ELLE DECOR

OUR FIRST SHOWHOUSE!

Style GETS PERSONAL

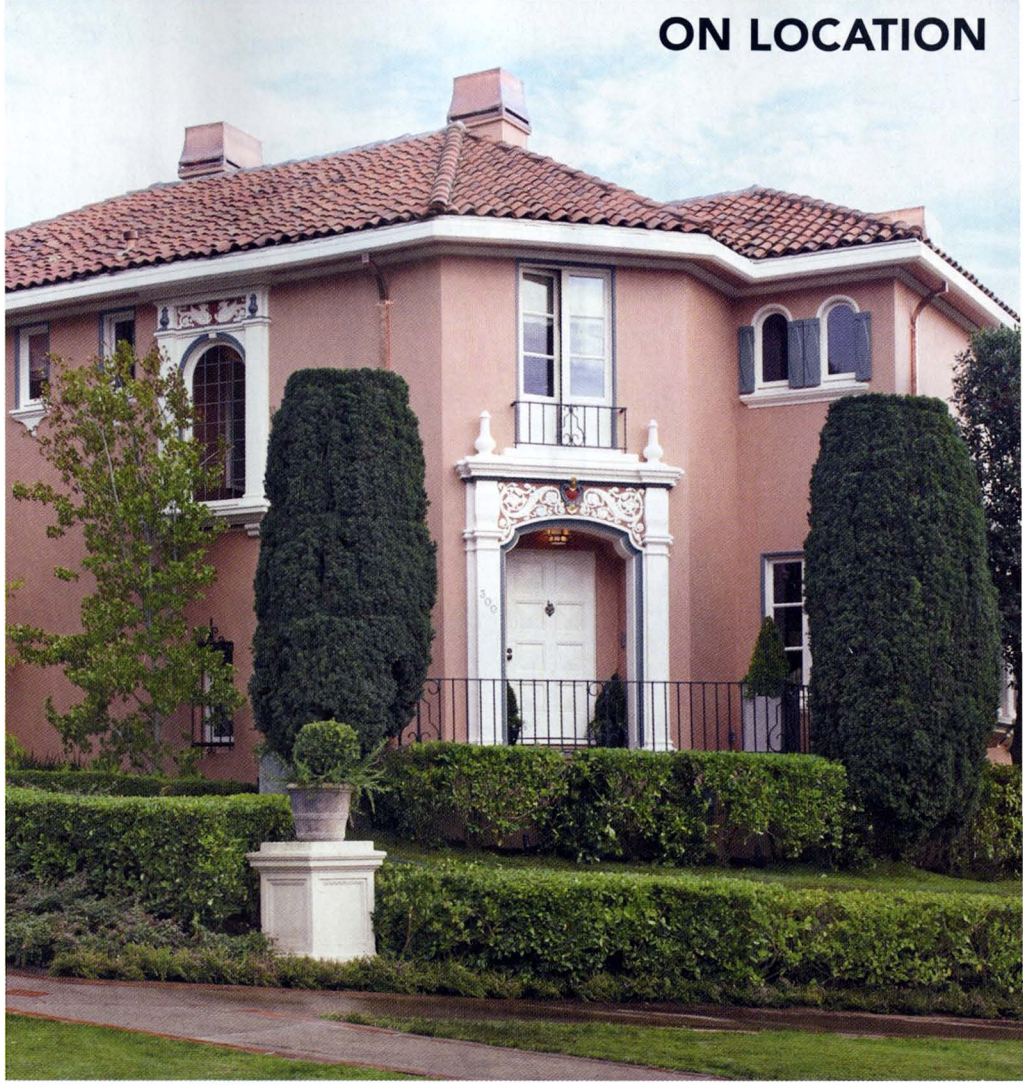
A PENTHOUSE WITH MODERN FLAIR

VIVID COLOR IN MOROCCO

BOLD, FRESH FLORALS

01152 03
0 270831 9

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011
USA $5.99
ELLEDECOR.COM



The 1920s façade of the ELLE DECOR Showhouse, located in San Francisco's St. Francis Wood neighborhood.

House of Style

For ELLE DECOR's first showhouse, eleven designers transform a classic San Francisco family home into a marvel of elegance, comfort, and cutting-edge technology

Photography by William Abranowicz
Styled by Anita Sarsidi

Last November marked the debut of the first ELLE DECOR Showhouse in St. Francis Wood, a historic but little-known neighborhood on the outskirts of San Francisco that was originally laid out by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., son of the legendary landscape architect and urban planner. We invited 10 of the Bay Area's top designers—as well as a renowned garden design team—to turn a classic 1920s Mediterranean-style home into a showcase for contemporary style, up-to-the-minute technology, and sustainable living. With the help of Regina Callan of RBR Development and architect Mark English, the house was outfitted with such green features as solar panels and energy-efficient water heaters, while retaining the structure's integrity, graceful proportions, and historic charm.

The designers brilliantly lived up to the challenge of creating a home for a cosmopolitan, world-traveling, art-collecting family. The resulting spaces include a light-suffused breakfast room, a seductive library/bar, an expansive family and media room, and a shady garden retreat for outdoor living. This inspiring dream home was open to the public for three weekends and benefited a good cause—all the proceeds from ticket sales went to the Junior League of San Francisco.

Suzanne Tucker's guest room includes twin beds designed by Michael Taylor that were owned by Nan Kempner when she was a girl. They are dressed in bedding by Scheuer Linens and pillows by Chelsea Textiles and Madeline Weinrib; the bedside table is by Bungalow 5, and the walls are covered in a fabric of Tucker's own design.