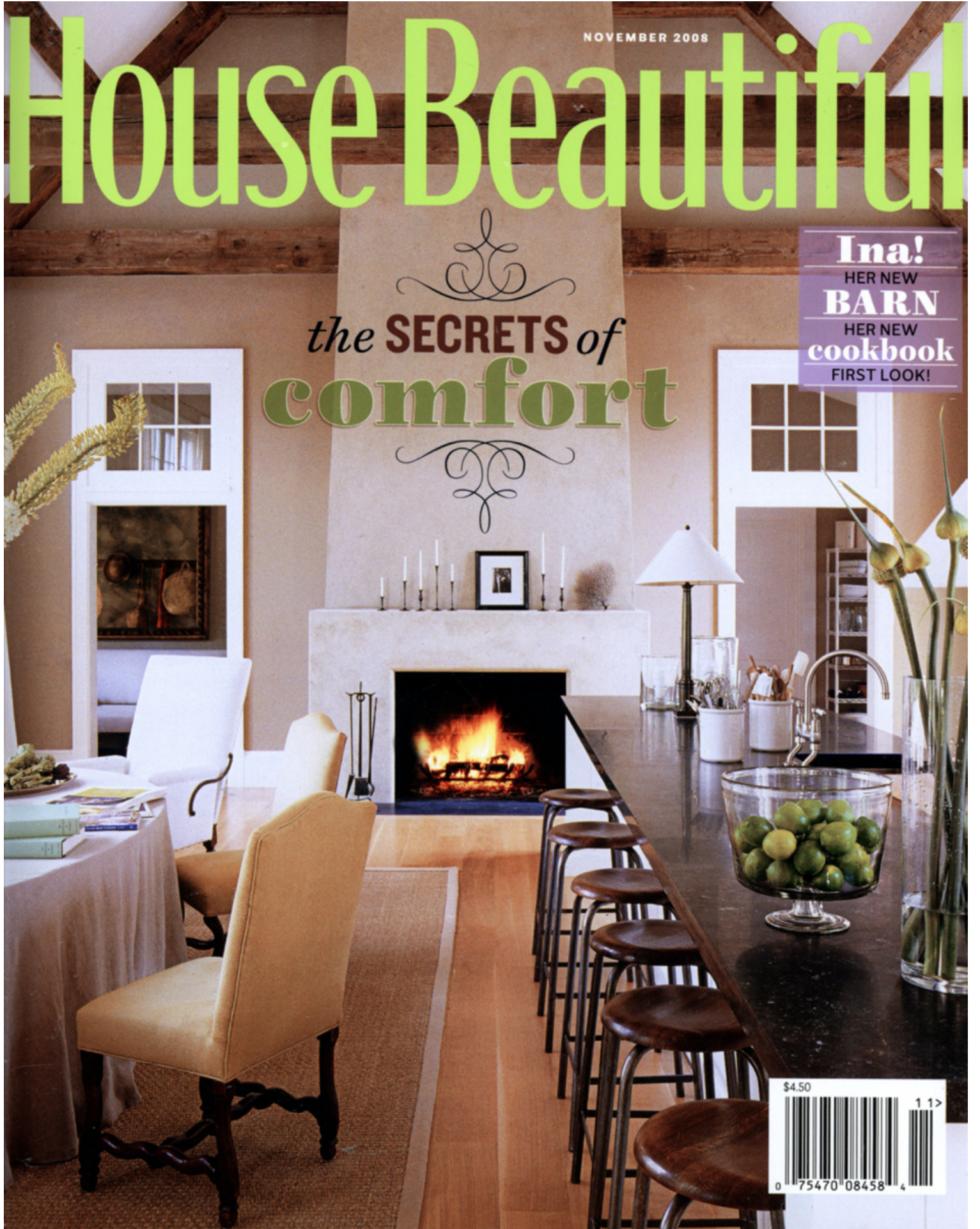


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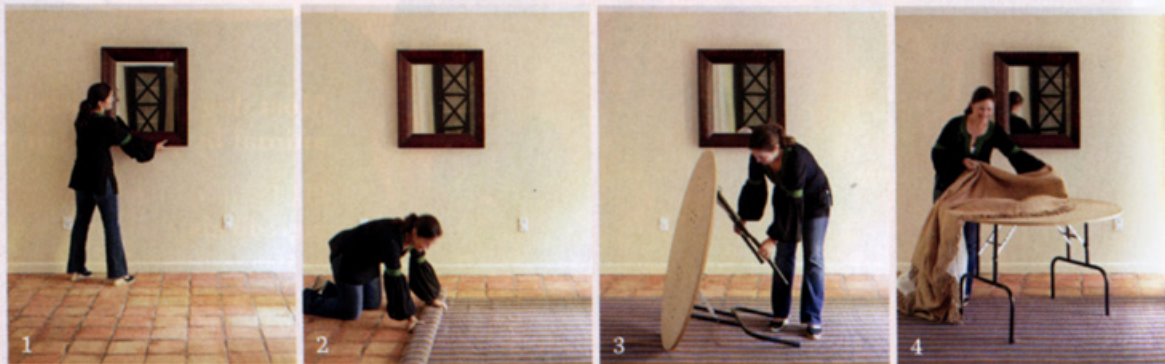
# FLIP! FOR DECORATING

## The Foyer Center Table

In our newest column, special projects editor Elizabeth Mayhew shows you what works in decorating—and why. She starts in the most logical place...

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1. Create a focal point by hanging a mirror so its center is at eye level.

2. The stripes on an all-weather rug optically draw guests into the house.

3. A round table breaks up the boxiness of the space.

4. Cover the table with a cloth that falls to the floor (you can use the space underneath for storage).

5. A large vase in the center of the table, preferably with color or pattern, adds height and interest.

6. Keep vase stocked with flowers or branches. Surround it with oversize books.

7. Add decorative elements like boxes, picture frames, candles, sculpture, and trays, but no more than 7 objects on a 48-inch round table.

8. Voilà! A stylish entry for all to see.

9. With just a little rearranging and a few extra chairs, your foyer can double as a dining space.

