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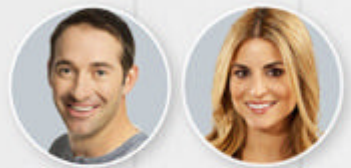
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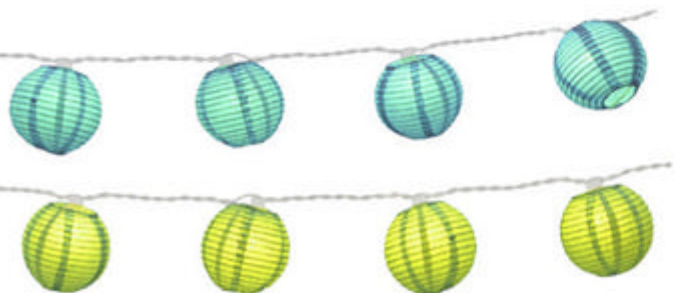
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When working in her studio, Danielle is not afraid to step away from her desk. By spreading out samples on the floor, she is able to mix and match options and create the perfect combinations for a space.



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is it magic? No, it's a flea market flip!

My favorite summer activities include hosting backyard cookouts, wearing colorful flip-flops, eating ice cream sandwiches, and spending all day at outdoor flea markets. I have a weakness for Good. Old. Stuff. Furniture, art, baskets, jars, dishes, chandeliers—the list is long.

Some of my old things are still exactly as I found them, like my favorite vintage road sign, from Joplin, MO. Others I've completely redone, like my dining room chairs (see them on my Instagram feed, @hgtvmagsara). Even if a great piece is cracked, dented, and covered in dust, I'm not afraid to buy it. With a little TLC, almost anything can be reincarnated into something modern and cool.

Our lifestyle editor, Jodi Kahn, agrees. She makes even the junkiest junk into like-new pieces for our Flea Market Flips column. In this issue, Jodi filled eight pages with amazing old-stuff makeovers (page 91). When I saw her plans to spruce up this Federal-style reproduction secretary, I asked to pose with it. Here it is half finished—see the total transformation inside. Every time I look at it, it reminds me why I enjoy flea markets so much: You can *a/ways* find things to rescue and relove.

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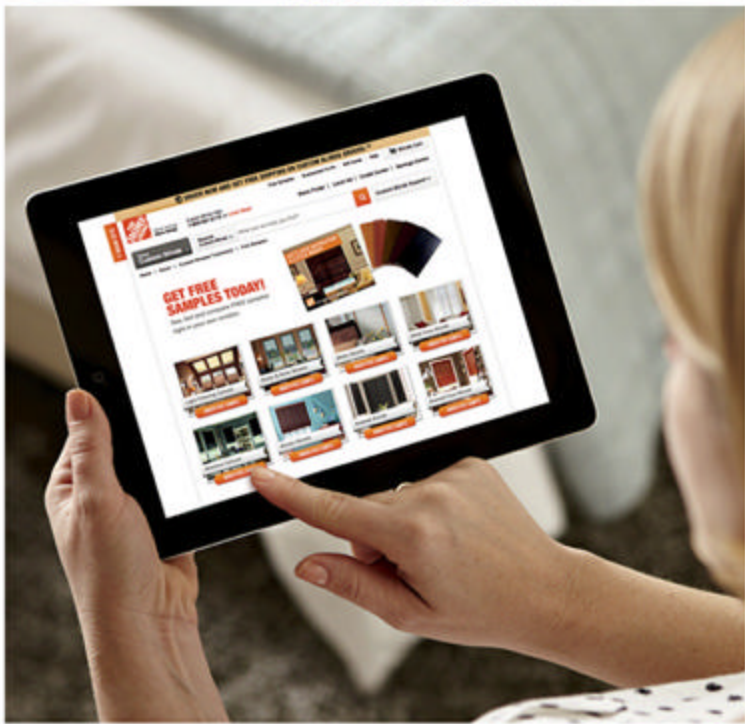


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dear HGTV magazine,

Readers tell us what they think and share photos of their own projects.



