasn't a friendly shaded lamp in sight. My lust for primary-colored modular furniture faded fast. Take a tour of your own home and think about what you want each room to convey. If you just changed a few materials or colors, would you be more satisfied? For instance, if you'd like your bath to be a sanctuary, add a dimmer switch and change that bright yellow paint to a more soothing pale blue.

Focus on the Details

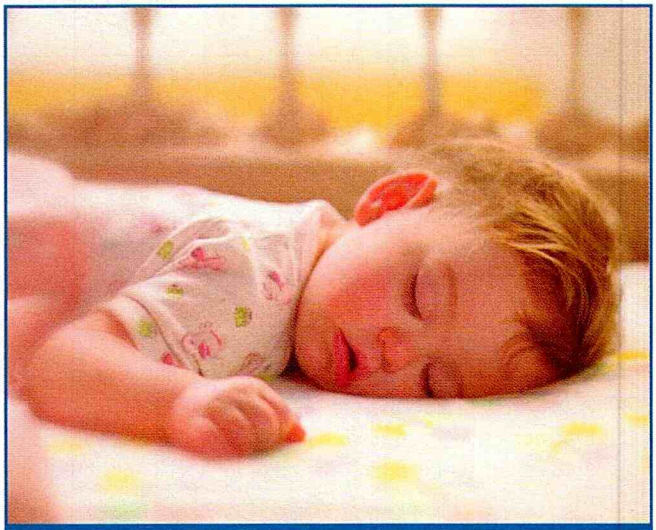
Once you've got a general idea of what you don't like in people's houses, you can zero in on details. Go room by room, and take note of all of the decisions that have—or haven't—been addressed. In the kitchen, look at hardware and finishes, storage solutions, and the layout of the appliances. Are they annoying to use, or do you get the urge to bake bread all afternoon?

One friend built a 20-foot-long galley kitchen with a matching island at one end of their great room, and it's a nightmare. The extensive counter space collects junk, the white surfacing needs constant cleaning, and it's so spread out that nothing you need is at your fingertips. Think about what makes sense for you.

Assess each room for form and function (is the space pleasant, does it work?); color and texture (are the fabrics, floors, and walls competing with each other or are they harmonious?); comfort and quality (are items inviting, do they look cheap or worn, do they feel flimsy or solid?). You may end up liking something you thought you hated, and then the real challenge is being able to admit it!

Create a "Don't Book"

It's definitely helpful to put together a wish book filled with clippings of ideas you adore, but you'll get even farther if you also keep a "Don't Book." By defining your design scheme at both ends of the spectrum, you'll more effectively communicate what you want, and what you don't, to all those ➤



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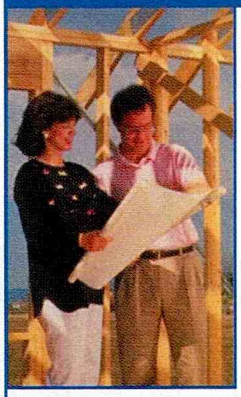

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how do you live?

McMansions are all the rage, but before you join in, think realistically about how you live. Our spaces shape our lives as much as we shape them, so ask yourself:

■ **Do you like being immersed in the communal hustle and bustle?** Multifunctional rooms tend to keep family units in tune, with one parent cooking, another answering e-mail, and the kids playing Tetris all in one area. But if that mere thought stresses you out, consider two living areas—one for quiet time, the other for social activities.

■ **Do you frequently have guests?** If you're planning a remodel, consider building two wings off a central great room. There's an area for all to mingle, but then you can have a private wing while visitors share the other.

■ **What makes you feel secure?** Large, open spaces or small, intimate ones? A living room with 25-foot floor-to-ceiling windows might be great in the summer, but in the winter as you stare out into the snow and darkness, it might not feel as comforting.

who never quite seem to get it: decorators, contractors, painters, builders, showroom salespeople, your spouse.

So next time you see something you hate, clip the picture and make a note ("despise these glass-door cabinets!"). Your contractor will be less likely to err if you've given him bookends defining your taste: "I love curtain rods with decorative finials like this, but don't even think about draping them with heavy maroon curtains like those."

Use Discretion

As you start to develop your sense of style, try to avoid taking it too far in one direction. For example: You walk into a colleague's house for a dinner party and feel immediately ambushed by traditional-country decor: tulip-motif wallpaper, matching curtains, dainty teacups perched on a white-washed display shelf. You're delirious even before the rose-scented potpourri ignites your allergies. Visiting a home where someone's single-minded passion has run rampant to its illogical conclusion can tell us about the true spectrum of our own tastes. You may think you want a house full of '60s kitsch á la Sammy Davis Jr. when a few choice pieces might suffice.

To avoid overdoing it, educate yourself. Read up on the styles you think you love (what are you really imagining when you describe your style as, say, mid-century modern—do you mean the minimalist lines of a Knoll couch or Eames side table, or the wild, space-age exuberance of Eero Aarnio's Ball chair?). Visit designers' showrooms or architects' showhouses to get the full experience of a style before you commit (and later regret).



Above Assemble a "Don't Book"—with images, patterns, and colors that you despise—to help you more clearly define your personal sense of style.

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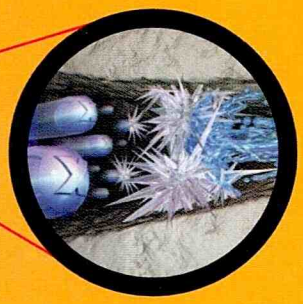
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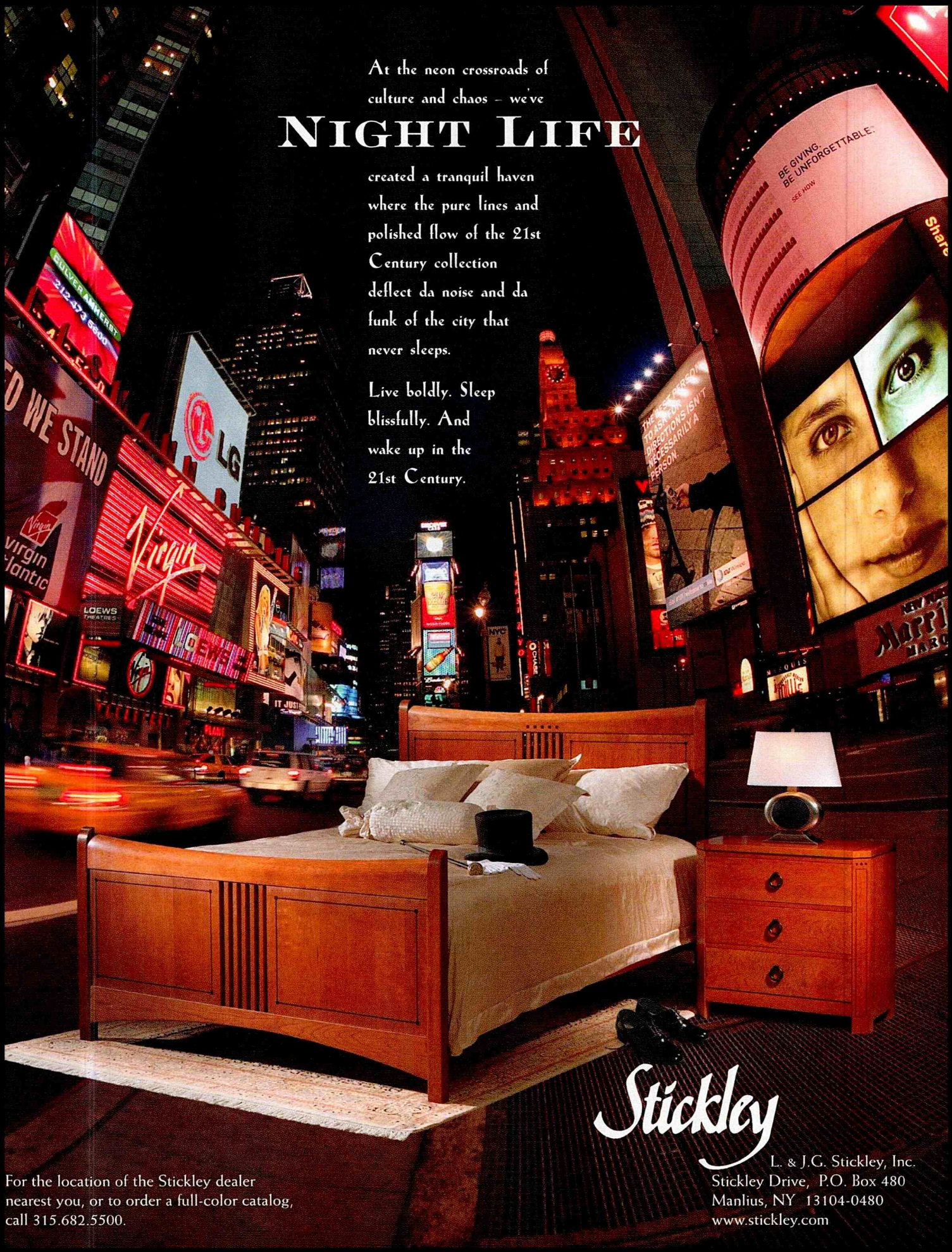
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On the patio or on the front porch, time seems to move just a little bit slower when you're in your yard. Winter is long gone, spring has sprung and summer is in full swing. Whether you're enjoying the casual elegance of outdoor entertaining, playing on the lawn with the family or just losing yourself in a private oasis - your outdoor living space can be a stylish extension of your home's interior. A room with a view. This collection of seasonal furnishings and accessories will help you outfit your outdoors with the right mix of sophistication and functionality – in a way that matches your home's sense of style.

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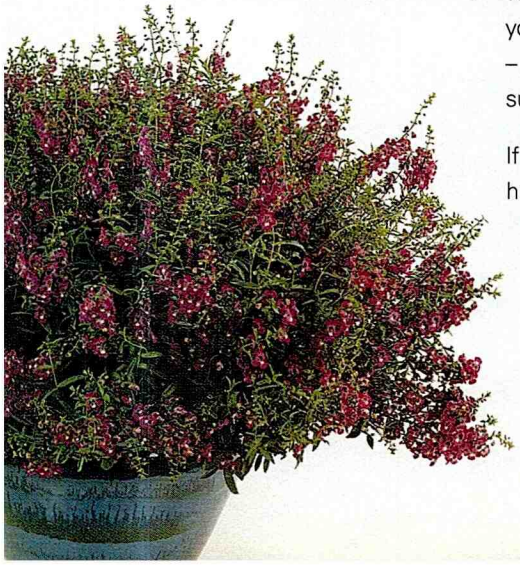

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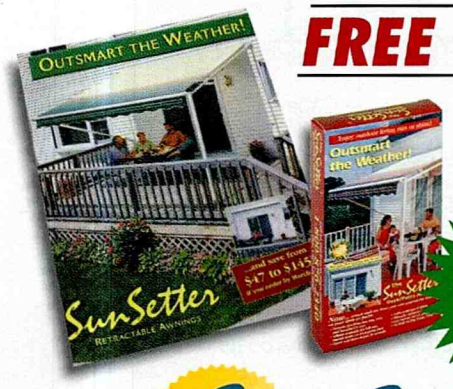

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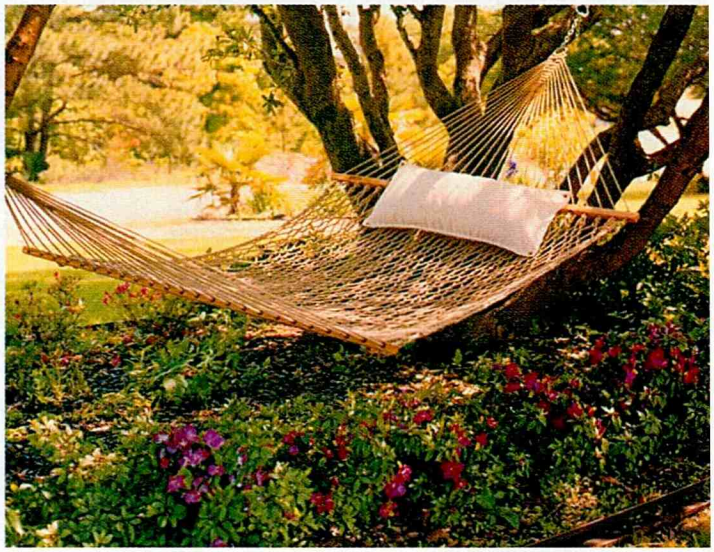

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Recipes

Dining outdoors doesn't just mean hot dogs and hamburgers anymore!

From author and instructor Sally Maraventano comes a collection of savory summer dishes that will bring a touch of Italy to your backyard grill.



Sunsetter Awnings

Skewered Herbed Large Shrimp on the Grill

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INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds of jumbo shrimp
- 2 tablespoons of fresh Italian flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon of dried oregano
- 2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup of extra-virgin olive oil
- juice of 1 lemon
- 2 lemons cut into wedges

METHOD:

1. Shell and de-vein the shrimp carefully, leaving on the tail. Wash the shrimp, pat them dry with paper towels and place them in a large baking dish
2. Sprinkle the shrimp with parsley, oregano, garlic, salt and freshly ground pepper
3. With a whisk blend the olive oil and lemon juice together. Pour the mixture over the shrimp and marinate for at least 1 hour in the refrigerator, turning occasionally.
4. Prepare a charcoal or gas grill.
5. Remove the shrimp from the marinade and reserving the liquid. Thread 3 to 4 of the shrimp in each skewer.
6. Place the skewers on the grill and cook for about 10 minutes, turning and basting with the marinade intermittently. Be careful not to overcook the shrimp.

Yield: 8 servings

N.B. If using wooden skewers, first soak them in water for about 20 minutes before putting the shrimp onto them

Fluted Shell Pasta with Pesto

CONCHIGLIE CON PESTO

INGREDIENTS:

- Pesto Sauce
- 2 cups of fresh basil leaves (if the leaves are large, tear into small pieces)
- 2 tablespoons of pine nuts
- 2 to 3 cloves of garlic
- salt to taste
- 1/2 cup of grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons of grated Romano cheese
- 1/2 cup to 3/4 cup of olive oil (half olive oil and half extra-virgin)
- 1 pound of conchiglie pasta

METHOD:

1. Put all of the ingredients in a food processor bowl except for the olive oil. Process until the consistency is pasty, scraping the bowl occasionally.
2. Pour 1/2 cup olive oil through the feed tube of the processor until all is evenly mixed; add the remaining 1/4 cup of olive oil if a more liquid consistency is desired.
3. Boil the pasta in 6 quarts of boiling water, to which 2 tablespoons of salt has been added, until al dente (about 7 to 11 minutes).
4. Drain the pasta and transfer to a warmed dish. Toss with butter if desired.
5. Add the pesto sauce, toss well and serve hot or at room temperature.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Arugula and Tomato Salad with Grilled Portabella Mushrooms

INSALATA RUCOLA E POMODORI CON FUNGHI PORTABELLA ALLA GRIGLIA

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup of extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 2 large fresh portabella mushrooms
- 2 large bunches of arugula, well-washed with stems removed
- 4 ripe medium tomatoes cut into wedges
- 1/4 cup of balsamic vinegar (or more to taste)
- salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

METHOD:

1. Wipe the mushrooms with a damp cloth, scrape the stems and slice the mushrooms thickly. Mix half the olive oil with all of the minced garlic, and marinate the mushroom slices in this mixture for 15 minutes.
2. Preheat a charcoal or gas grill, and grill the mushrooms until tender and brown about 5 minutes.
3. Arrange the arugula and tomato wedges on individual serving plates and top each with 2 or 3 slices of mushrooms.
4. Drizzle the remaining olive oil and the balsamic vinegar over each serving, and season with salt and pepper.

Yield: 8 servings

Featured in the October 2002 issue of Home Magazine ("Chef's Kitchens"), Sally Maraventano is the founder of Cucina Casalinga, a regional Italian cooking school based in Wilton, Connecticut. Sally is also the author of the cookbook **"Festa del Giardino: A Harvest of Recipes and Family Memories."** Find out more at www.cucinacasalinga.com

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Grilled Veggie & Cheese Sandwiches

There are many options and combinations for grilled vegetables and cheese in this sandwich. Choose vegetables and cheese that you enjoy. The flavors of most vegetables are enhanced by grilling. Also, experiment with different kinds of bread. Bakery breads that you slice yourself give this sandwich a gourmet touch.

- 2 slices bread for each serving
- fresh red bell pepper, seeded and cut in half
- green onions, cleaned and green ends trimmed to about 4"
- mushrooms, cleaned and sliced thickly
- asiago cheese grated
- seasoned salt and pepper
- butter or olive oil

For these sandwiches you will need both the grill and the griddle attachment (or use a griddle pan). Lightly coat the griddle with olive oil. Preheat the grill for one minute.

Adjust the flame to medium-high under the grill surface. Place pepper halves on the grill. Cook, turning so they don't burn, until they are slightly wilted.

Set aside.

Grill onions for about two minutes while you cook the mushrooms on the griddle. Use your choice of butter or olive oil to lightly coat both sides of the bread.

Grill one side of the bread slices until lightly toasted. Slice the pepper halves into slivers. Turn bread slices cooked side up. Place grated cheese to cover tops of both slices. Top cheese of one bread slice with grilled veggies. Sprinkle with seasoned salt and pepper to your taste.

Place remaining bread slice with cheese side down over the veggies and with the flat side of a spatula, press the sandwich to slightly flatten. Flip sandwich once and press again. Continue cooking sandwich until cheese has melted. Cut in half and serve warm.



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Brief Summary of Prescribing Information as of November 2000

ALLEGRA®
(fexofenadine hydrochloride)
Capsules and Tablets

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)*	$AUC_{SS(0\text{-}12h)}$ *(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	1.6%	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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a guide to [OUTDOOR LIVING SOLUTIONS]

To Your HEALTH

Are your summers breezy or sneezy?

If you are one of the nearly forty million people with seasonal allergies, you know that summertime means the livin' is not so easy. Mold, pollen and insects can cause reactions that range from irritating to severe, but just because you suffer from allergies doesn't mean you can't stop and smell the roses. Ask your doctor about how you might be able to manage your symptoms with fast-acting, prescription antihistamines.

While some antihistamines can cause drowsiness, there are a number of dosages available that won't slow you down, and are safe for kids as well as adults. Be sure to ask your doctor about any potential side effects, and other important safety information regarding your particular allergy. While you may not be able to "clear the air," your doctor can help feel good about outdoor living.





