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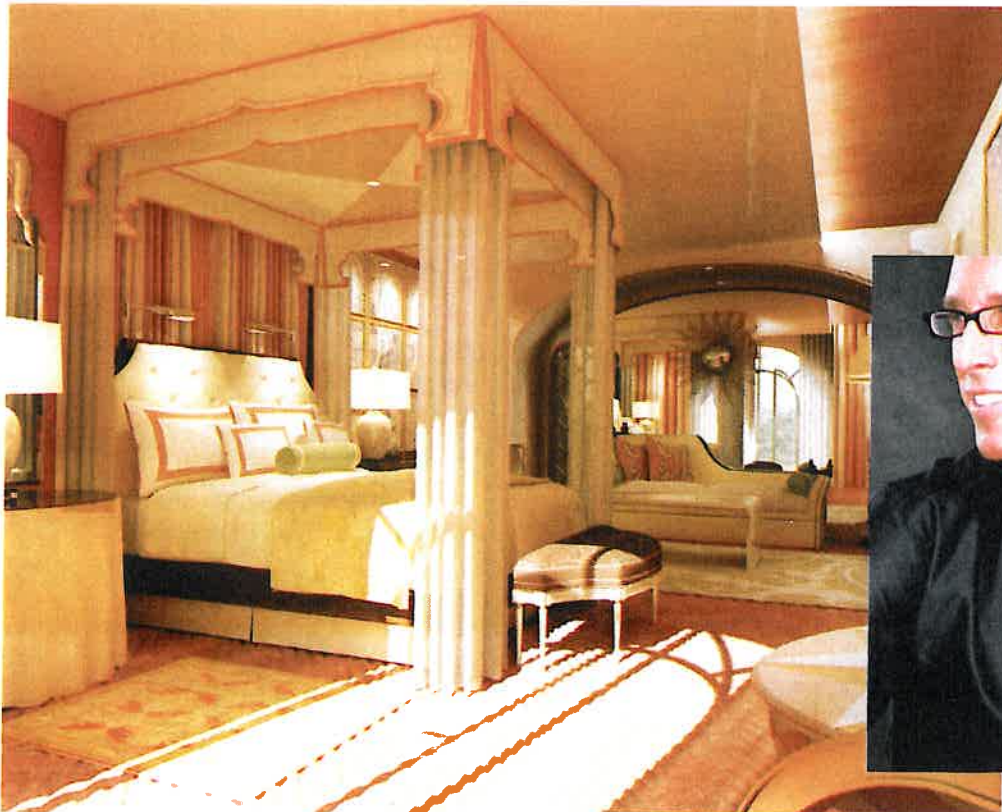
passport to shop

Some designers claim to go to the ends of the earth to find that one special piece. We wanted them to be a little bit more specific. Check out 12 designers' favorite places to shop around the globe, and some of their latest finds.

The designer: Tessa Papas, Peripteron LLC

The place: Galleries, museums, and artists' studios in Athens

When asked to put together a collection of glass for the Hotel Murano in Tacoma, Washington, Papas realized that a major sculpture would be needed for the austere exterior of the 350-foot-high hotel. She immediately thought of the 40-foot-high "Runner" (shown here) made of plate glass that she had seen outside the Hilton Hotel in Athens, Greece, some years before. She tracked down the artist, Costas Varotsos, and he accepted the commission for the Murano. Now, two years later, his spectacular 100-foot-high steel and glass "Orizon" stands outside the hotel. (Photography by Erin Kistner.)



The designer: Todd Avery-Lenahan, ABA Design Studio

The place: La Galerie in Florence

"La Galerie offers exceptionally uncommon tile and stone from extraordinary European resources," the Las Vegas-based designer

says. "The collection is comprehensive, impressively resourced, and intelligently presented with application methods that are rare and noteworthy."

Shown here: Terracotta flooring from La Galerie as shown in ABA's design for the guest villas at the Livorno Resort, Spa, & Culinary Academy.

