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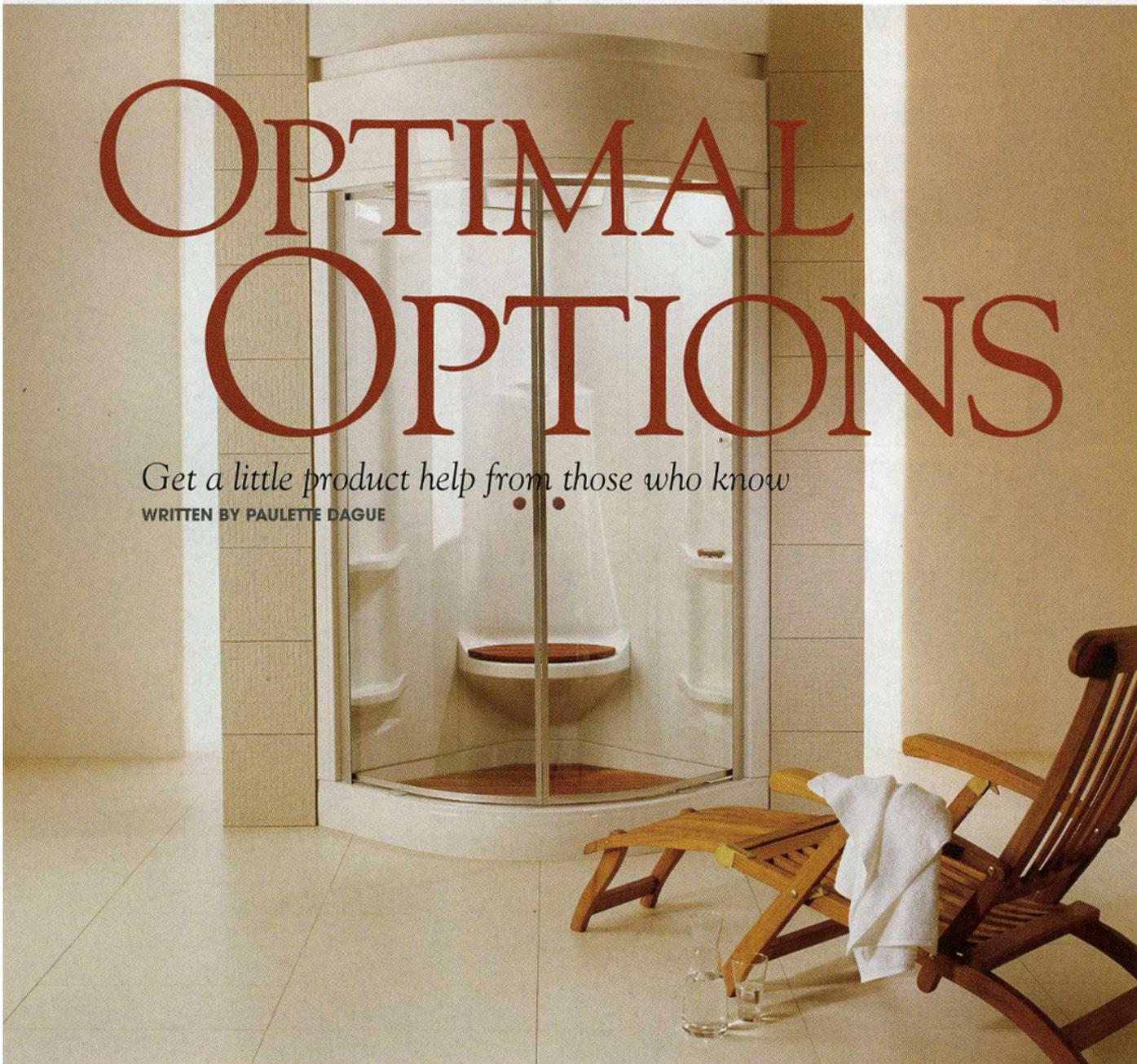
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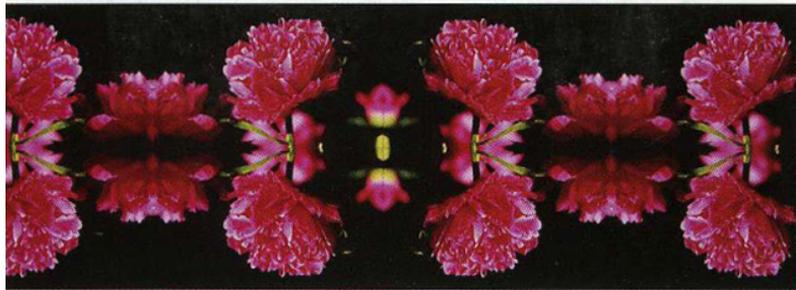
OPTIMAL OPTIONS

Get a little product help from those who know

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do the math. There are dozens of home-product categories, a multitude of products within each category, and thousands of companies making those products. It's unrealistic to think you could adequately research all of those products and companies to make good buying decisions. But the experts can! We've talked to three notable home professionals—a builder, an architect, and an interior designer—whose job it is to know those products and their various merits. And while we couldn't fit in all the available products, we do include everything from fine art to exterior siding and some other great finds besides. Let this be the start of your product-selection planning.



LIFE ART

Jules loves the photographic art of Zita Mercurio, whose "images of nature capture our imagination when compiled in a photographic collage." The result is kaleidoscope-type art. Peonies (shown) is one of Jules's favorites. For more information, contact **Jules Duffy Designs**; julesduffy@comcast.net.



TILE PORTUGUESA

"What better way to bring some old character into your home than antique tiles?" Jules asks. She's fond of 19th-century Portuguese Blue Facade tiles. "Use them around a fireplace with contemporary glass pencil molding. The tiles ooze character from the hand-painted glazes and intricate designs. Quantities are quite good, but remember to order enough!" **Solar Antique Tiles**; www.solarantiquetiles.com.

SIMPLE PLEASURE

Jules believes the Audrey sofa is "appropriately named, as it is all about sophistication and glamour. Its fine lines, low back, and ultra comfort give this piece my highest ratings. Float it in a room to show off the form." **Saladino Furniture**; www.saladino-furniture.com.

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CRYSTAL CRAFT

Lighting from Currey & Company are a mainstay for Jules: "These crystal chandeliers have just the right proportions. They have a lovely solid iron form complemented by a mass of dripping crystals." Shown is the 9543 chandelier. **Currey & Company**; www.curreyco.com.



"I encourage my clients to step out of the box and entertain different ideas. When you use an eclectic mix of furnishings and textures and select the right color palettes, the results are dynamic."