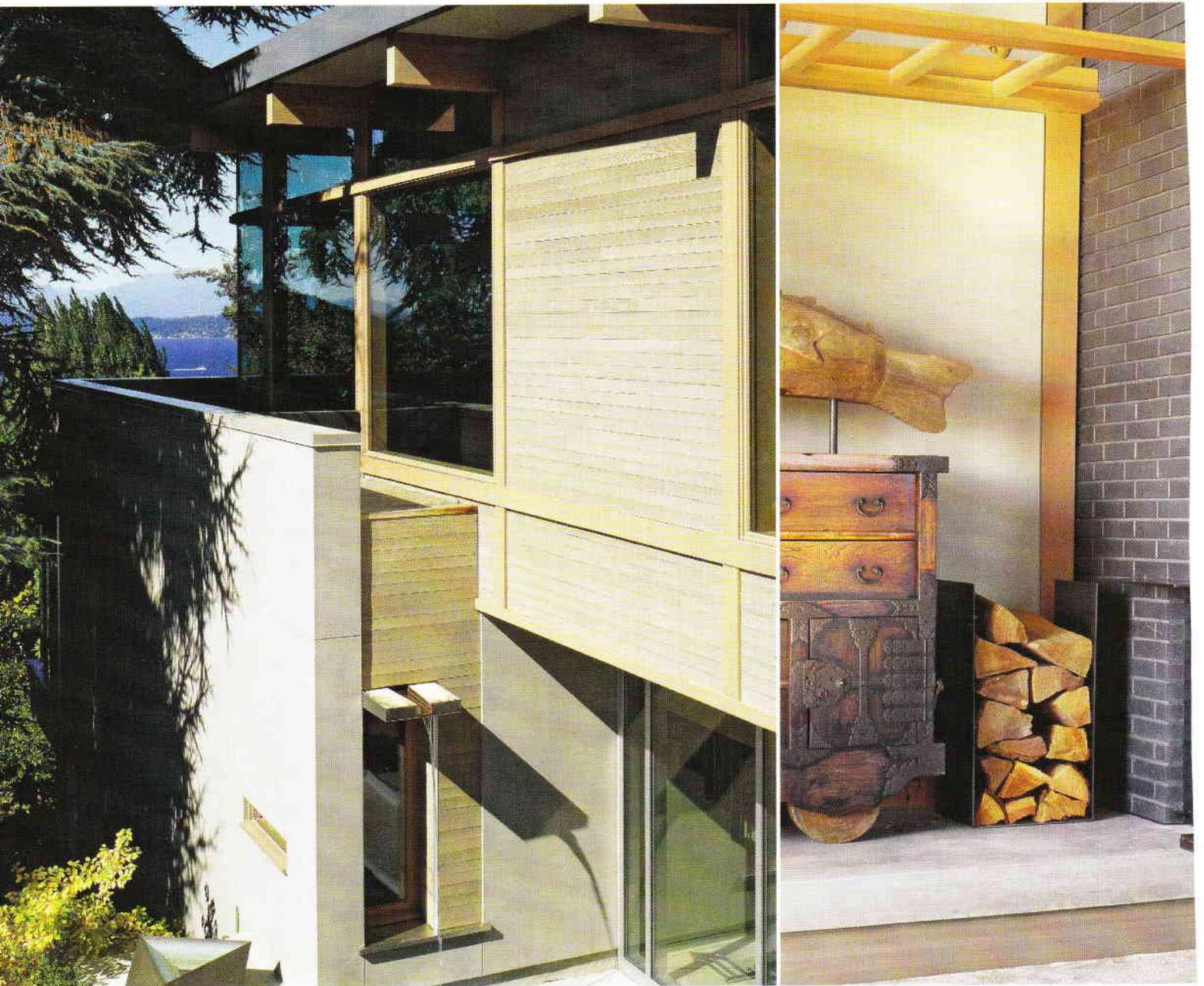


MODERN SERENITY

Sleek architecture and a soothing natural palette showcase glorious glimpses of Puget Sound for a social Seattle couple.





