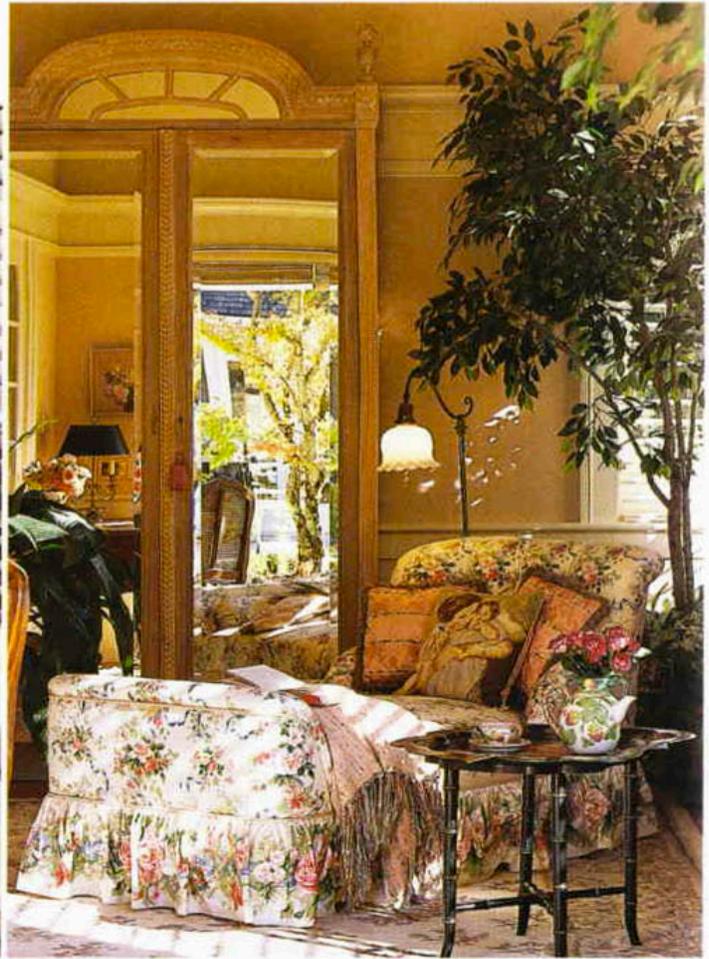


ROOM TO RELAX





ALL-HOURS RETREAT

Soaring ceiling, impressive architecture, gracious proportions ... what more could you ask for from a master bedroom? How about a separate sitting area that acts as an all-hours retreat?

Taking to heart the notion that bedrooms have moved beyond mere sleeping spaces, this romantic floral getaway offers the best of both worlds—a place to sleep and a place to dream. With the bedroom and sitting area separated by French doors flanked by windows, there's no more squabbling over when to turn out the lights. While one person slumbers in the bedroom, the other can stretch out on the chaise in the sitting area for a bit of midnight reading by the fireplace. In the sitting area, an oversize mirrored armoire houses stereo and television equipment, keeping them (and their clutter of wiring) out of the bedroom. When complete privacy is desired, the wooden blinds and the doors between the two areas can be closed.

To unify the two spaces, the same bouquet-and-ribbon fabric is used throughout the setting. Found on the comforter, cushions, and pillows in the bedroom, the frilly fabric reappears on the chaise and desk chair cushion in the sitting area. The same subtly striped wallpaper also links the two spaces.

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OPPOSITE: French doors open to a spacious sitting area off the master bedroom. To gain sitting space in the bedroom, an antique metal child's bed fitted with upholstered cushions acts as a bench at the foot of the bed. **ABOVE LEFT:** An antique desk tucked in a corner of the sitting room provides a place to catch up on correspondence and pay bills. **ABOVE RIGHT:** With a luxurious chaise in the sitting area, there's room to take a quick nap without messing up the bed.