

SPECIAL ISSUE

Town&Country

ESTABLISHED IN 1846

SPRING FASHION 2007!

DREAMY DRESSES

NIGHTTIME KNOCKOUTS

GLAMOROUS WEEKEND STYLES

SEXY BAGS AND SHOES

PLUS:
35 MUST-HAVES

MARCH 2007

Our model wears
Louis Vuitton

A SWINGIN' AFFAIR

Frank Sinatra's original Palm Springs getaway is just the

place for making cool style statements.

Nice work if you can get it—and chances are you can, in these choices for poolside panache. On the women, from left: Salvatore Ferragamo swimsuit (\$490); Lola hat (\$175); Be & D bag (\$995); Chanel patent-leather wedges (\$695). Missoni viscose caftan (\$840); Roxanne Assoulin for Lee Angel crystal earrings (\$245); Carolina Herrera sunglasses (\$300); Brian Atwood platform sandals (\$665). On him: Ralph Lauren Purple Label cotton shirt (\$250); Gant cotton pants (\$175); Ray-Ban sunglasses (\$130). Foreground: Paul Stuart hat (\$168); Chanel striped towel (\$445); Emilio Pucci towel (\$285). Hair by David Cruz for Cutler NYC/Redken. Makeup by Gina Brooke for Caliente Beauty, using Shu Uemura cosmetics. Props styled by Peter Gargagliano at petergdesign.com.

Photographs by
Lorenzo Agius
Styled by Amelia Vicini
and Eric Helbig



THE HOUSE HE LIVED IN

Frank Sinatra's first house in Palm Springs—photographed here—is called Twin Palms, after the two tall palm trees that dominate the property. It is a contemporary house, one of several designed by California modernist E. Stewart Williams. After he made his first million, Sinatra promised himself, his then wife, Nancy, and his children a weekend house. What he had in mind was a traditional Georgian mansion, but the architect and his partner and brother, Roger Williams, wisely talked him out of building something that would be at such odds with the landscape. Shortly after Sinatra moved in, in 1947, his marriage to Nancy broke up. The house then became a hideaway for Sinatra and his new wife, Ava Gardner, the love of his life. It was where they partied, entertained the likes of Bogie and Bacall and had several of their famously ferocious fights. There is even a telling crack in the master-bathroom sink, where Sinatra supposedly threw a bottle of Champagne out of anger.

Over the years, various owners have updated the decor, but the basic footprint of the four-bedroom house is as it was when Sinatra and his friends lived it up there. So is the pool, which is shaped like a grand piano. The latest owners hired interior designer Darren Brown to redecorate the house so that it feels more like the early fifties, when the world was young. If the walls could speak, imagine what they would say (and sing). *Twin Palms* is available for rent for \$2,600 a night. Contact HomesRun Inc., 866-370-5343; sinatrahouse.com.

Night and day, you are the one—especially in a glamorous look worthy of an evening with a Sinatra sound track. On the women, from left: Christian Lacroix black satin dress with cotton-silk detail (\$3,110); Julie Sandlau gold and black-onyx earrings (\$320). Prada blue satin long-sleeved tunic (\$1,945), ruched cotton skinny pants (\$475) and brown leather belt (\$350); Asha by ADM Dome ring (\$675). On piano: Ralph Lauren clutch (\$1,800). On him: Ralph Lauren Purple Label wool jacket (\$1,595), cotton pleated shirt (\$495), wool pants (\$795) and grosgrain bow tie (\$95).



Bewitched, bothered and bewildered? That's what your admirers will be once they see you in Michael Kors's vintage-inspired two-piece bathing suit with halter top and high-waisted bottom (\$398). Ralph Lauren Collection floral silk kimono (\$2,198); Janis Savitt for Ralph Lauren crystal earrings (\$2,000); M&J Savitt crystal-quartz (\$850) and opal-quartz (\$900) rings; Robert Marc sunglasses (\$375); Manolo Blahnik heels (\$585). Opposite: You'll definitely go to his head in Erès's backless one-piece boy-short swimsuit (\$450) and Chanel's glass-pearl necklace (\$835), flower necklace (\$1,995) and metal cuff (\$1,095). On him: Burberry London cotton-poplin blazer (\$995) and cotton-voile shirt (\$165); Gant linen pants (\$185); Polo by Ralph Lauren belt (\$125).





The lady is a vamp in this high-contrast ensemble: Hermès's cotton blouse with kimono sleeves (\$970) and draped jersey skirt in poppy red (\$3,075). M&J Savitt gold-vermeil ball necklace (\$400). Opposite: Thinking of practicing a little witchcraft? It won't be hard to cast a spell in one of these two chic silhouettes. At left, Ralph Lauren Collection silk coat (\$1,998) and pants (\$898); Alexis Bittar bamboo and Lucite earrings (\$225). At right, David Szeto short navy-blue silk dress with patent-leather floral detail (\$1,215); Kenneth Jay Lane ring (\$88).

