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76. ROMANCING THE STONE

Both precious to the beholder, art and jewelry are a delightful proposition when pared to showcase their most sparkling attributes. Join us as we marry canvas and carats to create a whirlwind of colorful culture.

Artwork by Anarte Gallery, Anna Hernandez Burwell, Richard Diebenkorn, Brad Ellis, Estancia Norte, Allison Gregory, Kenneth Noland, Kelly O'Connor, Sarah Palmer, Carlos Rosales-Silva, Ruiz-Healy Art, Kathy Sosa and Tracy Williams.

Jewelry by Calvin's Fine Jewelry, Korman Fine Jewelry, Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry, The Menagerie Fine Jewelry & Gift Salon, Nicole Mera Fine Jewelry, Nini Jewels, and Sotheby's New York

86. IN LIVING COLOR

In an exclusive excerpt from the new book, *Expressive Interiors: Designing an Inviting Home* (Rizzoli), we go inside the heart of a colorful Houston home that is as individualistic as its owner. If you've ever been afraid of using powerful color, this will embolden you to start seeing hues together that you never imagined.

By Sandra Lucas and Sarah Eilers
Photography courtesy Rizzoli USA Books

94. SETTING THE STAGE

Dallasite Kimberly Schlegel Wittman is known professionally for many things: eternal style-setter, consummate hostess, and author of many successful books on entertaining. We take a look inside the beautiful, rarified world of her KSW Home Collection of curated tablescapes to inspire your own home hosting.

By Lance Avery Morgan
Photography courtesy of KSW Home

ART: *Exposed* by Allison Gregory. At AllisonGregoryFineArt.com. Price upon request.
JEWELRY: Top: Engagement rings, ALTR lab grown diamonds set in white gold. Prices vary: $5,449-$12,049. Bottom: Stackable wedding rings, ALTR lab grown diamonds set in white, yellow and rose gold. Prices vary: $684-$2727. Solitaire is a 3ct. diamond set in white gold, $12,500. All by ALTR Created Diamonds. Available at Calvin's Fine Jewelry, Austin. At CalvinsFineJewelry.com.

