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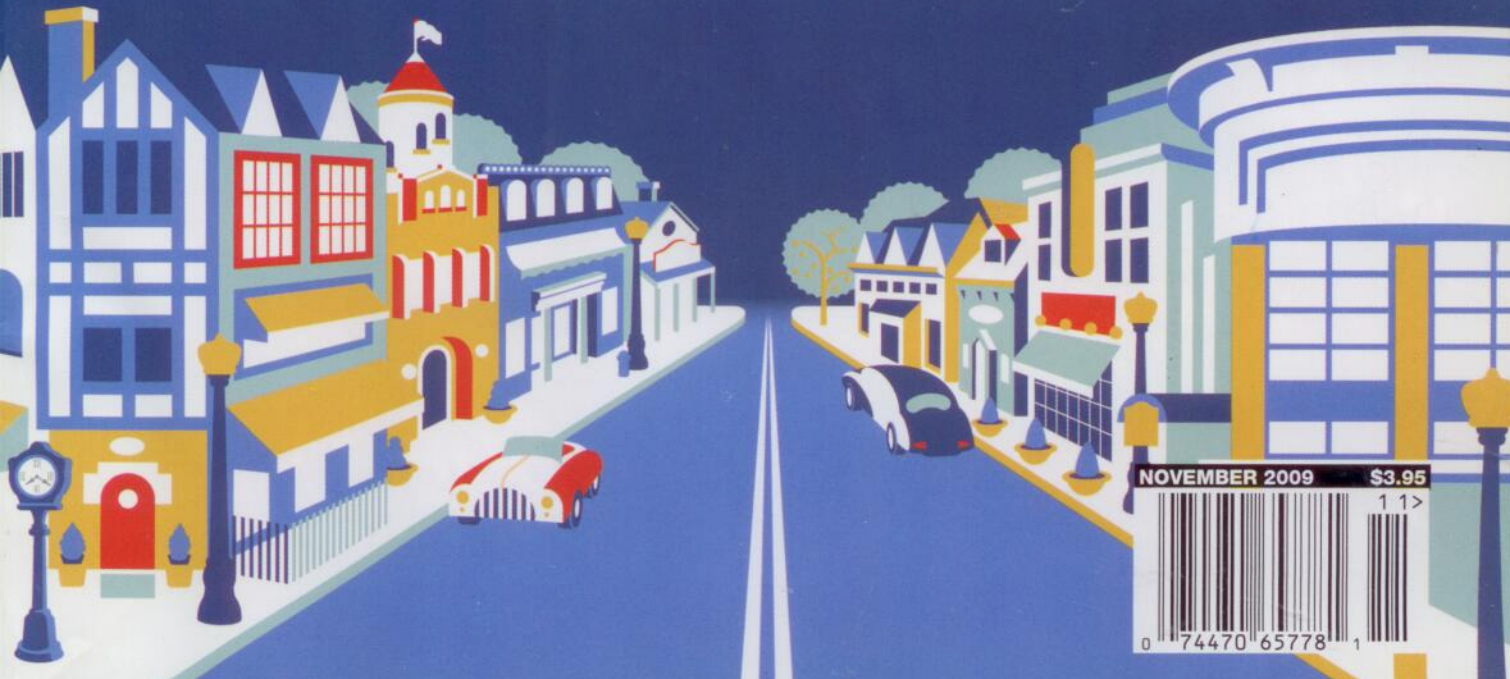
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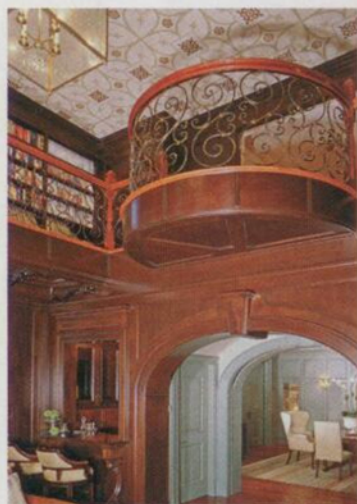
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The balconied library in this Greenwich home is a study in elegance . . . it's got movie-star glamour, with an intimacy that invites you to draw near.

The 20-by-20-foot room, accessed through a deep, double-arched doorway from the dining room, evokes a sense of comfort, not formality, even with its dark-stained mahogany paneling and hefty leather chairs.



"Most wood-paneled libraries are forbidding," says Lori Feldman, the interior designer who lives here. "Often people describe a space like this as 'grand,' especially if it is two-story, but I designed it to be cozy." And in fact, Lori often sits here quietly with her husband, while at other times the private spot can be transformed into a gathering place for guests. 67 ►

The mahogany-clad library in this Greenwich home looks polished, feels inviting. A quartet of outsize leather rolled-arm chairs sets the tone for comfort. The homeowner/designer says, "I have no problem with feet up on the furniture." Proof positive is the front-and-center ottoman that serves as both coffee table and footrest.

