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“My rancher needs renovating”



Mediterranean detailing by architect Hoyte Johnson takes a Florida cottage from mundane to marvelous

CURVING SIDE BUTTRESSES HINT at the Spanish-Mediterranean influence of Jennifer Pace's Sarasota home. "The challenge here is to lift the house visually through carefully chosen roof materials, windows, and yard elements that support the style," says Hoyte. "The front longs for character. An arched wooden door gives the entry gentleness. The gas lantern on an iron

bracket and the walled fountain reflect European origins." Timber beam ends, horizontal board-and-batten shutters with handsome iron hinges, and a red tile roof fill lifeless expanses with color and texture. "A soft pink paint on the stucco walls plays wonderfully with the low house and its tropical plantings," adds Hoyte. "It's a tone that draws upon the warmth of the sun."

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Page 132 Architect: Hoyte Johnson, PC, Architect; 404/431-5624 or e-mail hoytearch@yahoo.com. **Paint on stucco:** York Bisque

(33); **Paint on shutters:** Picholine (93); **Paint on trim:** Blonde Lace (37), all by Miller Paint Co., available through California Paints; 800/225-1141 or californiapaints.com. **Stain on beams and door:** O.V.T. Solid Color Oil Stain in Mission Brown by Cabot; 800/877-8246 or cabotstain.com. **Shutters:** custom 4-inch horizontal board-and-batten shutters by L.J. Wheeler, Inc.; 866/841-2111 or larryjwheeler.com. **Masonry wall:** Village Garden Wall by Nitterhouse Masonry Products, LLC; 717/267-4500 or nitterhouse.com.