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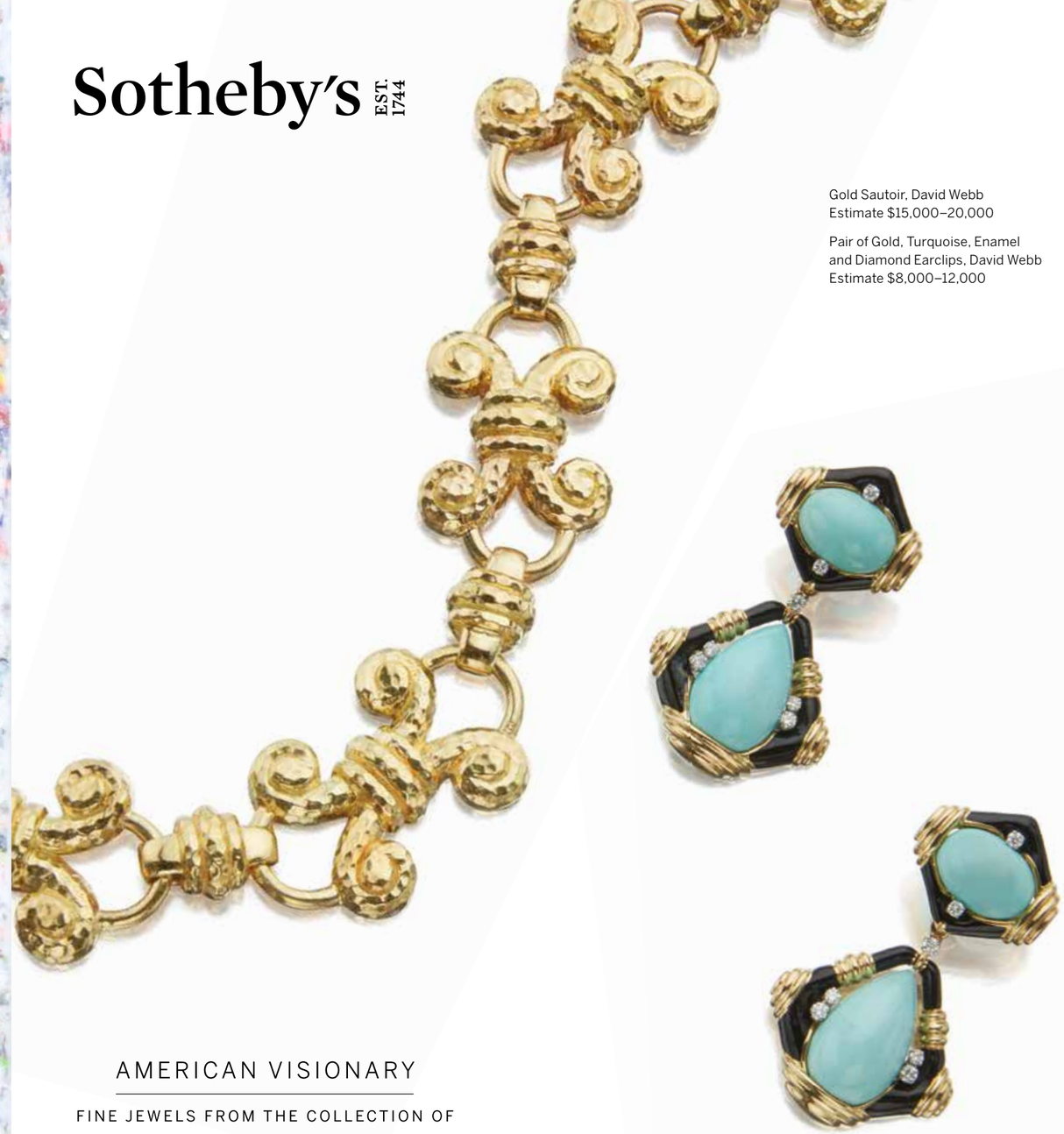

Gold Sautoir, David Webb
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Pair of Gold, Turquoise, Enamel and Diamond Earclips, David Webb
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SCAN TO LEARN MORE

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26. contribute

It takes a village to create this magazine and our digital media platform, SocietyTexas.com. Here's a look at some of the many talented dynamos who make it happen, as we dive into the summer days of 2021.

30. editor's letter

Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director Lance Avery Morgan shares his always optimistically sunny disposition for the summertime.

33. introduce

A brief look at this exciting issue full of robust spirit and the unbridled abundance ahead.

34. pursue

There is always something new to discover in Texas...in spite of the pandemic. Join Lance Avery Morgan as he chooses the best things in life to know and experience right now.

36. glow

Our beauty insider, Ana Bribiesca Hoff, recommends the best new make-up and beauty trends as warmer weather sets in for awhile.

38. recall

Chic maternity style is something we take for granted these days. Still, it wasn't always the case, as Lance Avery Morgan shares the story of three Dallas sisters who had a mission to make mothers-to-be more stunning with their company, Page Boy Maternity.

42. browse

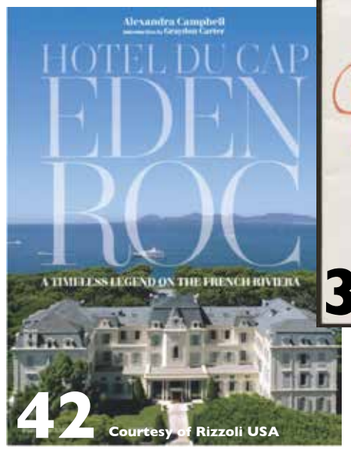
The best books for summer? Here we share our very favorite recommendations to add to your own stylish collection...to enjoy anywhere you go.