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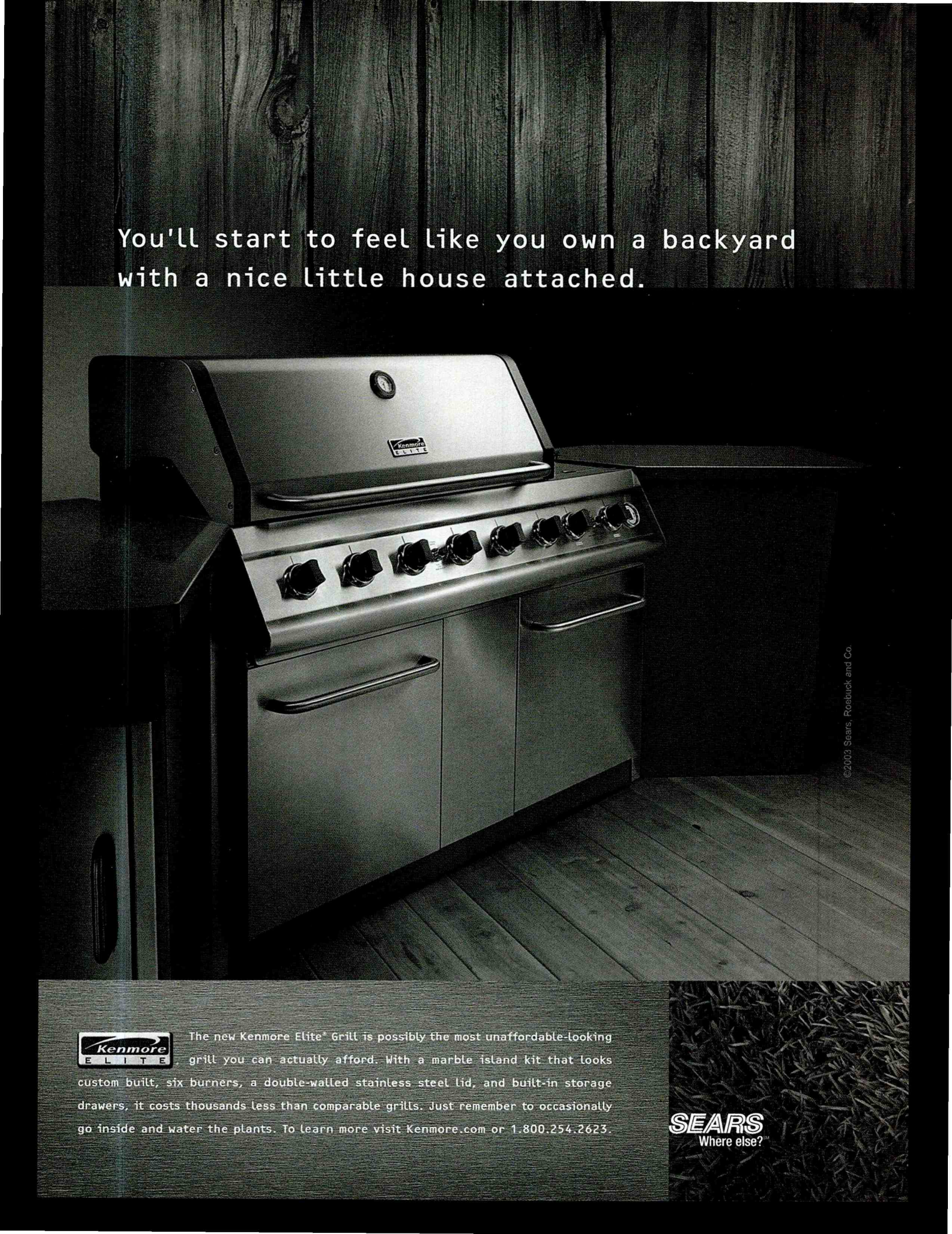
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Not so long ago, the calendar said it was spring. Now, seemingly overnight, the landscape's been fully renovated and decked out in shades of green dotted with buds and blossoms. Ah, if only our own makeover projects could be as effortless. Yes, it takes thought and planning, but they can, in fact, go smoothly. Still feeling a bit daunted? Don't. This month's selection of sensational homes is proof positive that going from "before" to "after" is definitely worth the trip.

welcome changes

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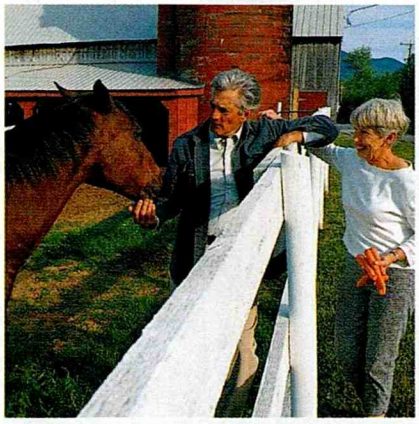
Antique spindle chairs come to life with a few bright throw pillows. **Inset left** Topped with a new roof, the gutted farmhouse awaits fresh clapboard siding. **Top right** The Prithams house their beloved horses in a spacious barn next to their home. **Bottom right** The original Cooley farm was built in 1840.



A post-and-beam farmhouse with history gets straightened, sandblasted, and streamlined

Fresh Country

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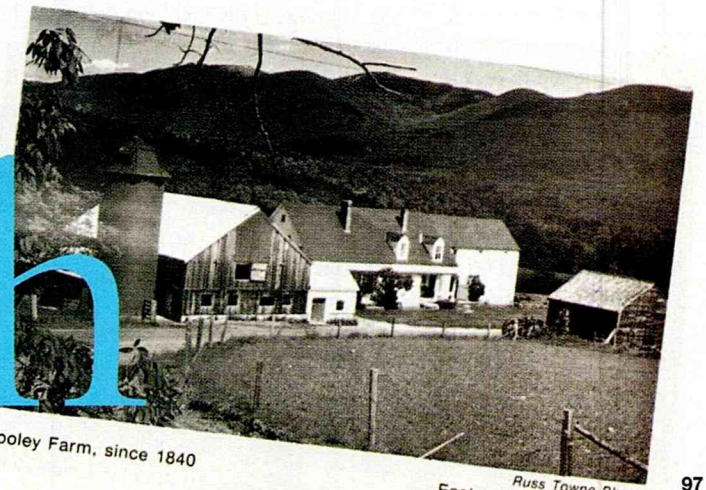
The sweeping panorama of the White Mountains lured Ellen and Howard Pritham, a surgeon, to their residence on top of a hill in Easton, New Hampshire. "We hadn't been looking—but we fell in love with the location and its spectacular view," says Ellen. With three grown children out of the house and just their dog, Sophie, and three horses to look after, the couple decided to take on a major renovation.

The site's two-story post-and-beam farmhouse, built in 1840, had been in a state of total disrepair, and the previous owners gutted it for renovation. But they decided to sell it instead. Passed down through generations of one family, the house had at one point been moved 200 feet from the edge of the road to where it sits now. When the Prithams discovered the structure, "it was just a shell of a place on 35 acres of beautiful fields," says Howard.



Cooley Farm, since 1840

Russ Towne Photo
Easton, N.H. 1876-1976

TABLE: DEACON'S BENCH FURNITURE); PAINTINGS: (HABLE CONSTRUCTION)



To help transform the house, the Prithams hired architect Alexis Moser of Moser Design & Construction in nearby Lancaster, New Hampshire. Known for his meticulously crafted custom homes (Moser's own crew does all of the carpentry) and respect for the architectural vernacular in the North Country, he seemed like a perfect choice. Ellen, who owns Duck Soup, a colorful kitchen shop in the neighboring town of Littleton was involved in all of the design decisions and even rolled up her sleeves to help Moser stain and polyurethane the floors. "I wanted to be a part of the process, and it needed to get done," she explains.

"Ellen and I share the same 'Shaker-simple' aesthetic that made it easy to work together," says Moser. "The house has its own character, and we wanted to maximize it," he explains. Its greatest asset, they agreed, was the frame itself, constructed with beautiful, hand-hewn spruce and fir timbers. Moser and the Prithams decided to strip away the plaster surface that masked these original structural beams. Ellen tracked down a master craftsman sensitive to original materials; he had read that historic Plymouth Rock was cleaned with a very gentle sandblasting technique using baking soda. Ellen hired him to use the same method to clean the house's filthy and charred beams. The process revealed the golden timbers of the original house.

The old roof rafters were left exposed as a design element. To accomplish this on the second floor *and* put in adequate insulation, the architect built a second roof above the original one. Moser applied 6 inches of fiberglass insulation on the inside of the new roof, leaving a 2-inch-high airspace between new and old roof. On the room side of the old roof, he layered 1 inch of foam-sheet insulation onto the wood, then covered the foam with fire-retarding Sheetrock. To conceal the Sheetrock, he carved slots in the sides of the old ceiling beams and slid in quarter-inch-thick beadboard panels to fill the spaces between rafters. "By the end of the renovation, we'd literally cut thousands of pieces of wood to fit the ceiling, and the rafters remained visible," Moser recalls.

An old house, of course, has many structural quirks, and this one has its share. More than a century of sub-zero winter gales had battered the original structure, causing it to lean slightly toward the west. This made it necessary to tilt the house back again to



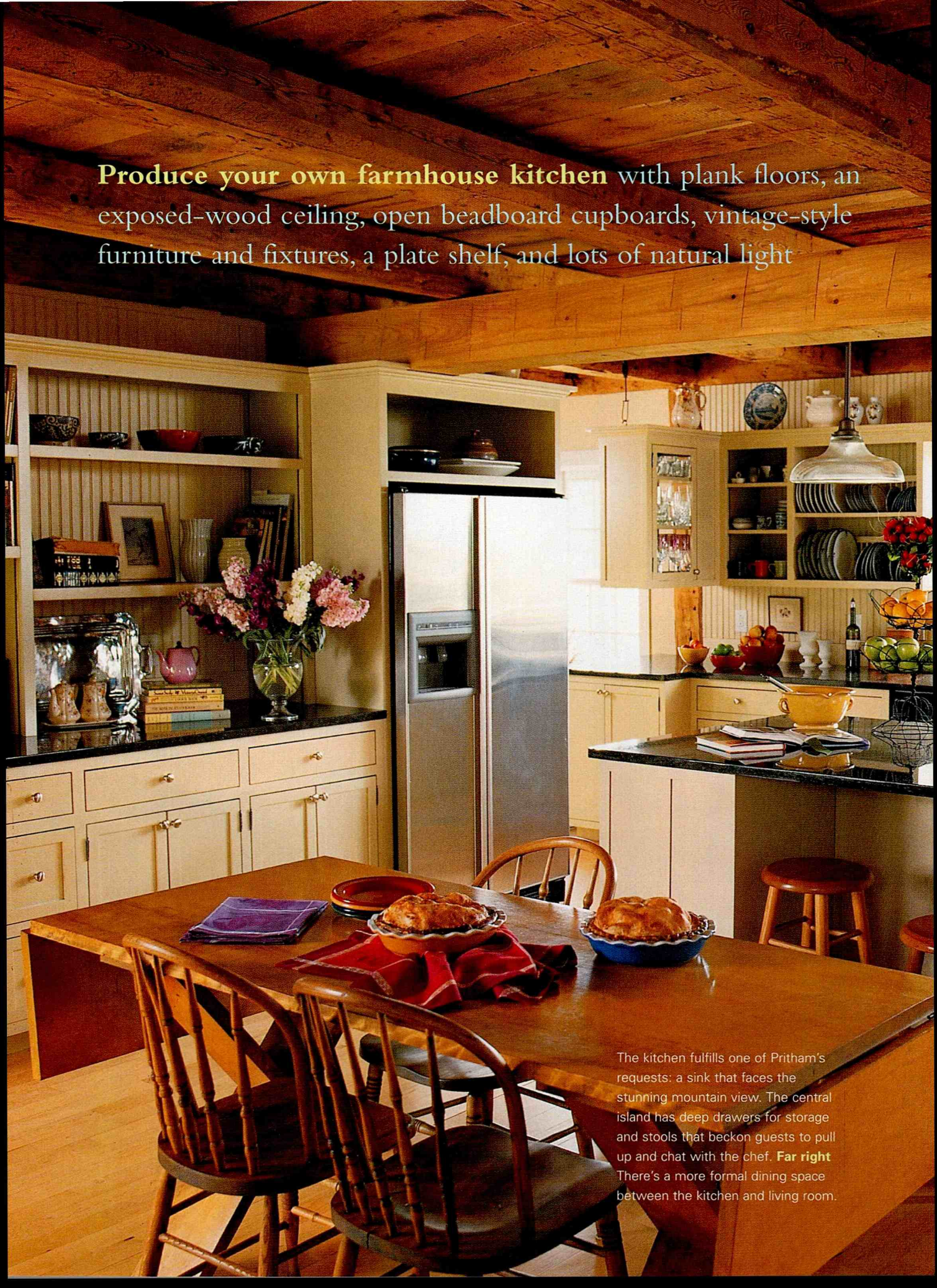
Top left Cozy furnishings and a rustic fireplace entice visitors. **These pages** This first-floor living area links a dining area and a guest bedroom. **Inset top right** New windows flood this North Country home with light.



idea to steal

Save the Wood. The greatest asset of the Prithams' post-and-beam house was the original frame, constructed with hand-hewn spruce and fir timbers and rough-sawn planking. So they stripped away the plaster and revealed these golden oldies

LIVING ROOM: SOFA, SIDE CHAIR, OTTOMAN, AND SIDE TABLE (CONE'S BENCH (FURNITURE); CHAIRE WICKER BASKET AND BLUE CERAMIC POTS (POTTERY BARN)



Produce your own farmhouse kitchen with plank floors, an exposed-wood ceiling, open beadboard cupboards, vintage-style furniture and fixtures, a plate shelf, and lots of natural light

The kitchen fulfills one of Pritham's requests: a sink that faces the stunning mountain view. The central island has deep drawers for storage and stools that beckon guests to pull up and chat with the chef. **Far right** There's a more formal dining space between the kitchen and living room.



KITCHEN CANVAS BAG & ROOSTER-MOTIF CERAMIC VASES (GARNET HILL); PIE PLATES, PLATES, AND CUP (DUCK SOUP); GLASS VASE (RESTORATION HARDWARE); FISH PLATTER AND CRANBERRY BOWLS (POTTERY BARN); SPEED [illegible] (SMITH & HAWKEN); DINING ROOM: TABLEWARE (GARNET HILL); PLACEMATS (HOO); SILVER VASE (RESTORATION HARDWARE)

maintain a plumb line. The top floor was also 8 inches narrower from side to side than the bottom floor—"a savvy notion by the original builder," Moser suggests, "to keep the wind from pushing the house over." He added structural I beams for extra support and disguised them with salvaged pine. Doors and jambs were tapered to accommodate imperfect angles. Moser removed a steep, narrow staircase at the front door, and he reframed and enlarged the opening, designing and installing a wider, more gracious set of stairs. He moved the original staircase to the far end of the house to serve as the backstairs.

Another priority was plenty of natural light in as many rooms as possible. Fortunately, the hilltop site allows the sun to stream in all day long. New French doors and windows maintain a sense of openness. "When I designed the new floor plan, I wanted to stand at one end of the house and see all the way to the other," says Ellen. The open farmhouse kitchen leads easily into a formal dining space, a sitting area, and a guest bedroom.

product picks

- **Light fixtures** Fairport Place C6024A from Rejuvenation; 503-238-1900, rejuvenation.com.
- **Plumbing fixtures** Ballard sink and Revival faucet K16109 by Kohler; 800-456-4537, kohler.com.
- **Range** DR6SC366 by Dynasty; 888-462-9824, dynastyrange.com.
- **Vent hood** K260A by Best by Broan; 800-558-1711, bestbybroan.com.
- **Roll-out shelves** by Enclume Design; 360-385-6100.
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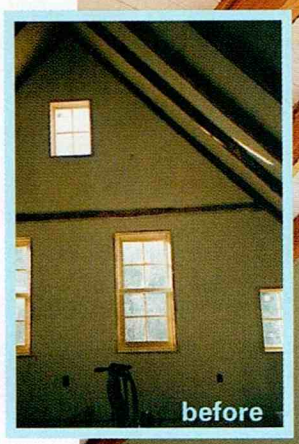
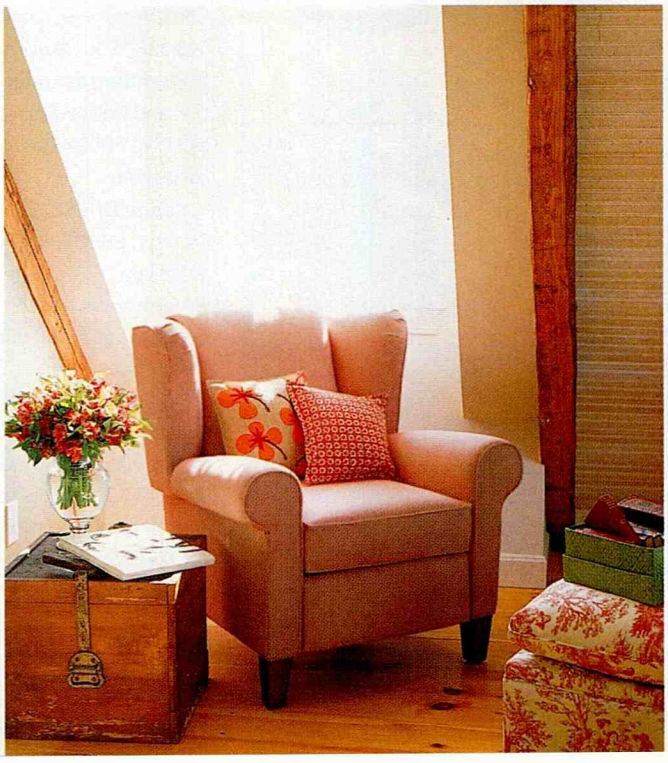


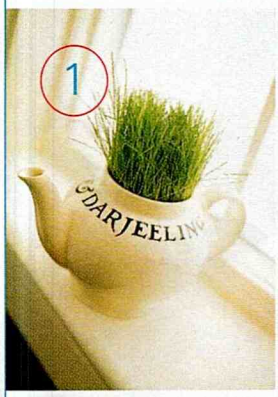
Like any authentic country abode, the well-appointed kitchen is the house's true focal point. "We love to entertain, so I wanted the kitchen to be large—also so that more than one person can take part in the preparation," she laughs. "I loved the idea of an old farmhouse kitchen—but with all of the modern conveniences." Two ovens, a six-burner Dynasty range, and loads of counter space would meet the standards and utilitarian demands of any gourmet chef. A cozy sitting area to one side welcomes friends who would rather chat than cook alongside her. "I hate being isolated in one room while everyone else is hanging out in another room," Ellen explains.

French doors open from the kitchen onto a deck where the couple often dines in warm weather—in full view of the mountains that first drew them to this location. As Ellen says, "I never get tired of looking out there."