After more than 25 years of living in a dark, tight Tudor-style home in suburban Seattle, Bobbe and Jon Bridge were ready for change. Their citywide search led them to a so-so house on a stunning sloped site with amazing views of Puget Sound's vibrant natural and nautical life. The couple's first instinct was to renovate, but as they worked with architects George Suyama and Chris Haddad of Suyama Peterson Deguchi, they quickly realized that the price tag for everything they wanted to change was nearing the cost of starting over.

First and foremost, Suyama and Haddad designed the new home to support a couple passionate about getting together with others—anything from an intimate meal with another

couple to a catered affair with 100-plus guests. However, Bobbe and Jon also wanted a home that dazzled guests with quality, not quantity. Their solution played out architecturally in a two-level open floor plan that incorporated strategically placed windows and sliding doors along walls facing the water to foster the strongest possible indoor/outdoor connection.

Beyond an Asian-inspired wall of manganese ironspot brick, a courtyard functions as an open-air foyer, directing attention to the waters below. The actual entry is a rather small room that transports guests into a sprawling public area where the kitchen, dining room, and living room encourage views and foot traffic to a deck beyond. Streamlined fixtures minimize distractions, and all

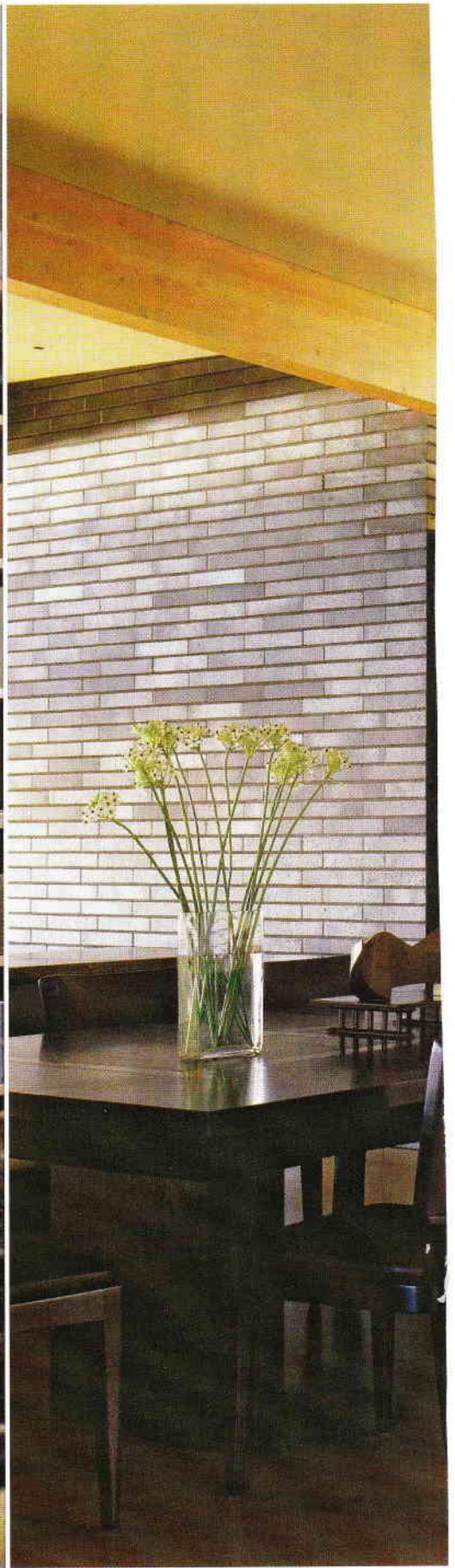


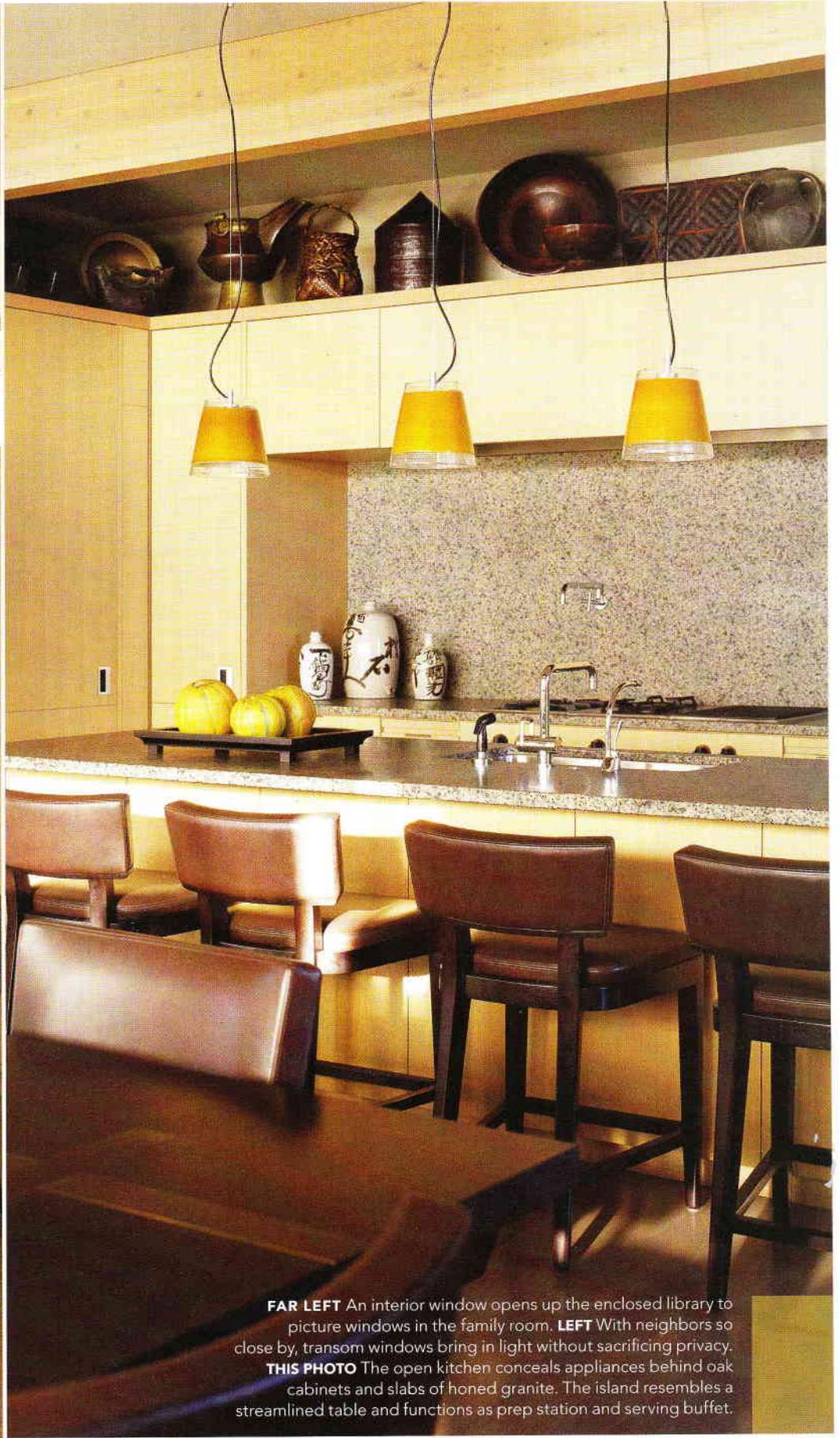
kitchen appliances and entertainment components are camouflaged behind panels of rift-cut oak or slabs of granite. Cabinets and level changes define various spaces while preserving views, and lighting is subtly recessed into open oak soffits that resemble garden arbors. Custom furniture, including a velvet sectional, walnut-and-bronze dining table, and granite-top island, mimics the home's strong, simple lines. Japanese and Chinese artifacts (some more than 2,000 years old) and numerous pieces of recent Asian art give the sleek surroundings a hand-hewn, history-rich quality.

A broad steel staircase leads down to a family room and other personal spaces. The master suite and a home office on the far end make the most of the lot's sharp drop-off. Thanks

to creative cantilevering and wraparound windows, these spaces feel as if they're hovering in the treetops while packing in additional water vistas. A sunken patio lies beyond a wall of sliding glass doors. Under the shade of a magnificent cedar tree, guests can mingle around the courtyard, enjoying the minimalist waterfall and reflecting pool, or Bobbe and Jon can share a quiet glass of wine before turning in.

