



PREVIOUS PAGE AND COVER: Wanting a barnlike country home on the beach at Malibu, Dot Spikings removed the low ceiling and dividing walls in the central portion of the house. With only the exposed posts, beams and rafters remaining, she has created a light, airy space for herself and her husband, Barry. LEFT: Throughout the house, walls have been washed white, and floors pickled to a pale hue. Crisp white duck covers the sofas in the living area, while bright splashes of color are provided by kilim fabrics. The animal paintings are a witty reference to Barry Spikings's childhood on his father's daffodil farm. ABOVE: A pair of hand-carved swans glide gracefully on a trestle table. ABOVE: Looking west over the Pacific, the large window in the sleeping loft echoes the setting sun's rays.