Inset top A baking-soda sandblasting technique lightened old timbers. **Above** The paintings are by Ellen's father. **Right** In the same room, a wing chair graces a well-lit reading nook. *See Resource Guide for details.*



BEDROOM: BEDDING, RUG, CANVAS BAG, AND LOAFERS (GARNET HILL); GREEN GLASS VASE (SMITH & HAWKEN). WINDOW CORNER: RECLINER AND OTTOMAN (DEACON'S BENCH FURNITURE), BAG AND PILLOWS (HABLE CONSTRUCTION), GLASS VASE (RESTORATION HARDWARE), VINTAGE REFRIGERATOR BOX (AMMONOOSUC RIVER TRADING COMPANY & MARKETPLACE)











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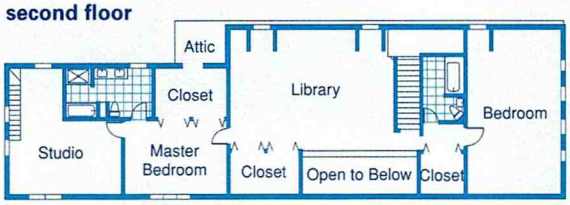

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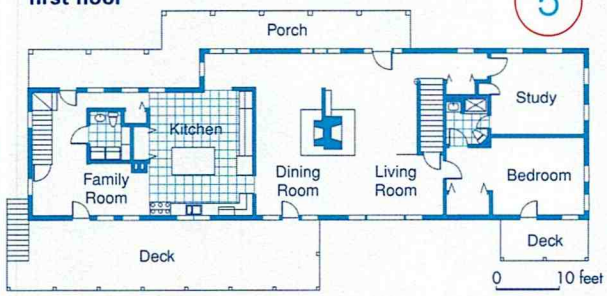
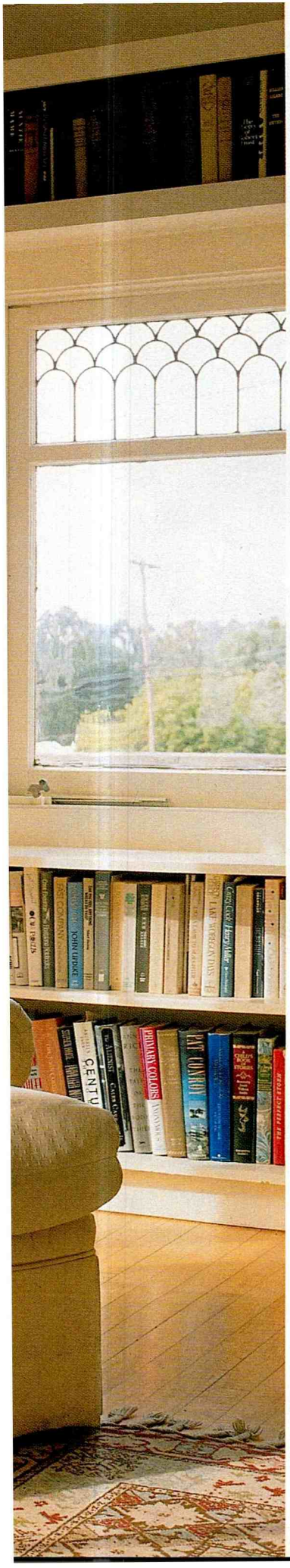


1. Unconventional plantings A teapot filled with wheatgrass makes a whimsical windowsill display. **2. Range rover** Outfitted with a six-burner Dynasty range, the kitchen is the scene of Ellen's many culinary creations. **3. Creative storage** Heavy metal pullout shelves inside the kitchen's central island hold her collection of pots and pans of all sizes. **4. Transplanted architecture** This narrow staircase used to greet guests at the front door. The architect moved it to one side of the house near a mudroom. He built a wider staircase at the front of the house. **5. Floor plan** The open plan generated rooms that flow easily one to another. **6. The view** The Prithams love their spectacular mountain vistas.



LIVING ROOM: RED STRIPED PILLOWS, RED CLOCK (POTTERY BARN); GLASS VASE (CRATE & BARREL); TABLE LAMP (RESTORATION HARDWARE)



SUMMERLAND, CA

Sea Horse House, once a boom-time mining shack on a windswept hill, reclaims its romantic spirit

cottage comeback

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A Los Angeles-based couple on their way to visit friends in Santa Barbara stopped for lunch in the coastal town of Summerland, California. The Cape Cod feel of the town (only 10 minutes shy of their destination) inspired them to visit an open house before continuing. The minute the two climbed a hill overlooking the ocean and set their eyes on the house—a weathered, shingled beach cottage, they decided to call this place home.





In the graceful living room, a new wall of windows looks out on ocean vistas. **Inset opposite**: The old living room had only two windows. **Below left:** Santa Barbara stone on the fireplace now deepens the house's character. **Below right**: The former dining room lacked detail.



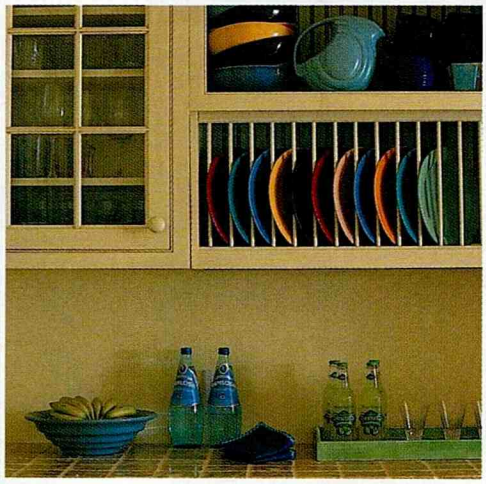
The owners swapped three small rooms for a large open space where they built a large, comfy kitchen—it's become the heart of their home

"We had planned on looking for a property in Montecito where we could have horses," says one of the homeowners, "but when we saw this wonderful house, we fell in love, even though, when we walked in, it was a total mess—a complete train wreck. The former owners had done an '80s remodel, which was sort of modern. In our eyes, they fought against the natural style of the house."

The pair agreed on a plan: renovate the late-1800s home, originally a mining shack, and restore its original style—or at least *their* vision of a style dating to over a hundred years ago.

The first order of business was to ban visitors from the property until construction was just about complete. "We knew exactly what we wanted to do, but our friends couldn't understand what we saw in it, and we were a bit worried they'd psych us out," one of the homeowners explains.

The two-story house sits on a hill, overlooking a stunning expanse of ocean and blue sky, so it was important to the pair to make the most of natural light and water views, and to enhance the feeling of spaciousness indoors.



Left The spacious new kitchen includes a grand center island. **Inset** Even a bay window couldn't save the formerly dark cramped kitchen. **Bottom left** Ivory-painted cabinets offer both open and closed storage. **Below** Six-foot-high wainscoting—capped by a photo shelf—encircles the romantic dining room and gives the illusion that the ceiling is higher than eight feet.

"There were only two small windows in the entire living room (a legacy of heat-conserving mining-shack construction), which has incredible ocean views, so we added a whole wall of windows," points out one of the homeowners. They also raised the roof, doing away with the original attic in the process. "We had to engineer new buttresses to support the walls, which were about to collapse. The contractor wanted to cover the ceiling, but we told him to leave it exposed and attach the beams across to increase texture," he explains.

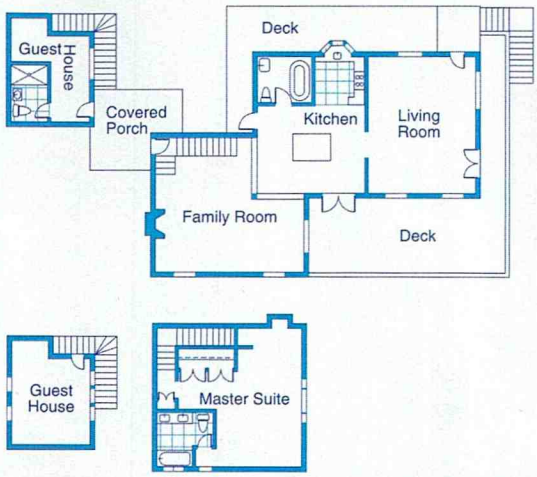
To the side of the living room was the original entrance to the house. The owners closed this off and made the area a winter porch, placing the new front door where the back of the house used to be. "It made more sense to us," they say. Now there's a dramatic entry, with two pillars of Santa Barbara stone and a wooden gate. A porcelain plaque atop one of the pillars reads: The Sea Horse House, because "when you stand by the gate, you can see the horse weather vane we put on our roof, and it looks like a wild horse galloping in the ocean."

The most extensive part of the renovation took place in the poorly planned



DINING ROOM: THROW PILLOWS (SHABBY CHIC); STRIPED RUNNER (POTTERY BARN); GLASS BOWL (CRATE & BARREL)

Before



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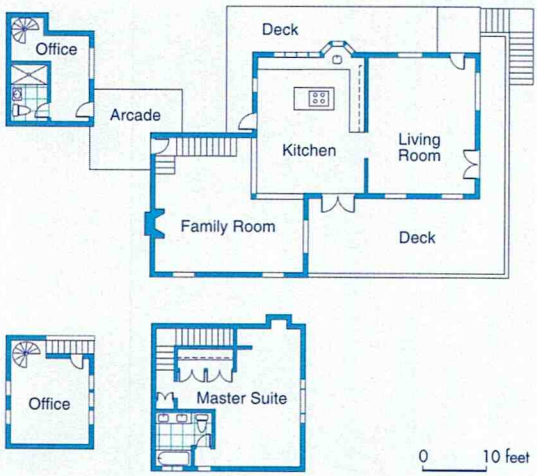
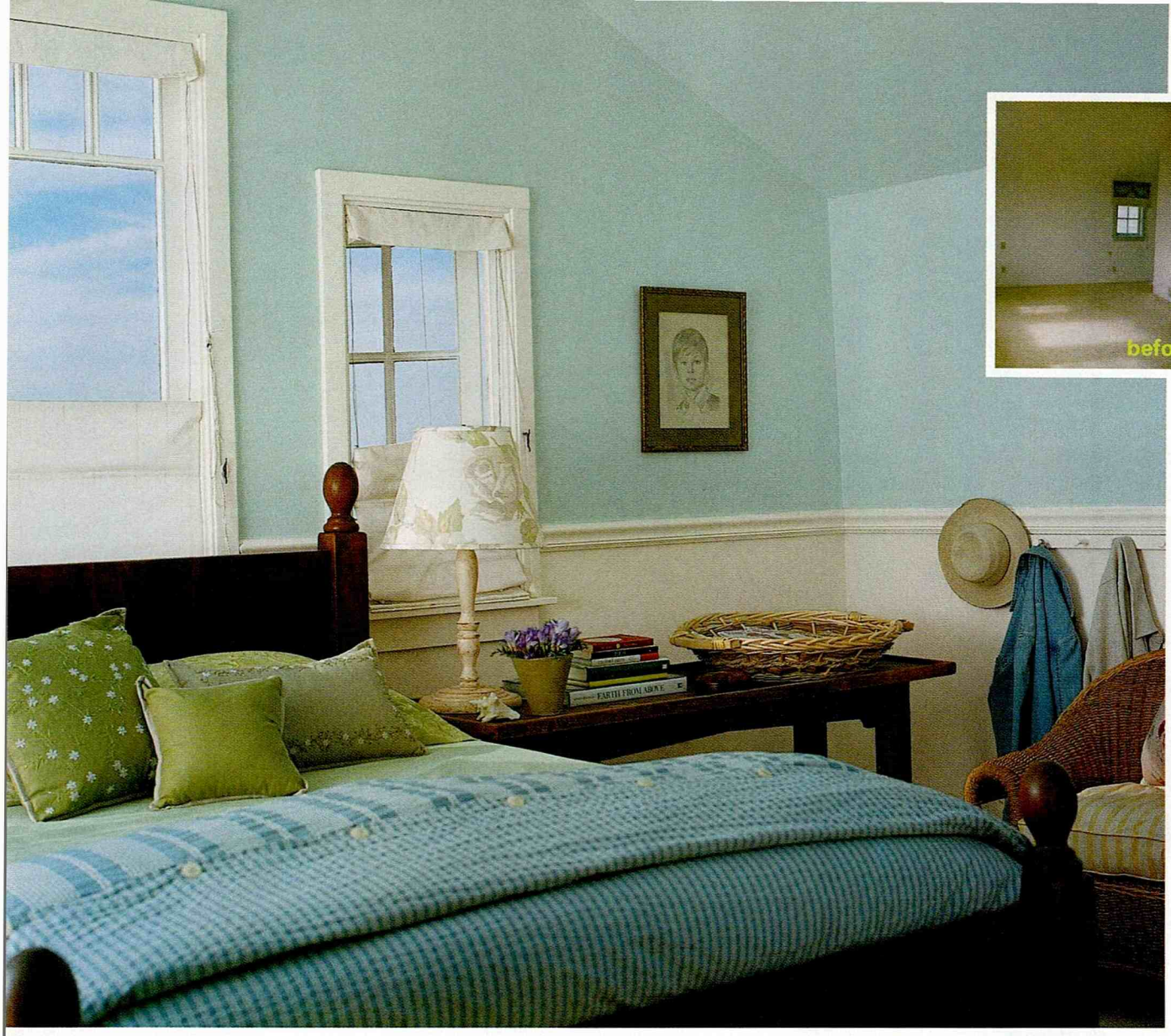


Before, **top,** traffic on the first level was disjointed. Now, **above,** it flows easily. The kitchen enjoys center stage as the heart of the home, providing a throughway from the dining area in the family room to the living room. Although the kitchen and dining room open into one another, two steps and a wooden post delineate the raised dining area. French doors from the kitchen and the living room open to the broad deck, which wraps around three sides of the house. The master bedroom and private bath occupy the entire second level. A covered walkway leads from the kitchen to the two-level guest cottage, which offers a full bathroom and private second-level deck.

product picks

- **Cabinets** by Wood-Mode, wood-mode.com.
- **Lampshades** Custom by M. Freeborn Studios, 805-695-0373.
- **Faucets** by Barber Wilson, available through Classic Building Materials, 877-201-9001.
- **Paint** from Martha Stewart Everyday, available through K-Mart; 800-635-6278, kmart.com.
- **Sink** by Kohler; 800-456-4537, kohler.com.
- **Stove** by Maytag; 800-688-9900, maytag.com.



kitchen. "It was tiny. A narrow space. Next to it was a bathroom. A third space housed an island, which had a washer and dryer underneath," recall the new homeowners. They decided to swap the three small rooms for a big open space where they could build a large, comfortable kitchen that would "make the house flow better. We didn't want anything grandiose, just a sort of theatrical island that would be the heart of our house, and a room that would allow us to cook while hanging out with our guests," one of the owners says.

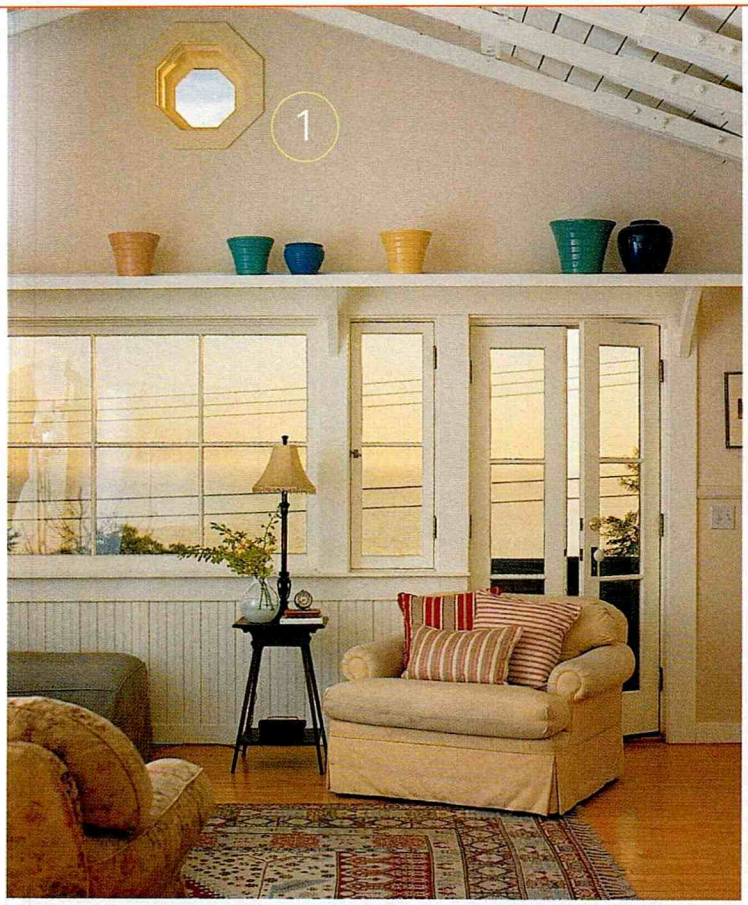
Next, the owners decided to address the "mess of a room" off the kitchen, which would become the dining room. It had very low ceilings, a concrete floor made to look like tile, and a huge fireplace with cold concrete benches on either side. They covered the fireplace with Santa Barbara stone; the floor, with sea grass carpeting. And they built a mantel of wood. Then they covered the benches in wainscoting and cushions. Now, "it's romantic, warm, and beachy," they say.

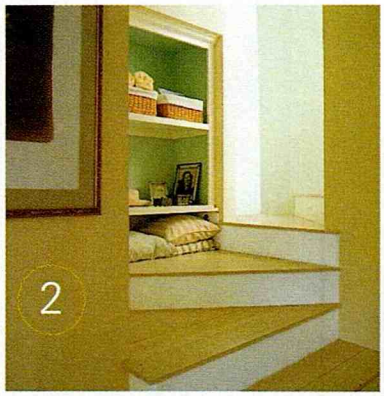
On the second level, the master suite received 1920s decorative touches, including a chair rail in the bedroom, and, in the bathroom, old-fashioned octagonal tiles with black grouting and charming Barber Wilson faucets.

These days, the doors are open to friends and family, who "have understood what we saw in the house," laughs one of the homeowners. "People walk in, and they see the wainscoting on the wall and the black grouting on the bathroom floor, and they think all these details have been here for years, that they are seeing the original house," he says. That was the plan: mission accomplished.

Above In the master bedroom, the owners added a chair rail, then painted the lower half of the wall another color to give the illusion of wainscoting. Window coverings provide privacy yet descend out of the way for endless views of ocean and sky. **Inset** (before): The room felt cold and dark, despite windows.

