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* We went over the pale peach and coppery brown Venetian plaster walls with colored wax, which gets in all the cracks and crevices and creates a wonderful patina.

* That chandelier is made from real branches cast in bronze. The crystals are hung like

spiderwebs and mixed with citrine and pearls.

* To get the purple, orange, and cream I wanted for the portières, I sewed three different fabrics together.

* Covering the closet walls with fabric makes it feel like a little jewel box.

BED HANGINGS: Favorita by Bergamo. **THROW:** Bindi fabric from Donghia. **COPPER TABLE:** Louise game table from Odegard. **RATTAN CHAIR:** Laura Kirar Barrel Lounge chair for McGuire. **CHANDELIERS:** By Carl Dern Studio. **FRETWORK CHAIRS:** Etnico by Lewis Mittman in Venere by Bergamo. **DESK LAMP:** Square Crystal from Vaughan.

ALEX DICKSON “I couldn’t face another queen-size bed and two nightstands, so when I saw this 150-year-old Chinese wedding bed, I had to have it. I veiled it in dark, smoky sheers and set a pared-down Louis XIV-style table next to it, covered in thin sheets of copper. I love that overlay of the ancient and the modern. Then I turned another bedroom into a study. All you really need is a laptop and a cellphone, so you can have a beautiful desk like this vintage Baker piece. I saw those chairs with the curved fretwork back and thought, let’s just silverleaf them and make them really stunning. The room was very square and boxy, so I took off all the closet doors and draped the openings with curtains, to generate a little mystery.”