44. inspire

Things are heating up as Eleanora Morrison, of Eleanora.co, recommends some of her favorite finds that will awake, excite, and motivate your innate stylish senses.

46. present

Our new Etiquette Guy, Jay Remer, is on hand to solve some of our greatest conundrums of today's modern social life in his wonderfully approachable way.



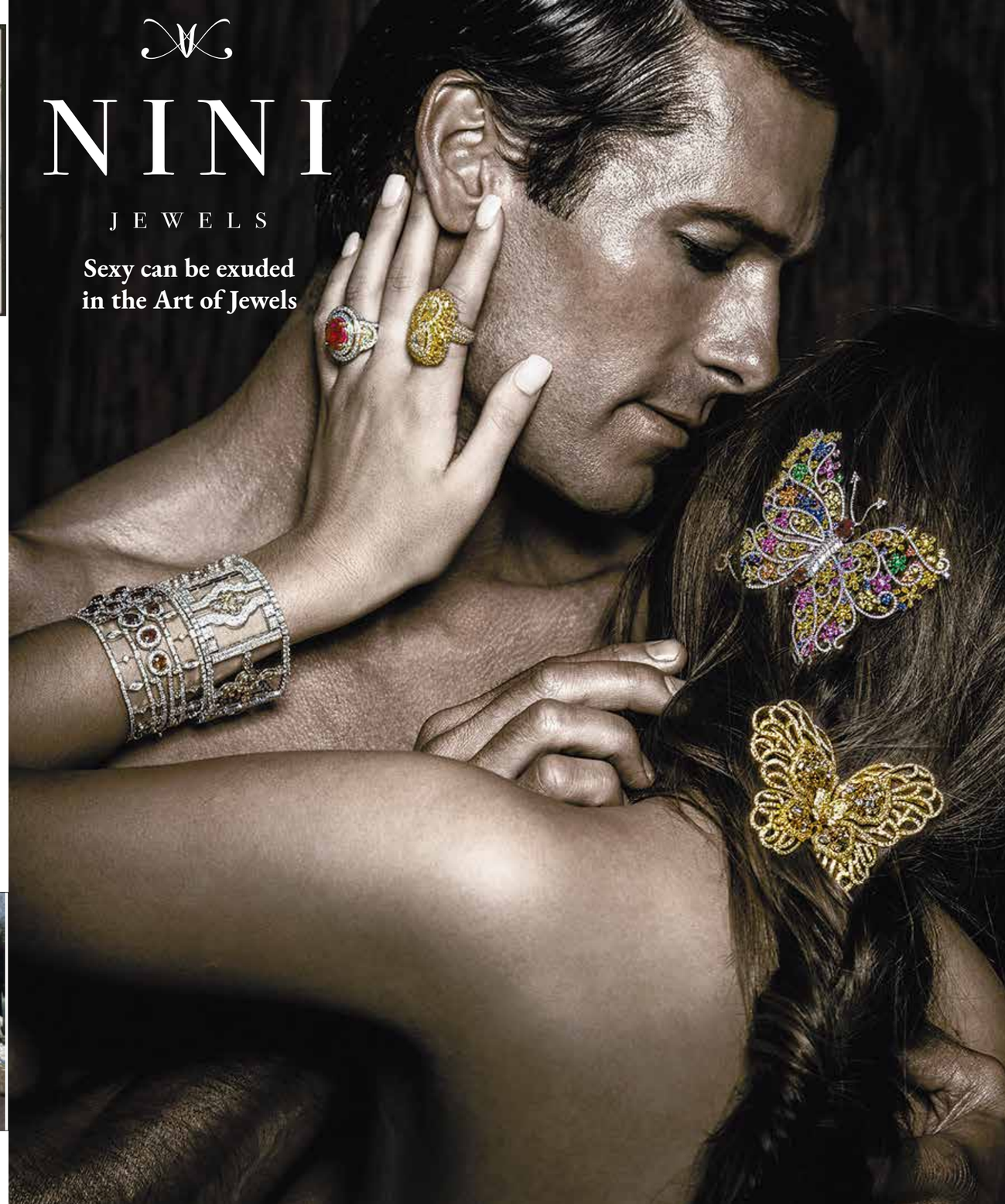
42 Courtesy of Rizzoli USA

38 Page Boy Maternity. Courtesy of University of North Texas

36 Courtesy of Maison Perfume

34 Hostess ensemble by Geoffrey Beene, 1969. Courtesy of UNT Fashion Collection

44 Roche Bobois outdoor seating



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48. list

We're ready to go anywhere this summer, especially with the newest style picks from Rank & Style CEO Jamie Chandlee, who makes it easier to choose from the best of the best.

50. thrive

Austin-based Resonance Repatterning expert Mary Schneider shares her views on how we can expand and grow, just like the seasons do.

52. drive

It's time for a top-down drive to enjoy the warmth of the sun, don't you think? Join us as we adventure with The Gentleman Racer's Mike Satterfield as he takes out a new favorite for a spin.

54. create

Ever wanted to design your own fashion collection capsule? Who wouldn't? Take a look at how savvy style maker Xitlalt Herrera has teamed with Limatus Bespoke in San Antonio to do precisely that.

56. marketplace

Poet and Stacy Schlegel's entrepreneurial and creative endeavors will surely raise the bar for others.

100. savor

Our editors Lance Avery Morgan (Austin), Cynthia Smoot (Dallas), Jennifer Roosth (Houston), and Eleanora Morrison (San Antonio), are on the scene to recommend their favorite eateries across the state.

104. exhibit

We are always seeing more culture as summer begins. Take a look at some offerings from our state's finest museums and cultural institutions, according to our arts arbiter, Leanne Raesener.

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64. HOUSTON Helena and Greg Mendez & Bas and Courtney Solleveld