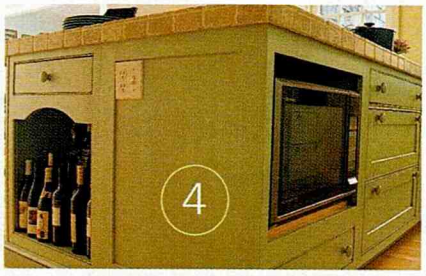
MASTER BEDROOM: LARGE PILLOWS (RESTORATION HARDWARE); THROW PILLOWS (POTTERY BARN)







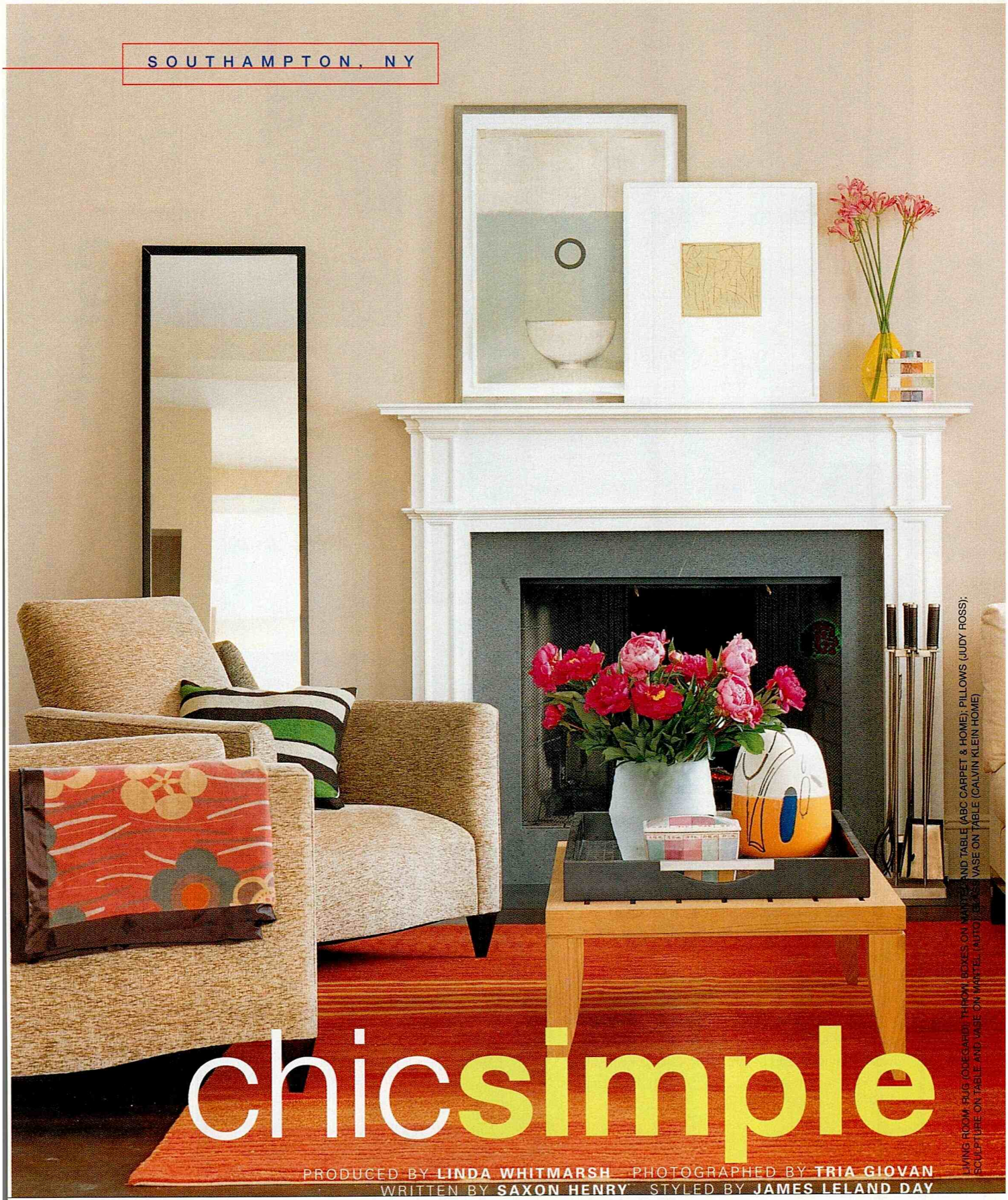




1. In the living room, new architectural features include a raised ceiling, exposed beams, built-in shelves, a French door, and more windows, with a striking octagonal window in the gable. **2. Creative ideas for storage,** including built-in shelves in the stairwell, are plentiful. **3. Striped cushions** and floral pillows in the Shabby Chic style soften a bench in a corner of the dining room. **4. The kitchen island's base** houses wine, a microwave, and ample deep drawer space. **5. Painted wooden chairs** provide seating on the porch. **6. An antique brass farmhouse faucet** lends a rustic touch in the kitchen. *See Resource Guide for details.*



SOUTHAMPTON, NY



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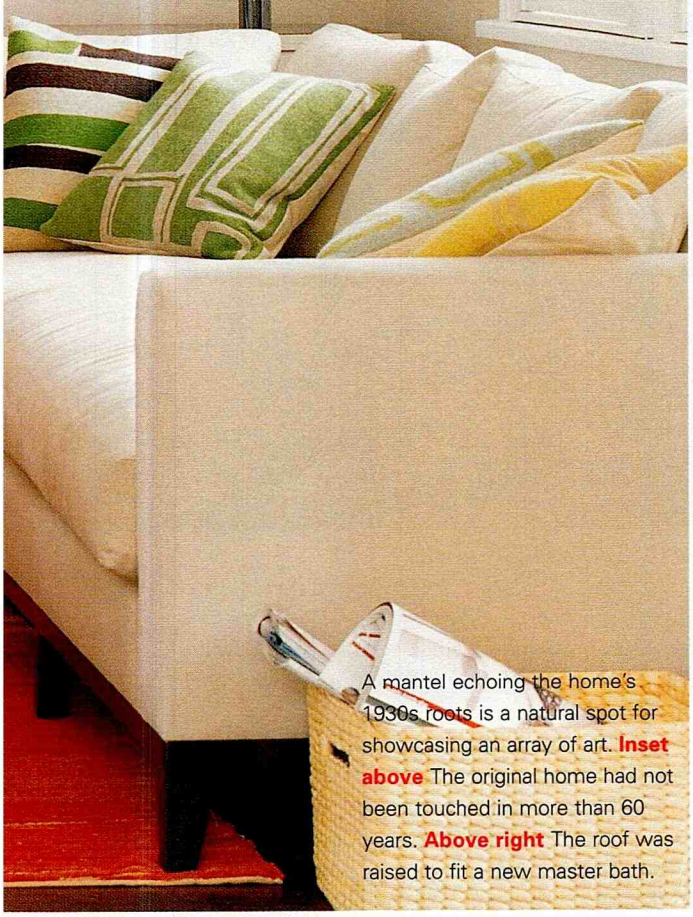
LIVING ROOM: RUG (DOEGAR); THROW; BOXES ON MANTEL AND TABLE (ABC CARPET & HOME); PILLOWS (JUDY ROSS); SCULPTURE ON TABLE AND VASE ON MANTEL (AUTO); VASE ON TABLE (CALVIN KLEIN HOME)

best little house

DESIGNER BETTY WASSERMAN SAVES A HOUSE IN RUINS, CARVING OUT A HAVEN FOR HERSELF, HER FURNITURE LINE, AND A POTENT ART COLLECTION


before





A mantel echoing the home's 1930s roots is a natural spot for showcasing an array of art. **Inset above** The original home had not been touched in more than 60 years. **Above right** The roof was raised to fit a new master bath.

A few prospective homeowners can see beyond a dilapidated house to an attractive outcome, but it is the rare valiant who celebrates the disrepair. "I bought this house, because it hadn't been touched in more than 60 years," says Betty Wasserman, an interior designer, art dealer, and furniture designer. "The beauty of it was that the house needed a major overhaul!"

With the help of architect Glenn Leitch, Wasserman gutted the 1,500-square-foot Southampton home on New York's Long Island. Together, they designed a new front entry hall; removed walls on the first floor; and added a roomy master bath on the second floor, taking some of the bath space from an old closet. The result: a more open floor plan with 220 square feet of additional living space. They had turned the 1930s cottage into the perfect backdrop for Wasserman's own line of furniture and an

"I'M VERY INTERESTED IN INTERIOR WALL PAINT: HOW IT BEHAVES, HOW IT REFLECTS AND ABSORBS LIGHT, HOW COLORS STACK AND WORK TOGETHER"



Dark floors contrast with creamy walls and white shutters, making room for many accent colors.

ever-changing art collection that she rotates between this house and her New York City apartment.

"There were seven rooms downstairs before; now there are two," says Wasserman. "I added steel beams, redid the floors, and ripped out the old kitchen." The former mudroom, kitchen, and dining room are now the living room and kitchen, which Wasserman put side-by-side in order to join the two most lived-in spaces on the first floor. "She wanted a strong connection between the living room and the kitchen," explains Leitch. "Most people will draw kitchen, dining, living. She did just the opposite."

The old living room became the new dining room, which is designed to display artwork from some of the 50 modern artists Wasserman represents. The dining room's centerpiece is a long whitewashed table custom-made from old barn wood.

In the new living room, Wasserman built in a fireplace



Above The vintage kitchen cabinetry was reconfigured and painted a crisp white, then fitted with grain-bin cabinet pulls and catch latches for a farmhouse kitchen feel. **Inset above** Wasserman discovered the vintage cabinets lined up against a wall in her basement and had them brought upstairs.

with a 1930s mantel found at a Bridgehampton antique show. In the process, she also took out two windows on the fireplace wall that looked at nothing but her neighbor's house. For Wasserman, "this was really important," she explains. "Glenn and I came into the house when it was gutted, and the first thing I saw was the neighbor's house." Here, and throughout the house, she hung summery white plantation shutters for privacy. She painted the mantel crisp white to match the woodwork in the house and covered the walls in pale yet richly expressive colors from master paint maker Donald Kaufman.

Color, art, and light are all powerful forces in Wasserman's interiors. "I'm very interested in interior wall paint: how it behaves, how it reflects and absorbs light, how colors stack, and how they work together. It was fun to take more chances in my own space," she explains, citing the master bedroom—where she combined lavender walls with white ceilings, dark floors, and ebonized cherry. Wall color, she says, is an important "backdrop for art," and she "incorporates lighting from the very beginning in order to properly illuminate every piece."

The home also showcases some of the furniture Wasserman designs. She began manufacturing when custom furniture houses wouldn't alter pieces for her clients to her satisfaction. "I started documenting pieces I made, and the next thing I knew I had a full furniture line." she says. Wasserman's own website, bettyhome.com, features

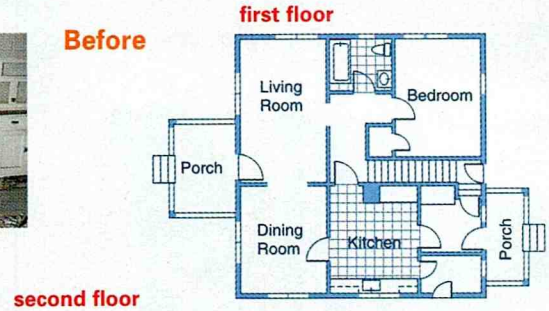
what's best about this little house

1. Subtle colors on the walls create a soft backdrop for Wasserman's evolving art collection.

2. Adding only 220 square feet to the 1,500-square-foot home, Wasserman was able to maintain a cozy interior while adding an important master bath upstairs; downstairs, she gained a new front entry and an open, easy-to-navigate floor plan.

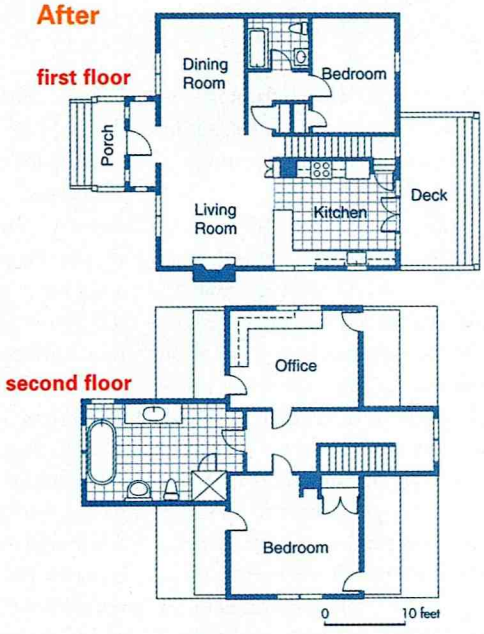
3. Wasserman, also a furniture designer, created the furnishings to complement the Southampton aesthetic and maximize use of space.

Before



Above and below Rather than placing the dining room next to the kitchen, the homeowner opted to place the living room adjacent to the kitchen, since these are the two most lived-in rooms.

After



DINING ROOM: RUG (ODEGARD); RUNNER (MALATESTA); RESIN GLASSES AND FRUIT STAND (DINOSAUR DESIGNS); VASE (AUTO). KITCHEN: BLUE PITCHER IN CABINET (BODUM CAFE & HOMESTORE); PLASTIC DISHES IN CABINET AND DISHTOWEL (E.A.T. DESIGNS); BOWL AND TWO PLASTIC SPOONS IN WHITE JAR, GREEN TRAY, FRUIT STAND, BOWL, RED JAR IN CABINET (DINOSAUR DESIGNS); VASE IN CABINET (AUTO); TRAYS (ERICA TANOV)

IN A SMALL HOME, ROOMS SHOULD "READ" INTO ONE ANOTHER WITH REPEATED COLORS, STYLES, OR TEXTURES



In the master bedroom, tables are built into the headboard of the Wasserman-designed bed. **Inset above** The wall below the bedroom eaves had been empty; now there are built-in cabinets. **Below** A stylish free-standing tub dominates the new bath. *See Resource Guide for details.*

BEDROOM: SLIPPERS (MALATESTA); HOUSECOAT AND STRIPED PILLOW ON BED (ERICA TANOV); BLANKET (AUTO); CLOCK (DINOSAUR DESIGNS); BED LINENS (CALVIN KLEIN HOME). BATHROOM: ABC CARPET & HOME; TOY SAILBOAT (E.A.T. GIFTS); TOWELS (DESIGNERS GUILD); BATH BRUSH (BODUM CAFE & HOMESTORE)

her newest line, the Southampton Collection, with pieces inspired by the charm of the renovated cottage.

Upstairs in the master bedroom, Wasserman tucked recessed Shaker-like cabinets into the wall under the eaves to provide essential storage in the small room. (The cabinets' cherry-wood drawers with leather pulls are from the new collection.)

Beyond, in the new master bathroom, a long ebonized cherry vanity—among Wasserman's favorite pieces from the furniture collection—takes pride of place alongside a freestanding tub, sauna, and steam shower. She describes the vanity as "more like furniture and less like a built-in cupboard...People are so concerned about maximum storage capacity in their bathrooms that they're not aware the vanity feels like a big lump when it goes all the way to the floor. Just a bit of leg makes a huge difference." An old kitchen cabinet mounted on legs holds towels.

Adding the new master bath was crucial, because the only bathroom was on the first floor, and it didn't have a shower. "I really wanted to take advantage of being in the country," remarks Wasserman, "and to have the luxury to come out and steam and bathe and truly relax."



design details



1. Wasserman's office chair—one of her designs—was inspired by an antique that she admired. "It's actually comfortable," she says. **2. A farmhouse sink and open shelving** contribute to the kitchen's clean lines. **3. A Marvel wine cooler** is fitted into the living room side of an island separating the kitchen from the living room. **4. A thin radiator** was neatly tucked into a wall that also holds a new shallow pantry. **5. The ebonized cherry bathroom vanity** is a bettyhome.com design. The small cabinet—originally a kitchen cabinet hung above a stove—was fitted with legs and filled with colorful linens.









DESIGN DETAILS: 1, OFFICE: RUG (ODEGARD); NOTEBOOKS, WHITE VASE, PENCIL HOLDER, CLIPBOARD (BODUM CAFE & HOMESTORE); DRAGONFLY VASE (E.A.T. GIFTS); 2, KITCHEN: CYLINDRICAL BOX ON SHELF (ABC CARPET & HOME); BLUE PITCHER, CANISTERS, CUTTING BOARD, BLUE & GREEN GLASSES, OLIVE OIL, VINEGAR AND MUSTARD JARS (BODUM CAFE & HOMESTORE); 3, KITCHEN ISLAND: GLASSES (BODUM CAFE & HOMESTORE); DISHTOWELS (E.A.T. GIFTS); 4, KITCHEN PANTRY: BROOM (AUTO); 5, BATHROOM: CUP (ABC CARPET & HOME); DEVIL TOY DUCK (E.A.T. GIFTS); TOWELS (DESIGNERS GUILD); GLASS VASE (CALVIN KLEIN HOME)



LUTHERVILLE, MD

THE REMODELED KITCHEN OF A BELOVED VICTORIAN OPENS TO THE LIGHT, FROM THE GROUND UP

saving grace

PRODUCED AND STYLED BY **ELIZABETH GAYNOR**
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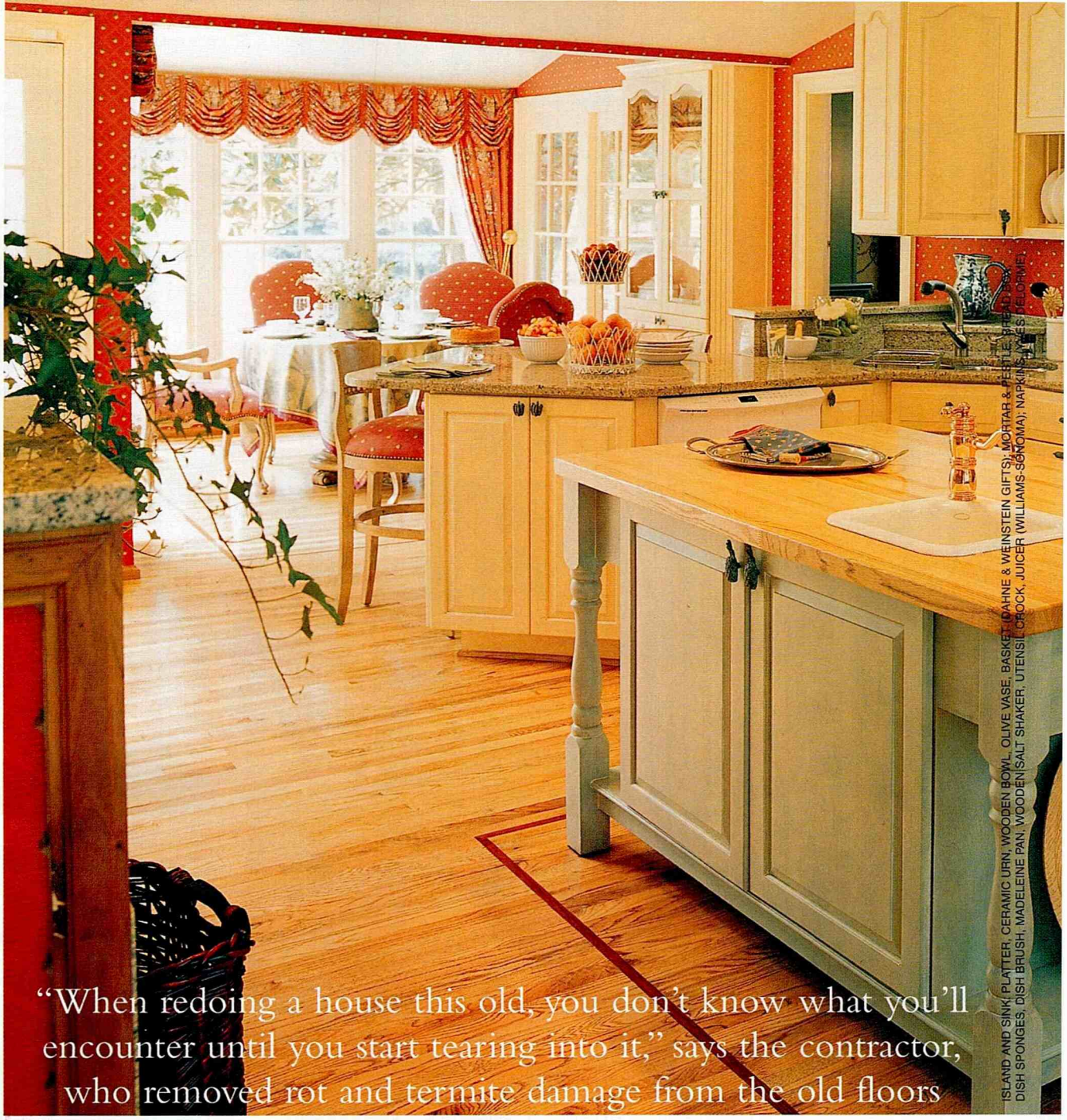
ISLAND, PENINSULA, AND MANTEL: MIXING BOWL, CAKE STAND, RIBBED BOWL, DISH TOWEL, DINNER PLATES, CUPS AND SAUCERS, PIE SERVER (WILLIAMS-SONOMA); TIERED BASKET, SCALLOPED METAL BOWL, ROOSTER CABINET (DAHNE WEINSTEIN GIFTS); NAPKINS (YVES DELORME); LOCKED BOX, CANDLEHOLDER (SUNNYFIELDS)



The fireplace is the only element retained from the old kitchen. It is faced with the green rose granite also used on the countertops. **Inset** Before the rehab, the kitchen was dark, cramped, and outdated.



