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In the master bedroom suite, all of the interior details, including proportions and level of formality, took cues from salvaged elements from the master bedroom of the dismantled house. The arch framing the window niche is one of two antique archways from the dismantled house. Schafer had two copies made for use elsewhere in the room. The niches are the thickness of the chimney breast, a suitable dimension for built-in bookcases with return air grilles tucked below. An elliptically arched doorway with pocket doors separates the sitting area from the sleeping chamber.

Niches and Nooks



Architect Gil Schafer creates clever storage in a Hudson Valley new old house.

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