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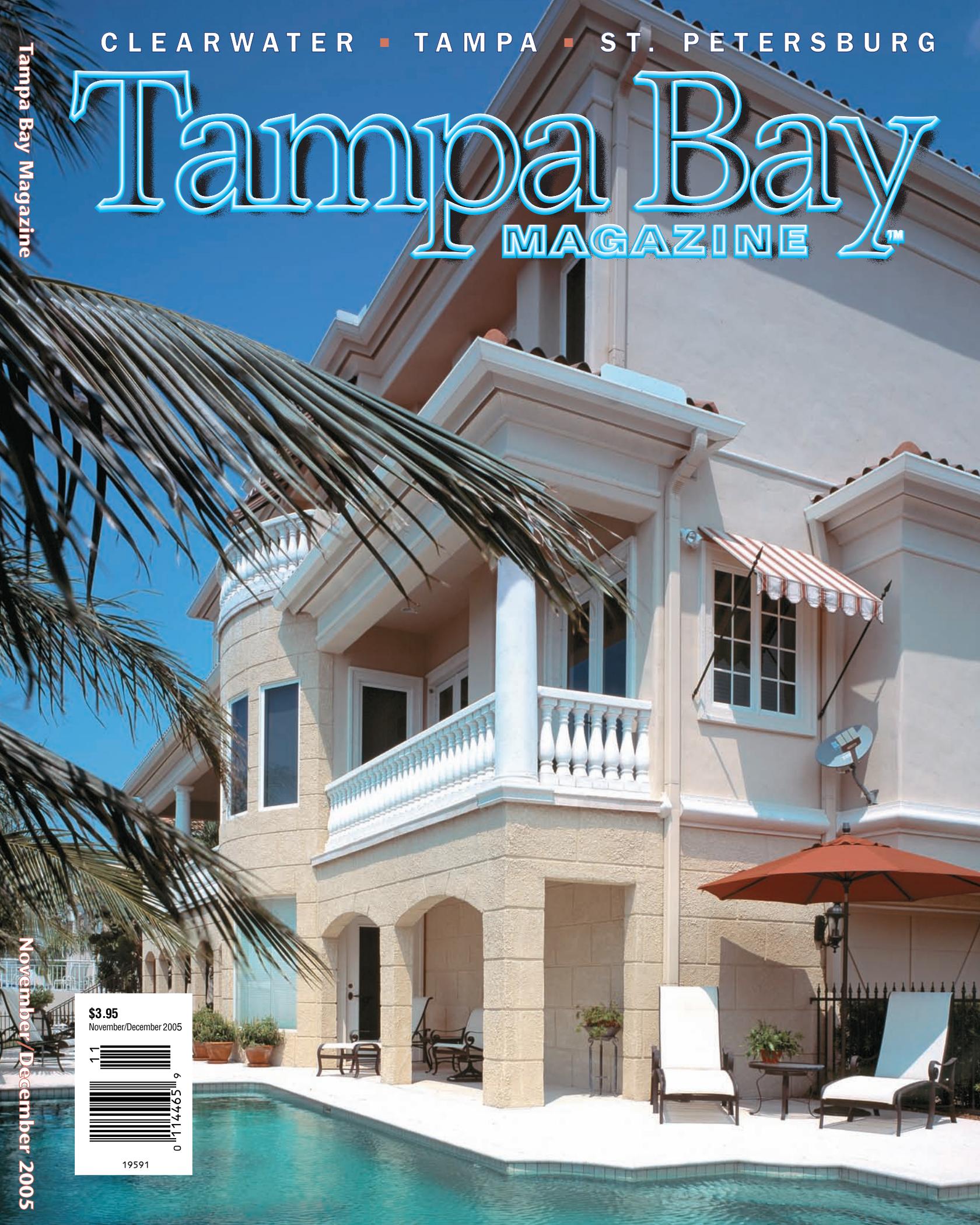
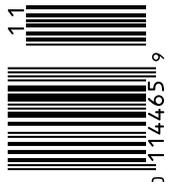
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SPANISH COLONIAL STYLE

Windstar Homes' Santa Barbara

Photography by Laurence Taylor



The gabled roof line and turreted entrance gives this home the styling cues of a Spanish estate.