"When redoing a house this old, you don't know what you'll encounter until you start tearing into it," says the contractor, who removed rot and termite damage from the old floors

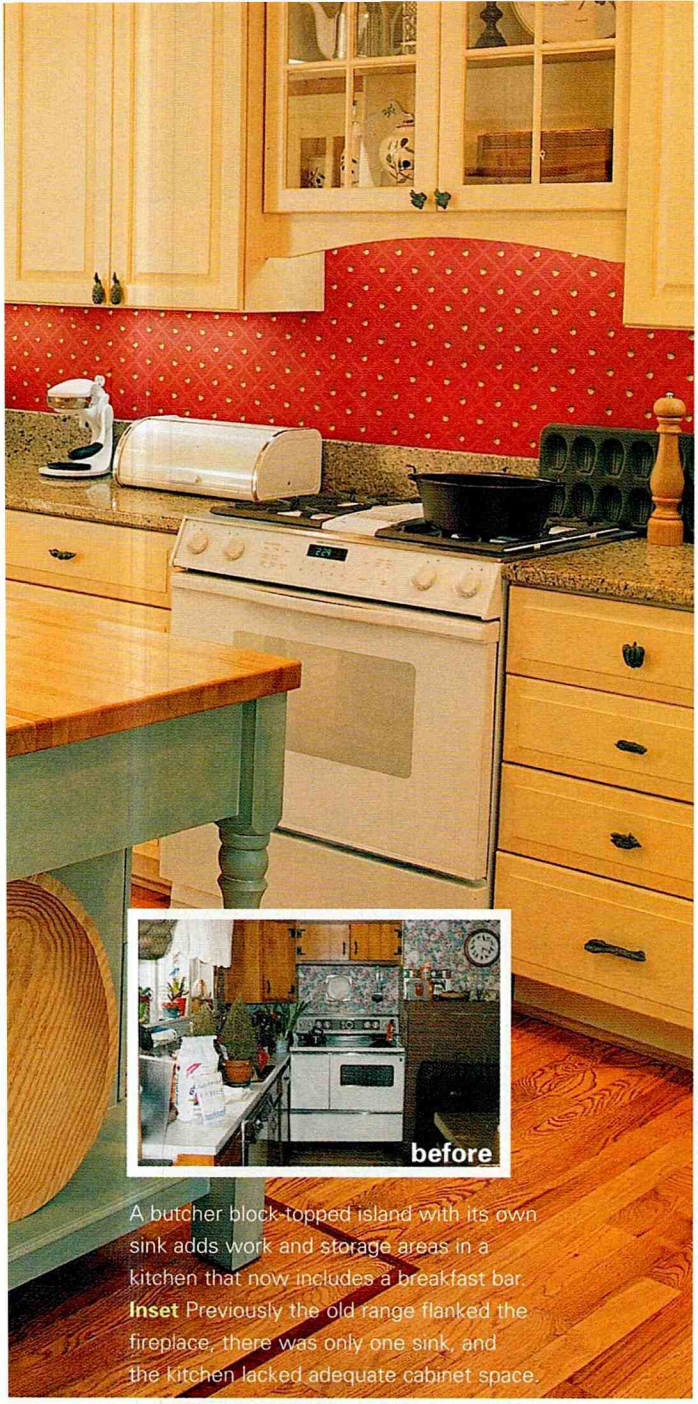
ISLAND AND SINK; PLATTER, CERAMIC URN, WOODEN BOWL, OLIVE VASE, BASKET (DAHNE & WEINSTEIN GIFTS); MORTAR & PESTLE, BREAD DISH SPONGES, DISH BRUSH, MADELEINE PAN, WOODEN SALT SHAKER, UTENSIL CROCK, JUICER (WILLIAMS-SONOMA); NAPKINS (YVES DELORME)

Sue Hillis remembers exactly when she and her husband, Richard, a civil engineer, bought their 150-year-old, five-bedroom Victorian in Lutherville, Maryland, a place blessed with a great many vintage homes. It was 18 years ago, and she was pregnant with the first of her two sons, now both teenagers.

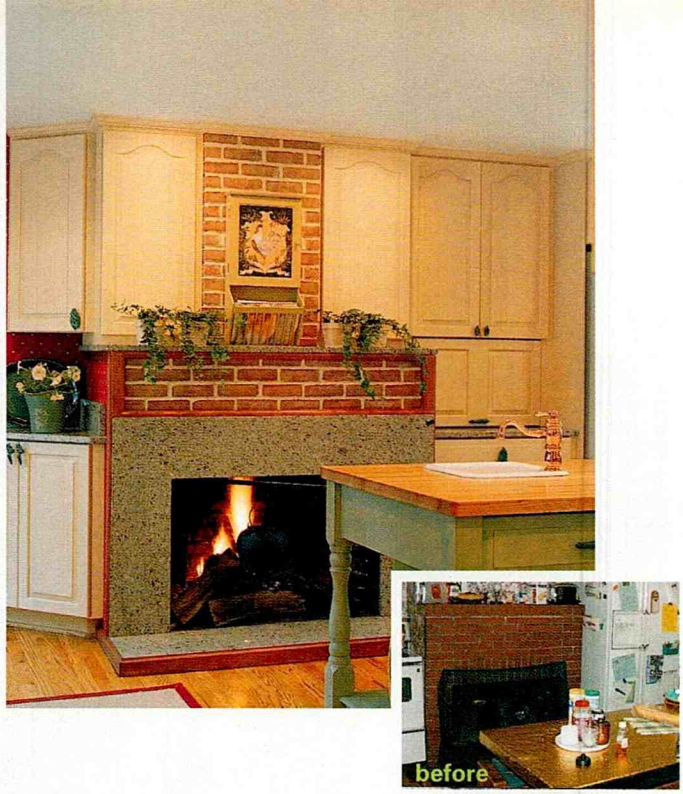
Family life centered then, and now, on the kitchen. So it's surprising that it took so long to start remodeling their cramped, dark, poorly laid-out cooking and dining space. In fact, it was nearly last on a list of improvements they made to their otherwise airy, 5,000-square-foot house. The reason: The Hillises knew that changing this room, last updated in the 1950s, would be costly and time-consuming. So they hired very carefully: interior designer Won Cha Shake, kitchen designer Roland Neifeld Jr., and contractor Gary Wheatley—a team that functioned seamlessly throughout the redesign. For the Hillises, the results of their work were well worth the investment and wait.

Shake, who had been working with the Hillises since 1992, did the original plan based on the Hillis wish list. It called for knocking down an outside wall, which would allow them to nearly double the size of the old 250-square-foot-kitchen by annexing part of the wraparound, front porch. Then, 6-foot-tall double-hung windows would flood a new dining peninsula and breakfast room with light.

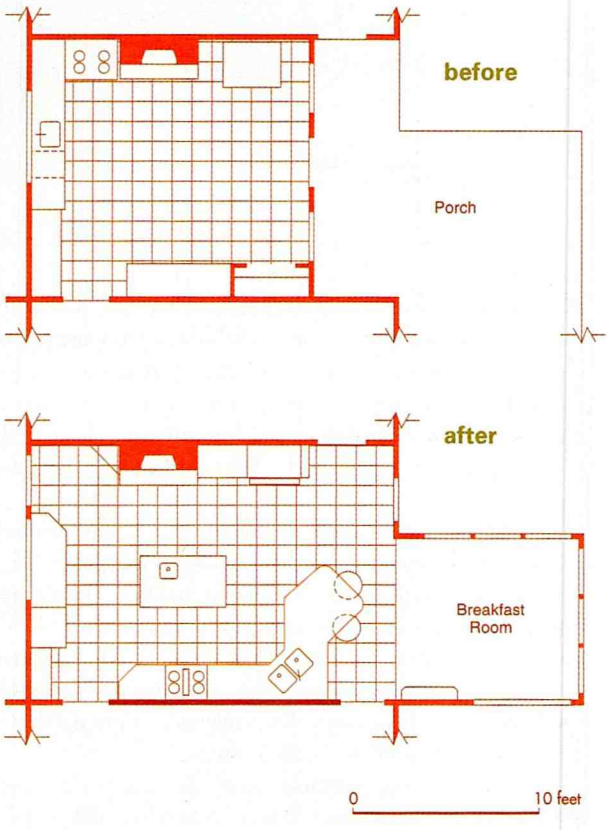
With the plans set, it fell to Wheatley to bring kitchen and porch into alignment, install in-floor radiant heating, and shore up the load-bearing elements of the new space.



A butcher block-topped island with its own sink adds work and storage areas in a kitchen that now includes a breakfast bar. **Inset** Previously the old range flanked the fireplace, there was only one sink, and the kitchen lacked adequate cabinet space.



Top With appliances removed from either side of the fireplace, new birch cabinets could be hung. **Inset** An island set off by strips of inlaid cherrywood replaced the old kitchen table. **Below** Absorbing part of the porch enabled the designer to enlarge the kitchen, add an angled dining peninsula for snacks and quick meals, and create a windowed breakfast area.



"The ceiling leaned about two inches one way, and the floor leaned another way about three inches," Wheatley explains. "We [aligned] the floor and the ceiling, and concealed most of the beam needed to support the upper part of the house. It extends across the opening into the breakfast area, which was where the [outside, load-bearing] wall once stood. Most of that beam disappears into the upper floor and wall systems." Thanks to these structural problems, custom cabinets had to be ordered. "In a house as old as this one, nothing was level and nothing was true," says Richard.

New cabinets, in solid birch, and red oak flooring followed the structural work. The renovated space, about 465 square feet in all, now houses two sinks and



Lively tomato-red fabric and Dijon mustard-colored paint give the new breakfast room an updated Provençal look. *See Resource Guide for details.*

"Coming home when it's dark, that kitchen, with all its lights sparkling, just takes my breath away," says Richard Hillis

two ovens to cover food prep needs. There are plenty of clever storage solutions, from a shallow-depth pantry and a drawer fitted with a two-level cutlery divider, to vegetable bins built into the center island and a cabinet above a wall-mounted oven that conceals a full-size TV. A desk and computer are tucked under the enlarged rear window.

Sue and Neifeld settled on a sunny cabinet finish light enough to show the grain. The furniture-like island is finished in a contrasting teal blue and topped with red oak butcher block; the other counters are green rose granite. An informal dining peninsula angles into the more formal sit-down breakfast area in response to Sue's need for "a place to have quick meals and snacks," Neifeld says.

"The only thing charming about the original kitchen was the working fireplace," says Wheatley, and it was stabilized and the brick repointed. Local fire and building codes prohibited placing wood cabinets close to a chimney warmed by a wood-burning fire, so they chose a vent-free gas unit that sends 90 percent of its generated heat into the room and very little up the chimney. Framing the fireplace opening is the same granite that tops the kitchen counters.

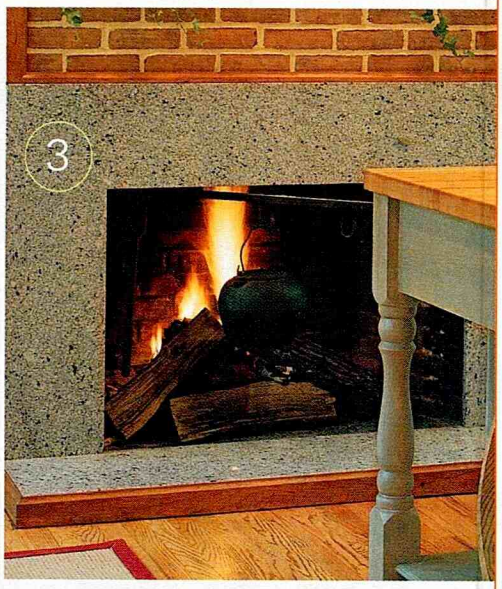
Shake worked with Sue on the finishing touches, creating an impressive, loosely Provençal effect using Dijon mustard-colored paint, with tomato-red wallpaper and matching upholstery and drapery fabric.

Sue and Richard are proud of a renovation that, from the outside, looks so natural that no one would suspect the expanded kitchen is brand-new. Sue loves having a space so fully bathed in morning sun, but for Richard it's also a nighttime treat. "Coming home when it's dark, that kitchen, with its lights on, just sparkles," he says. "When I turn the corner, it takes my breath away."

BREAKFAST ROOM: STRAW COASTER, SCALLOPED PLANTER (DAHNE & WEINSTEIN GIFTS); SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS, CONDIMENT BOWLS, DINNER PLATES AND BOWLS (WILLIAMS-SONOMA); TABLECLOTH, NAPKINS (YVES DELORME)

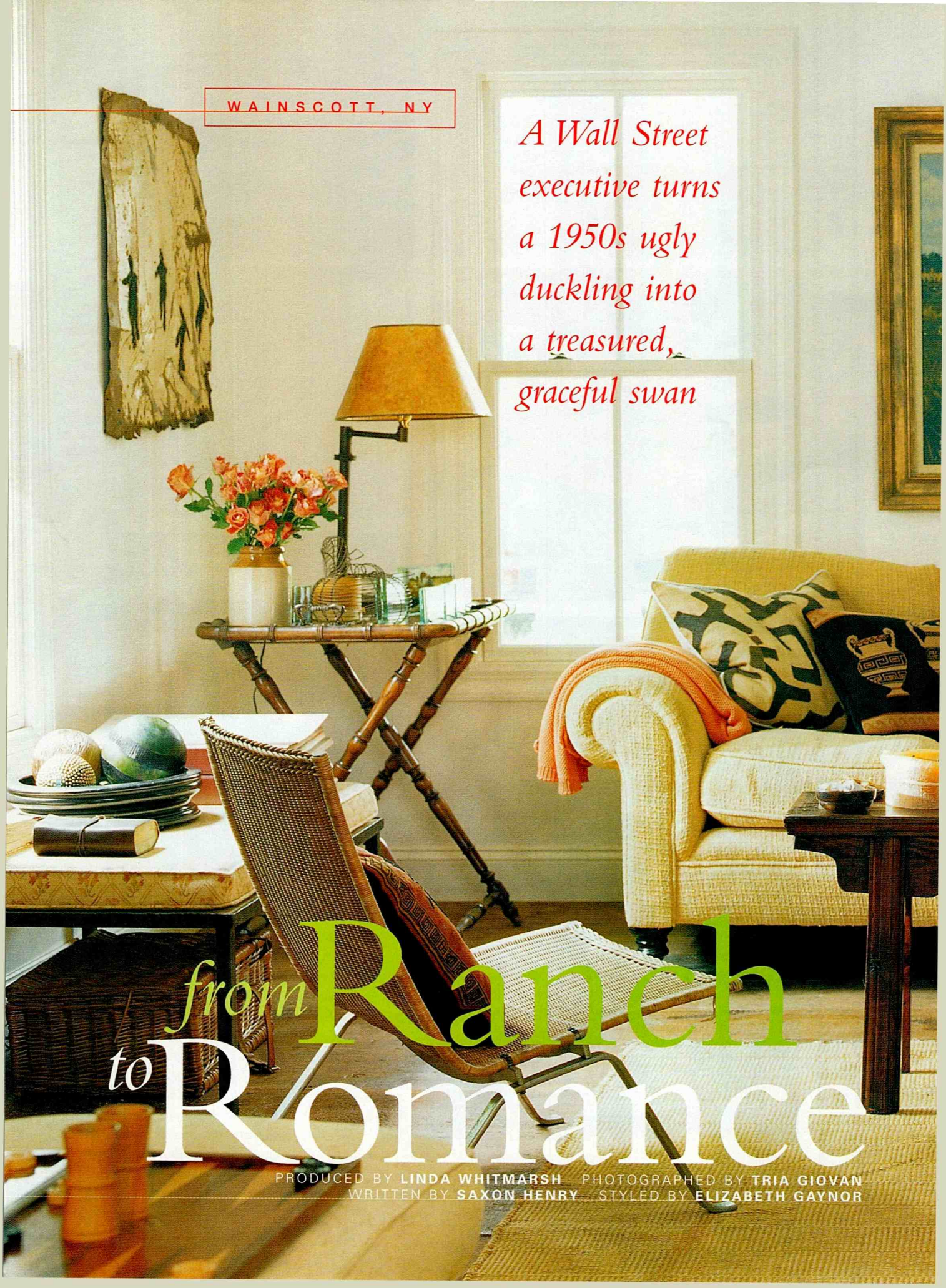








1. Pale wood tones underscore the kitchen's sunny disposition. Unafraid of bold color, the Hillises chose red wallcovering and accents for contrast. **2. Shallow shelves** beside the refrigerator create a pantry for dry goods. There's plenty of room, and nothing gets buried. **3. Applying granite** to both the fireplace and hearth links the new kitchen to its predecessor. The same granite tops all counters except the top of the island. **4. The breakfast area** is decorated and furnished for everyday and holiday meals.



