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Jeff Gordon and Ingrid Vandebard in their New York City living room with their children, Leo and Ella. The vintage sofa, center, is by Vladimir Kagan. For details, see page 155.

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

THE  
Finish  
line

BY TOM VANDERBILT  
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## Aerin's World

TEXT BY BRAD GOLDFARB PHOTOGRAPHY BY PIETER ESTERSOHN PRODUCED BY PARKER BOWIE LARSON AND MICHAEL REYNOLDS

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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

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PHOTOGRAPHY BY PIETER ESTERSONH  
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](http://archdigest.com/video).

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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

TEXT BY JAMES REGINATO PHOTOGRAPHY BY PIETER ESTERSOHN  
PRODUCED BY ROBERT RUFINO

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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.

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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 Denning & 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 German rococo. 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* (1925) 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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The magazine cover features a photograph of Cindy Crawford sitting on a blue leather armchair in a well-lit, elegant living room. She is wearing a dark, patterned long-sleeved top and black pants. The room includes a patterned armchair, a wooden side table with a vase of flowers, and large windows with yellow curtains. The magazine title 'ELLE DECOR' is at the top in pink, and the main headline 'glamour at home' is at the bottom in white.

**ELLE DECOR**

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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

text by ANGUS WILKIE

photography by PIETER ESTERSON

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 the studio of the Connecticut house she shares with her husband, Chuck, and their two sons; the interior was decorated by Lynn Morgan. Facing page: The house, designed by architect Bruce Beinfeld, 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 JAVIER, MAKEUP: LENA KOHO, SEE RESOURCES

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- My grandmother's self-portrait
- Beautiful old china
- Ornate tin-clad dining table
- White wall-to-wall carpet (and a Dirt Devil vacuum)
- Plastic teddy bear lamps
- Small, brightly colored Smythson notebooks
- A pogo stick
- A video projector for watching movies on my terrace

“My grandmother’s self-portrait is crucial. She’s creative, eccentric, and at 89, still totally sparkling.”

Cynthia Rowley

GROOMING: CRAIG WANDERBRILLE/ACHAPPELLE REPRESENTATION; SEE RESOURCES

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## THE SUITE LIFE

ELOISE LOVED LIVING IN A HOTEL:  
SO DID DOROTHY PARKER. NOW DESIGNER  
TODD ROMANO CHECKS IN, SETTING  
UP A CHIC ONE-BEDROOM WITH FIVE-STAR STYLE

TEXT BY MELISSA BARRETT RHODES  
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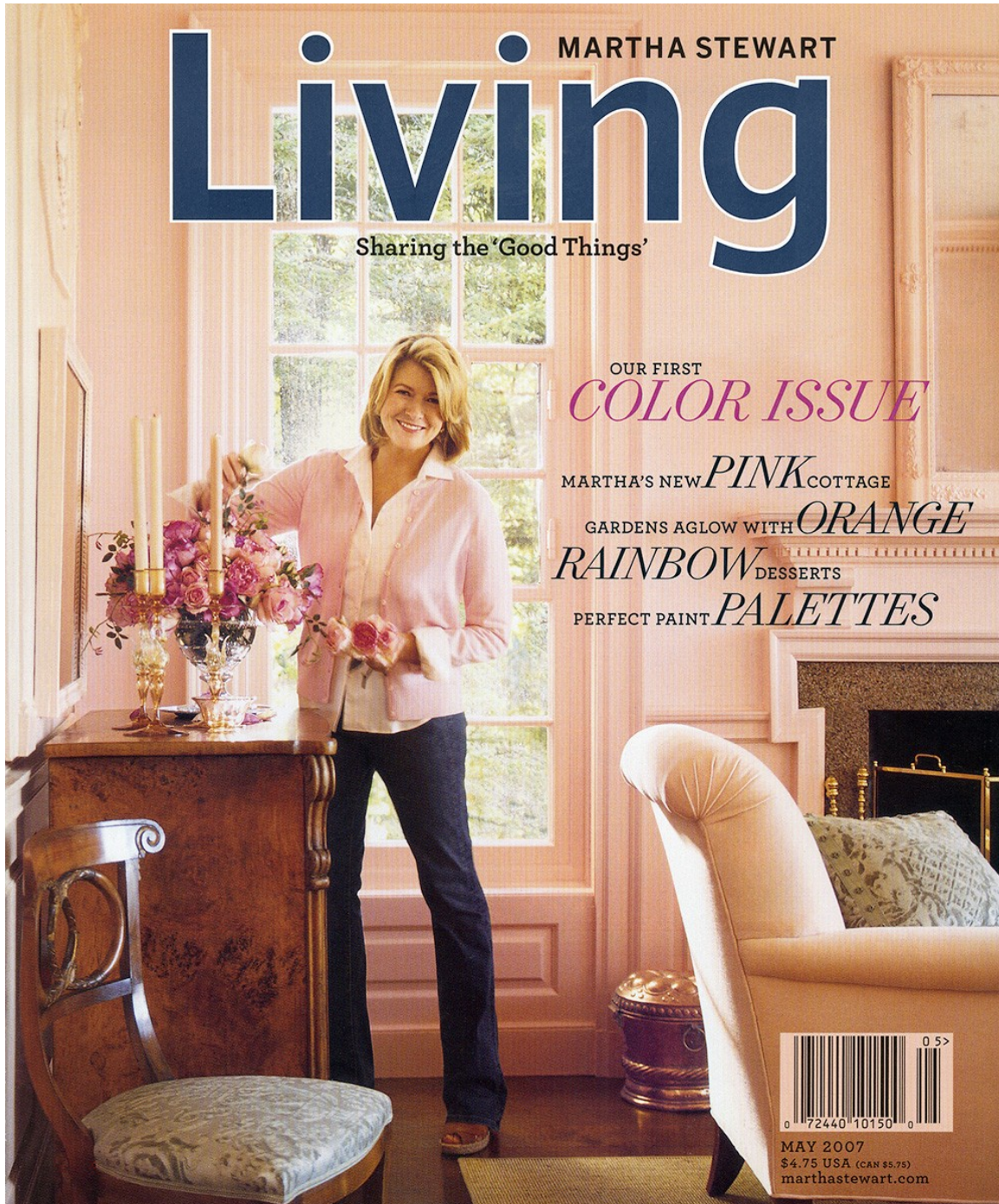
The effortlessly  
chic Catherine  
Malandrino.

