

# House Beautiful

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**EXCLUSIVE:**

## How to Get the New Ralph Lauren Look

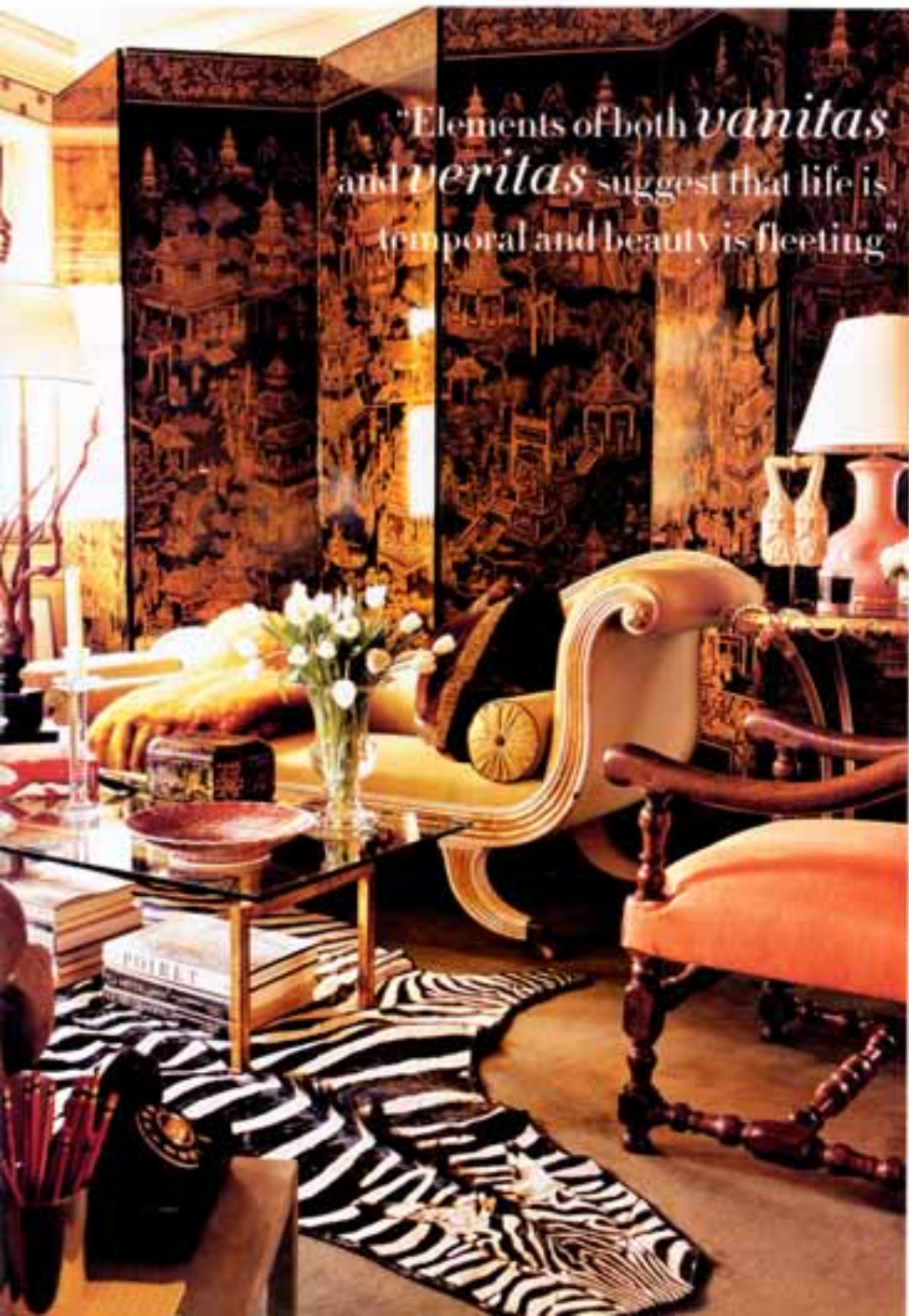
Stunning furnishings, bedding, accessories,  
and tableware from the Lauren Collection

### DRAMATIC NEW MAKEOVERS:

- Fabulous family room  
before and afters
- Making room for  
the new baby



Near right: Eric Cohler sits before mirrors from Manhattan Shade & Glass. Far right: Window treatments are Garden Folley in Chocolate from A.M. Collection. Below: Chaise longue from Lafayette Antiques is covered in Bechamel from Rogers & Goffigon. Louis XIII chair from Amy Perlin Antiques is covered with Shaker in Cinnabar, also from Rogers & Goffigon. Cocktail table from Sentimento. Paris floor lamp is Cohler's own design for Visual Comfort.



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"It's an eclectic mix of curated objects," says Eric Cohler of his lady's dressing room. "This is a space for a woman to clothe herself, or just close out the world."

A coromandel screen hides a closet, while the space before it juxtaposes a large piece of branching faux-coral with a zebra skin rug and a flat-screen television with a rotary dial phone. The color scheme is peach, acid green, chocolate brown, and sepia.

Cohler, who studied art history at Hobart College and has a master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University, compares the room to a Dutch still-life painting, "where elements of both *vanitas* and *veritas* suggest that life is temporal and beauty is fleeting."

A dressing room can be a counterpoint to the surrounding decor, he suggests, like a fuchsia lining revealed under a sober pinstripe suit. "It's fun to reverse things and give yourself an unexpected delight when you open the closet door." ●