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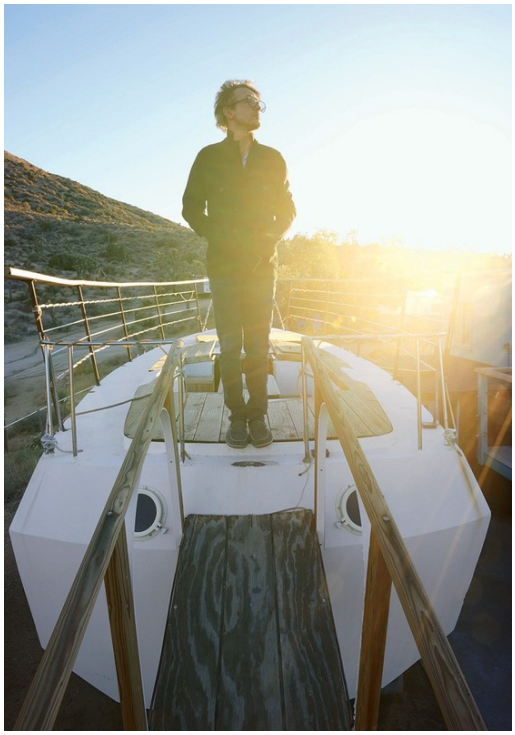

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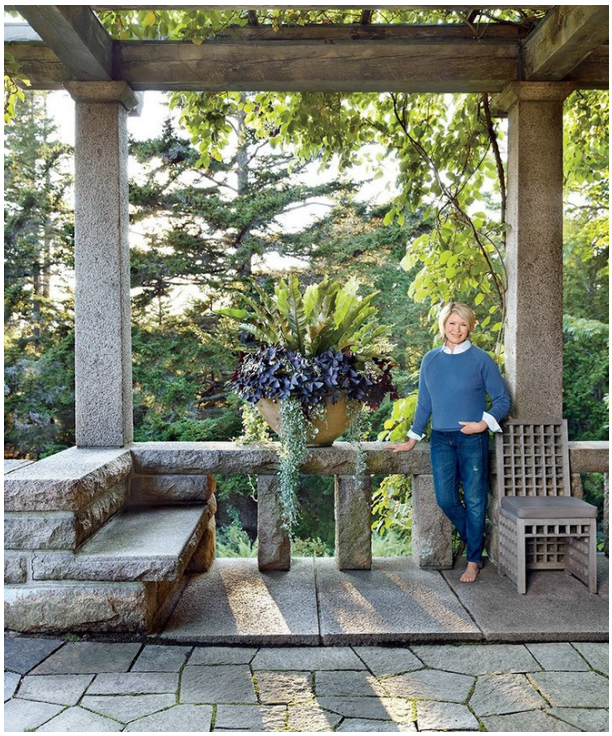

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Jeff Gordon and Ingrid Vandebosch in their New York City living room with their children, Leo and Ella. The vintage safe, center, is by Vladimir Kagan. For details, see page 138.

Finish The Line

RACING LEGEND JEFF GORDON TURNED TO HIS PIT CREW OF DESIGN PROS AND HIS DISCERNING WIFE TO CREATE THE ULTIMATE MANHATTAN APARTMENT.

BY TOM VANDERBILT

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Aerin's World

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Field of Vision

Couturier Ralph Rucci extends his creative range with a furniture collection for Holly Hunt that is as exquisitely conceived and timeless as his acclaimed fashion designs

TEXT BY MITCHELL OWENS
PHOTOGRAPHY BY PIETER ESTERSOHN
PRODUCED BY MICHAEL REYNOLDS

Fashion designer and artist Ralph Rucci shares the stage with several of his creations: a wool-crepe dress inset with silk tulle, from his spring 2013 line; *Message from the Void* (2008), a two-panel artwork; and a walnut daybed from his debut collection of furniture for Holly Hunt. For details see Sources. To see an exclusive video interview with Rucci, go to archdigest.com/video.

