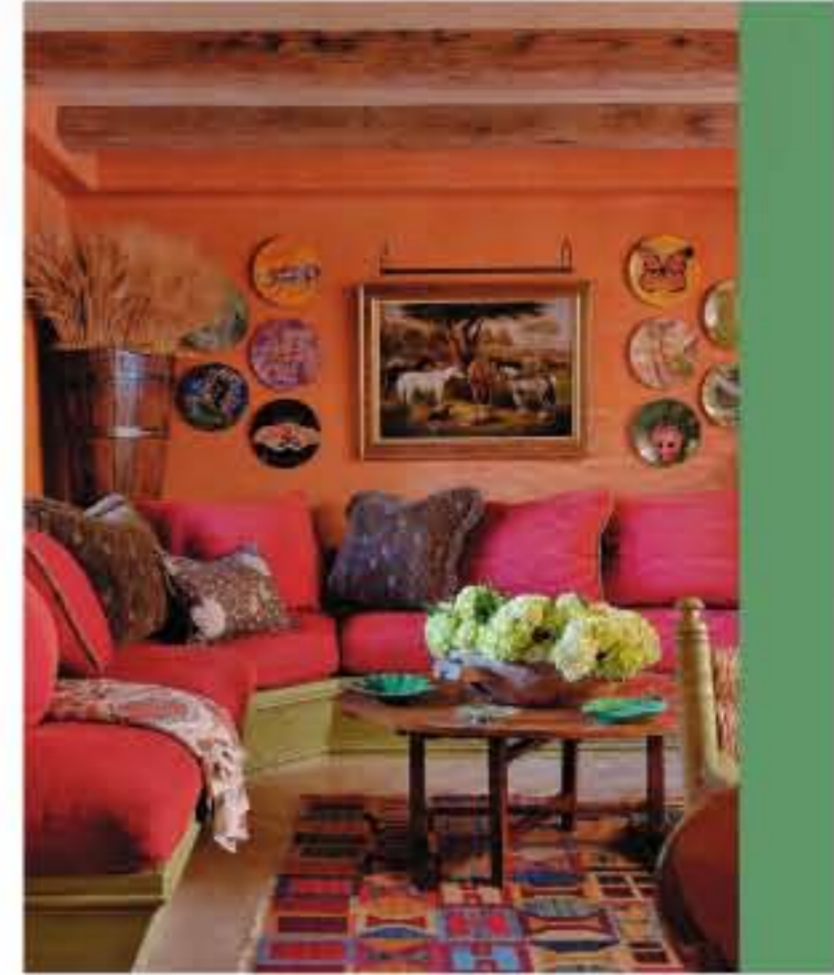


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Above: In the Montecito Hills of California, the kitchen of this house picks up on the Spanish influence of the region with wooden barstools pulled up to the island and an intricate ironwork chandelier.

Right: This comfortable breakfast area takes advantage of the landscaped waterfall outside the window.

Below right: At the heart of the house and with views north to Monterey Bay, this kitchen is cool and serene. Skylights tucked between beams bring in natural light; stained and waxed walnut planks lend comfort underfoot.



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