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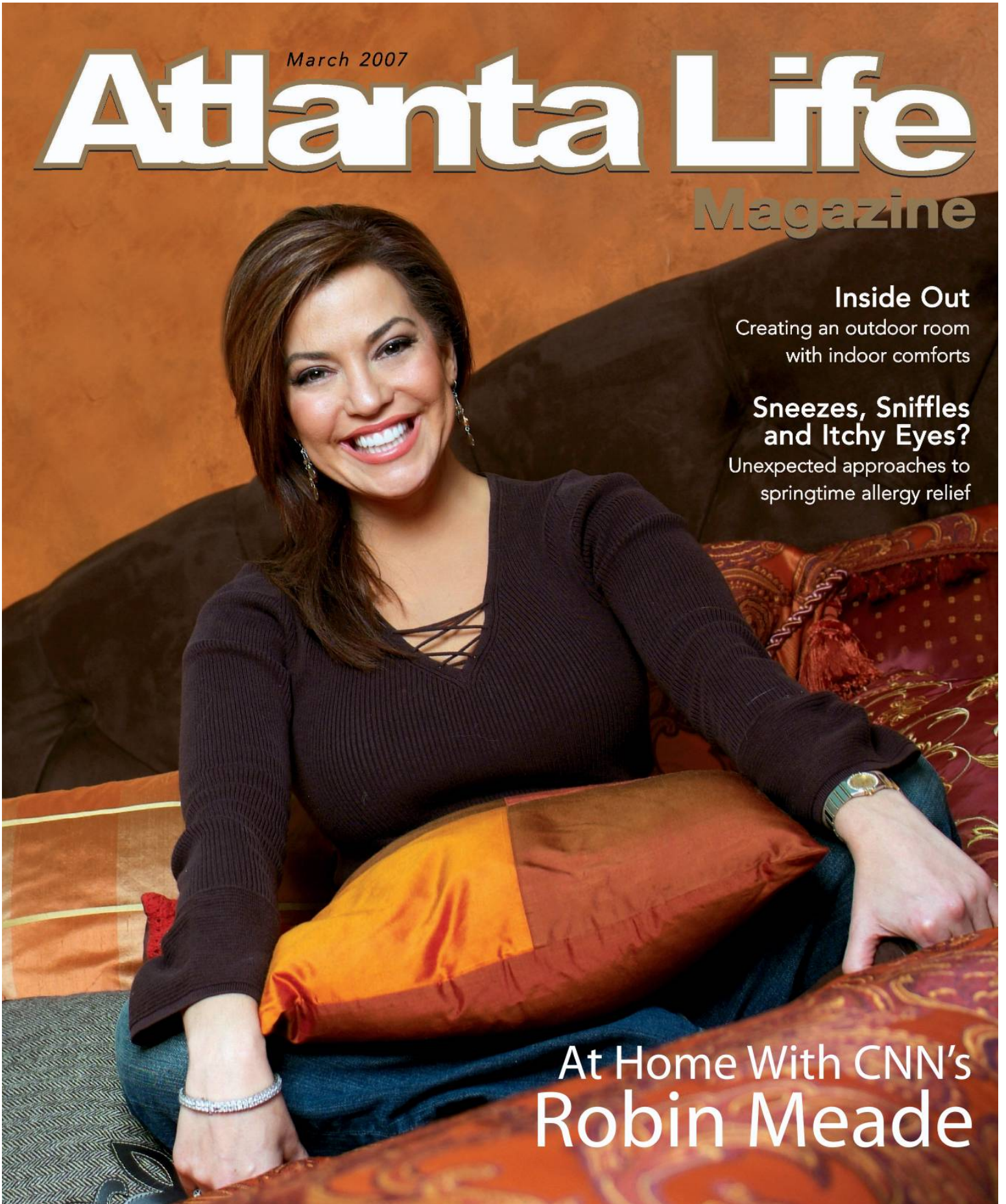
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Model Home Showcase

When interior decorator Valerie DeRoy first began decorating this formal Georgian house in Atlanta's Brookhaven neighborhood, only the home's wall studs were up. This enabled DeRoy to not only influence the architectural plans of the home, but also start the decorating process from the ground up. The result is a combination of Georgian formality and American history, with a touch of French elegance reminiscent of a 19th-century Parisian residence.

Inside the home, the design style transitions from a celadon dining room mixing the owners' (Todd and Julia Wellborn, a builder and banker, respectively) own American furniture pieces with a period toile wallpaper from Schumacher's Smithsonian collection to an eclectic formal living room, where an antique gilded 19th-century French mirror rests above a sexy, curved indigo blue sofa. Refined and timeless rugs from Pakistan and India line the floors, offering muted colors for added sophistication.

On the opposite side of the house, the family room exudes energy and warmth, thanks to a vibrant mix of chocolate, tangerine and coral-colored fabrics, as well as character through its high ceilings and stone fireplace.