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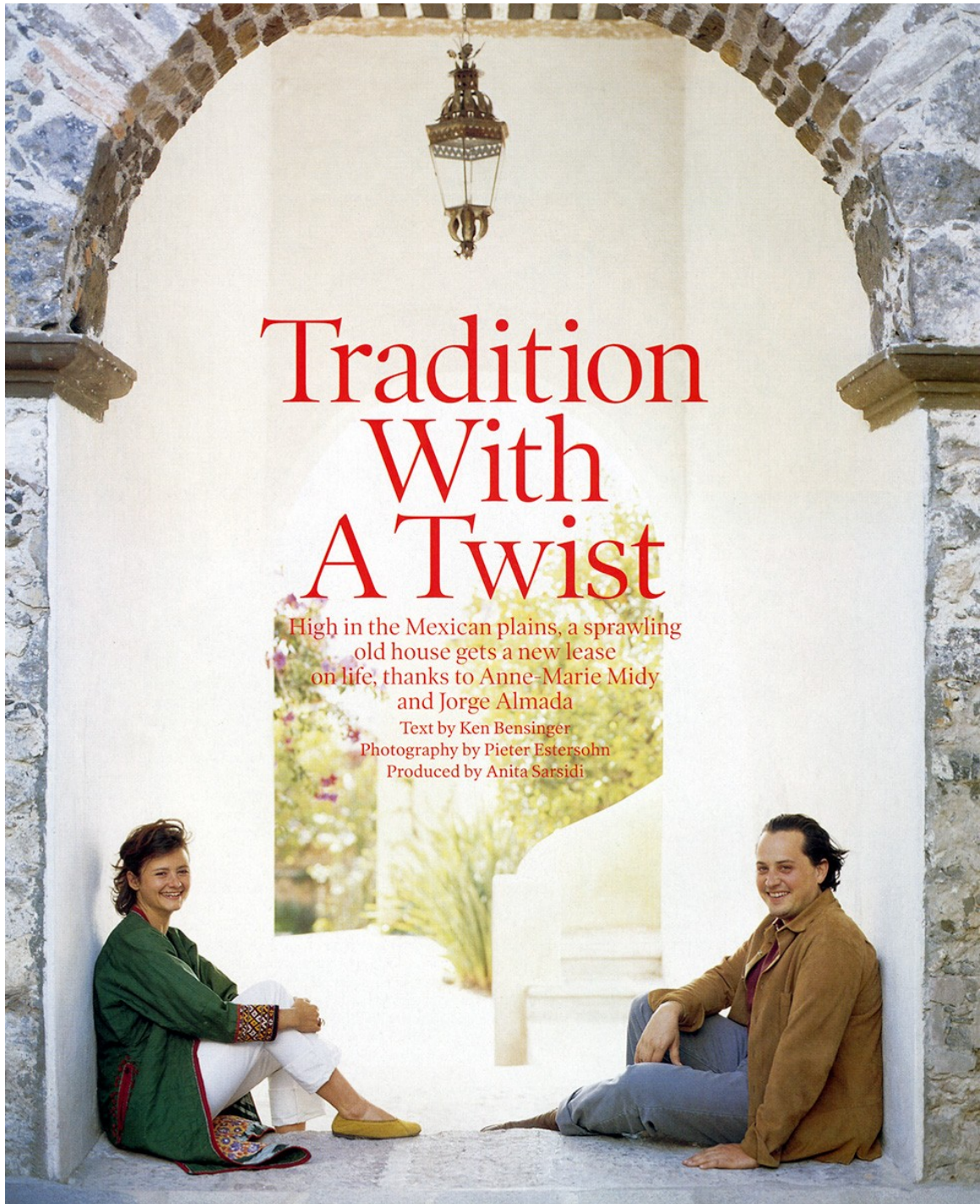
Decorator Sara Story at SK Ranch, her family's property in the Texas Hill Country; the multibuilding complex was designed with Lake|Flato Architects and landscaped by Studio Outside. **Opposite:** In the living room, the steel fireplace surround is framed in eggshell-veneer panels by Chapeau Design. For details see Sources.

