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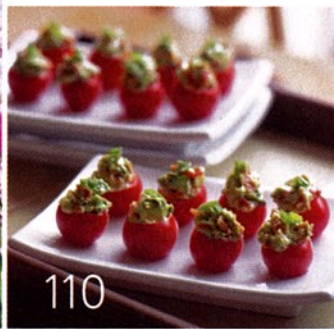
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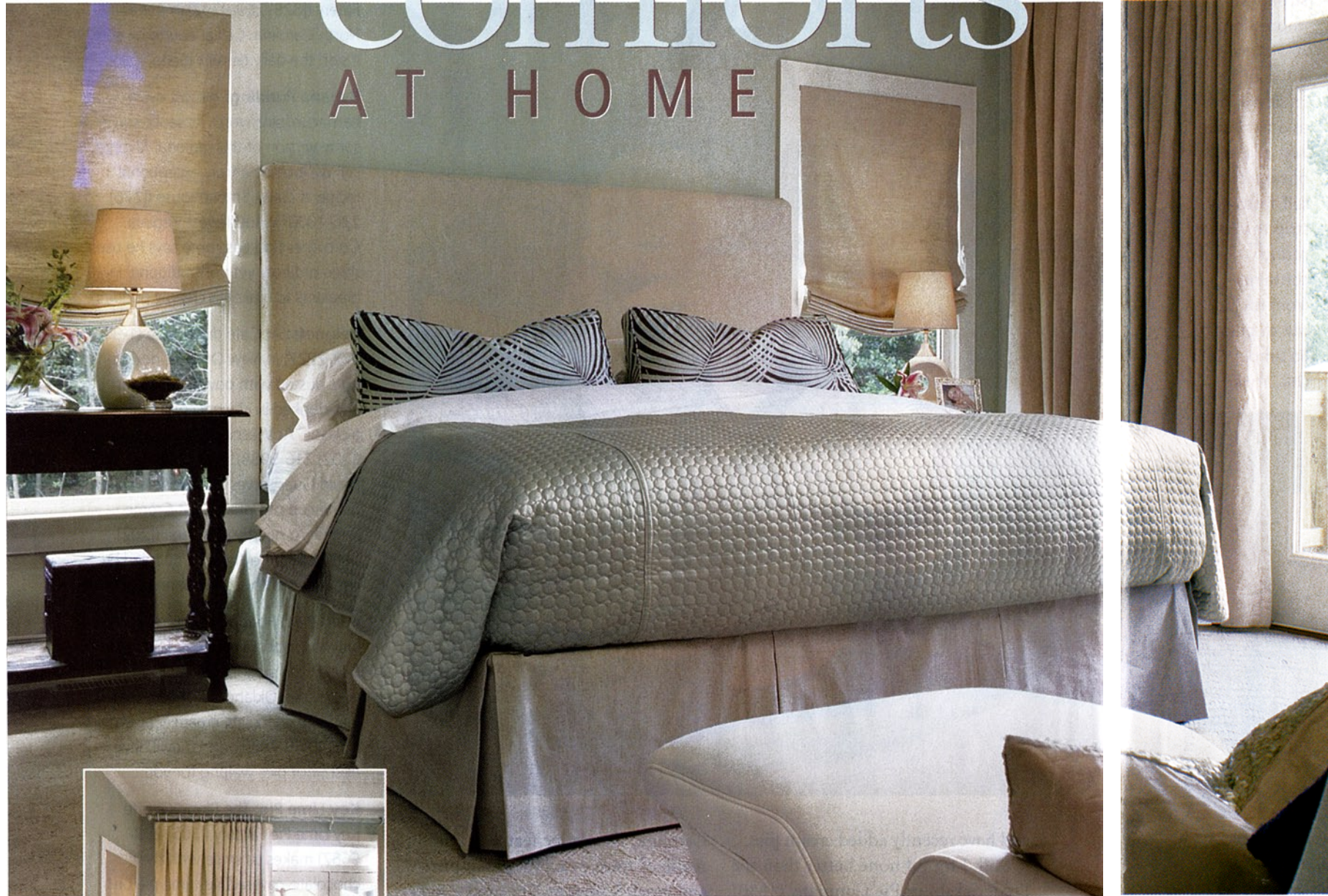
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Bring the stunning look of a favorite resort to your bedroom and bath with these smart, budget-friendly ideas.

# five-star comforts AT HOME



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You might think you have to hold on tightly to your wallet when a designer gets involved in a project. But in this new home in Cartersville, Georgia, designer Beverly Baribault gave homeowner Natalie Ponder the posh beach resort look she craved without breaking the budget. Proceed with caution: Designer secrets revealed at top speed ahead.



above: When you want a custom frame without the price tag, try this. Beverly mounted a sheet of MDF (medium-density fiberboard) to the wall and then hung an oversize mirror on top of it above the vanity.

She used it on the windows, upholstered headboard, and bed skirt.

### Simple, No-Fuss Details

Roman shades flanking the bed are mounted inside the window molding. A large window is softened with simple panels, also in the crisp linen. The blue-green rod mounted just below the crown is coated with a silver finish, adding another layer of color.

### Posh for the Right Price

If bed-in-a-bag isn't your style and workroom fees aren't in the budget, here's a terrific option to get a custom look without paying for it. Beverly purchased a quilted silk coverlet from a department store. The square pattern on the bedding adds visual interest to the bed, but it's the bold pillows that make the bed look like a million bucks. The chocolate-and-robin's egg blue

palm print was the splurge in the space, but limiting it to pillows made it budget-friendly.

### Serene Look for the Bath

Beverly was also a huge help when it came to stretching the dollar to achieve the spa look for less. She designed a vanity with an open space below and covered it in glossy subway tile from a home-improvement store. The vessel sinks were in-stock items; a shelf below is filled with baskets of towels. Natalie uses the linen closet to store toiletries.

A trio of photographs hangs above the tub. Natalie took pictures of her little girls' feet and had friend and graphic artist Franscoise Evans develop them in sepia-tone on canvas.

So when your next redo comes along, don't shudder at the thought of hiring a designer. Think of all the creative style you may miss out on! ♦