I'm in love with Malene Barnett's kitchen from the March issue ("A Kitchen Full of Memories"). It felt like home to me. Her style is exactly the look I want to convey in every room.

—Tanya Malcolm, Fernie, British Columbia

The first story I turn to is always "Copy the Curb Appeal." In every issue, the homes and front yards you feature are warm, welcoming, and full of clever ideas. Even though I've lived in my house for 25 years, I'm still always on the hunt for new ways to pretty up the exterior.

—Alice Lee, Helena, MT



The color palette you used on your April cover [above] gave me an idea for how to perk up my patio furniture. Using similar shades of coral, aqua, and yellow, I painted my chairs and table and a swing. Thanks for showing me such a cool combo.

—Marilyn Williams, Montrose, CO



Your lamp makeover in the April issue ("Would You Let These Lamps in Your House?") inspired me to redo an ancient one I had that was headed for the nearest garage sale. The makeover was such a dramatic change, I surprised even myself with how great it turned out.

—Claire Bailey, Jacksonville, FL



From our cover to your home
My bedroom needed some sprucing up, so I used your March cover as my inspiration. I bought new bedding, and my sister sewed the chevron Euro shams. I'm thrilled with the new look.

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I can't get enough of the zigzag
fabric on the pillows in April's "Help!
Can You Make My Living Room Look
20 Years Younger?" I'm so excited to
get a chair upholstered with it.

—Heidi Landel, Greenbush, MI

As I read through each issue of
HGTV Magazine, I usually dog-
ear the pages that have DIY and
decorating ideas I'd like to try. These
past few issues, there have been
more folded-over pages than not.
Keep up the good work!

—Tina Clarke, Apache Junction, AZ

The March issue's dresser story
("A No-Fail Dresser Formula") was
exactly what I needed. I have a
dresser in my entryway, and your
great styling tips helped me give
it a fresh new look with objects
I already had around the house.

—Rachel Armstrong, Sparrowbush, NY

Thanks for the Help Wanted story
"5 Kitchen Items to Organize Your
Whole House" in March. Here's
another idea to try: Use a wall-
mounted mug rack to organize
necklaces, scarves, and other
accessories.

—Muffy Rhyner, Elkhorn, WI



I'd love to meet the owner of the
blue home you featured in March's
"Copy the Curb Appeal." I thought
I was daring to paint my master
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I just love your “Flea Market Flips” stories. When I saw how you rescued an old, boring table in the November issue with safety tape, it inspired me to do the same. I found this one at a flea market, painted it Midnight Stroll by Clark + Kensington, then taped the top.

—JANET CLARK, WEEDSPORT, NY



Your house tours are a great place to find creative ideas for my own home. The ones in the April issue were especially fun. I loved seeing the trough sink in the Liles boys’ bathroom (“The Hand-Me-Down House”). I’m thinking about putting a similar sink in my guest bath, so it helped to see how well it worked.

—Kathy Weiss, Naples, FL

With a new apartment and a blank space to decorate, I found Anthony Carrino’s historic New Jersey loft and design tips in the April issue (“Anthony’s Dream Loft”) a huge inspiration. I especially admire how he combined the rustic look of a farm table and a wood breakfast bar with colorful, modern decor.

—Michael Aaron Gallagher, Syracuse, NY



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really bad! 😞

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...to **clean your grill** with household cleaner?

All-purpose cleaner is typically too wimpy to tackle baked-on ickiness. “You need something stronger,” says Randy Romero, president of Atlanta-based Sparkle Grill Cleaning, who battles grill buildup with a heavy-duty oven cleaner. If you’re cleaning a gas grill, preheat it until it’s warm (about 200 °F), then turn it off; clean a charcoal grill after cooking on it—just let it cool, then remove the briquettes. Now get to work: Spray the inside, close the lid, and let it sit for 30 minutes. Finish by wiping the entire interior with a wet sponge. That kind of cleaning, says Romero, plus regular scraping with a grill brush, will ensure a longer-lasting grill.

pretty bad! 😞

...to **not wash your bathing suit** after swimming?

