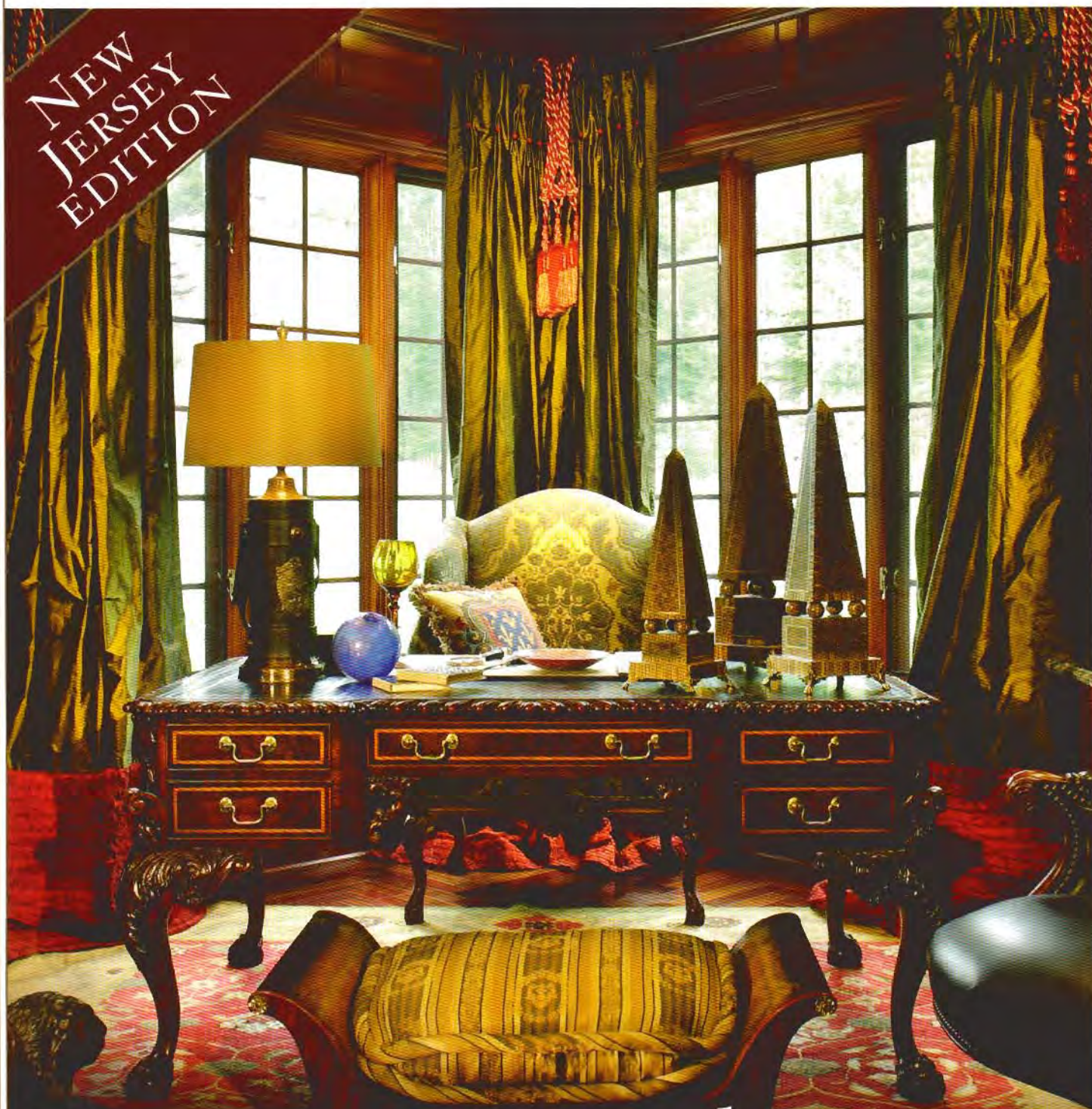


# NEW YORK SPACES

THE HOME DESIGN MAGAZINE OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

NEW  
JERSEY  
EDITION



75+ pages of easy elegance

GO FOR BAROQUE | DIGS FOR A DIPLOMAT |  
6 SMART STUDIES | A 'PENTHOUSE' THAT FLOATS

\$5.99 US / \$7.99 CAN  
01  
74820 08940 8

# SOCIAL STUDIES

6 New Jersey designers prove that a room

full of books or papers can also be full of charm



## BUSINESS MATTERS *from Bacarella Interiors*

Sally Bacarella and Gina Hughes of Bacarella Interiors, Ocean, created the ideal home-sweet-home office for this Colts Neck space. "The husband works from home and wanted a comfortable, functional office," says Hughes. A spacious desk, black leather chair and wall-mounted flat-screen television for tracking stock reports get the job done.