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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 Sarsidi

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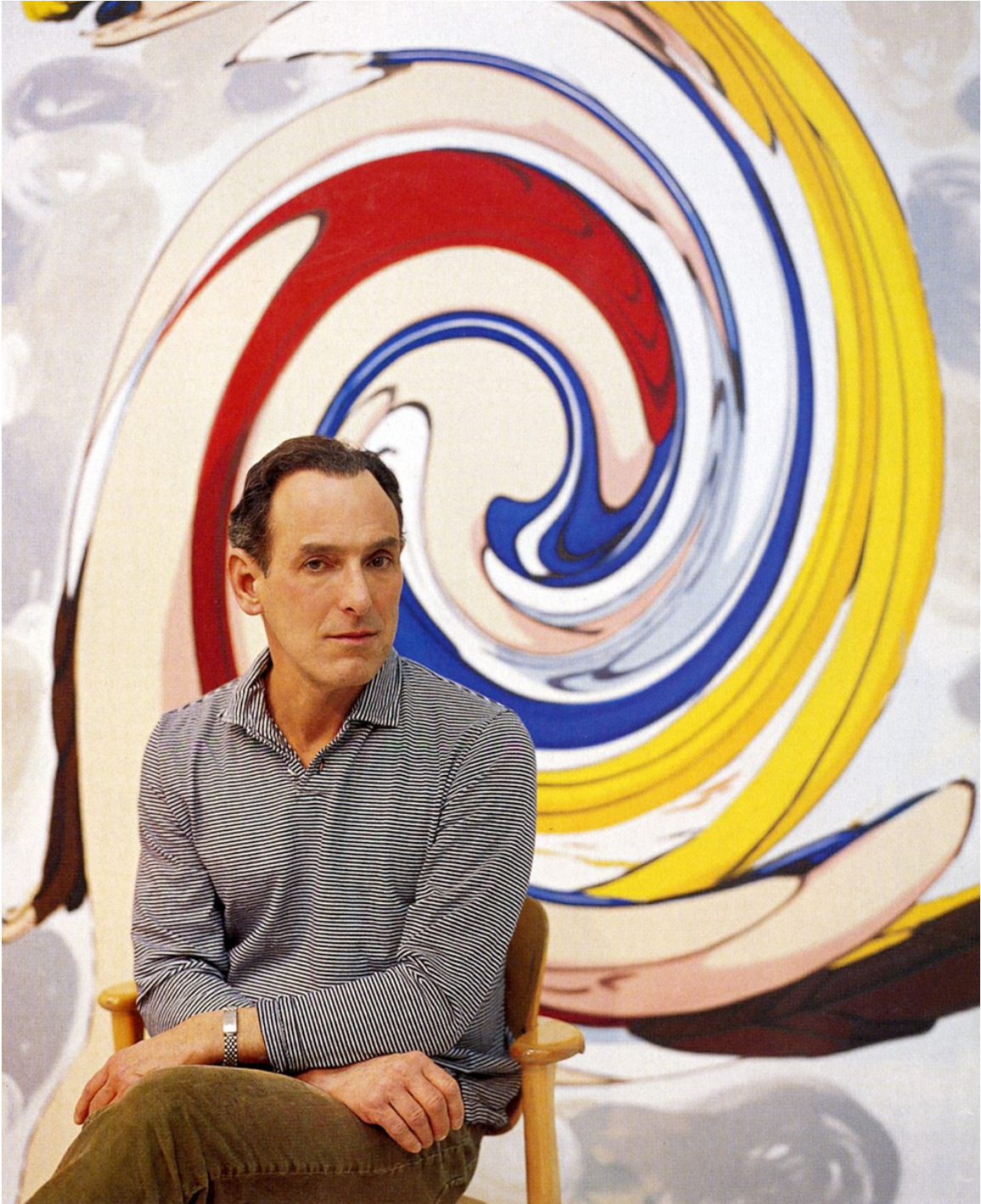


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