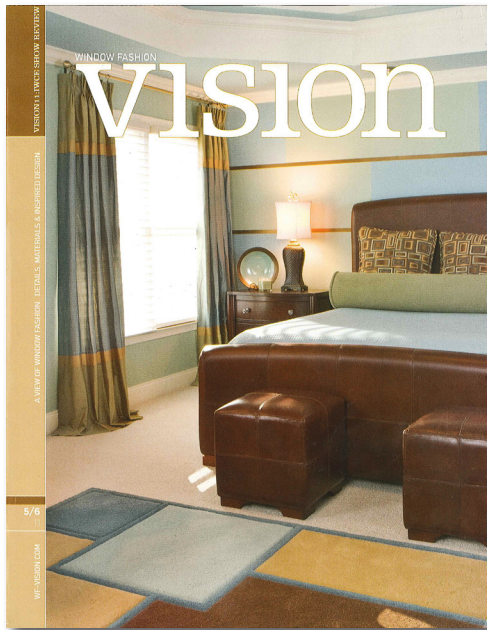


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**RUTH DELF WITH KATHY HOFFMAN, SUSAN FREDMAN DESIGN**

**FIRST PLACE, GREEN DESIGN**

**DESIGN CONCEPT**

Ruth Delf was co-hosting a networking and informational event about green design when Victoria Di Lorio, the project director for Healthy Home 2010 first approached her. "She shared with me her passion for healthy interiors and introduced the Healthy Home concept," Delf said.

Healthy Home 2010 was the first designer showhouse in the nation to bridge the gap between traditional green building and healthy interiors. It was the first house in the U.S. to incorporate elements of the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute's Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Management Plan for Residential Construction, a system for creating—from the ground up—buildings that contribute to healthier indoor air. Built by Dior Builders in the Chicago suburb of Palatine, the home was open for viewing autumn 2010.

Delf and Hoffman designed the interiors, specifying low- or no-VOC and natural products throughout the home. The overall style is transitional, bridging classic architecture with updated finishes and furnishings. "We'd done a lot of work with green design and LEED certified buildings," Delf said, "but this was definitely a different direction for our practice in learning about toxicity and how to determine that in specific products."

For the master bedroom, the designers' goal was to create a serene, luxurious retreat where the homeowners can relax and unwind using healthy products that don't compromise luxurious design. An organic silk rug with natural vegetable dyes, organic bedding and zero VOC paint are complemented by window treatments by Hartmann & Forbes made from natural fibers that are sustainably grown and harvested.

**DETAILS**  
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