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A Wall Street executive turns a 1950s ugly duckling into a treasured, graceful swan

from Ranch *to* Romance

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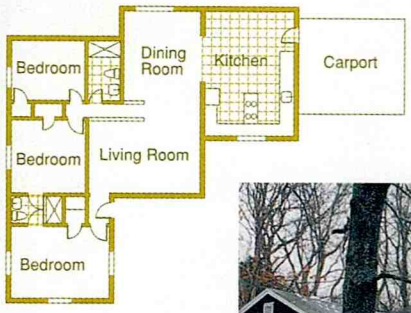
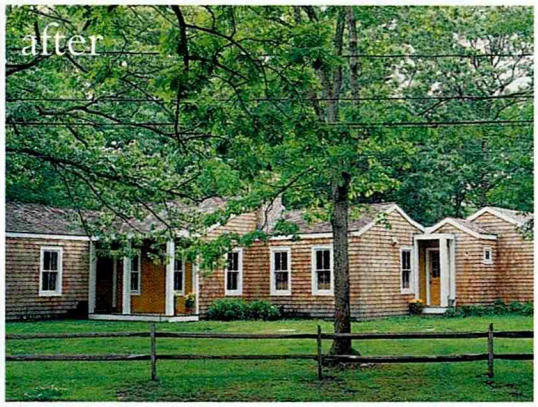
LIVING ROOM: THROWS, FROM TRIBE AND BALLS; GREEK PILLOWS, ONION VASE (GALILEO); RUG (MICHAELIAN & KOHLBERG)

The warmth of the wood and textured fabrics in the living room contrast with a sleek Poul Kjaerholm cane chair with steel frame (opposite).

before & after









The remodeling team chose *not* to align the addition squarely with the side wall of the original structure, top, which gave the home an interesting stepped structure, above. The [design] shift backward added several extra gables, creating a varying roofline. "By placing the addition farther back [from the street], we were able to add another multiple angle, giving the house more dimension while keeping it sited correctly to the sun, remarks contractor Bill Williams. Architect Reed A. Morrison adds, "If you sensitively locate a house on property, you can make the house seem bigger by integrating the lawns with the house's shape."

"My dream was to have a traditional Wainscott cottage," says the owner of this charming home in a quaint Hamptons community on Long Island, New York. Undaunted by the sad state of the home, which had been in the hands of the original owner since 1958, this managing partner in a Wall Street investment firm saw great possibilities. "When I purchased the house, it was about as ugly as you could imagine," she explains. "My eight-year-old daughter said, 'Mommy, it will be like the ugly duckling!' Hence, the yellow accents and the name, Ugly Duckling Cottage!"

The renovation was swift, completed in just three months, but the original budget was scrapped when structural problems were uncovered. "We hadn't intended to replace the roof rafters when we remodeled the existing house, but we discovered that there had been a fire years ago, and they were warped," explains construction manager Bill

Inset below and bottom This living room fireplace was installed back-to-back with a pizza oven in the kitchen. **Opposite and inset far right** A light-filled kitchen with many windows replaces the original dark space. **Opposite bottom** Open kitchen shelves showcase crockery and glassware.





VERTICAL DOUBLE-HUNG WINDOWS REPLACED NARROW HORIZONTAL BAND WINDOWS, BECAUSE LIGHT WAS A PRIORITY



Williams of 6 Pony Farm Construction Management in East Hampton, New York. Williams built a 720-square-foot addition, which holds a new master bedroom suite and a new back entry. Rather than aligning the addition squarely with the side of the existing house, architect Reed A. Morrison shifted it slightly and joined it to the back corner of the structure. "We moved it back about 12 feet," explains Morrison, who is based in Osterville, Massachusetts. This made room for a second entryway—off the kitchen—and upped the number of windows in several rooms, light being a priority on the homeowner's wish list. "I wanted a cottage that was cozy and small in scale," she explains, "but still functional and filled with light."

To accomplish this, Morrison specified vertical double-hung windows to replace the original horizontal band windows, positioning them for optimal effect. "If you line up windows from one room to another, you get a heightened sense of spaciousness and light," he explains.

Though not a design professional, the homeowner was secure in her vision for the interiors. "I started with light colors, especially yellows, to achieve uniformity throughout the house," she explains. "I wanted the



KITCHEN: TABLE RUNNER, CAKE SERVER (GALILEO)

The simple draperies are an apt counterpoint to the scrolling iron bed and ornamented table. **Bottom** Fabrics and one-of-a-kind accessories add an inviting texture to this cozy bedroom. *See Resource Guide for details.*

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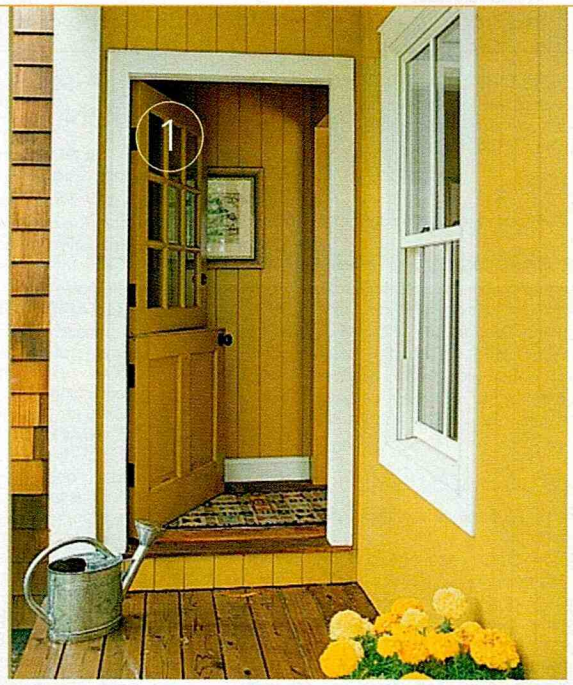
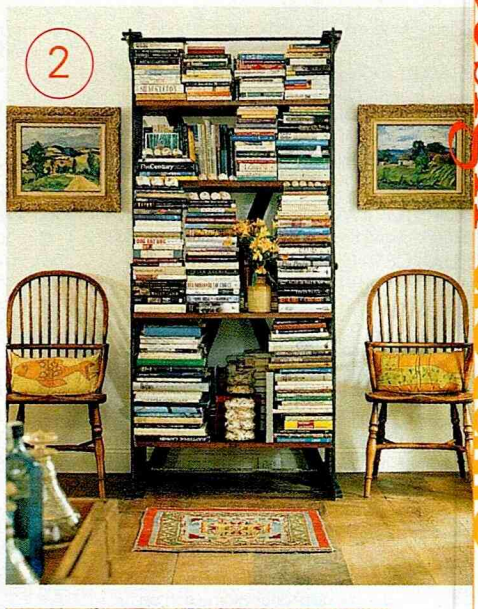
walls to be crisp so the artwork and antiques would stand out." Another talent, mixing varied styles, inspired her to blend modern art, folk art, traditional landscape oils, and steel sculptures. A French farm table and Windsor chairs coexist with a svelte Poul Kjaerholm chair and 1940s chrome standing lamps. An avid collector, she chose open shelving in the kitchen to display her finds. Her beautiful low-maintenance floors are covered in wide hickory planks from a 300-year-old Pennsylvania barn.

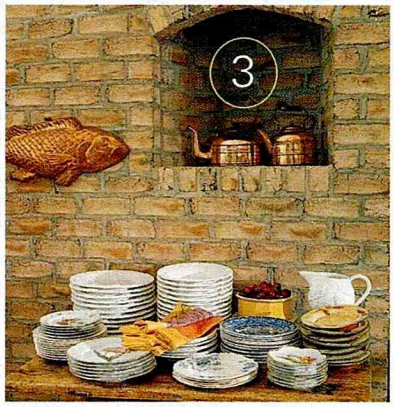
To maximize her space, the owner was drawn to large-scale furnishings. "The house is quite small, only 2,200 square feet, and I found that few large pieces worked well," she explains. "An old library stack from Dartmouth College found in an antique shop serves as a bookshelf. It's large and heavy, but it doesn't take up an enormous amount of space."

In the end, a swan emerged. "I believe in refurbishing older homes that have substance and a good location," says Williams. "You achieve so much charm. And it's the ultimate form of conservation."

BEDROOM THIS PAGE: IITTALA GREEN GLASS VASE, PINK BLANKET, BROWN-BORDERED PILLOW ON DAYBED (GALILEO); RUG (MICHAELIAN & KOHLBERG). DESIGN DETAILS OPPOSITE: CAT PILLOW AND FISH PILLOW #2, NAPKINS #3, ORANGE THROW #4, BRIGHT STRIPED THROW #5 (GALILEO); RUG (MICHAELIAN & KOHLBERG)











1. Varying shades of yellow predominate both inside and outside. **2. The bookshelf**—an old library stack from Dartmouth College—holds the homeowner's collection of books, stacked three rows deep. **3. Rather than a traditional fireplace opening,** a pizza oven was built into the kitchen for warmth during the winter months. China and shiny copper accessories contrast with the weathered antique table and rough brick-and-mortar wall. **4. Unusual treasures** collected during travels—such as this wicker cradle with bobbin finials—lend a personal touch to the interiors. **5. "Texture** is appealing to me, probably more so than color," remarks the homeowner. She chose the fabrics in the house with texture in mind.

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Take it all off (the old finish, that is), and make a wooden dresser shine in 10 easy steps



HOW TO REFINISH A dresser

Produced and written by **Laura Dye Lang** ■ Photographed by **Joe Pollilio**

Flea markets and estate and garage sales can be such affordable ways to acquire vintage furniture. The downside: Sometimes the best deals need elbow grease. And sometimes, the furniture you've been living with for years just needs a makeover. Case in point: the hand-me-down dresser, shown above left. Most recently updated in the 1980s with heavy coats of textured, faux granite spray paint, the dresser gets our sincere vote for one of the ugliest we have ever seen.

The owners had shopped for several years looking for a new dresser and finally found one they liked in a glossy, dark-brown-wood finish. The price tag was glossy, too: $9,000. So instead of buying the new dresser, they enlisted the help of refinisher James Matar of Dover, New Jersey-based Family Heirloom Restoration (973-366-6636 or heirloomrestorationstoo.com) to oversee a makeover. If you tackle this yourself, it will take a three-day weekend (with time to spare) and less than $150.

Before You Begin

Set up in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area; protect the floor with a drop cloth. Sufficient drying time is key to a professional-looking job, so make sure you have both room and time to leave the dresser out overnight. (Allow more drying time on humid days.) Vacuum all surfaces to remove dust, cobwebs, and even (alas!) insect eggs. Wear gloves, old clothes, a mask (during



Top left Clean lines and sturdy construction made this dresser worth saving. **Top** With a fresh finish and pulls, the dresser has a stylish new lease on life. **Above** After vacuuming the dresser and removing the old hardware, Matar brushed on two coats of stripper (1), then waited for the paint to bubble up. The refinishing steps continue on the following pages.

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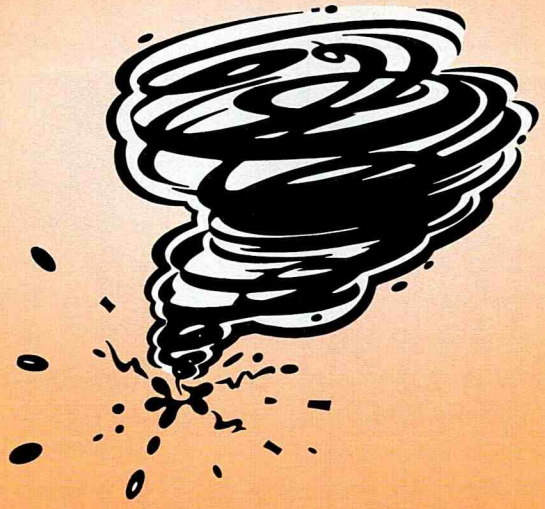

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Refinishing steps After applying the stripper, Matar scraped off the old paint (2), washed the dresser with a paint-and-polyurethane-remover wash (3), filled holes (4), measured for pulls (5), drilled (6), sanded (7), and stained (8).

sanding and dust removal), and a good respirator mask (if you decide to use a spray-on polyurethane).

Mix Master

Premixed stains are easy to use and are available in a variety of colors and shades. You can slightly influence the appearance by using 150- to 180-grit sandpaper for a darker finish or 120- to 150-grit for a lighter look. Or, you may want to consider mixing your own stain using premixed colors, as Matar did (two parts Ebony 2718 to one part Red Mahogany 225 Minwax Wood Finish stains) to precisely match the dresser to the new super-dark, sleek brown drawer pulls. Follow the steps through number seven, then mix your stain and check the color on an unobtrusive part of the dresser to make sure it's to your liking before proceeding.

1. Follow the directions for the specific products you're using. Matar used Minwax (800-523-9299, minwax.com) and Formby's (800-290-1105, formbys.com). Remove the old hardware, then evenly apply two coats of stripper. Wait about five minutes between each coat.

2. The old finish will bubble up. Remove it by scraping it off gingerly with a putty knife. Do not scrape so hard that the putty knife scratches or make grooves in the wood.

the cotton-ball test

Depending on the finish, your wood furniture may just need a **cleaning.** Painted and polyurethane finishes can be stripped and restained using the methods shown above. **Old shellac** and **lacquer finishes** can be lightened and softened. **Paint** is easy to spot, but to determine other finishes: Dampen a cotton ball with **nail polish remover** and rub it on two small, hidden areas of the furniture. A dark stain on the cotton ball means you can use a product such as **Formby's Antique Refinisher** to dissolve the old finish. If there's a slight smudge or no stain, you can strip it. Note: Leave an antique with its original finish to a pro.

what the pros know

Bruce Johnson of Knock on Wood Antique Repair & Restoration near Asheville, North Carolina (828-628-1915), offers these tips to make your wood-furniture refinishing project a smooth one:

- **Take "before" photos** so you'll remember how all the pieces fit back together. Store old hardware that you'll reuse in clear plastic bags; label the bags.
- **Soft woods like pine can be dented** with your fingernail and require a wood conditioner (apply after step seven) to help the stain evenly penetrate the wood. Choose a wood conditioner that's appropriate to the other products you're using—either oil based or water based.
- **Most furniture is a mixture of solid wood and wood veneers** (very thin strips of wood glued to a base material). How do you tell the difference? The grain pattern runs all the way through a solid-wood board, so it looks exactly the same on the top and bottom. Look closely at the edge of the board; veneer shows a thin glue line. Never use a power sander on veneer. And although you can use water-based products on veneer, never use water as a rinse agent (steps three and seven), because it may dissolve the veneer glue. Use mineral spirits instead.
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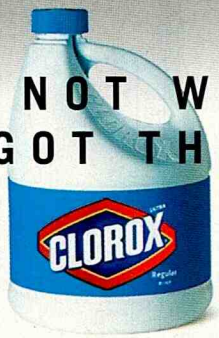

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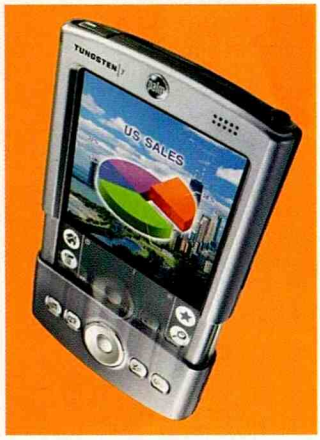

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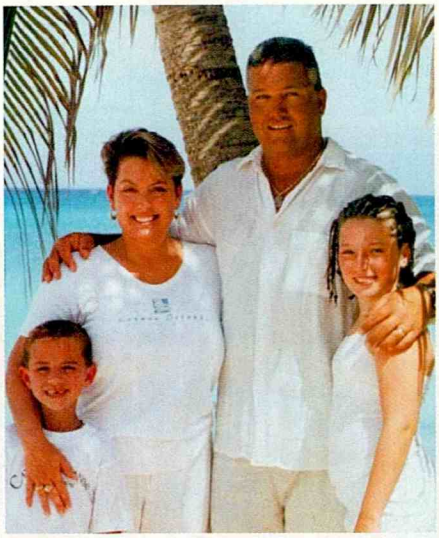

Dina, with husband Mike, daughter Dani (12) and son Mikey (7).

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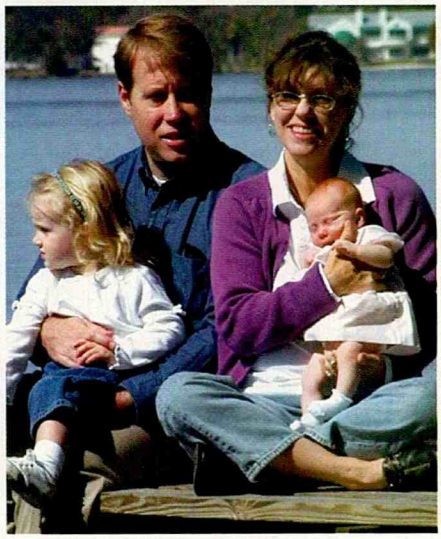

Stacey with husband Mike and daughters Sarah (2) and Margaret.

The Agitator Who Kick-Started Community Action

Stacey Chadwick Brown rallied a network of mental health providers, pediatricians, school counselors, politicians and others to found the Children's Mental Health Services of Southwest Florida. The agency provides access to mental health services to children and families who would not normally be able to afford them.



Apryll Adams with kids Porscha (11), Jonathan (13) and Joshua (6).

The Reinventor Who Faced Personal Obstacles and Changed Her Life

A training coordinator at Fleet Credit Card Services, Apryll Adams, fled domestic violence with her children and started her life over. "My children were a source of encouragement and inspiration, even though they were sometimes afraid and uncertain of their future. They kept me focused and determined to press my way, although the steps were long and hard."

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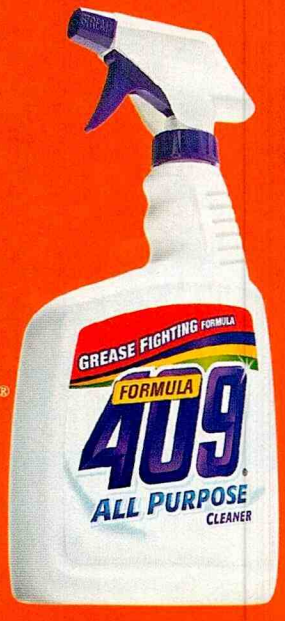

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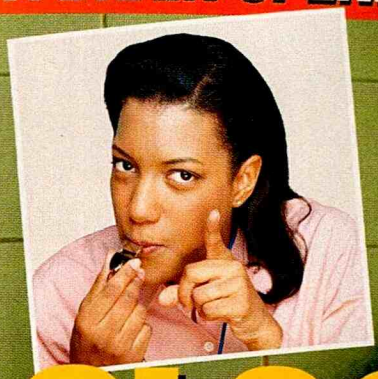

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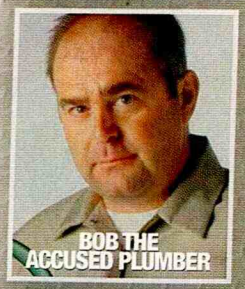

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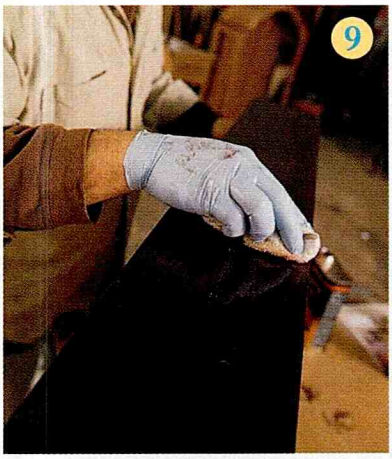

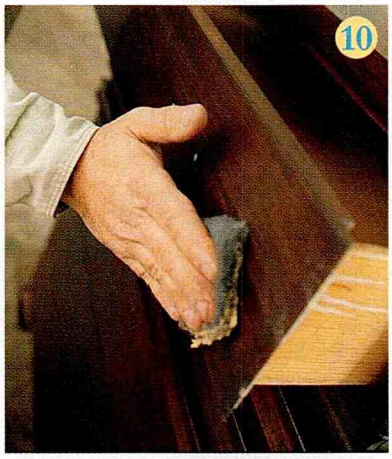

3. Lightly scour all surfaces with a #3 steel wool pad. Clean the dresser with your paint-and-polyurethane-remover wash, then gently remove remaining residue with a soft cotton cloth.