- 1 Custom chandelier by Bruce Eicher.
- 2 Architectural woodwork by Metroplex Products Co.
- 3 McKinley leather couch upholstered with Osborne & Little fabric.
- 4 Leather-top desk from Hekman Furniture.

# delight in detail

The new Colts Neck mansion  
was spacious and elegant.

Now it was time to make it a home

WATCH WHAT YOU WISH FOR. A NEWLY BUILT house that's big enough to fulfill your dreams can also seem cold and cavernous at first, with its high ceilings and oversize rooms. The decorating challenge is to make it feel warm and intimate.

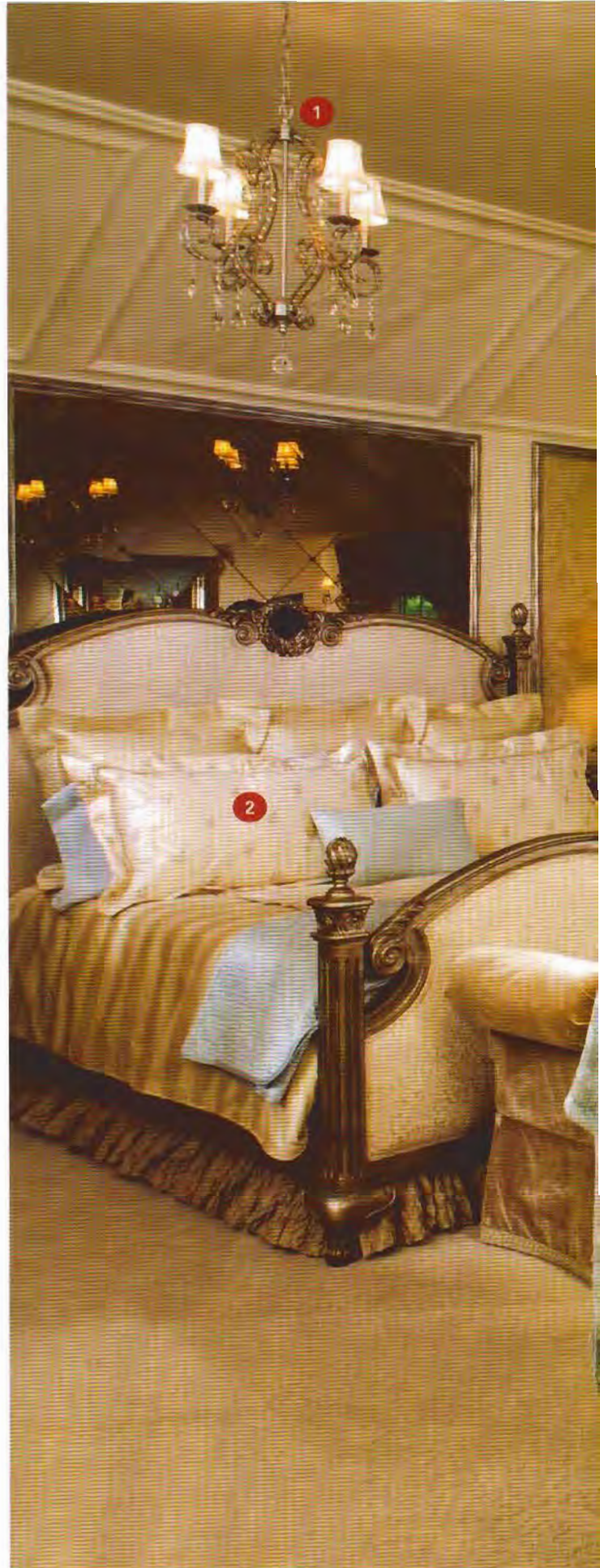
When Cindy and Mark Lefkowitz faced that challenge, they knew it was best to follow their hearts. The pair, both now 37, had searched for 18 months, living in a small Staten Island condominium, before they found the 10,000-square-foot spec house in Colts Neck, New Jersey, that perfectly suited their taste for old-world elegance. It was a \$3.15 million, five-bedroom, seven-bath, Tuscan-style mansion, and it was grand—but awfully empty.

"My concern was making it more homey and filling it in," Cindy recalls. "It's a big house."

CONTINUED

## MASTER SUITE

- 1 Silver-finish chandeliers by Crystorama through Capitol Lighting.
- 2 Custom silk bed linens and pillows by Peary Upholstery with fabrics by Beacon Hill and Kravet.
- 3 Embroidered silk drapes with beading designed by Bacarella Interiors and assembled by Peary Upholstery.
- 4 Velvet upholstered bench by F. Schumacher & Co.
- 5 Plaid chaise by F. Schumacher & Co. with Kravet Couture fabric and a hand-painted ivory finish.
- 6 Winged chairs by Jeffco.
- 7 Ottoman by F. Schumacher & Co. with cording and Kravet chenille.





