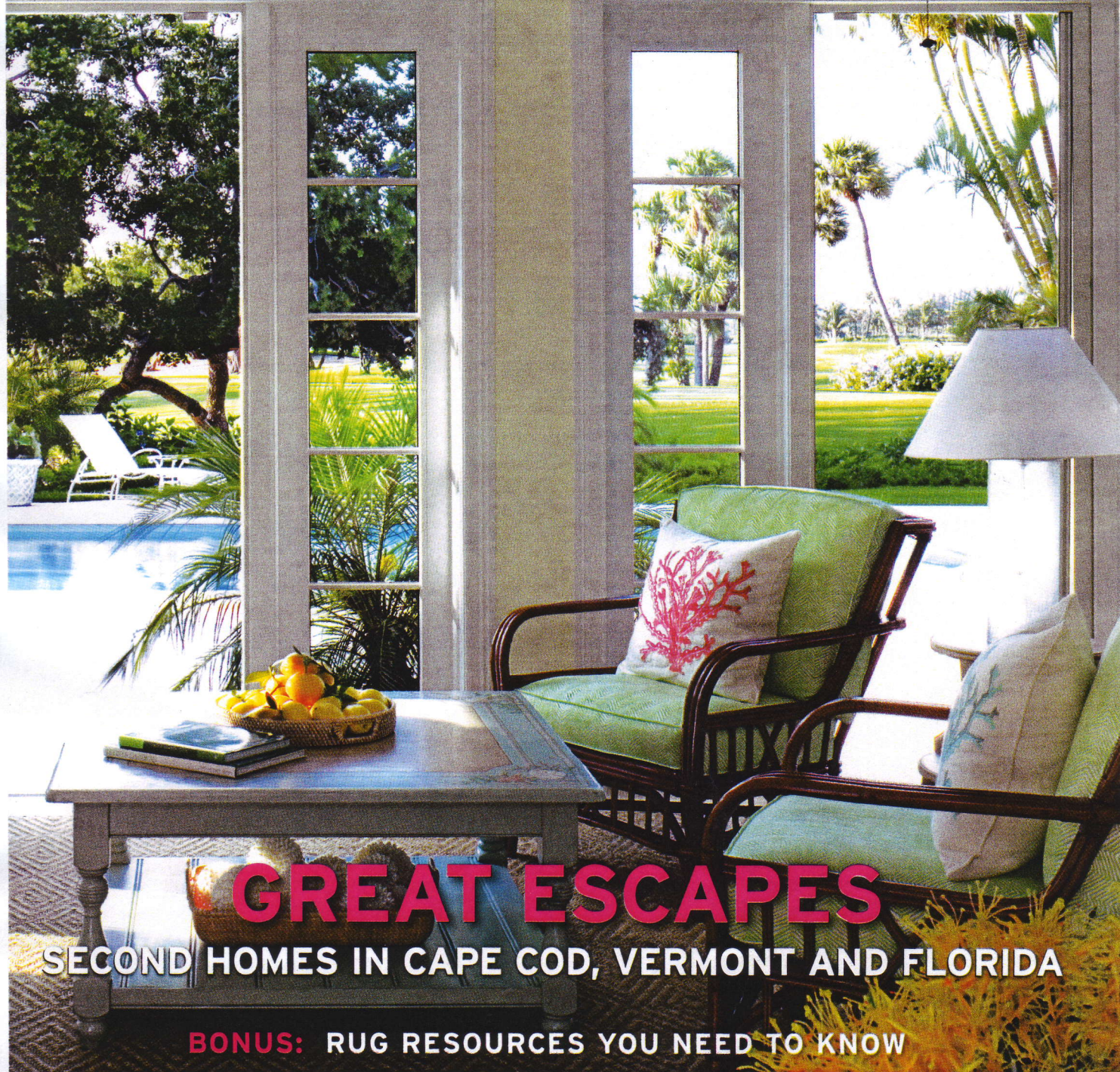


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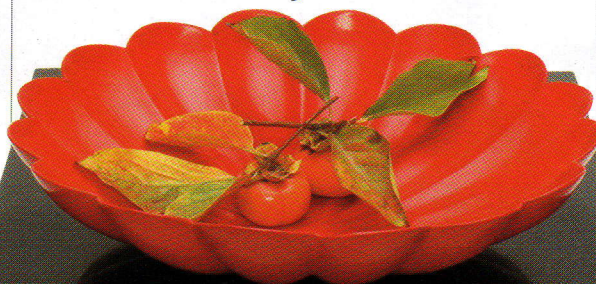
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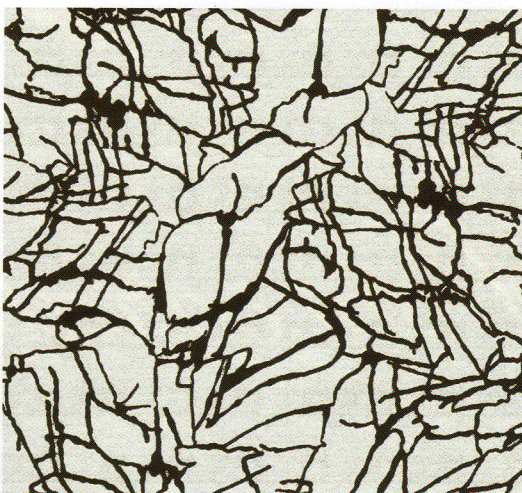
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PEOPLE, PRODUCTS AND PLACES FOR EARTH-FRIENDLY LIVING



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A valuable vault of local green resources, [www.buildingctgreen.com](http://www.buildingctgreen.com) includes contact information for local green-minded individuals such as architects and interior designers. Also included are listings of eco-friendly services, material resources, a green jobs directory and a green events calendar. —M.M.



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Shifting her eco-conscious sensibility to the bedroom, designer Clodagh has teamed up with Homestead for a new line of bedding made in fair trade factories from organic fabrics. The four colorways, including Irish Moss, right, are inspired by earthy elements. *From \$44, through Bed Bath & Beyond, 542 Westport Ave., Norwalk, (203) 849-9285, [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com). —M.M.*

