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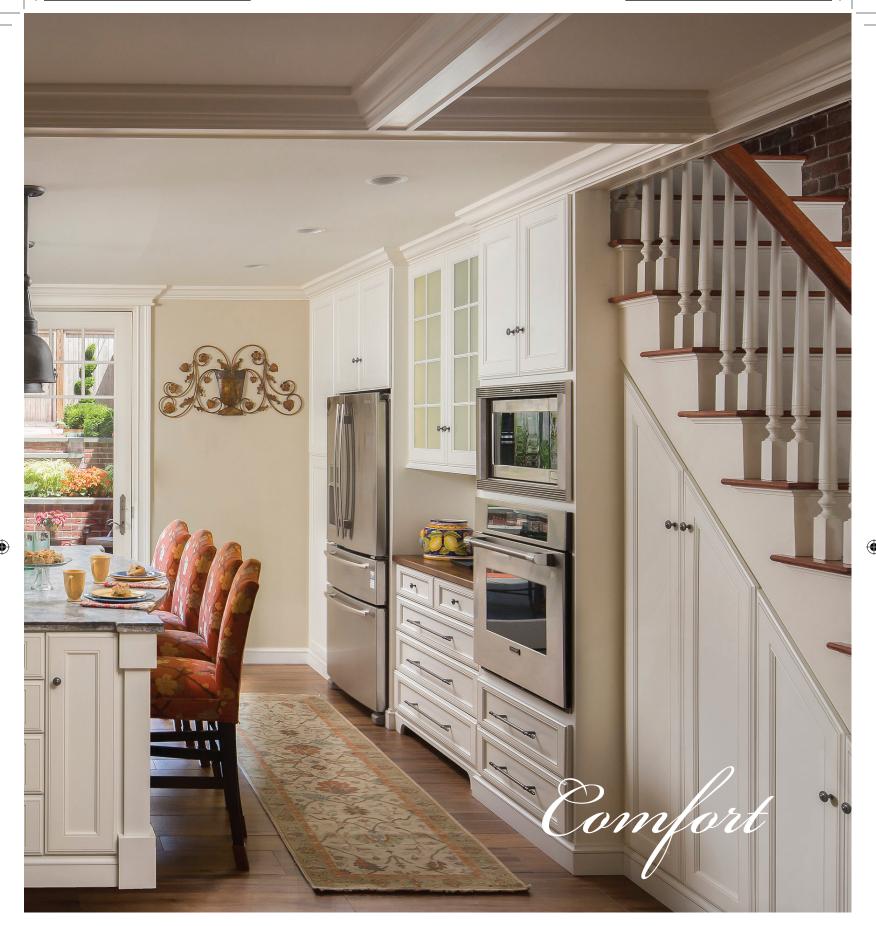
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omfort. The word itself brings so many images and feelings to mind. For me, it evokes memories of my children snuggling tightly into my chest, as we nestle deep under a down comforter on a cool morning. Then there's my husband kissing

my forehead when he sees distress in my eyes, my mother's homemade bread pudding, and of course my yoga pants and white T-shirt. All these images put me at ease as I find peace and simple contentment within.

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Imagine if the design of a space could conjure such feelings. That would be nirvana! Well, it can and it does-when it's well designed. This requires getting to the core of what "comfort" is to us. While we all have different ideas of what comfort is, we all experience design, we don't just see it. Experiencing design means it must appeal to all our senses. We need to enjoy the encounter of a space through seeing, touching, hearing, smelling and even tasting. Simply four of the five senses need to be heightened to achieve this ultimate success. It's through a partnership with your designer that your perfect comfort space can be achieved.

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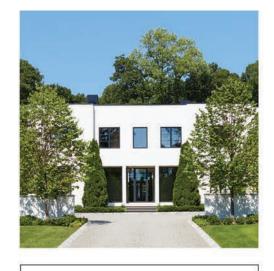








Our different ideas of what comfort is make us unique. While many people align their ideas of comfortable spaces with those filled with plush furniture or cozy atmospheres, any space can be comfortable, even without those elements. For example, my comfortable kitchen is large, open and bright. It mixes highly polished modern elements with a spattering of rustic materials. It pushes the envelope and brings forth unexpected design components. It is easy to navigate and includes fresh flowers from my garden and a coffee pot with two cups ready to enjoy with a guest. The space wouldn't be complete or comfortable without a deep relaxed chair tucked into the corner, next to a full-length window overlooking the gardens. Add the scent of fresh apple pie drifting through the space while Motown plays softly in the background, and we've achieved my definition of comfort, or my signature style, Cashmere & Blue Jeans. It's a style that is authentic, polished, supple, rustic, refined, easy, time-honored and, well, just plain comfortable.





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