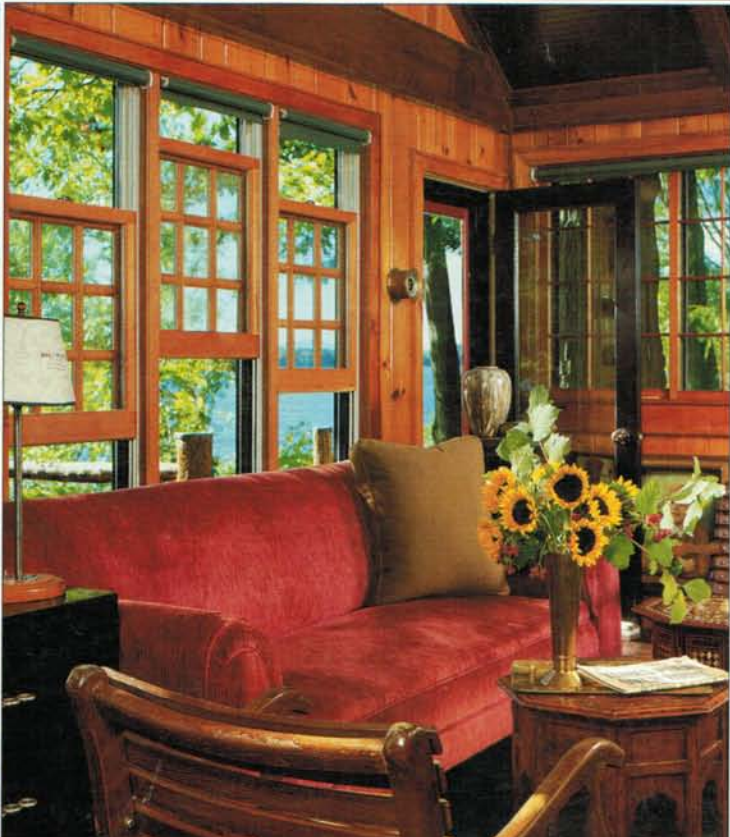
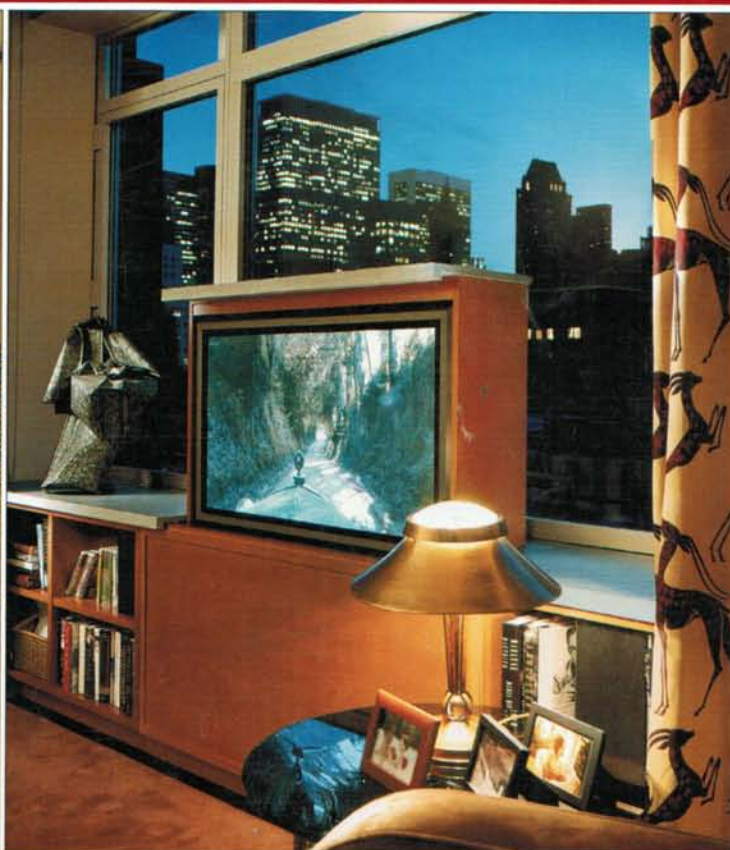