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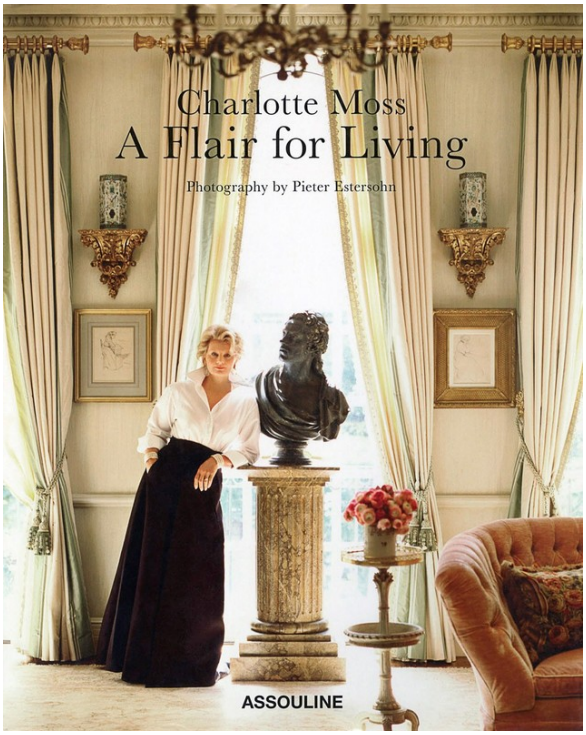

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IN LIVING COLOR

Mixing brilliant paints and bold fabrics, stylish linens matriarch Dede Pratesi displays her signature flair at her family's historic villa in Tuscany

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Villa Lunardi, the Pratesi family's 17th-century stone manor in Tuscany, which has been thoughtfully restored over the past 35 years. ***Opposite:*** Dede Pratesi, center, in the home's limonaia—traditionally used to store potted lemon trees in winter—with her son, Federico, his wife, Gaia, and their children, Margherita and Athos. For details see Sources.

Lane reclines amid Orientalist paintings and suzani pillows; the walls and banquette are covered in brown velvet Herculon fabric. Facing page, clockwise from top left: Ornate moldings in the dramatic double-height entry. The 19th-century light fixture is outfitted with shades by Dunning & Fourcade; the mirror is George II, and the 18th-century Italian stools are upholstered with the reverse side of a brocade. Bookcases and 19th-century English paintings overlook the dining area's George IV table and Regency chairs. Balsa-wood banana-tree sculptures from Ecuador in blue-and-white porcelain cachepots. The pedestal table is Sherman Rubano. See Resources.

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Fashion designer and art collector Kasper strikes a pose in the silk-walled library of his Manhattan apartment. *Femme à la Toilette* (1929) by Fernand Léger hangs over the fireplace, and the chair at Kasper's side is a Chinese antique. For details see Sources.

AN ACQUIRING MIND

South Arabian sculptures, Old Master drawings, and cutting-edge photography make fashion designer Kasper's apartment a work of art

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Melissa Sellars with her son, Walter, center, and his friend Jack in the dining room of her house in Brooklyn. Sellars and John Danzer of Munder-Skiles designed the granite-topped table and leather-clad benches. See Resources.

the heights of style

Decorator Tom Scheerer helps a family achieve domestic bliss in Brooklyn

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photography by PIETER ESTERSOHN

produced by DARA CAPONIGRO

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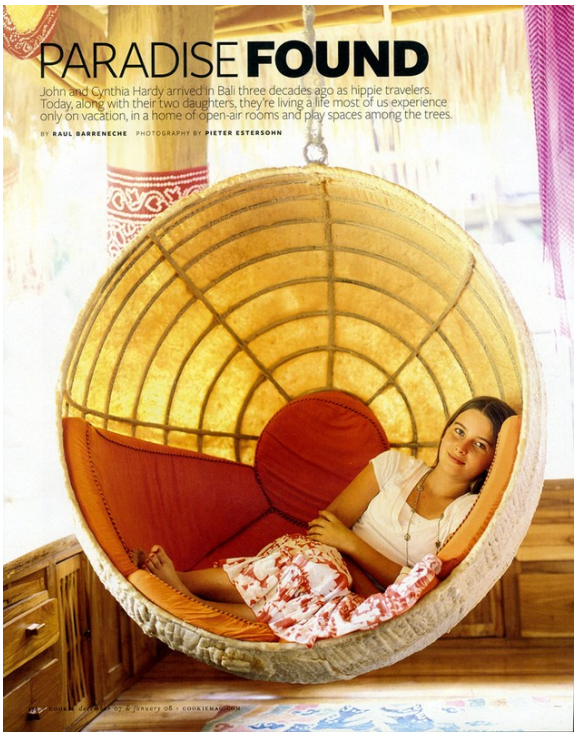

PARADISE FOUND

John and Cynthia Hardy arrived in Bali three decades ago as hippie travelers. Today, along with their two daughters, they're living a life most of us experience only on vacation, in a home of open-air rooms and play spaces among the trees.