61. SAN ANTONIO Melanie Vaughan and Hannah Bakke

67. HOUSTON Heidi and Marcus Smith & Allison and Troy Thacker

68. DALLAS Donaji Lira and Cindi Ellis

70. SAN ANTONIO Sharron Batchelor and Christi Tidwell

THE VERY BEST EVENTS ACROSS TEXAS

61. SAN ANTONIO

The Fiesta Duchess event

64. HOUSTON

The Museum of Natural Science event

66. AUSTIN

The Dell Children's Medical Center event

67. HOUSTON

The Houston Ballet event

68. DALLAS

The She's Got The Look event

70. SAN ANTONIO

The Gardenia Club even

72. HOUSTON

The Houston Symphony Orchestra event

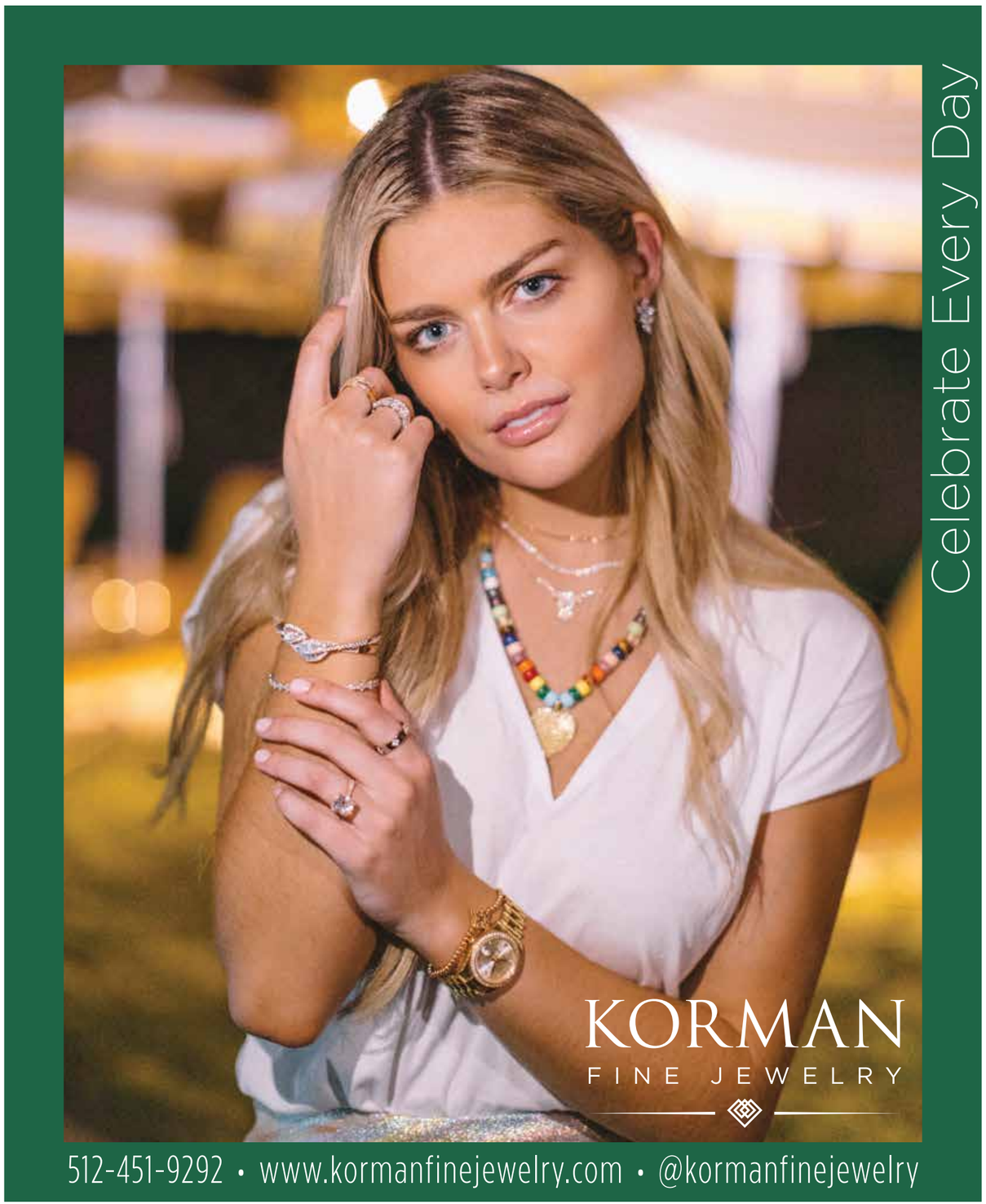
74. DALLAS

The Dallas Women's Forum event

66. AUSTIN Kirstin and Joe Ross

72. HOUSTON John and Lindy Rydman

74. DALLAS Steven Porterfield and Deborah Brown



IN LIVING *Color*

The client's second house incorporated as many pieces as possible from her first home. For a spirit of contemporary glamour, that living room combined new kidney-shaped coffee tables, slipper chairs, and a Lucite chandelier with refreshed upholstery and existing draperies.

In the new tome, *Expressive Interiors: Designing an Inviting Home* by Sandra Lucas and Sarah Eilers (Rizzoli), two Houston dynamos are taking the world by storm with their point of view toward classically contemporary design. Here, in an exclusive, we get a glimpse into an art collector client's dream home that is both serenely comfortable and powerfully dynamic.

Inspired by vintage wallcovering and blown up for scale, a stencil pattern gives the walls of her previous powder room a graphic presence.

A custom ombré carpet from Stark introduces an artistic element in the entry hall of the client's third home because spatial constraints make hanging art impossible.

This page and right: All three of her dining rooms have included this table and chairs, by Barbara Barry for Baker. In this last move, we reupholstered the chairs in fabric that complements all the blues in the room, from the bold ceiling to the new rug's watery hues to the multi-paneled painting by Daniel McFarlane. Also purchased for this iteration are the very contemporary Flos pendant light and the sideboard.

