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Bedrooms are nourishment for the soul. They're private retreats from cramped lives. They're the first view we glimpse in the morning and the last image we see before drifting off to sleep at night. Yet for all their appeal, bedrooms tend to get the short shrift in decorating, playing second-string to a home's public, more visible rooms. But why not dream—and do—big by giving personal spaces the attention they, and you, deserve? Imagine luxurious fabrics draping beds and windows, plush rugs underfoot, and sculptural furnishings that handle myriad tasks. The common thread of our featured bedrooms is that they epitomize luxury. Whether you're facing a master suite that's a blank slate, a guest room that multitasks as an office, or a child's room that needs to accommodate plenty of play, these bedrooms lend inspiration for melding functionality with grace.

*The Editors*



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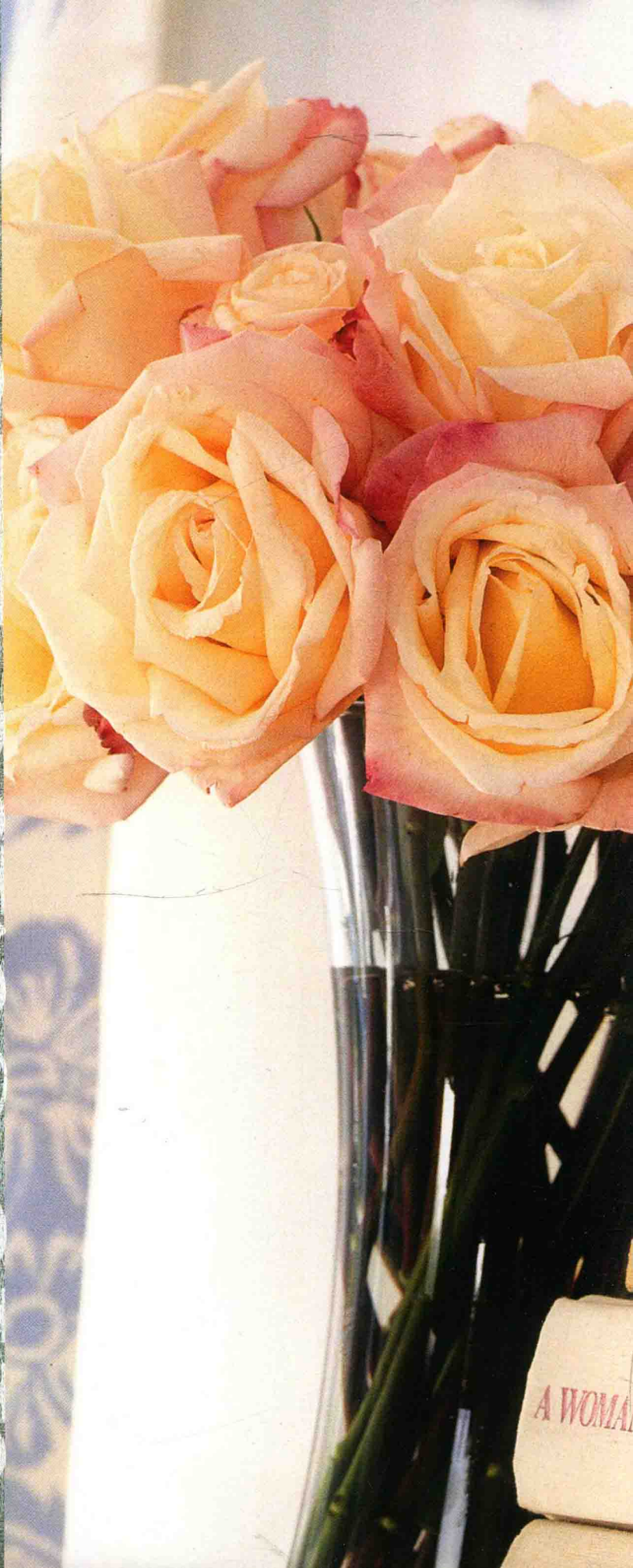
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# the suite life



A WOMAN



Gone are the days of bedrooms designed purely for sleeping. Master suites are now amply sized and increasingly luxurious, outfitted with extras—from sitting areas and work space to entertainment centers, libraries, and spa-style bathrooms. With so many appealing amenities, master suites have become take-me-away destinations.

