

STYLE



Thad Hayes: The Tailored Interior (Rizzoli, \$55.00)

Since establishing his office in New York in 1985, Thad Hayes has become one of the most desirable young interior designers. His interiors embrace the period and the modern, significant objects and simple ones, furniture he finds and pieces he designs. Among the 22 residences featured in *The Tailored Interior* are a penthouse on Central Park, a Palm Beach retreat and a Hamptons hideaway. Each design is remarkable for its symbiotic sensitivity to the client and Hayes' own subtle, extraordinarily beautiful aesthetic.



Relics on Royal Street

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A Stitch in Time

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Getting Personal

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