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AFM Designer Showhouse 2009

This month, our entire issue is dedicated to the incredible Designer Showhouse 2009, which is currently open for tours (ticket purchasing information on page 24). Explore our 26-page pictorial that will lead you through 29 flawlessly designed spaces in F.O. Buck's 23,000-sq.-ft. home on Mummy Mountain in Paradise Valley. These inspiring quarters have been brought to life by 32 local interior designers, and tour profits will be donated to four fabulous local charities. Countless hours of work have gone into this month-long open house—see the fruits of our labors in this collector's edition issue, and come see the real thing this weekend.

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**STYLE
TIP**

Keep furniture to the scale of the room. Also, don't block natural light with drapery or furniture.



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Studio Room and Laundry Room

Chimera Interior Design, Valerie Borden, designer
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Valerie Borden of Chimera Interior Design envisioned this studio as an artistic space, with the room's staple being a work table. "This is where everything begins and ends," Borden says. "Creativity can be elusive. It is important to avoid visual distractions, while at the same time fashioning a room where one would be enveloped with inspiration." The designer's simplistic décor includes pieces that are usable and inviting. A leather chair highlights the room's depth, while sheer draperies open the studio's view to the outside. Monochromatic accessories assist in balancing the space.

The first-floor laundry room—often the most overlooked room—was inspired by the summer blockbuster, "Mamma Mia." Below the beautifully crafted cherry wood cabinetry are vibrant Mediterranean-influenced fabrics. "This evokes fabrics hanging to dry in a Mediterranean courtyard overlooking the sea," Borden says. Accessories in blue and green complete the scene. —C.W.



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