

# Connecticut COTTAGES & GARDENS

## REAL ESTATE

### Deeds & Don'ts

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## INSIDE STORIES BEHIND AREA REAL ESTATE DEALS

### The Super Models

"Model home," a name given to the fully furnished condo unit in a new complex, used to be an exercise in bland: generic, beige and flavor-free. Today, developers are partnering with local designers for model homes that are a win-win for everyone. Designers gain a showcase for their work, while the new gated communities get gorgeous homes that actually draw traffic. At Palmer Hill in Stamford, for instance, Rowayton designer Lynn Morgan was tapped to design the model residences, now open. Palmer Hill will feature 114 townhouses and 81 condos on 20 acres. In West Hartford, Blue Back Square tapped hot design shop Homeward Bound to decorate everything from its chic dining room to its sexy bedrooms, as seen above.