The home reflects the stylish and gracious traits of the owners while maintaining a comfortable, livable feel.



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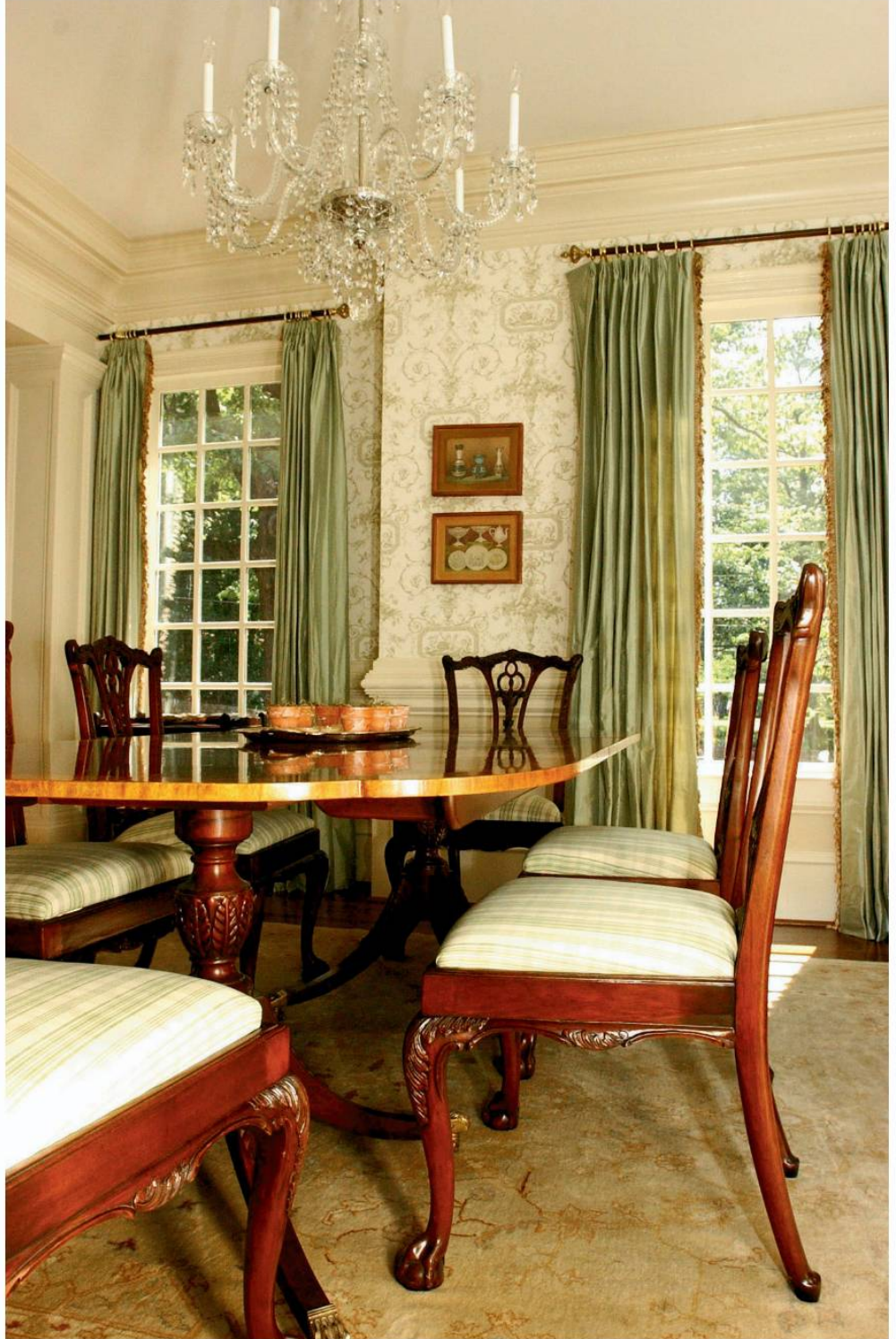
A pair of comfortable, chenille-covered sofas frame the family room. The sofas' textured honey-colored fabric is the perfect counterpoint to the boldly patterned rug. The wrought-iron coffee table offers ample shelf space while its glass top visually minimizes its footprint.

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The island's jet-black cabinets and counter stools add drama to the kitchen by highlighting the room's white Mozambique marble countertops and the kitchen's otherwise bone white cabinets. A subway tiled backsplash over the countertops and a patterned stainless-steel backsplash over the Viking range contribute to the kitchen's sparkling and polished look.

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In the formal dining room, the client's own furniture was updated by reupholstering the seats of the dining room chairs with a striped silk fabric. A delicate rug from India underlines the light color scheme without overpowering the room's other furnishings. Mahogany poles with intricate brass finials and rings were selected for the window treatments. The elegant celadon silk curtains bordered with tassel trims were kept simple to complement the wall's toile. ❖