Your swimsuit should get a sudsy dip once you come out of the water. Pool chemicals, saltwater, sand, and sunscreen can all break down fabrics and elastic, so clean your swimwear ASAP, says Kate Wilton, senior director of merchandising and design at Speedo USA. Hand-washing your suit with a mild detergent is best, but at a minimum, rinse it thoroughly with cool water, then lay it flat to dry in a spot out of direct sunlight. Or keep your suit on in the shower post-swim, and lather it up with shampoo—it’s a great mild detergent.

pretty bad! 😞



...to **paint a second coat** before the first one dries?

Watching paint dry can be like, well, watching paint dry. But a rushed second coat can be the difference between a quality outcome and a hard-to-fix disaster, says Bob Cusumano, technical adviser to the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America. Get impatient and you risk a paint job that resembles a dried-out lake bed or melting wax. Cusumano suggests following the drying timetable listed on the paint can and doing the touch test: If the surface feels tacky, it’s not ready to be repainted.

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...to **throw rice** at a wedding?

Good news for newlyweds: Showering rice over a just-hitched bride and groom is a perfectly bird-safe tradition. The fear that rice can harm nature's feathered friends—and even cause them to explode—is an urban myth. "Rice is not bad for birds," says Jim Krupa, Ph.D., a professor of biology at the University of Kentucky who has conducted tests using both regular and instant rice. Further proof: Rice fields around the world are a prime food source for waterfowl and migratory birds. The only real danger with throwing rice at weddings is that it can be slippery, especially on stone steps.

not bad at all! 😊



...to **share a razor** with your spouse?

Even if you have a what's-yours-is-mine marriage, stop at the razor. "It's never a good idea to share razors because of the possible transfer of organisms," says Philip M. Tierno Jr., Ph.D., director of clinical microbiology at NYU Langone Medical Center and author of *The Secret Life of Germs*. A moist blade creating microscopic cuts is an efficient delivery system for nasties like jock itch and warts—and that's without nicking yourself. Draw blood and—worst-case scenario—you risk contracting hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or MRSA, the superbug bacteria that causes antibiotic-resistant staph infections. So keep your razor for you alone.

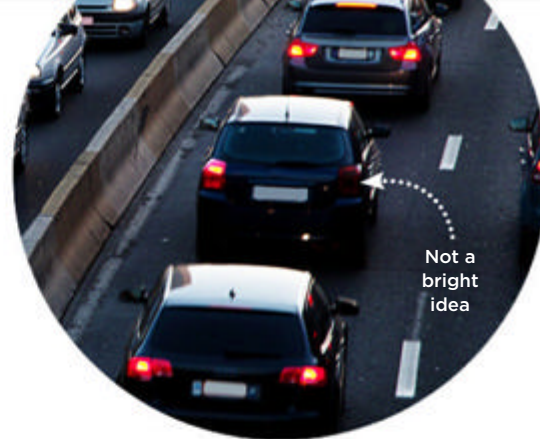
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...to drive with a **broken taillight**?

Hitting the road with a nonworking taillight—whether it's busted or the bulb is burned out—ups your chances of an accident. Without the proper illumination, "the car behind you may not see you until they're too close, and that can create problems," says Cathleen Lewis, a spokesperson for AAA New Jersey Automobile Club. Since a broken taillight is also easily spotted by law enforcement, you might be pulled over for a traffic violation, which can mean a warning, a fine, or worse—for example, if it leads the police to notice other violations. Make it a habit to regularly check your taillights, especially when the weather is rainy or snowy.