BY RAUL BARRENECHE PHOTOGRAPHY BY PIETER ESTERSOHN

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Seeing a Pattern

In her textiles, as well as in her home on Long Island Sound, Susan Harris energizes the familiar with color and fanciful forms

Text by Michael Boodro
Photography by Pieter Estersohn
Produced by Dara Caponigro

Susan Harris, the designer behind Sea Cloth fabrics and home furnishings, in her studio of the Connecticut house she shares with her husband, Chuck, and their twin sons; the interior was decorated by Lynn Morgan. Facing page: The house, designed by architect Bruce Bernfield, evokes a classic seaside cottage. See Resources

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Vera Wang pulls the question:

"I couldn't live without something that touches my heart. No one should."

Donna Karan

- The *Living on the Edge* series of bronze sculptures by my late husband, Stephan Weiss
- Family photographs
- A Zaha Hadid lacquer bench sculpture
- Cashmere blankets
- Balinese carved wood
- Candles
- Beanbag chairs
- My Francis Bacon painting
- The huge new sofa in my East Hampton house—it's like a wall-to-wall bed

HAIR: ASHLEY JAMES; MAKEUP: LENA KONG; SEE RESOURCES

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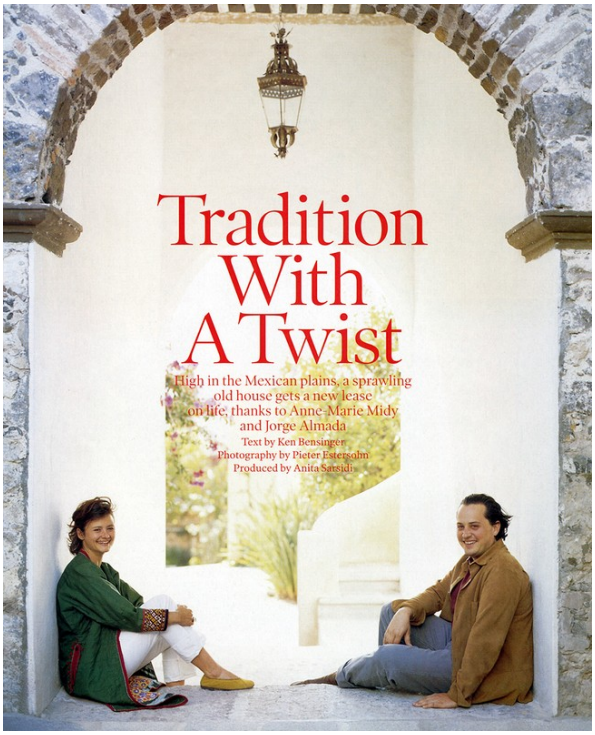
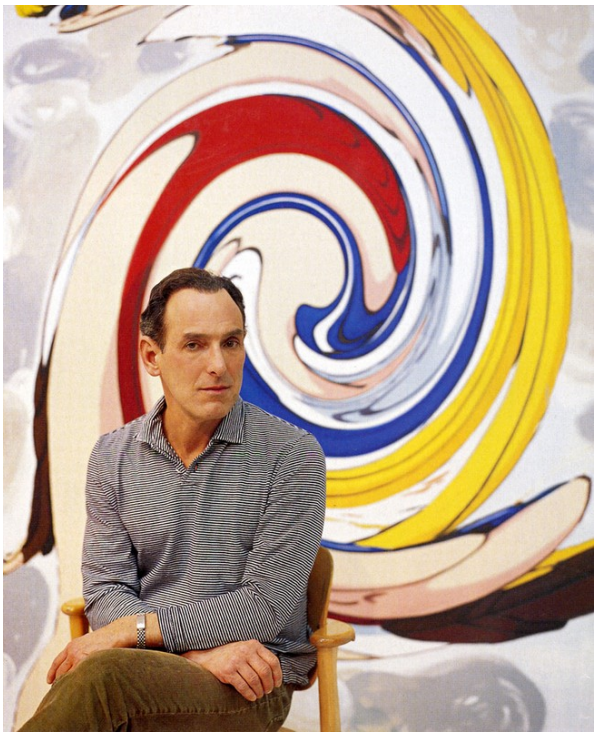


Tradition With A Twist

High in the Mexican plains, a sprawling old house gets a new lease on life, thanks to Anne-Marie Midy and Jorge Almada

Text by Ken Bensinger
Photography by Pieter Estersohn
Produced by Anita Satsidi

Decorator Tom Scheerer relaxes at his Harbour Island, Bahamas, house. Daybeds designed by Scheerer on the upstairs veranda are covered in Maspie Sunbrella fabric; the 1930s French oak-and-sea-grass chair is from Erhard Danenberg. Facing page: Coconut palms shade the garden. See Resources.



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