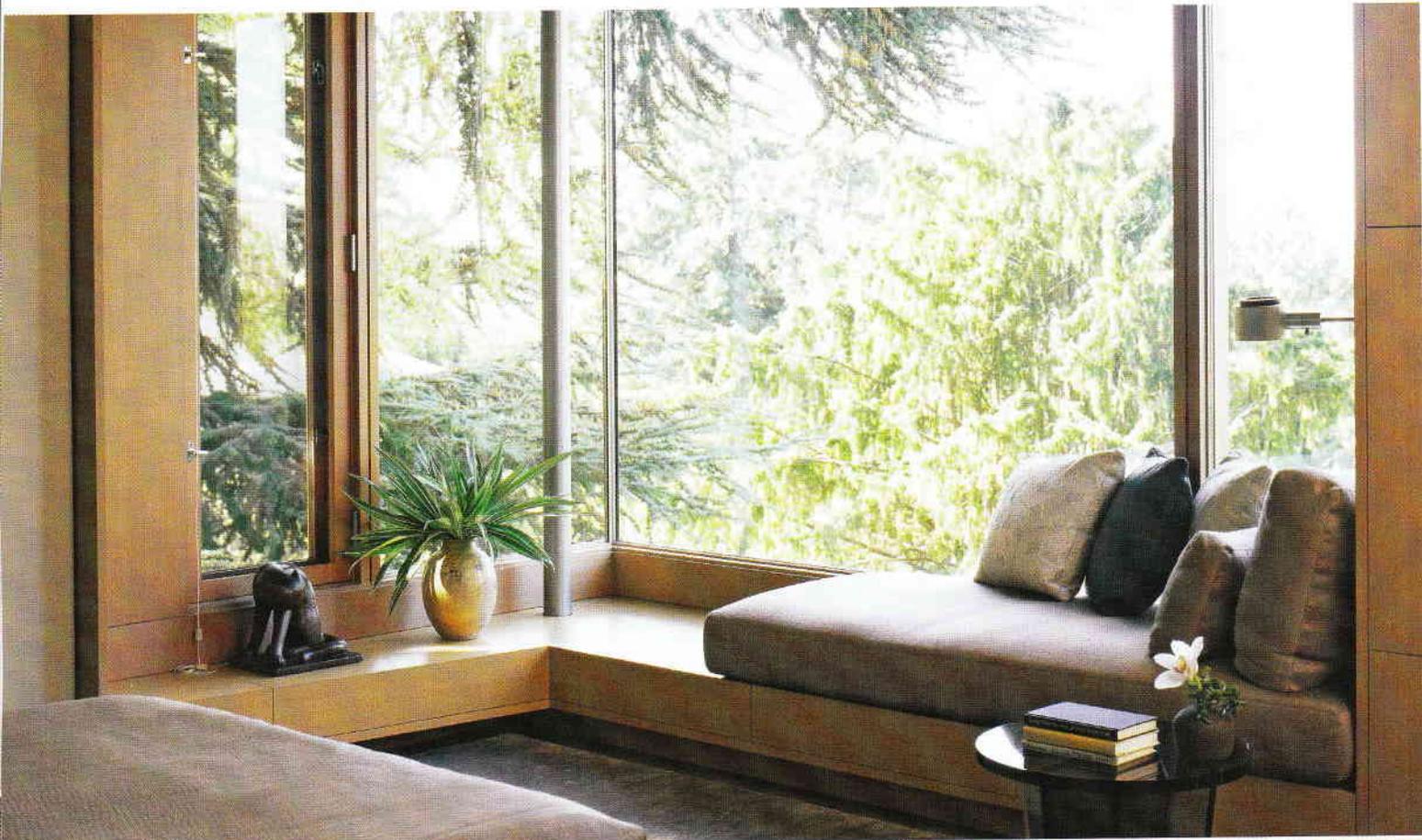
OPPOSITE A scupper carries water from the main-level deck to a small reflecting pool below. The slim accent window frames a view from inside the master bath. **ABOVE** A fireplace with an asymmetrical concrete hearth and firebox is a fresh take on mid-century style. Asian artifacts, rift-cut oak cabinets, and a lattice-inspired soffit keep the tailored room soft and approachable.





