

## MASTER SUITE

Ken Stückenschneider Stückenschneider Decoration & Design

reat rooms and houses always speak to me," says interior designer Ken Stückenschneider. "This one wanted to be a calm, elegant, earthly oasis surrounded by Mother Nature. From the moment I stepped inside the room, I knew it had to connect to the exterior landscape in order for the space to be harmonious with its perfect setting. The architect Bernoudy provided a majestic stage set on which to assemble some wonderful furniture, objects and art complementing the theme of man in nature."

Executed in a color palette suggestive of vanilla, buttery caramel, silky crème brulee, smoky incense, wood, sand and lush greenery, Stückenschneider's master bedroom utilizes a mix of gorgeous, high-end fabrics, including natural linen, velvet, hand-loomed cotton chenille and cashmere silk mohair that create a comfortable retreat. Working in conjunction with the fabrics to envelop the room in a feeling of luxury are rich-looking specialty wall finishes hand-applied by a master craftsman. The centerpiece in this wonderful spa-inspired space is a bespoke 1960s-style king-size bed, accompanied by complementary streamlined nightstands and lamps, modern down-filled upholstery and Ernest Trova's original artworks.

"Life is simply so hectic in the 21st century that I always go for a calm, relaxing interior that soothes the soul," Stückenschneider explains. "Every master bedroom should be a place of refuge and relaxation, but should also be exciting."

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