FROM THE TUMBLED-STONE floors to its cypress ceilings, the Santa Barbara is a well-designed house that carries out its theme on many levels. This Snell Isle abode reflects the influence of Spanish architecture

that Bobby Gross and David Lesser of Windstar Homes wanted to build into this four-bedroom, five-and-a-half-bath house. They chose to allow style, rather than size, to be the primary feature of this residence. ▶



▲ *Architectural details, such as the corbeled ceiling and sculptured archways, carry the themed design throughout the house.*

You enter through a turreted courtyard into the living room and an adjoining dining room, where a tongue-and-groove, dark-stained cypress ceiling floats twelve feet above the floor, thus giving the rooms a feeling of airiness without the towering look of many contemporary homes. They used custom beams, corbels and wood friezes as decorative elements to enhance the Spanish theme of the house.

Likewise, the kitchen uses maple cabinetry that has been painted and glazed to contrast the dark woodwork island to maintain the traditional look established in the rest of the home. In the family room, Windstar used a brick clad, multiple-barrel vaulted ceiling with distressed alder beams.

A curved staircase leads to the upstairs bedrooms, where the spacious master bedroom has a private balcony that overlooks the pool area and the water beyond. For convenience, the closet in the master bedroom includes a fully-equipped laundry room.



▲ *Olde World Cabinetry created this kitchen using two different finishes for its maple cabinetry. The ultra upscale appliances were obtained at Famous Tate.*

Every detail lends its own dimension to the home's overall look. These hand-painted, glazed-clay tile risers and black walnut treads combine to equal a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.



The brick-clad, multiple-barrel vaulted ceiling of the family/media room is a custom feature that adds an old-world flair to the room.



◀ *The home's courtyard uses classical design elements to achieve its traditional look.*