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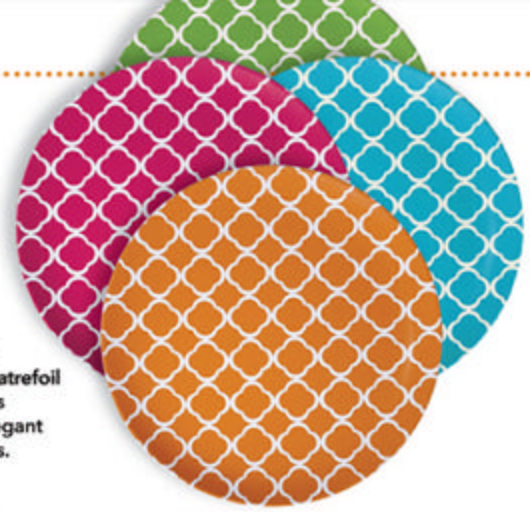
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It can be yours! Cleaning pros share what they use to make a cook space sparkle.

- 1 TILE BACKSPASH Use: OxiClean** “Mix OxiClean powder with a small amount of water to make a paste. Apply it to a damp cloth and rub it between tiles to brighten up dingy grout.”



—Jolie Kerr, author of *My Boyfriend Barfed in My Handbag... and Other Things You Can't Ask Martha*

- 2 STOVE TOP Use: Dawn dish soap** “Dawn erases grease on stoves just like it does on dishes. Squirt a drop onto a damp microfiber cloth, wipe away any food residue, then rinse. Dry with a fresh microfiber cloth.”



—Debra Johnson, home cleaning expert at Merry Maids, a nationwide cleaning agency based in Memphis, TN

- 3 CABINETS Use: Windex MultiSurface disinfectant** “This is my go-to for almost everything, including painted or stained wood cabinets. Spray it on a microfiber cloth—not the cabinet itself—then wipe the surface and hardware.”



—Melissa Homer, chief cleaning officer at MaidPro, a nationwide cleaning agency based in Boston, MA

- 4 COUNTERS Use: Better Life Take It for Granite** “This gentle natural-stone cleaner [\$7, cleanhappens.com] is safe for granite, engineered stone, and even marble, which other cleaners can mark or pit. Spray it on the counter, then wipe dry with a paper towel or a microfiber cloth.”



—Debra Johnson

- 5 SINK Use: Bar Keepers Friend soft cleanser** “The mild grit in this easy-to-use cream formula is the best at removing chalky buildup and rust stains from porcelain, fireclay, and enameled cast-iron sinks. You can use it on stainless steel sinks, too, to lift hard water stains.”



—Melissa Homer

- 6 FLOORS Use: Reliable SteamBoy Pro T3 floor steamer** “Pick up dirt and sanitize your kitchen floor in one step. This floor steamer [\$119, crateandbarrel.com] works on any sealed flooring, including hardwood and tile. Before using it, just sweep or vacuum up crumbs.”



—Donna Smallin Kuper, author of *Clear the Clutter, Find Happiness*



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Start by cleaning upper cabinets and work your way down.



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7 OVEN Use: **Carbona 2 in 1 Oven Rack & Grill cleaner** “Carbona makes a genius kit [\$8, [lowes.com](https://www.lowes.com)] for cleaning oven grates. You put the grates in a bag, pour in the kit’s cleaning solution, and let them soak overnight. It gets rid of baked-on food like magic.”



—Sabrina Fierman, vice president of New York’s Little Elves cleaning agency

8 DISHWASHER Use: **white vinegar** “To eliminate odors, remove the bottom rack and clear any bits of food from the filter. Replace the rack, then pour a cup of vinegar into the bottom of the dishwasher. Run a normal cycle to rinse the inside clean.”



—Kadi Dulude, owner of Wizard of Homes, a cleaning agency in New York City

9 REFRIGERATOR Use: **Pledge** “I learned this tip from a general contractor and have used it ever since. Spray a little Pledge on a microfiber cloth and wipe stainless steel appliances, like your fridge, up and down, going with the grain. It gets rid of water spots, dirt, and fingerprints.”