ALL ABOUT ART

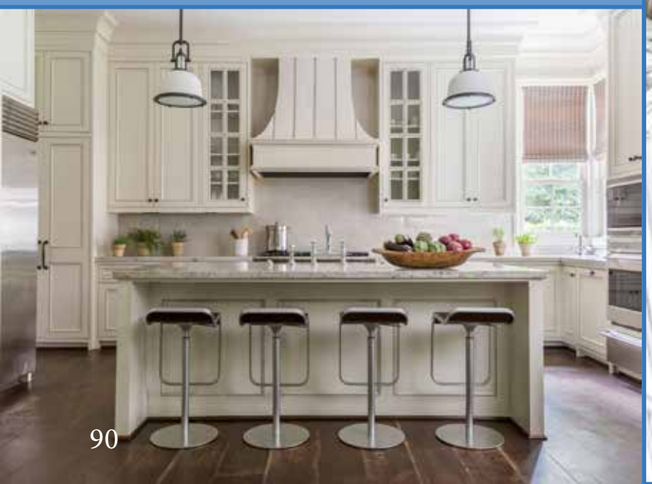
In homes, as in life, needs and tastes evolve. When the time comes to move or renovate, some choose to start over with a blank slate. Others want to bring the past into the present, refreshing existing pieces but also introducing new ones to create an expressive mix that represents them now. This calculus is always interesting for interior designers. The rooms shown here, from two successive houses, document solutions we have created with one of our clients, a single mother with three children. Designed not quite a decade apart, the interiors chart consistency and change with pieces from previous residences and new selections. (We also worked with her on her first home, which was traditional.)