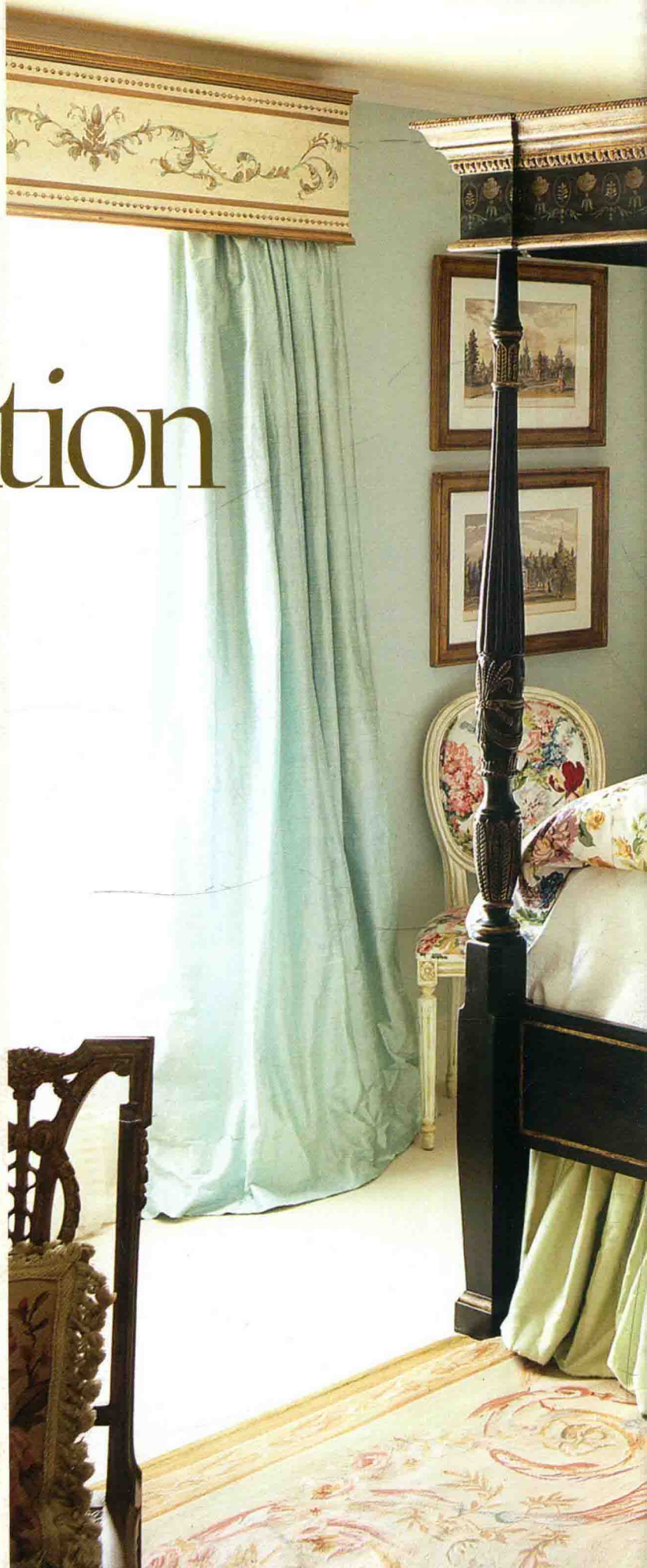
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# grand ambition

Vision counts  
for more than

size in this modest suite.

Grandeur comes to this bedroom and bath by means of a stately bed and hand-painted cornices that complement flowing silk panels. A pretty paint scheme, fine antiques, and ornate accessories complete the look.





“Whether a space is small or large, details make a room. They give the eye a place to land and linger—to ooh and aah.”

—designer NANCY TAYLOR LYNCH



**Pages 8-9:** Celery-green accents soften the white bedding. The gathered and double-lined bed skirt is 22 inches tall, compared to the standard 14-inch “drop”—the distance between the top of the box spring and the floor. **Left:** Shimmery blue silk draperies give the room an ethereal look. **Below:** The symmetrically hung portrait and plates visually link with the pieces atop the bureau. **Opposite:** A high mattress gives the bed extra presence.

*Luxurious and dramatic* are words that come to mind when describing this Charlotte master suite. Yet the bedroom and bath started as so many do: just two plain spaces with 8-foot ceilings. Ordinary wouldn’t suffice for the design team of Nancy Taylor Lynch, Christi Bowen, and Olivia Morgan. The designers wanted to create the illusion of grandeur “by extending the eye vertically,” Lynch says.

The first larger-than-life move was the choice of the stately dark wood bed with a burnished gold canopy. The bed’s commanding presence sets a regal tone. Grand touches continue at the windows, where custom hand-painted cornices lend architectural detailing. The cornices crown lush ball gown-like drapery panels that abut the pale yellow ceiling. Painting the ceiling this



surprising color helps draw the eye upward, making the ceiling appear taller.

Walls swathed in a soft robin’s-egg blue team with the yellow ceiling for “a lovely and somewhat unexpected contrast that supports the bed’s starring role,” Lynch says. The blue hue flows into the bath, where it shifts from paint to two wallpapers: an English floral print and a tone-on-tone stripe. Ornate accessories and antique furnishings further engage the eye. “You can put a lot of luxury and interest in a small space,” Lynch says.



Lush fabrics that puddle on the floor and gold, silver, and crystal accessories exude elegance.





This photo: Paint and glaze artistically transform a standard vanity; sanding adds a timeworn look.

Opposite: A billowing pink silk skirt hides a humble plywood dressing table. The ornate mirror's size and style visually balance the bed.