

# Guests of Honor

BY CHRISTIE DUBOIS

A thoughtfully appointed guest room is a priority for the gracious host.



Ivory silk-upholstered hardwood chaise by Horchow. Bristol Peruvian basketweave throws by Sferra.



**ALEX DICKSON**  
Alex Dickson Interiors,  
West Palm Beach

"It's always nice to have a pair of slippers and a bathrobe for guests, just in case they don't bring their own. Because they are in unfamiliar surroundings and there are noises they aren't used to, I always like to provide some type of stereo and sound soother so they can listen to the ocean or rain. It's important to have a room that is inviting and comforting, because guests are out of their own bedroom and their everyday life. Any convenience you can add to make them feel special is helpful."



DAVID O. MARLOW

Alex Dickson accented the color scheme with autumn shades to create warmth in this Vail, Colo. home's guest room.

**MICHELLE LONGARZO**  
Home Design Specialties,  
Palm Beach Gardens

"It's important to make guest rooms inviting and cozy, and to have a focal point and a nice color scheme. It can really alter the mood. I always like to put a chair or ottoman into a room for a guest to sit on and read. It's also nice to have plants in the room, because they bring the outdoors indoors."

**LISA ERDMANN**  
Lisa Erdmann and Associates,  
West Palm Beach

"I recently did a guest room on Fisher Island. It was a lot of fun because the client wanted it to be relaxing. I used a lot of soft colors, hung up a seashell chandelier, and framed pieces of coral and hung those on the walls. I used a down comforter and crisp linens because it's important to have a comfortable and luxurious bed. With a house close to the beach, it's nice to have towels in the room so guests don't have to hunt for their own when they want to go out for a swim."