3

5

4

6

7



Their solution was to turn to the same designers who had worked with the builder and created some of the touches they liked: the double staircase in the entryway with its wrought-iron rails and wooden banister; the elaborate moldings, finishes and cabinetry in the kitchen and bath, and the random-pattern tumbled limestone floors; the Tuscan-inspired palette of soft greens, copper and gold. The new owners learned that these elements had been chosen by designers Sally Bacarella and Gina Hughes of Ocean-based Bacarella Interiors.

"We fell in love with the house the way it was, so we said, 'Let's just hire them,'" Cindy recalls.

They're glad they did, although the design job isn't yet finished. Bacarella and Hughes tackled the children's rooms early on so the couple's two sons, Frank, 10, and Paul, 2½, could get

## SITTING AREA

- 1 Sconces by Crystorama through Capitol Lighting.
- 2 Etched-glass hurricane lamps with hand-painted gilded base.
- 3 Limestone fireplace mantel designed by Bacarella Interiors and crafted by Barbara Tattersfield Design.
- 4 Custom coffee bar designed by Bacarella Interiors and constructed by Metroplex Products Co.



## MASTER BATH

- 1 Beige chandeliers by Crystorama through Capitol Lighting.
- 2 Bronze drapes from Peary Upholstery.
- 3 Woodmode vanities with marble top from Ideal Fabrication.
- 4 Beige loveseat from Cox Manufacturing.
- 5 Tumbled limestone floor from Ideal Tile.
- 6 Wall decoration by Artistic Tile with Baldwin glass shelves from Creative Space.
- 7 Jacuzzi tub and nickel fixtures from Kitchen and Bath Works.





## CAMPING BEDROOM

- 1 Custom tents by Richard Davis with beds by Woodland Furniture.
- 2 Canoe bookshelf by Eddie Bauer.
- 3 Lakeshore mural by Richard Davis.
- 4 Mirror with salvaged wood tiles by Laville.
- 5 Pine dresser by Drexel Heritage.
- 6 Fish-themed comforter by California Kids with quilts and sheets by Nautica Collection.
- 7 Upholstered benches by Woodland Furniture.
- 8 Tree entertainment center by Richard Davis with oak TV cabinet by Homeowners Heaven.
- 9 Shutters designed by Bacarella Interiors and constructed by Homeowners Heaven with Roman shades by Richard Davis.
- 10 Checker table and chairs by Willows at Home.





## SAFARI PLAYROOM

- 1 Draperies by Richard Davis with fabrics by Duralee and Stroheim & Romann.
- 2 Dark-stained maple moldings by Homeowners Heaven.
- 3 African safari mural by Richard Davis.
- 4 Table by Fremarc.
- 5 Taylor King sofa with fabrics by Kravet.
- 6 Zebra-print ottoman constructed by Peary Upholstery with fabric by Kravet.
- 7 Custom table with paper roll for drawing by Woodenman.
- 8 Mural of monkeys peeking through a tent by Richard Davis with woodwork by Homeowners Heaven.
- 9 Ceiling fan by Casablanca through Capitol Lighting.



CONTINUED



settled quickly. The boys' bedrooms match their interests: Frank's has a basketball theme, with lockers flanking trophy shelves, a stadium mural and a hoop over the bed. Paul, who already knows he's mad for camping, now has a room that boasts khaki tent canopies above the headboards of his twin beds and perhaps the ultimate linking of nature with a life of ease: a television stand built into a faux tree trunk.

The master bedroom, with its oversize furniture, heavy moldings and gilded finishes, feels like "a beautiful suite in Europe," says Cindy. It also sets the tone for the home's overall décor. A 4,200-pound limestone fireplace is just the right scale for the room, which also features chunky built-ins and a tray ceiling and is washed in shades of taupe and ivory with ice-blue accents.

## BREAKFAST AREA

- 1 Iron chandelier with copper-bronze finish by Corbett.
- 2 Chairs by Jeffco treated with a matte laminate.
- 3 Drapes by Bacarella Interiors, assembled by Peary Upholstery with Osborne & Little fabric.
- 4 Custom 10-foot alder wood table by Woodland Furniture.
- 5 Hand-painted chairs with distressed finish by Woodland Furniture.

Other priorities included the kitchen, the nanny's bedroom, the children's playroom and the home office (because Mark, an investment banker, works from home part of the week). Still to be finished are the great room, dining room and living room, as well as a nursery for the family's newest member, who is expected in March.

So far, the Lefkowitzes are thrilled with the results. Their home is every bit as grand and elegant as they'd hoped, says Cindy, "but it's not a museum. You can sit down anywhere and feel comfortable." □

## KITCHEN

- 1 Oak cabinetry by Woodmode from Kitchens by Torrone.
- 2 Pendant lamps by Corbett.
- 3 Backsplash by Ideal Tile.
- 4 Granite countertops by Ideal Fabrication.
- 5 Faux leather bar stools by William Switzer.

