















#### PREVIOUS PAGES

(pages 56-57): This long room catches the last rays of western sunshine each day. It is divided into two seating areas: one for TV and the other for introspection and conversation. Deep, back-to-back sofas sit on matching handwoven Armenian rugs. The room is encircled with small LED lights to create a curtain of light. Colors are neutral and rich to ground long views of water, light, and clouds. Left (page 58): In the same South Beach high-rise, soft seating is placed around an overscale ottoman. A movie lamp has been placed to collect and diffuse the energy of a sharp angle in the corner. Right (page 59): Slatted sliding doors made from Bolivian wood close off a kitchen. This is a way to enclose space without confining it. Kitchen lights glow through the slats like a giant Japanese lantern.

#### OPPOSITE

In this flexible common room in a loft, translucent sliding doors open and close to define different areas. The owner can wheel a big blue ottoman aside and turn one area into a tai chi room. The ottoman itself is a queen-size bed and can also be joined to the sectional for the family to group and enjoy movies. An artist painted door with a handle cast from a mold of oyster sticks conceals the door of a guest bathroom.

#### FOLLOWING PAGES

Left (page 62): Wooden beams reclaimed from a cotton factory form this thirteen-foot dining table on a sturdy base. An inviting mingle of upholstered chairs and benches flank it. An eight-by-eight-foot art light made from paper collaged on acrylic gives off a pleasant evening glow. Right (page 63): A curled piece of found driftwood adds a layer of texture to this long wooden table. The quiet design of this table provides the right backdrop for whatever activity takes place there, whether it is a raucous dinner party, a business meeting, or an evening of homework. (pages 65-66) A walnut dining table seats twenty. The soul of the tree is represented in its amazing grain. *Wabi-sabi* is celebrated in the untouched cracks and imperfections. Sturdy dining chairs with slip-cased seats and removable backs can be dry-cleaned.



















