



**THIS PAGE:** Finding space for steam-shower plumbing posed a problem, so designer Suzette Donleavy cleverly created this recessed cabinet. The lower portion camouflages unsightly fittings, while the top adds storage for towels and toiletries. **OPPOSITE AND INSET:** Decorative detailing lends glamour to the vanity.





# Complete Retreat

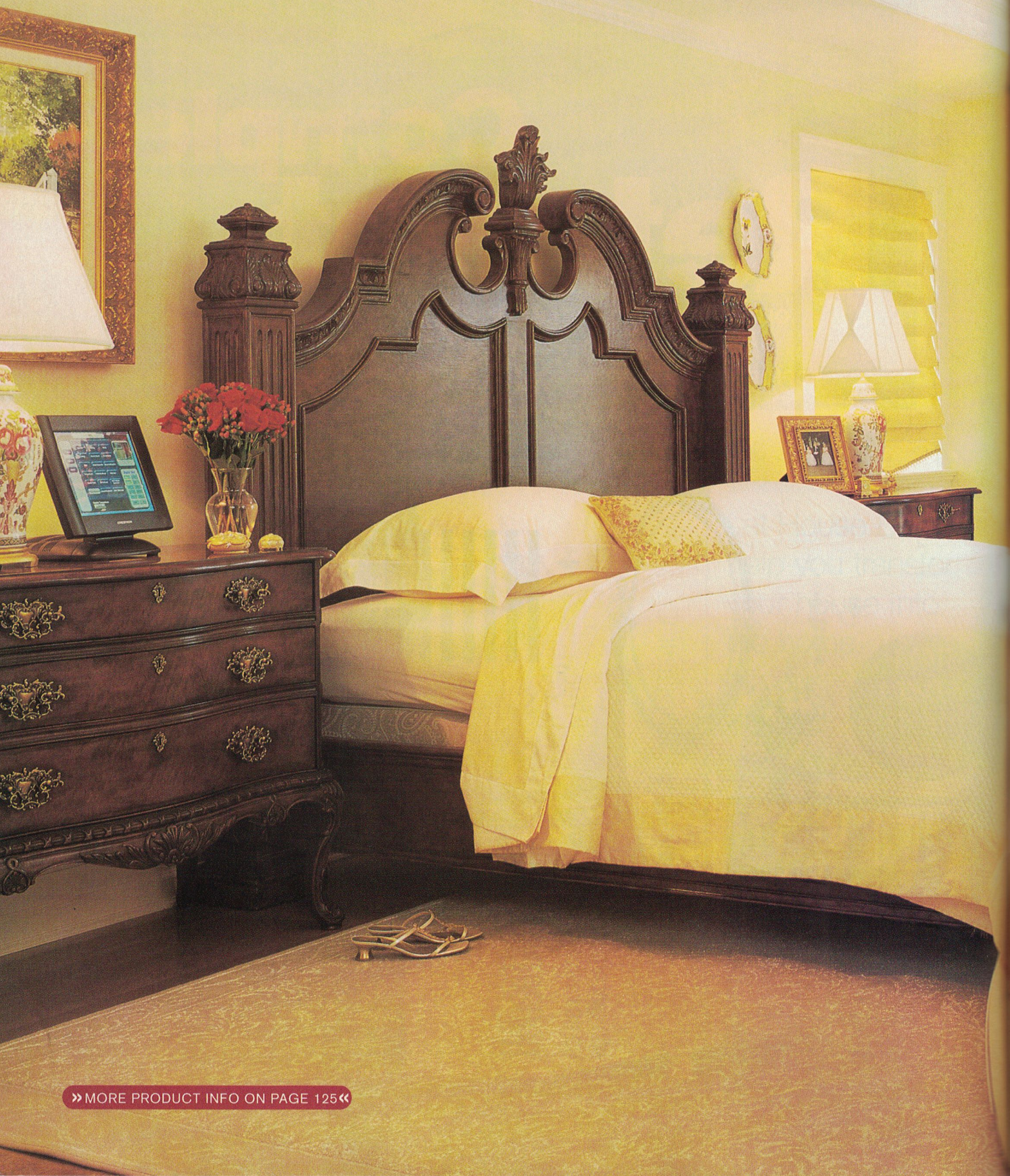
OLD-WORLD ELEGANCE MEETS MODERN CONVENIENCE IN  
A WELL-APPOINTED MASTER SUITE THAT BLENDS  
SOPHISTICATED MATERIALS AND STYLE WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY



The challenge: Create a sweeping seaside home large enough to welcome family and friends for extended visits, while still preserving privacy for the homeowners. The solution: Carve out a sumptuous his-and-hers haven for “getting away from it all” without leaving home. Situated at one end of a magnificent 15,000-square-foot residence in Spring Lake, New Jersey, the master suite is set apart by double doors and an arched foyer. The high-end features include a grand bedroom with a 15-foot curved ceiling, a lavish bath with gold leaf detailing, room-sized walk-in closets, and upstairs, a sauna and exercise area.

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**In a grand home that comfortably sleeps 25 guests, this lavish retreat offers plenty of privacy for the homeowners**

Shrewsbury, New Jersey, interior designer Suzette Donleavy worked closely with the couple to personalize the stunning space. "The goal was to create a relaxed traditional environment tailored for two," says

**ABOVE: A staircase in the bedroom leads to an exercise area and sauna on the master suite's second level. LEFT: A tufted ottoman, handcarved mahogany bed, and silky floor-to-ceiling drapery panels create a luxe look.**

Donleavy. In the bedroom, cove lighting recessed into deep soffits that run the length of the room illuminates the soaring ceiling. A carved mahogany bed anchors the room and offers a place to watch the plasma-screen TV that raises and lowers from a motorized cabinet. State-of-the-art technology lets the homeowners control lighting and temperature, and access an in-home audio collection of over 700 CDs from a bedside touch screen.

Donleavy's mix of opulent materials establishes the bath's timeless style and understated elegance. Honed Durango marble on the floor and tub surround is paired with antique glazed cabinetry hand-detailed with a ribbon-and-reed motif. Spa-quality amenities create a world-class retreat: A beautiful tub set into a curved niche and an elegant marble steam shower offer daily pampering in the exquisite setting. ■