—Donna Smallin Kuper

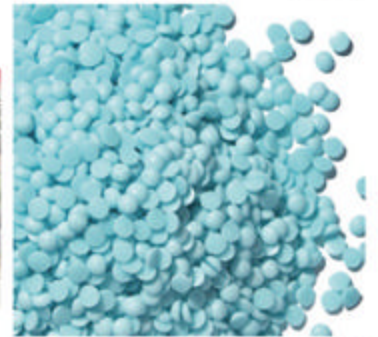
details matter



Do you delight in the details? You're not alone. Here, blogger **Camille Styles** shares how her modern aesthetic and eye for detail come together to create designs with a blend of style and function.

Read more about Camille at CamilleStyles.com.

Flip to see how we've paired our favorite products with Camille's favorite details.



We're inspired by Camille Styles' amazing designs and want to see yours, too!

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When guests walk into our living room, I want it to feel open, airy, and uncluttered—so incorporating just a few strong details makes a major impact.



Rather than scattering lots of small houseplants in the space, I place two dramatic fiddlehead fig trees that add **a strong dose of color.**



To keep blankets and throws in the living room fresh, shake **DOWNY® UNSTOPABLES** scent boosters into the wash for luxurious fragrance that lasts up to 12 weeks!* The little beads dissolve in the rinse (even in cold water!) and infuse your blankets and throws with freshness that keeps going until the next wash!

*out of storage

Since I love the ocean, I often use **textures that feel beachy**, like the reclaimed rope as our coffee table centerpiece, and the baskets tucked in the corners with a similar vibe.

An oversize island with durable quartz countertops encourages mingling, and open shelving lets me **display my favorite pieces** as decorative objects and keeps them within easy reach when I need them.

New **DAWN® PLATINUM ADVANCED POWER** tackles tough food that traditional dish liquids struggle with—such as baked-on grease, burnt milk, and mineralized stains like tea and coffee. It's the power of an overnight soak in just five minutes, which helps keep the kitchen efficient and functional.



A big bowl of citrus fruit and a collection of frequently used cookbooks **add subtle color** to an otherwise neutral space.

I love to entertain, so my kitchen design is all about function:

I need a space that allows me to be efficient when I'm cooking, and also invites guests to gather and kick back with a glass of wine.

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A brightly patterned wallpaper on the back wall of the room **adds a welcome pop of color** and makes me smile each time I walk in.



I always have a big pretty woven basket on the counter and use it for **corralling supplies and transporting folded laundry** to other rooms of the house.

The laundry room might be the hardest-working room in my house, but since I also want it to feel as well-designed as the other spaces, I make sure to incorporate a few pretty details that aren't purely functional.

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An orchid, a few great smelling candles, and a few of my favorite bath products make it easy to slip into **spa mode** at a moment's notice.

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My bathroom is my spa-like retreat. I fell in love with this travertine stone when designing the space, and decided to use it on floors and backsplashes for a serene wash of neutrals.

A dramatic gooseneck faucet adds a sleek, modern touch to our sunken tub, and the shiny chrome is echoed on fixtures and drawer pulls throughout the space to make it feel **cohesive and really clean.**

what's the difference

Finally! Clarification on some commonly confused household terms.



barstool VS. counter stool

Between 29 and 31 inches high, a **barstool** is the taller of the two. It's designed to be paired with tall tables and bar-height counters, which are generally 42 inches high.

Counter stools are shorter than barstools at 24 to 26 inches tall. They're sized to be seating at standard kitchen counters, which typically measure 36 inches high.



french pleat VS. parisian pleat

A **French pleat**, also called a triple-pinch pleat, has three crisp folds (called fingers) pinched 4 to 6 inches below the top of the fabric, giving the pleat a tailored look.

A **Parisian pleat**, also called a Euro pleat, is more casual. It has two or three folds pinched at the very top of the fabric, which creates a softer effect.



grater VS. zester

A **grater** shreds food with razor-edged holes of varying sizes. It can be freestanding with four sides or handheld. It's typically used for cheese, carrots, and potatoes.

What most people call a **zester** is actually a type of grater with ultrafine holes. Use it for grating orange, lemon, and lime peels as well as spices like nutmeg and cinnamon.



shrub VS. hedge

A **shrub** is a woody plant with multiple stems. Shrubs—especially flowering varieties like hydrangeas and azaleas—are commonly grown as stand-alone accent plants.