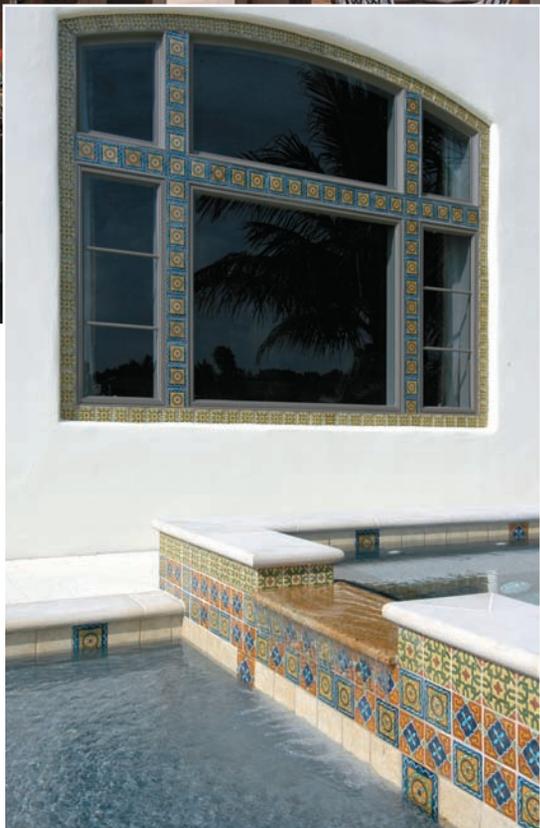
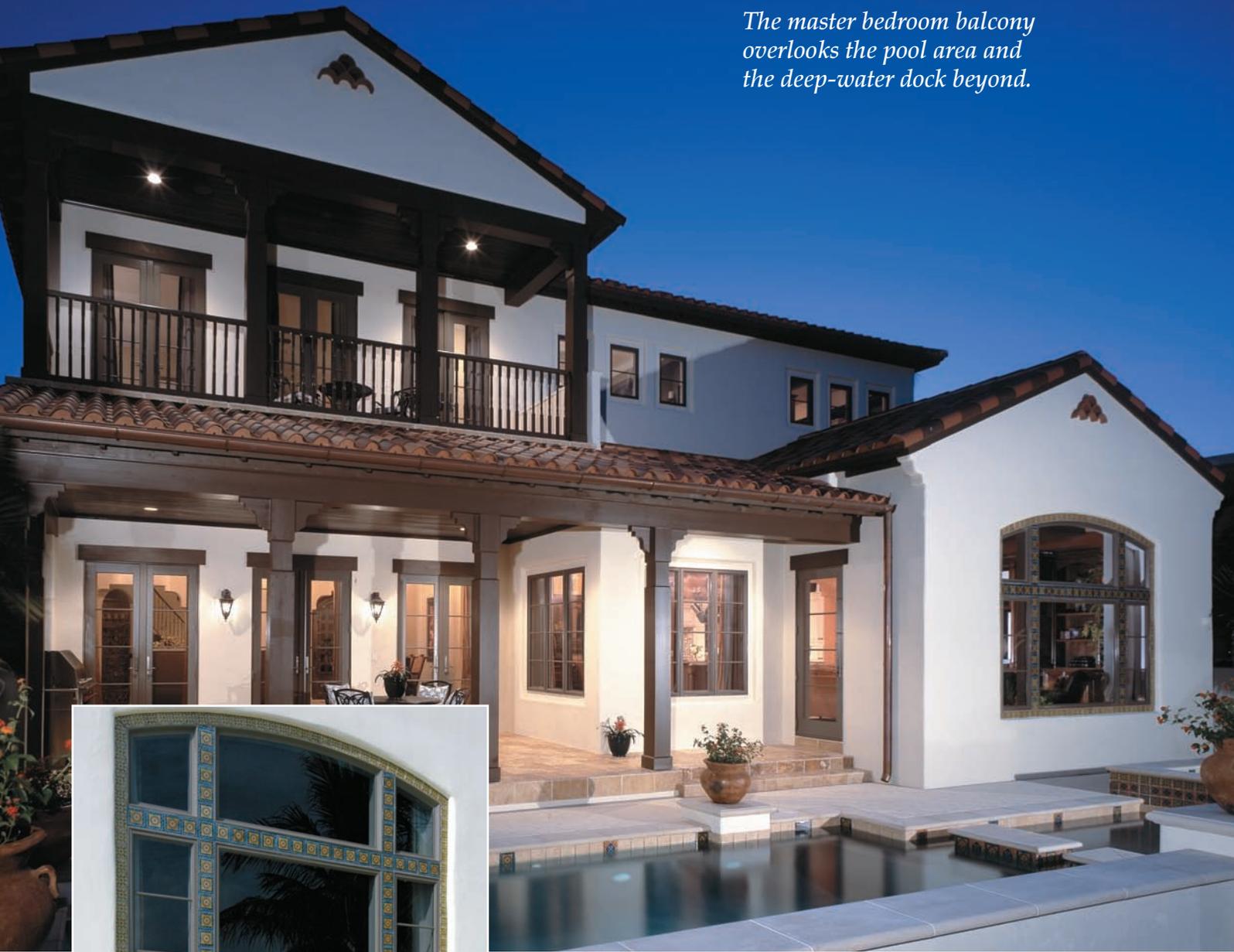
The master bath has two unique touches. The first is an innovative Kohler faucet that is set in the ceiling and flows into the negative-edge soaking tub with water, thus creating a dramatic image. The second is the clever television hidden behind a two-way mirror so that it is only seen when it is turned on.

There are many other well-designed surprises as well, such as a luggage closet near the master suite and a toy storage area on the second floor. There is a guest casita that has the privacy and comfort similar to that which might be provided at a five-star hotel.



The water flows from the ceiling to fill this innovative negative-edge soaking tub by Kohler.

The master bedroom balcony overlooks the pool area and the deep-water dock beyond.



◀ *By using hand-painted tiles to trim both the pool and this window, a symmetry has been created that adds to the overall concept of the home.*

Although this home was designed for a small lot that is only 70 feet by 55 feet, it accomplished its goal of gracious living space by using every inch to the maximum. The design imparts character without ever losing its utilitarian goal of serving as a working household. It is this balance of efficiency and beauty that makes it an outstanding accomplishment. ■

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