

VERANDA'S DESIGNER SHOW HOUSE



MANHATTAN MIX







OPPOSITE PAGE: In entrance, Zoffany floral wallpaper backdrops Butler's silver leaf Diamond chest, topped with Baker lamp base and sculpture from designer's collection. Custom lamp shade and mirror from Barclay Butera Home. Wood flooring throughout by Mirage. **PRECEDING PAGES:** In living room, Bookman black lacquer cocktail table from Ralph Lauren Home centers sofa, end tables and chairs from Barclay Butera Home. All accessories, upholstery and drapery fabrics from Barclay Butera Home. Baker Vessel lamps. Silk rug from The Rug Company. Hunter Douglas window treatments. **LEFT:** Artwork is Barclay Butera for Soicher Mar Gallery. Ralph Lauren Home's tiered Mercer St. end table. **RIGHT:** Chandelier from Barclay Butera Home. Burke floor mirror from Hickory Chair. Ralph Lauren Home's Clivedon Octagonal dining table. Dining chairs and animal print fabric from Barclay Butera Home.

THIS FALL, CALIFORNIA-BASED DESIGNER BARCLAY BUTERA BROUGHT HIS INIMITABLE STYLE TO THE LATEST VERANDA SHOW HOUSE, LOCATED IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN'S 10 WEST END AVENUE Building. One of four condominiums decorated by home titles within Hearst Magazines, the two-bedroom unit was conceived as a pied-à-terre for a Hollywood actress and her husband, according to Butera. "When I think of *Veranda*, I think of soft, luxurious and elegant interiors," says Butera. "I wanted to capture the whole romance of *Veranda* as a magazine and create that romance in the apartment."

Butera designed an urban retreat for this imaginary

Hollywood couple, mixing furniture, accessories and art collected from their international travels. As one of the country's leading designers, Butera combines late British Colonial Empire, French country, Asian and American traditional influences for an eclectic look, incorporating classical furniture with pattern-on-pattern designs in soothing colors. "I have roots in Hollywood," says Butera. "From living in L.A. and working with celebrity clientele, I have





TOP LEFT: In master bedroom, hand-colored prints and mercury-glass frames from Barclay Butera Home, backdressed by Zoffany wallpaper. Mirrored side tables from Ercole. Baker's silver lamps flank Bel Air bed from Ralph Lauren Home. Linens from Barclay Butera Home on Stearns & Foster mattress. TOP RIGHT: Davis chair, side table, pillow, ottoman and upholstery fabric from Barclay Butera Home. Silk rug from The Rug Company. Antique painted scroll. LEFT: In master bath, antique garden stool, accessories and towels from Barclay Butera Home. Artwork is Barclay Butera for Soicher Marin. Kohler bath fixtures throughout.



ABOVE: Hunter Douglas blinds filter light in study. Lamps, bookcase, chairs and upholstery fabrics from Barclay Butera Home. Zoffany wallpaper. Hither Hills Studio desk from Ralph Lauren Home. Silk rug from The Rug Company. Antique reproduction print is Barclay Butera for Soicher Marin. LEFT: In kitchen, Butera attaches antique lantern to Casablanca fan. Hunter Douglas window treatments. Ralph Lauren paints throughout.



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Thermador oven and range. Votive candles from Statkin & Co. romanticize setting. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Philips' flat-panel television with artwork from Barclay Butera Home and Ralph Lauren's glass lamp atop Baker's Fluted Low cabinet. Second bath features antique Asian panel and shower curtain from Barclay Butera Home. Luxurious blue linens from Schlossberg Switzerland change setting in master. See Sources on page 248.



become known for Hollywood Regency design, but I do my own twist on it."

Silk and linen fabrics and bamboo shades add warmth to floor-to-ceiling windows in the loft-style apartment. Two separate seating areas form a living/dining room. A velvet sofa, faux leopard skin fabric and raffia linen chairs, all in subtle shades of green and chocolate, are backdropped by a tone-on-tone botanical wallpaper. A black lacquer chinoiserie coffee table and deep, rich woods add depth. "There are so many luxurious elements in this apartment, but you can still see them relaxing in it, so it becomes a retreat from the chaos of hectic lives," says Butera.

In the master bedroom, a hint of Hollywood glamour prevails in mirrored tables, mercury-glass picture frames,

luxurious linens and Butera's tufted Davis chair, named after actress Bette Davis.

"Despite hints of English and French, I moved toward an Asian influence because I wanted it to feel like a Zen escape," Butera explains, pointing out the Asian portrait in the second bedroom, converted to a study, where a tiger fabric covers a chair paired with an imposing writing desk. In the master bedroom, there's Asian artwork, and in the living room, Baker lamps reference an Oriental water vessel.

Each room flows with an artful blend of comfortable yet luxurious pieces, a perfect counterbalance to a fast-paced Hollywood jet-set lifestyle. Butera comments, "When you step into the apartment, you immediately feel at home. That's what I love about it." □