

## JEWELS IN THE CROWN

The true showstoppers are the kitchen and the breakfast room — but if you're envisioning a cozy little space for tea and toast, stop right there. (You might use the beautiful morning room or cheerful yellow garden room when you want to linger over a hot cup and read the *Times*.) The breakfast room has six generous windows to lend an airy, sunny feel and provide a view of the pretty pool. You can easily seat a large group in this inviting blue heaven.

The brand-new, fully appointed, sparkling kitchen goes above and beyond. Made over by Ulrich, a Ridgewood design favorite since 1948, the room has Colonial Gold granite by Dente, finely crafted Brookhaven by Wood-Mode cabinetry, and a floor paved with Crossville Emperor's Gold porcelain stone tiles and polished inserts. The stainless-steel appliances (including two ovens and two dishwashers) are Electrolux Plus, and the farm sink and faucet were made in France. Other dream details: Perimeter cabinets in white painted maple and island cabinets in cherry with black glazing. The island comfortably seats six for quick weekday cereal or leisurely Sunday waffles.



## BEST-DRESSED LIST

From the mirrored wall in the dining room to the walk-in closet worthy of a dozen Brooks Brothers suits and golden cuff links, style is of the essence. Right off the master bedroom, picture a newly designed theatre/screening area with two chaise lounges. The master bath has a pair of Clive Christian vanities and a huge Jacuzzi soaking tub.

A petite second-floor sitting room can be whatever you desire. But for the Designer Showhouse, it was wittily transformed by Vanessa DeLeon Associates into Sitting Room No. 5, inspired by Coco Chanel — the quilted black patent-leather wall covering made a fashionable backdrop for signature strands of pearls, and French music was piped in from behind the floor-length drapes.

## POOL PARTY

The lagoon pool looks like something out of Beverly Hills, and the Tennessee crab stone surround is roomy enough for plenty of lounge chairs and buckets of bright flowers. The heated pool house is a big bonus. It has a living room, bedroom, bath and fully equipped kitchen with wine rack and small-scale Viking stove. It can be your guest house, or perhaps the perfect spot for your college grad who returns home for a while (and wants a little independence).

