

DESIGN FOR THE WELL-LIVED LIFE

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# HOUSE & GARDEN

*Special issue*

**KITCHENS**

**YOU CAN LIVE IN**

**THE BEST LOOKS**

**FROM COUNTRY TO MODERN**

**COUNTERTOP BEAUTIES**

*+ the new way to cook*





➤ **"All of our paint colors are our own invention. Not a single one is straight out of the can. For the kitchen, we mixed three paints to create a color that reads as blue in daylight and green at night."** Regal AquaGlo latex

8-50, 34-50), \$11 min Moore.com.



**"Erich Theophile does most of my custom metalwork. He just debuted his own door fittings line for A.F. New York, to go with his beautiful antique-inspired and contemporary hardware."** Silver-plate doorknob, \$380. H. Theophile, NYC. 212-727-0074.

▲ **"I'm a fan of philosophy—that pi been collecting Via patterns are a hug"**

**"THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN A SPACE THAT'S OVERLIT. INSTALL DIMMERS AND USE FULL-SPECTRUM BULBS, WHICH SHOW COLORS BEST."**

▼ **"I like a thick cotton bath mat that can be tossed in the wash daily. There's nothing worse than walking barefoot on cold, wet tile floors."** Curly loop cotton bath rug in Tart and Frost, \$50 each, DKNY. macys.com.



◀ **"Our apartment is about light and air, so for contrast I thought the entry should be darker, more mysterious. I designed the bronze light fixture to look like candlelight. I painted the walls a deep charcoal purple and stenciled the wavelike border by hand—it's my tip of the hat to Jean Rayère."** For more, see [houseandgarden.com](http://houseandgarden.com). □

➤ **"I'm partial to shower curtains in interesting textures. The wildest one I've designed was made of raw brass mesh stripped of its coating so it oxidized to a beautiful pale green-gold over time."** Aluminum Bronze mesh, starts at \$30 per square foot. Whiting & Davis. 800-876-6374. [whitinganddavis.com](http://whitinganddavis.com).