A **hedge** is made up of shrubs, usually all the same kind, tightly planted in a row and grown together. They're often evergreens like boxwoods that retain their foliage year-round.



OUR EXPERTS: Deb Barrett, founder of Window Dressings, Inc., in Kaneville, IL; Susan Littlefield, horticultural editor at the National Gardening Association; Gail Mayhugh, owner of GMJ Interior Design in Las Vegas, NV; Michelle Sohn, category director, kitchen tools and gadgets, at OXO



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if your *garden hose* could talk

It would leak these tips on how to use it best.

I hate sunbathing.

Store hoses in a shady place. Prolonged exposure to UV rays can cause those made of PVC to become brittle or crack. Some rubber hoses can soften in the sun, leaving behind residue on your hands or the sidewalk.

I work better with a buddy.

To help your hose spray water more effectively, connect it to an adjustable nozzle or a water wand. These gizmos let you control the flow, whether you need a high-pressured stream for blasting dirt off a walkway or a gentle spray for quenching flower beds.

Reel me up, please.

Cracks usually result from a hose getting run over by a car or a lawn mower—or being put away with kinks in it. Make sure to wind yours smoothly around a reel after every use.

Don't forget to drain me.

Water can stay trapped in a hose, especially if you're using a nozzle attachment. When that water expands in the heat, it can weaken or burst the hose. Before storing, turn the spigot off and give one last spray to get all the H₂O out.

The shorter one is often best.

Since extra-long hoses can reduce water pressure, avoid buying one that's longer than you need. If you're not sure of the ideal length, buy two smaller hoses and connect them when you want to reach the farthest parts of your yard.

Sometimes holes are a good thing.

For flower beds or a newly planted tree, try a soaker hose, which is designed with tiny holes in it. The holes let water trickle out slowly, drenching the soil down to a plant's roots—a more efficient system than standard watering.



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HGTV and DIY Network experts explain why spending a few hours on—or forking over some cash for—these projects really pays off.



worth the **TIME**

testing paints on a wall before committing to a color

"Paint can dry a shade lighter or darker than it looks on a chip, so bring home a few samples to try out. Paint a two-foot square of each color on your wall, let them dry, and check how they look throughout the day and night. I once had to part with a pretty light blue because it looked weirdly washed out in the midday sun. Remember to test colors with the lights turned on and off, too."

—Christina El Moussa, *Flip or Flop*

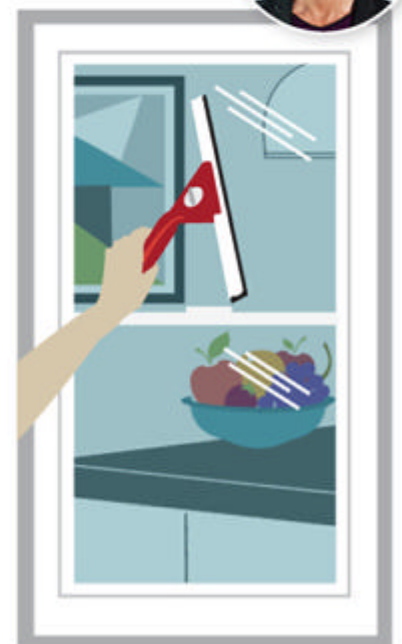


worth the **MONEY**

hiring a window cleaner

"Depending on the number of windows you have and how big they are, hiring a pro may cost a few hundred dollars, but it means you don't have to climb up and down a ladder, which is both tiring and potentially dangerous. Ask about discounts—some companies offer a deal if they're cleaning both the insides and outsides of windows, as opposed to just the outsides."

—David Bromstad, *Beach Flip*



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mulching flower beds every spring

"This is an easy weekend DIY project with long-lasting rewards. Mulch helps prevent weeds, retains water for plants, and looks and smells great. Use a tool like a steel mulch fork to put down the mulch right over your existing soil, then spread it around evenly with a metal rake until the layer is two to four inches thick."