The girl next door? She never looked like these babes, in minidresses that make a maxi impact by combining short length with voluminous sleeves. From left: Marchesa silk-organza bateau-neck dress with sumptuous sculpted sleeves (\$3,850); Kenneth Jay Lane gold and topaz cuff (\$175); Asha by ADM rings (\$295 each); Christian Louboutin Foxtrot patent-leather sling-backs (\$710). Fendi silk dress (\$1,710) and belt (\$465); Roxanne Assoulin for Lee Angel hoop earrings (\$550); Swarovski Cosmos Mirror Box Pendant necklace (\$900); Pierre Hardy leather wedges (\$935). On him: Canali Capri jacket (\$1,395), linen shirt (\$225), linen pocket square (\$60), cotton pants (\$210) and leather belt (\$195); Cole Haan Collection ostrich loafers (\$1,000).





That old feeling? He'll get it again when you're in Valentino's pink silk halter gown with embroidered bodice (\$11,700). Stephen Dweck rock-crystal cuff (\$1,475) and rock-crystal-studded cuff (price on request). Opposite: Oh, look at me now! Two more to-the-floor designs that will create lasting impressions. At left, Roberto Cavalli silk gown with crystal-and-jewel-beaded neckline (\$10,250). At right, Derek Lam asymmetrical silk-jersey gown (\$3,900); Dior by John Galliano diamanté sandals (\$770).



It'll be anything but the same old Saturday night—if you hit the town in one of these gowns. Whether their graphic lines curve or run straight, they're bound to take you somewhere special. On the ladies, from left: Ralph Lauren Collection asymmetrical tulle beaded gown (\$15,000); Roxanne Assoulin for Lee Angel crystal teardrop earrings (\$245); Christian Louboutin Tenue crepe heels (\$750). J. Mendel graphic-print silk-chiffon gown with Chantilly-lace bust (\$7,900); Stephen Dweck rock-crystal bracelets (\$1,395–\$2,320). On the guys, from left: Michael Bastian cotton jacket (\$1,490), cotton shirt (\$310) and cotton tie (\$145); Isaia wool-and-silk pants (\$775); Makins hat (\$125); Cole Haan Collection loafers (\$298). Brooks Brothers Regent sharkskin suit (\$898); Brioni cotton shirt (\$550) and tie (\$165); John Lobb shoes (\$985). Opposite: All or nothing at all? No need to choose when you can have it both ways in a swimsuit that's dressy *and* daring: Chanel lustrous tweed-and-jersey one-piece with front-tied halter (\$590); R.J. Graziano glass-pearl necklaces (\$95–\$175); M&J Savitt gold-vermeil necklace (\$850).





In the wee small hours of the morning... you'll still be polished in Dior by John Galliano's green-gold silk-jersey dress (\$3,585). Stephen Dweck earrings (\$1,195); Kenneth Jay Lane cuff (\$750); Devi Kroell evening bag (\$2,250). On him: Brioni cotton sweater-vest (\$690) and polo (\$300); Valentino linen pants (\$350); John Lobb shoes (\$1,330). Opposite: So easy to love—that will be you, in Salvatore Ferragamo's yellow hand-beaded silk skirt (\$15,500), yellow cotton cardigan (\$540) and red leather belt (\$330). Rebecca Lau earrings (\$174); Alexandra Knight Magnolia clutch (\$1,600); Manolo Blahnik shoes (\$565). At left, MaxMara printed silk dress (\$815); Brian Atwood sandals (\$665). Foreground: Ralph Lauren clutch (\$1,800).



Smart guys, not just dolls, know they should never put their dreams away—or dress for anything less than a swingin' affair. From left: Etro cotton plaid suit (\$1,600); Canali cotton shirt (\$295); Hickey Freeman tie (\$98). Brioni wool suit (\$4,200), cotton shirt (\$550), silk tie (\$175) and linen pocket square (\$80); Polo by Ralph Lauren leather belt (\$125). On wall: Makins hat (\$125).

Opposite: In Sinatra's former music room, what else could you have but a night when we were young? Gucci silk-brocade tile-patterned shift dress (\$14,355) and silk-jacquard pants (\$1,435); Janis Savitt for Ralph Lauren earrings (\$2,000); Roxanne Assoulin for Lee Angel bangles (\$170-\$230); Giorgio Armani thong sandals (\$995). In background, from left: Valentino tuxedo (\$1,895), tuxedo shirt (\$550) and bow tie (\$195); J.M. Weston shoes (\$1,290). Requiem gray-and-white silk-blend strapless dress (\$3,050); M&J Savitt necklace (\$450); Stephen Dweck sterling-silver bracelet (\$2,420); Jimmy Choo flats (\$535). For shopping information, see page 203.