4. Make any necessary repairs to the dresser, and fill the old hardware holes with stainable wood filler and putty.

5. Measure (twice for accuracy!) to determine the exact placement of all the new hardware.

6. Drill holes for the new hardware. Grief-saving tip: Attach *all* of the drawer pulls now, before you stain. Once everything aligns, detach the pulls, and save them for step 10.

7. Sand all the surfaces twice, first using 120-grit sandpaper, then 220-grit. Vacuum, or, if using an oil-based stain, remove dust with a clean rag dampened with mineral spirits.

8. Apply the stain. Let it soak into the wood for about five minutes, then wipe up excess with a soft cloth (a clean white cotton T-shirt or cheesecloth); let dry overnight. For a darker finish, apply a second coat of stain.

9. Apply three coats of either spray- or wipe-on polyurethane. Between each coat, let dry six to eight hours, and lightly sand with 220- to 320-grit paper. Remember to remove dust after each, sanding as in step seven.

10. After the final coat of polyurethane has dried, shine by rubbing on paste wax and polishing with 4-0 steel wool. Finally, attach the stylish new hardware.

materials list

Here's what you'll need and how much it'll cost to refinish a dresser similar to this one: 36 inches wide by 24 inches deep by 52 inches high.

Paint & Poly remover (stripper), 1 quart	$10
Putty knife	$5
Steel wool (#3 and 4-0)	$4
Paint & Poly remover wash, 1 pint	$5
Stainable wood filler, 6-ounce tube	$6
Wood putty	$5
Eight drawer pulls	$44
Five sheets sandpaper and block	$9
Mineral spirits, 1 gallon	$4
Wood finish, 2 quarts	$14
Wipe-on polyurethane	$10
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Pages 55-57 Kitchen and Pantry: Area **rugs** from **Zinn Rug Gallery.** Provenance woven wood **shades** with Mandalay **fabric** in Onyx by **Hunter Douglas.** Huntington Maple **cabinetry** in Charcoal finish with Winters Day glass **inserts** and brushed nickel arched **pulls** by **KraftMaid.** Architect Series side-by-side built-in **refrigerator, wine cellar,** Ultima **cook combo, warming drawer, cooktop,** and **hood**—all by **KitchenAid.** **Paint** in Shaker Beige by **Benjamin Moore.** Coliseum stone **tile** (flooring) by **Walker Zanger.** Chandler **sinks** with **faucets** 4205.100 by **American Standard.** Zodiaq **countertops** in Vestral Pearl by **DuPont.** Bar **stools, tea kettle,** and **dinnerware**—all from **HomeGoods.**

Page 58 Girl's Bathroom: **Paint** in Super White (trim) and Lighthouse (walls) by **Benjamin Moore.** Vignette window **shading** with Satin Weave fabric in Camellia by **Hunter Douglas.** Antiquity elongated **toilet** and Cambridge **bathtub** with Hampton **faucet**—all by **American Standard.** Laguna **tile** (flooring) in Balboa blue and Tiberon brick **tile** (walls) in Picket Fence by **Walker Zanger.** **Carpet** (bedroom) by **Solutia.** Zodiaq **countertop** in Cloud White by **DuPont.** **Hamper,** shower **curtain,** and **towels**—all from **HomeGoods.** **Wallcovering** (in bedroom) by **Waverly.** **Dresser** and **lamp** from **Celadon.**

Page 58 Guest Bathroom: **Paint** in Philadelphia Cream by **Benjamin Moore.** Riviera wall-mount **sink** with Iberpole Vessel **faucet** by **American Standard.** **Mirror** from **The Home Depot.**

Page 59 Second-Floor Bathroom: **Paint** in Greenbriar Beige by **Benjamin Moore.** Monroe birch **cabinetry** with Cypress finish by **KraftMaid.** Gold Series scratch-resistant Andino Cherry plank-wood **floors** (in bedroom) from the Trade Winds collection by **Mannington.** Zodiaq **countertop** in Astral Pearl by **DuPont.** Ovalyn II **sink** with Plaza **faucet** by **American Standard.**

Pages 60-61 Master Bathroom: **Paint** in Lenox Tan by **Benjamin Moore.** Dresden cherry **cabinetry** with Chocolate finish by **KraftMaid.** Prescott **sink** with Reprise **faucet** and Scala **whirlpool** with Reprise **bath filler**—all by **American Standard.** Coliseum stone **tile** (flooring), Willow Creek **tile** (field) in Birch and Stonewear, and Opus Anticato-Light Travertine **tile** (countertop)—all by **Walker Zanger.** Wood **blinds** from the Country Woods collection in Eggshell with Antique white decorative tapes by **Hunter Douglas.** **Towels** from **Yves Delorme.**

Page 62 Guest Suite Shower: Trevi deluxe **showerhead** by **American Standard.** Roku glass **tiles** in Moss by **Walker Zanger.**

Page 62 Laundry Room: **Paint** in Shaker Beige by **Benjamin Moore.** **Washing machine** and **dryer** by **KitchenAid.** The Huntington maple **cabinetry** with Muslin finish by **KraftMaid.** **Paint** in Shaker Beige by **Benjamin Moore.** Zodiaq **countertop** in Vestal Pearl by **DuPont.** Country **sink** with the wall-mount **faucet** by **American Standard.**

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Page 96 Porch: **Table** from **Deacon's Bench Furniture.** **Pillows** from **Hable Construction.**

Pages 98-99 Living Room: Paris **sofa** in Taupe from **Deacon's Bench Furniture.** **Chairs, ottoman,** and **end table**—all from **Duck Soup.** **Baskets** from **Pottery Barn.** Ceramic **pots** from **Smith & Hawken.**

Pages 100-101 Kitchen: **Lighting fixtures** from **Rejuvenation Lighting.** **Sink** and **faucet** by **Kohler.** **Stove** by **Dynasty.** **Hood** by **Best by Broan.** **Dishwasher** by **Miele.** Grooved **vases** from **Garnet Hill.** Emile Henry pie **plates, plates,** and **cup**—all from **Duck Soup.** Glass **vase** from **Restoration Hardware.** Sausalito fish **platter** in Moss and Cranberry from **Pottery Barn.** Green **glass** from **Smith & Hawken.**

Page 101 Dining Area: **Chairs** from **Duck Soup.** **Dinnerware** and **flatware** from **Garnet Hill.** Silver **vase** from **Restoration Hardware.**

Page 102 Bedroom: Vortex **quilt** and **shams,** Zinnia sateen **bedding,** and Windowpane cotton/hemp **rug** in Sage—all from **Garnet Hill.** Green glass **vase** from **Smith & Hawken.**

Page 102 Window: Wing-back **recliner** and **ottoman** from **Deacon's Bench Furniture.** Glass **vase** from **Restoration Hardware.** **Pillows** from **Hable Construction.** Early **refrigerator box** from **Ammonoosuc River Trading Co. & Marketplace.**

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Paint (throughout) from Martha Stewart Everyday, available through **K-Mart.** Custom **lampshades** by **M. Freeborn Studios.**

Pages 104-105 Living Room: Red striped **pillows** and alarm **clock** from **Pottery Barn.** Glass **vase** from **Crate & Barrel.**

Page 106 Kitchen: **Cabinets** by **Wood-Mode.** **Stove** by **Maytag.** **Sink** by **Kohler.** **Faucet** by Barber Wilson, available through **Classic Building Materials.**

Page 107 Dining Room: Throw **pillows** from **Shabby Chic.** **Runner** from **Pottery Barn.** Glass **bowl** from **Crate & Barrel.**

Page 108 Bedroom: Large **pillows** from **Restoration Hardware.** Various colored throw **pillows** from **Pottery Barn.**

CHIC SIMPLE, PAGES 110-115

Architectural design by **Glenn Leitch, AIA.** Interior design by Betty Wasserman of **Betty Wasserman Art & Interiors, Ltd.** Plantation **shutters** by **Doreen Interiors.**

Pages 110-111 Living Room: **Paint** #16 by **Donald Kaufman.** Youngste Bamboo **rug** by **Odegard.** **Fireplace** with **mantel** and Bluestone **hearth** from **Stone Source.** **Sofa** (custom) by **Doreen Interiors.** **Fabric** (for sofa), Serpentine **chairs,** and coffee **table**—all by **Donghia.** Clover **throw,** pantone **box** (on mantel), and pantone tea **box** (on table)—all from **ABC Carpet & Home.** Procession **pillows** by **Judy Ross.** **Tray** and

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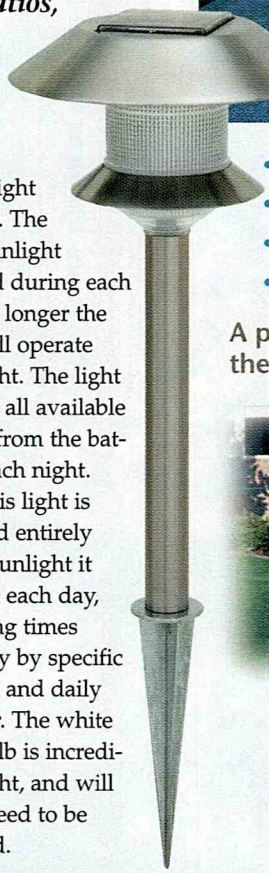

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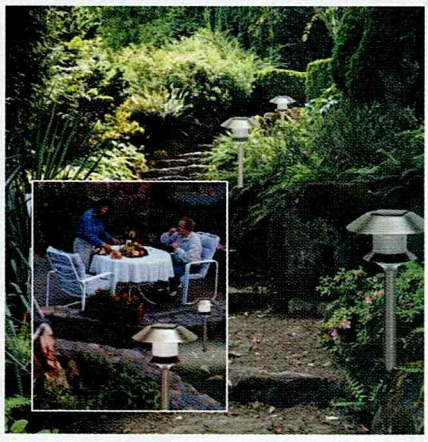

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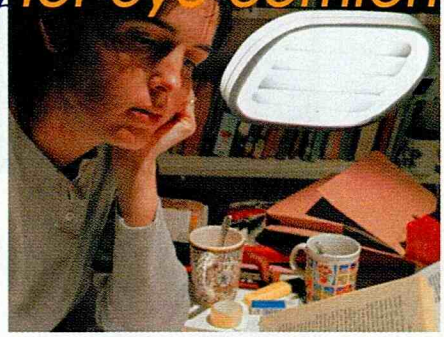

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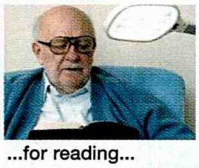

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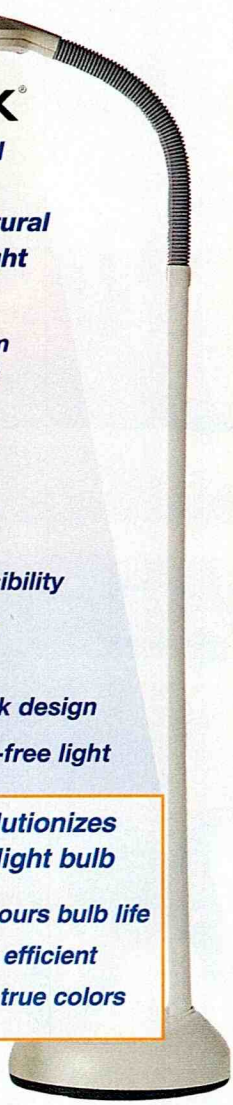

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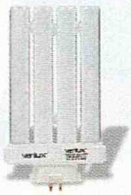

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Page 112 Dining Room: **Paint** #16 by **Donald Kaufman.** Dining **table** by **Barntiques.** Merbau **chairs** by **Donghia.** Ceiling **light sculpture** by **John Wigmore.** Youngste Hammock **rug** by **Odegard.** Kata **runner** from **Malatesta. Glasses** and **fruit stand** from **Dinosaur Designs. Vase** by Reinaldo Sanguino from **Auto.** *White with Orange* **photograph** from the Private collection available through **Betty Wasserman Art & Interiors, Ltd.**

Page 113 Kitchen: **Paint** #16 by **Donald Kaufman.** Carrara marble **countertops** from **Stone Source. Stove** by **Thermador.** Dish **towel** from **E.A.T. Gifts. Trays** by **Erica Tanov.**

Page 114 Bedroom: **Paint** #36 by **Donald Kaufman. Bed, frame,** and built-in **cabinets** with leather **tabs**—all by **Bettyhome.** Christian Liagre **chair** from **Holly Hunt.** Arum Strawberry **slippers** from **Malatesta.** Mattias **coat** and striped **pillow** by **Erica Tanov.** Soof **blanket** from **Auto. Clock** from **Dinosaur Designs. Bedding** by **Calvin Klein Home.**

Page 114 Bathroom: **Paint** #7 by **Donald Kaufman.** Pier **bathtub** by **Waterworks.** Wood **frame** (for tub) by **Bettyhome.** Antique **stool** in Mongolian wool **fabric** by **Doreen Interiors.** Towel **rods** from **Restoration Hardware.** Subway **tiles** from **Stone Source.** Bubble **rug** from **ABC Carpet & Home. Toy sailboat** from **E.A.T. Gifts. Towels** from **Designers Guild.**

Page 115 Office: **Paint** #37 by **Donald Kaufman. Desk** and **chair** by **Bettyhome.** Youngste Pangden **rug** by **Odegard.** Felt-covered **notebooks,** white **vase, pencil holder,** and orange **clipboard**—all from **Bodum Café & Homestore.** Dragonfly **vase** from **E.A.T. Gifts. Lamp** by **Donghia.**

Page 115 Kitchen (Details): **Wine cooler** by **Marvel. Stool** by **Bettyhome.** Farm **sink** and **faucet** by **Waterworks.** *Yellow/brown* **painting** by Isabelle Bigelow available through **Betty Wasserman Art & Interiors, Ltd.** Blue **pitcher,** glass **canisters, cutting board,** and blue and green **glasses**—all from **Bodum Café & Homestore. Broom** from **Auto. Soap dish** from **Dinosaur Designs.**

Page 115 Bathroom (Sink Shot): **Sink** by **Bettyhome. Vase** by **Calvin Klein Home.** Pantone **cup** from **ABC Carpet & Home.**

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General Contractor: **Wheatley Associates.** Interior design by Won Cha Shake, Allied Member, ASID, of **Galleria Interior Design.** Kitchen design by Roland Neifeld Jr., ACSD, PKBP, of **Northfield Sales.**

Pages 116-121 Kitchen: Tiered **basket,** scalloped **bowl, basket, urn,** and wood **platter**—all from **Dahne & Weinstein Gifts.** Bread **box, juicer,** cake **stand,** mixing **bowl,** soup **bowls,** pie **server,** dish **towels, cups, saucers, plates,** utensil **crock,** and **teapot**—all from **Williams-Sonoma.**

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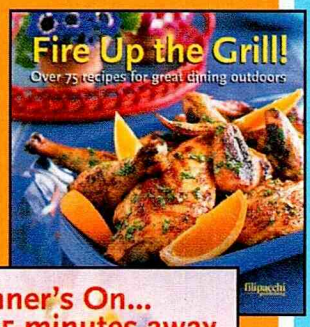

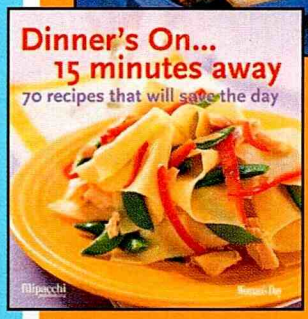





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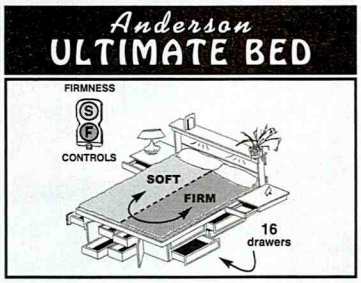

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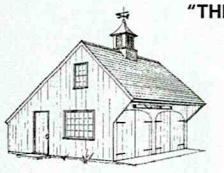

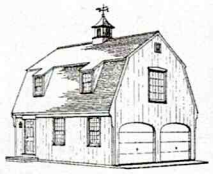

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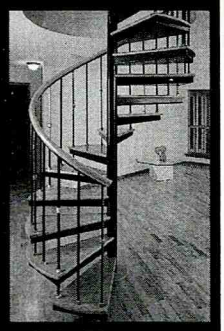

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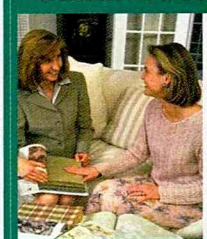

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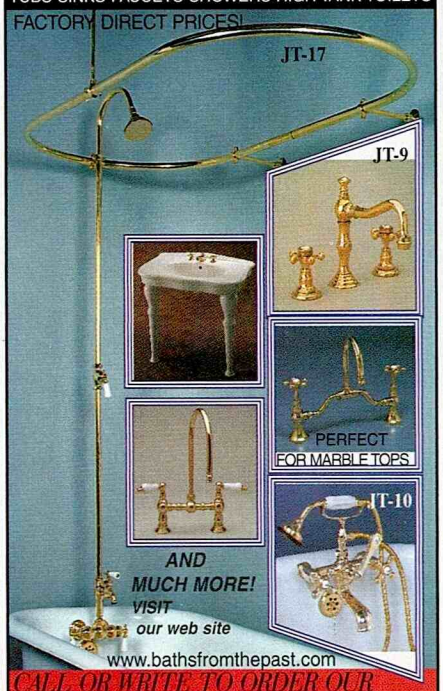

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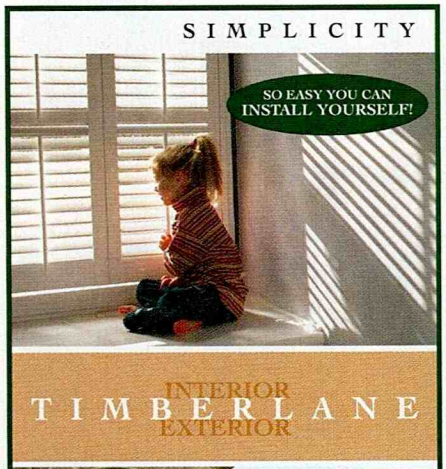

