## THE LAST WORDS

## How Do You Spend a Rainy Saturday?

Exploring, remaking, hunkering down...nine designers share how they recharge their batteries.

Interviews by MARIA RICAPITO

"It's always a great chance to do a little redecorating: redo tabletops, repot plants, move furniture around. I live on a horse farm, so when it's not raining, we're out with the horses."

"It's a good time to visit the vintage stores in Wicker Park [Chicago], especially Rebuilding Exchange, and look for old hardware, doors, and windows in need of a home."

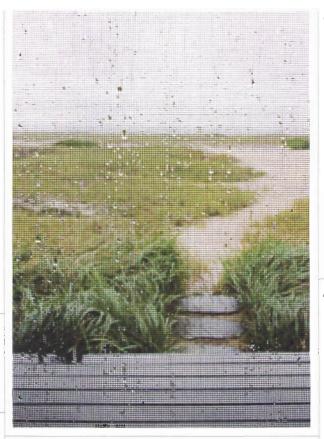
"Nothing beats listening to the rain

while wrapped in a cozy cashmere throw, nestled into my citron velvet-covered Probber armchair." AMYLAU

"I huddle on the deep sofas on my covered porch in Sag Harbor and look out at the rain over the water. I like to pull together plates of cheeses, sausages, grapes or figs, crackers, and jams, and open up some wine for any guests who stop by. Everyone's welcome!"

"I'll curl up on the sofa on my screened-in porch on Nantucket with my three bichons frises and my cotton throw from Nantucket Looms. I've got a novel and a glass of iced green tea at hand, and the dogs love watching the rabbits on our lawn eating clover. We're all happy."

TRUDY DUIARDIN



"It hardly ever rains in Southern California in the summer, so when it does it's really special. I immediately light a fire in my library, make a great cup of coffee, and spend time looking through my books. At times like these, I think I could spend a year never leaving this room." BARBARA BARRY

"Any Saturday without something scheduled is a huge luxury. If it's raining, I have an additional excuse not to leave the house. I'll spread all my unread magazines on the sofa, prop myself up on a stack of cream cashmere pillows with a content orange cat in my lap, and pore over them, ripping out articles and pictures that catch my eye."

BARBARA WESTBROOK

"I have both a big sofa and an old rattan chaise on my porch, and either one is an enticing option when it's just not possible to be out in the sun.

There's nothing better than dozin off to the sound or

the rain." GIL SCHAFEE

"A rainy afternoon is a gift, an excuse to veer off the lis of tasks to be done. I'll head to the canopied daybed of my sleeping porch and catch up on reading. Or I'l do a doubleheader of old movies under a blanket in the dark medi room with my dogs at my

CHARLOTTE MOSS

side. Some

weekends. I

pray for rain."

STEVEN GAMBREL