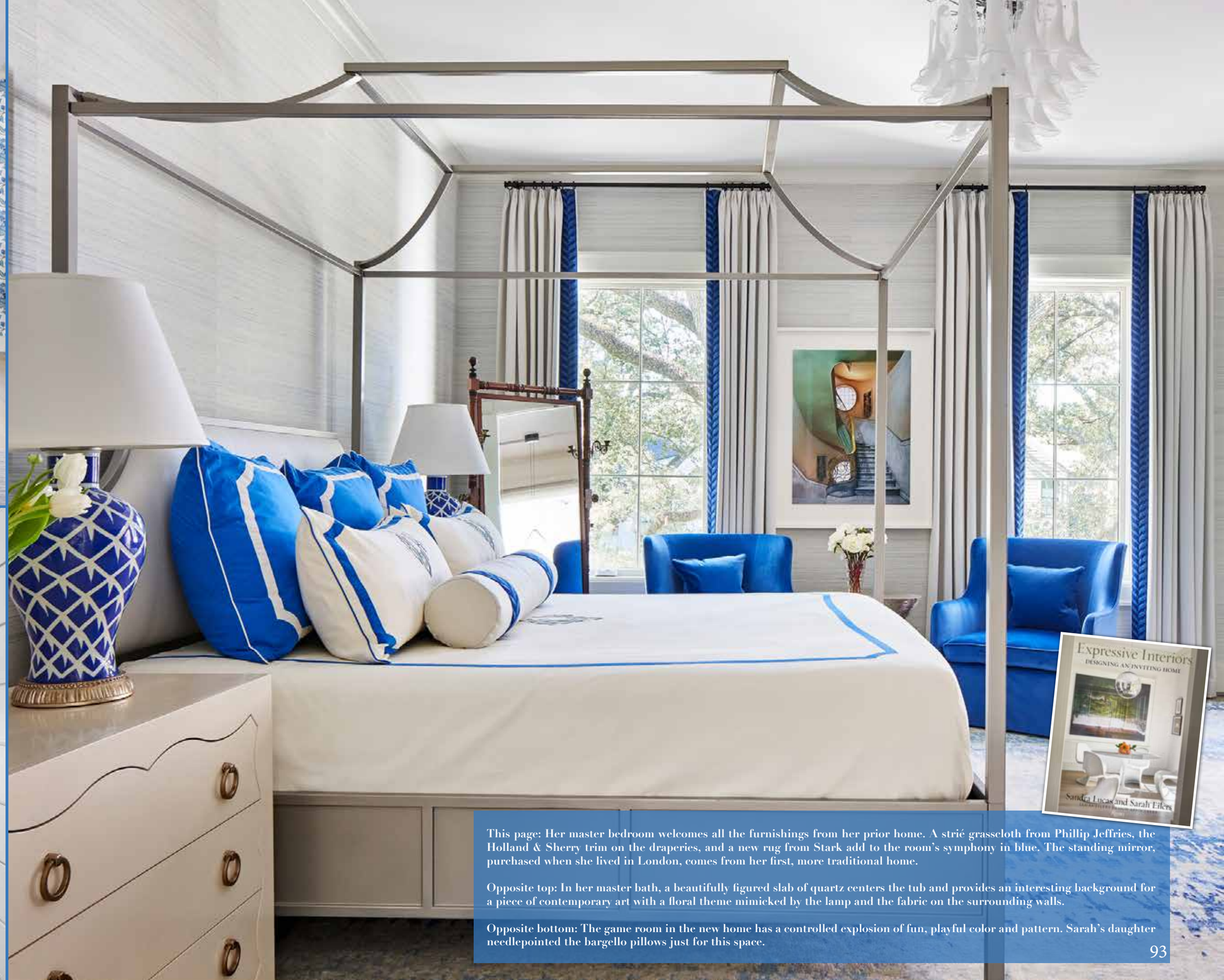
The results reveal her developing preference for furnishings that complement her eye for contemporary art and photography, as well as her love for classic forms that endure. In choosing the earlier residence, she prioritized walking distance from school because her children were young. She also wanted spaces that offered a beautiful, blank palette for her rapidly growing art collection. (Shortly after we finished, she opened her own gallery.) Reusing as many of her existing pieces as possible, including her draperies and classics from Barbara Barry's collection for Baker and Holly Hunt, we gave them a smart refresh with selective reupholstering, integrated pieces such as kidney-shaped coffee tables and slipper chairs for contemporary spirit and glamour, and added a few new rugs. We also changed the house's existing decorative lighting (far too traditional for her taste), brightened the kitchen, and created serene yet lively sanctuary spaces for her in the master bedroom and bath.

Right: Her previous family room was the perfect place for more of her then-existing pieces, including other classic designs from Barbara Barry's collections for Baker and Holly Hunt.

Above: Her current library looks out to a courtyard, a green space echoed in a commanding painting by Cleve Gray. Using contrasting fabrics on chair backs and interior seats, as with these wing chairs from her previous library, can enhance the awareness of sculptural form and give it a greater presence. The light fixture overhead adds a very contemporary element. With a tray, any ottoman can do double duty as a coffee table.

Below: Every move and every renovation offer an opportunity to explore evolving tastes. Classic designs are classic for a reason. They endure. And they mix beautifully with the new. The kitchen in her prior home called for brightening. Replacing a brick backsplash with an oversized glazed tile and refinishing the island, formerly painted black, accomplished that goal.





This page: Her master bedroom welcomes all the furnishings from her prior home. A strié grasscloth from Phillip Jeffries, the Holland & Sherry trim on the draperies, and a new rug from Stark add to the room's symphony in blue. The standing mirror, purchased when she lived in London, comes from her first, more traditional home.

Opposite top: In her master bath, a beautifully figured slab of quartz centers the tub and provides an interesting background for a piece of contemporary art with a floral theme mimicked by the lamp and the fabric on the surrounding walls.

Opposite bottom: The game room in the new home has a controlled explosion of fun, playful color and pattern. Sarah's daughter needlepointed the bargello pillows just for this space.