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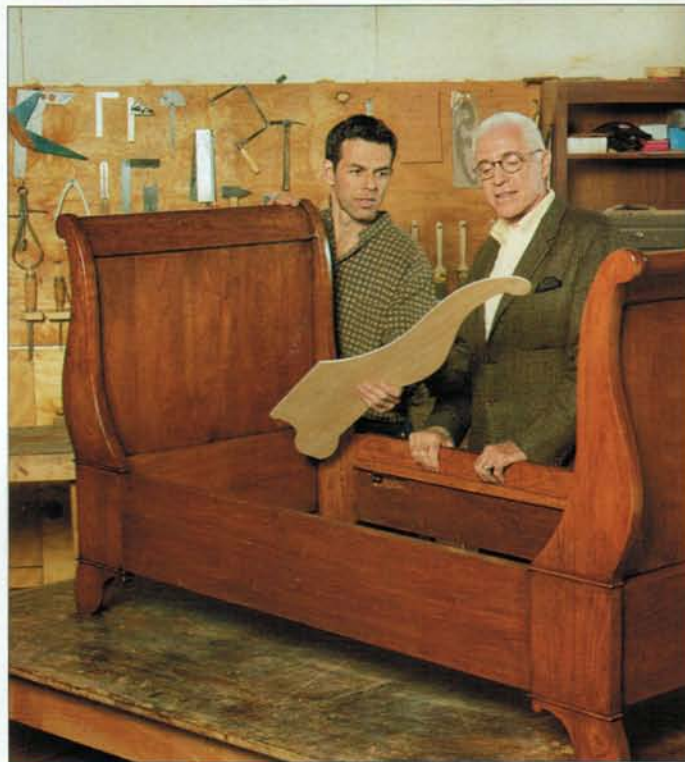
## Shopping

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damaged one (“It was in terrible shape”) restored.

For his last stop in Summerland, Warner heads up into the hills to an out-of-the-way horse barn with views of the coastal valley and the Pacific. Here, among avocado trees and orchids, Dennis Spangler has, for the past 28 years, made custom hand-colored textiles for an impressive array of clients, among them Mick Jagger and Elizabeth Taylor. Like those luminaries, Warner is a huge fan of the richly shaded textiles this artist creates: “It’s very ethereal stuff,” says the architect.

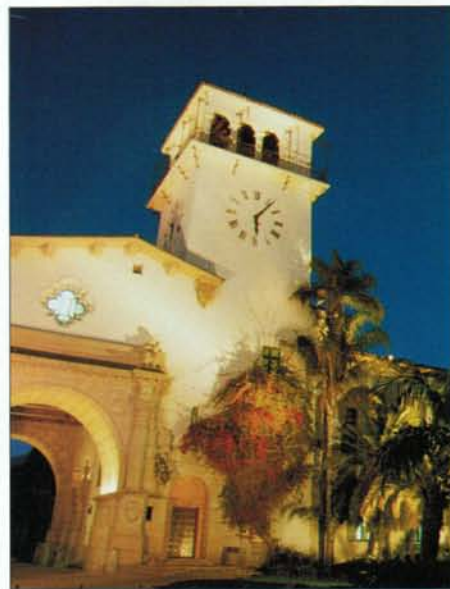
Spangler, who’s also a jewelry maker, pulls out a raft of silk and cotton fabric samples that demonstrate the point, including some won-



derfully shimmering abstract designs in such vibrant shades as aqua and flame. He describes his work with textiles as “a very, very personal experience.” Certainly the techniques he employs are his own. Working at an extremely large, high table in his converted barn, he stretches big pieces of fabric across patterned boards, then applies pigments, often in arresting combinations, in a process reminiscent of making a tomb rubbing.

Just off the workroom is a space Spangler calls his “magic room.” It’s full of ethereal bric-a-brac, including what he describes as “hanging sculptures and sparkly things.” If the atmosphere is unapologetically New Age, all that

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### TAYLORED WOOD

ABOVE: Furniture maker Blaine Taylor shows the architect a Louis Philippe-style bed—one of many reproductions he crafts at his Santa Barbara studio. The template he holds was used to make the bedposts.

LEFT: Santa Barbara’s county courthouse was rebuilt in 1929 in the Spanish Colonial Revival style.



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