FAR LEFT An interior window opens up the enclosed library to picture windows in the family room. **LEFT** With neighbors so close by, transom windows bring in light without sacrificing privacy. **THIS PHOTO** The open kitchen conceals appliances behind oak cabinets and slabs of honed granite. The island resembles a streamlined table and functions as prep station and serving buffet.

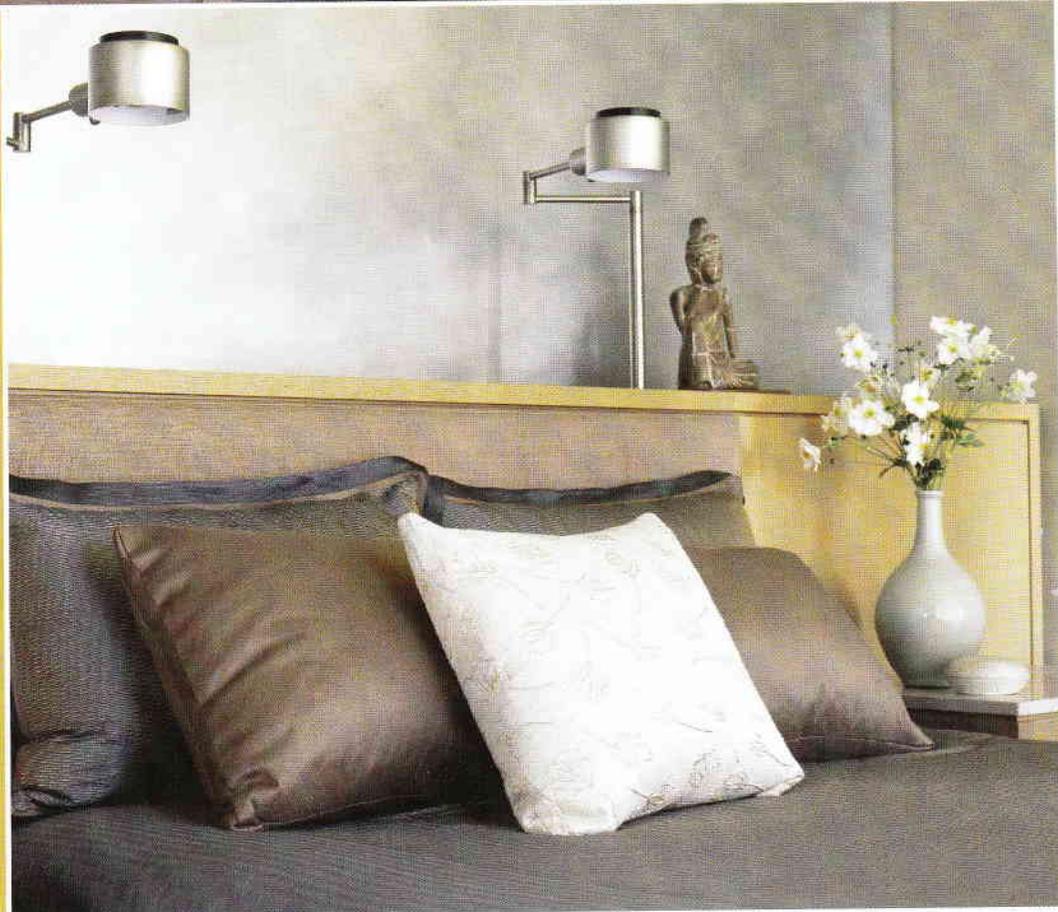




OPPOSITE Sleek fixtures and clean lines carry the home's modern Asian aesthetic to the master bath, where tumbled slate tiles and blue limestone countertops provide natural texture.

ABOVE Windows wrap the corners in several rooms, including the master bedroom. With a minimal corner seam, the L-shape seat seems to float among the firs.

RIGHT An artful mix of chenille, velvet, and silk in subtly shifting colors imparts Zen-like serenity in the master suite.





THIS PHOTO Laminated fir ceiling beams extend outside and create 6-foot-deep eaves. A patchwork of glass panels and sections of rough-sawn cedar planking accents the home's taupe-color stucco walls. Teak and aluminum furniture on the lower-level patio positions people to enjoy views of surrounding trees and water or a small reflecting pool.