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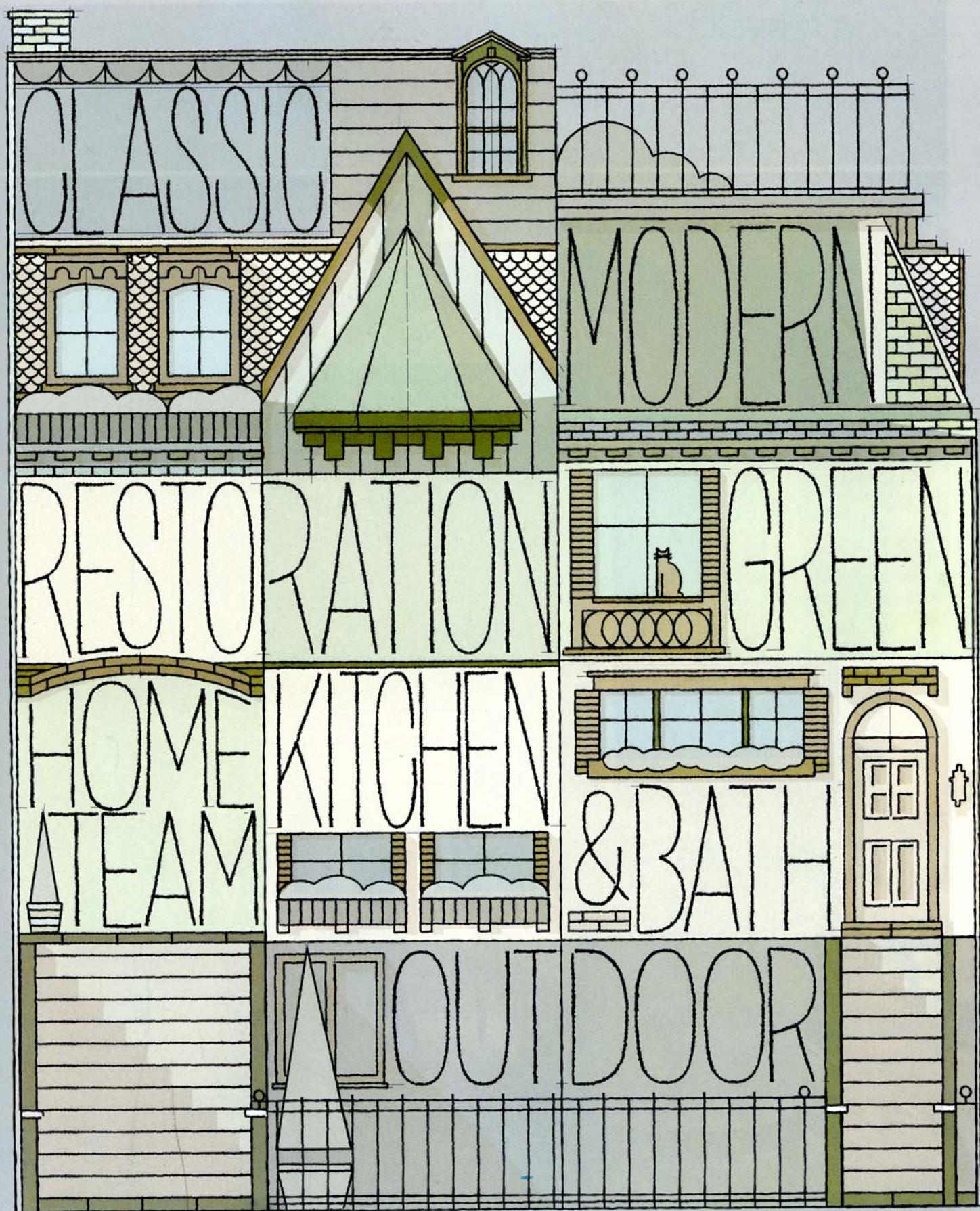


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Let's face it: Construction and renovation are not for the faint of heart. Writing huge checks, living without a kitchen for a month, making decisions about things you'd never considered before (outlet covers, who knew?)—add it all up, and the job can get overwhelming. Unless, that is, you've got expert guidance on your side. That's where the Best of Boston Home comes in. *what it is:* Our annual guide to the Hub's premier resources for building and design, exhaustively researched by our staff and verified by more than 100 trade professionals. *how it's organized:* We've grouped winners by style (Classic, Modern, Restoration) and by specialized construction (Green, Kitchen & Bath, Outdoor), making it a snap to find exactly the designers, contractors, and vendors you need.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MICHAEL NEWHOUSE







# Classic







Designer Jeffrey Delvy's trademark mix of eras brings this Beacon Hill living room to life.

A bit contemporary, a bit traditional, completely timeless. That's the classic style, and one ideally suited to New England's historical bent. Yet the best classic designers don't simply shop showrooms; they're students of the decorative arts who use their knowledge of details and fabrics to nimbly combine various eras. The result: *Décor* that's richly textured, worldly, and absolutely up to date.

*architect*

## ALBERT, RIGHTER & TITTMANN ARCHITECTS

AR&T has established itself on the national scene as a residential architecture firm of the highest caliber, collecting glowing praise from such heavyweights as Yale dean of architecture Robert A. M. Stern (who recently noted that "while [the principals] love the past, they infuse its traditions with a new sensibility"). But the firm's work is more than capable of speaking for itself: AR&T's sumptuously detailed, meticulously scaled homes are built for the ages, with all the grace notes of a time when architecture was as much about craftsmanship as it was design.

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*contractor*

## S+H CONSTRUCTION

S+H's reputation as the finest classic builder in Greater Boston is exemplified by its impeccable renovations lining Cambridge's stately Brattle Street. Still, quality alone does not a great contractor make: It requires rigorous estimates, a roster of A-list subcontractors, and, in this case, a decades-long immersion in the building arts. S+H has all these, plus a staff of uniquely thoughtful individuals who are so responsive they can put even the most fretful homeowner at ease.

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*designer*

## JEFFREY DELVY

It's not easy to find an interior designer who can achieve just the right balance of gorgeous, textured, retro, ancient, and brand-new. How fortunate for Boston, then,

that Jeffrey Delvy opened his own firm in 2007. Trained as an architect, Delvy decided to focus his design skills on the decorative arts rather than on construction. His style melds modern opulence with a solid classical backbone. Indeed, few designers can mix a 1970s velour sofa with ancient Chinese silk panels and a zebra-print art deco chair as deftly.

341 COMMONWEALTH AVE., BOSTON, 617-504-6627, JEFFREYDELVY.COM

*fabric*

## THE MARTIN GROUP

Boston's highest-end designers call the Martin Group their one-stop shop for upholstery, drapery, and accent fabrics; it boasts room after room of beautiful prints, wovens, silks, and sheers from venerable yet fashion-forward lines like Manuel Canovas, Harlequin, and Sanderson. Plan to spend a full day browsing, and bring a big bag for samples—the outrageous selection is sure to overwhelm any first-time shopper.

ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, STE. III, BOSTON, 617-951-2526, MARTINGROUPINC.COM

*flooring*

## C & R FLOORING

With almost 20 years' experience installing and refinishing top-quality wood floors, C & R is the favorite among the professionals on our panel. Its small showroom carries samples



Holly Hunt bench from Webster & Company.



An old Hudson River Valley farm provided the backbone for this design by Albert, Richter & Tittmann Architects.