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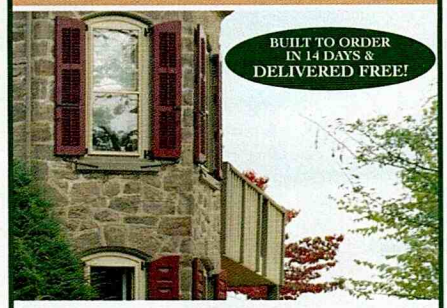

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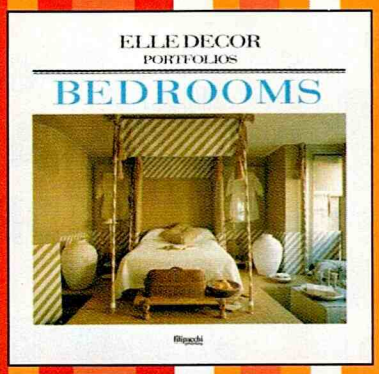

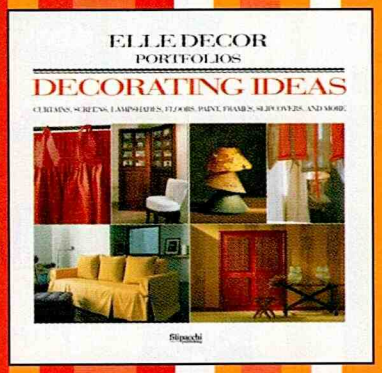

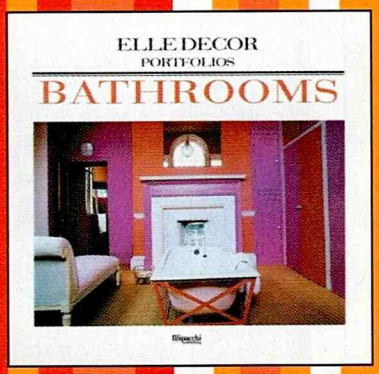

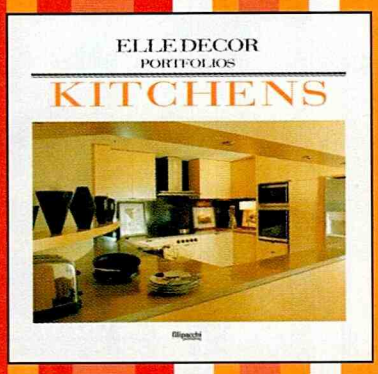

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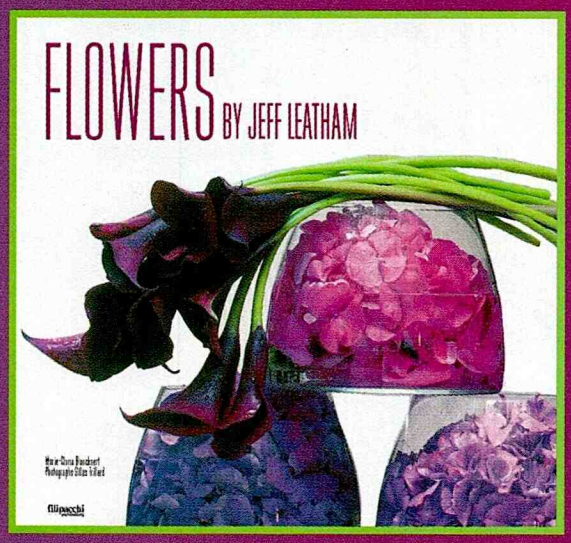

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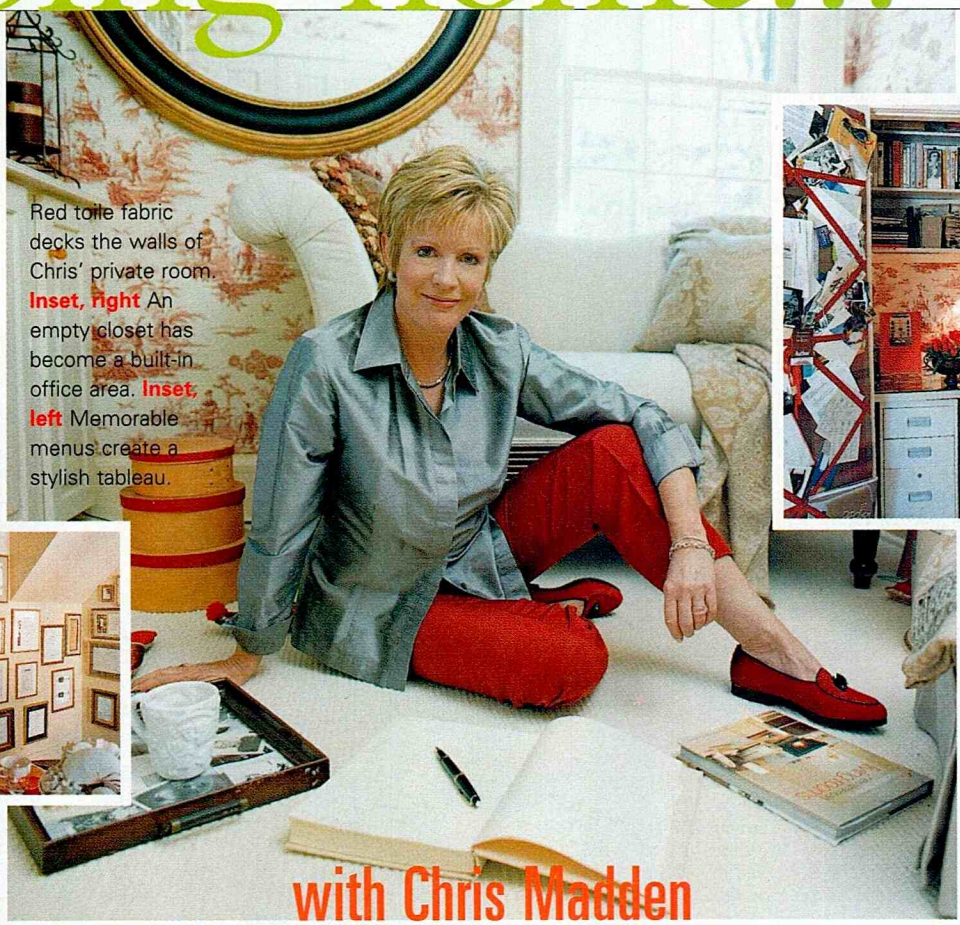

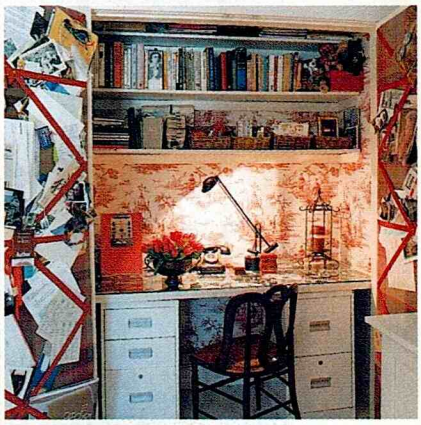



Red toile fabric decks the walls of Chris' private room. **Inset, right** An empty closet has become a built-in office area. **Inset, left** Memorable menus create a stylish tableau.

with Chris Madden

The busy designer, author, and TV personality takes time out to show us how it's done

Home Where is your most personal space?

CM The place where I find the most solitude is an upstairs room that I have filled with all kinds of personal mementos. I do yoga there first thing every morning, and I often read and write there.

Home How should we make our own private places?

CM The first thing is to create comfortable seating, whether it be a Turkish pillow or a chaise. Then, go with whatever feeds your soul: candles, books, photos, music, lighting, plants. Then a container, like a little trunk, basket, or box, where you can gather these treasures.

Home In your latest book, *New American Living Rooms* (Clarkson Potter, April 2003), you say the living room is about community and multitasking. How do you achieve decorating success in this space?

CM Address all the different uses of the room. Consider seating, storage, usage, lighting, and ambience—meaning color, fabrics, textures. Cluster furniture to create areas for specific purposes—a conversational grouping, a dining spot, a library corner, a home office; and use area rugs and lighting to establish functional spaces.

Home How do you fit the many collections displayed in your home into the mood and decor of each room?

CM Gather similar items for strength. These can be pillows, photographs, decorative boxes, or travel memorabilia. Find a common theme, whether it's color, object, or shape. Display them on tabletops, shelves, or in niches. Pictures are powerful in shaping the feeling of a room. Unite pictures by frame or type of matting.

Home As the author of 15 books on decorating and a designer with her own furniture line, could you give us five ideas for infusing our homes with individual style?

CM 1) Fill your rooms with things that reflect your personality. 2) Build a palette around neutral shades, then add colorful accents. 3) Make a small room look more spacious with mirrors or wallpaper. 4) Strive for a balanced look in a room by grouping furniture according to weight and scale. 5) Use a mix of textures.

For more information on Chris Madden's furniture collection, log on to bassettfurniture.com.

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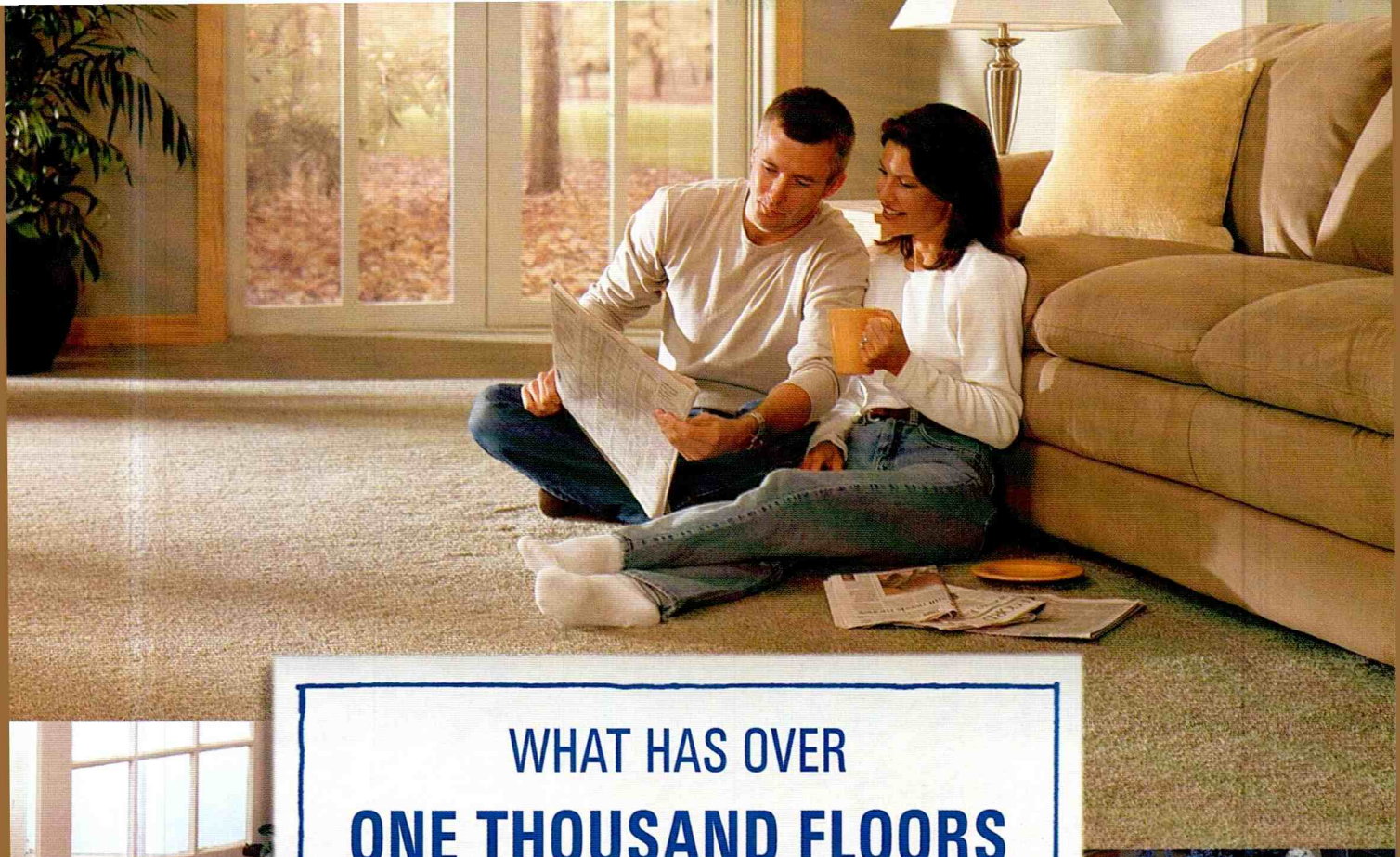

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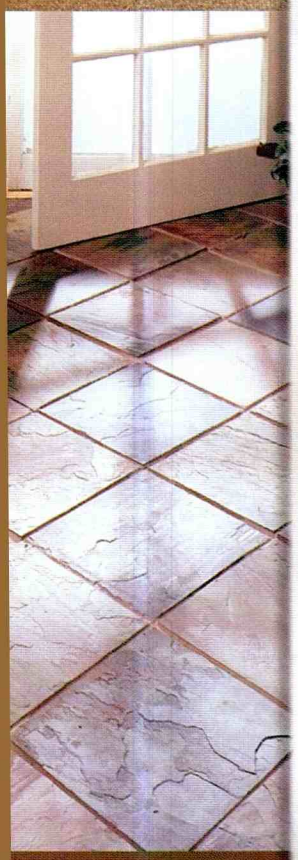

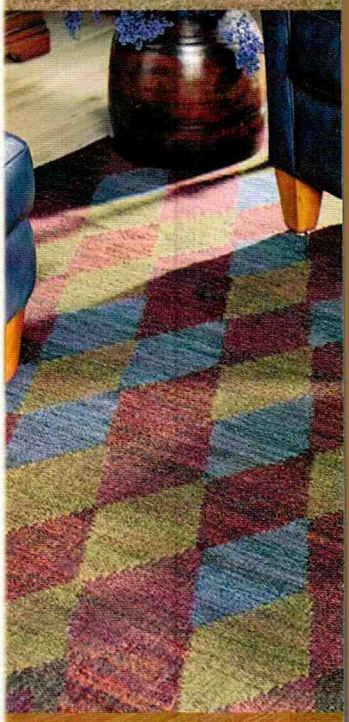

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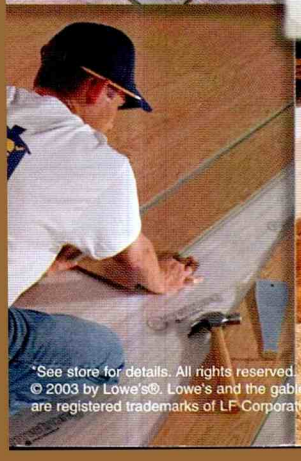





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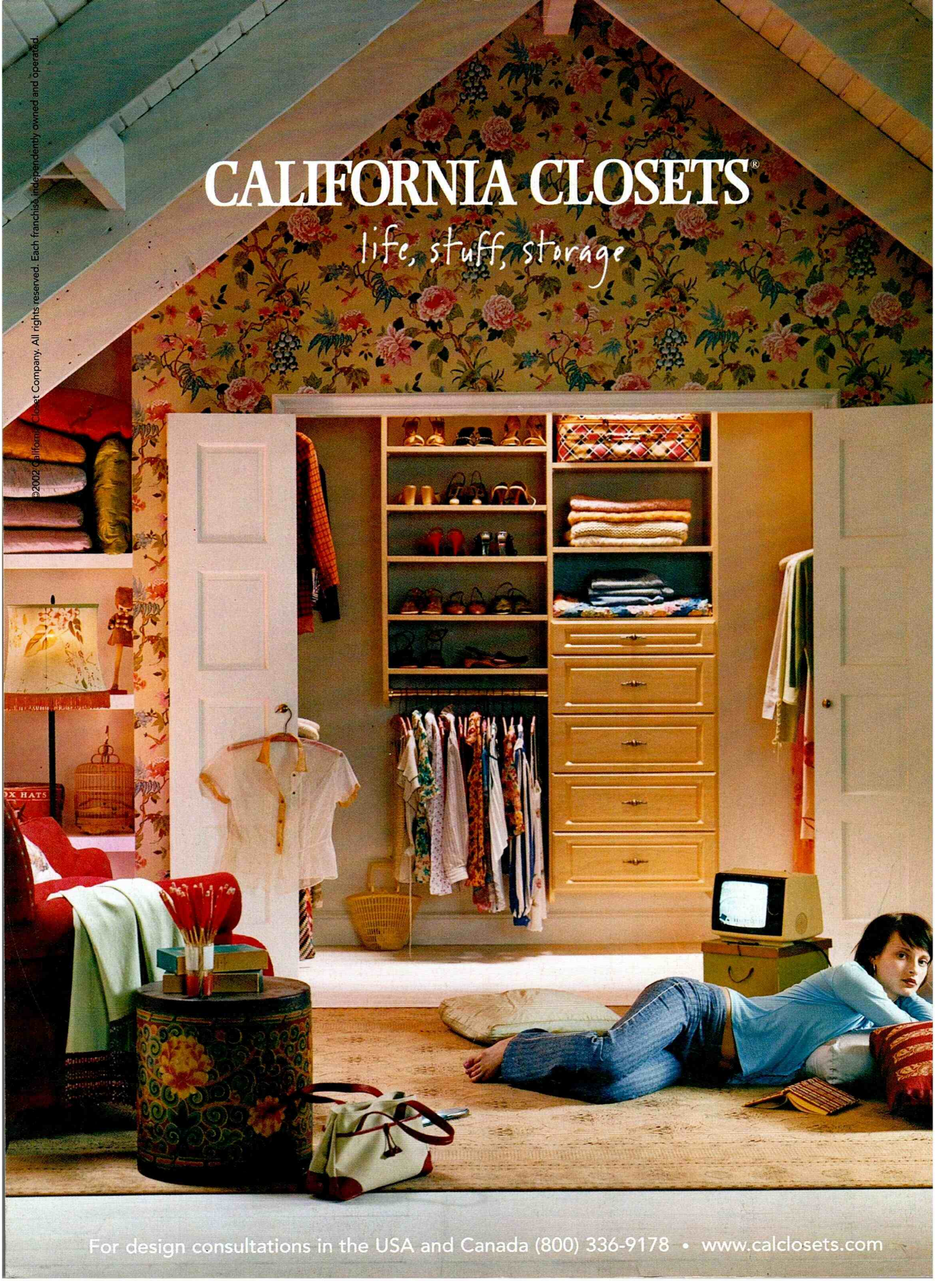
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