—Chris Lambton, *Yard Crashers*



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getting your roof inspected

"Every three to five years, invest a couple hundred dollars on a professional inspection. A roofer can spot structural issues like sagging, water damage, and holes before they turn into much pricier problems."

—Chip Wade, *Elbow Room*



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measuring before you buy

"No one wants to have to return a sofa. Carefully calculate the space you have for furniture before you purchase it—including entrances, doorways, corners, and turns—so you know you can get it in your house. I keep these measurements stored on my phone so I can pull them up when I'm shopping."

—Taniya Nayak, HGTV designer



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sealing marble and granite countertops

"Although it can cost between \$300 and \$500, this is something I leave to the pros to make sure the job is done right. I have leathered marble in my kitchen and wouldn't trust myself to preserve the texture. Do it at least once a year and you won't have to worry about sauce splatters and coffee spills staining your counters."

—Alison Victoria, *Kitchen Crashers*

worth the TIME

restaining your deck

"Restaining doesn't just make your deck look better. It also puts a protective coating on the wood that can prevent mildew, cracks, and warping. If your deck has a transparent stain, gets excessive sun, or sees heavy traffic, restain it once a year. If it gets plenty of shade, you can probably wait up to five years.

Either way, it's the kind of job you can tackle yourself. Plan to do it on a weekend when the forecast calls for dry weather and temperatures between 50°F and 90°F."

—Josh Temple, *Beach Flip*



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"I've started using a NeatDesk scanner [\$400, bestbuy.com] to upload paperwork like tax documents and my son's report cards to my desktop. Then I store the hard copies in the attic so they're not junking up my office. What a pleasure not having to dig through battered file boxes."

—Tiffany Brooks, *HGTV Smart Home 2015*



worth the MONEY

installing soft-close cabinet hinges

"Soft-close hinges keep doors from slamming shut and wearing down quickly. It's like adding a little pillow to your cabinets! Just unscrew your old hinges and screw in the new ones—they cost about \$10 each at the hardware store. Even lower-quality cabinets feel high-end as a result."

—Matt Blashaw,
Vacation House for Free



worth the TIME

changing the water in a vase daily

"Cut flowers last longer when they get fresh water every day. Their stems can't soak up the amount of H₂O they need when the liquid is gunked up with bacteria and debris. Changing the water every day also prevents a cloudy, smelly situation inside the vase."

—Vern Yip, *HGTV designer*





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Wow!

what color is that?

These paint shades stopped us in our tracks. We asked the designers to spill their secret sources.

pink peony

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"This color reminds me of melt-in-your-mouth pink meringues. It adds some sweetness to the utilitarian subway tiles and vanity, making them age-appropriate for two young sisters."

—Maggie Cruz, Maggie Cruz Interior Design, Miami, FL

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buoyant blue

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

"I used this beachy shade on every wall of this teeny cottage, including in the laundry area. The color might seem under the radar, but trust me: It intensifies when given lots of wall space."

—Jane Coslick, Jane Coslick Designs & Restorations, Savannah, GA



bee

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

"This sunny yellow hits that just-right balance of making a statement without being jarring. And with the cubbies such a happy color, the family gets a jolt of feel-good energy as they head out the door."

—Tobi Fairley, Tobi Fairley & Associates, Little Rock, AR



sunrise red

BY RUST-OLEUM

"The secret to this super-glossy red? It's an oil-based enamel paint from the hardware store that you can use on cars. Just brush it on or apply it with a spray gun. The finish is so shiny, you'd swear it was lacquer."

—Natalie Cox, homeowner, Gilbert, AZ



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woodlawn blue

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

“Because the shelves in this kitchen are thin, I painted every inch of them—plus the walls and cabinets—the same greenish aqua. After the paint job everything looked so amazing, I decided to scrap the planned backsplash and paint it too.”

—Michelle R. Smith, Studio MRS Interiors, New York, NY



gingham blue

BY PRATT & LAMBERT

royal breeze

BY BEHR

“When my husband and I bought this bungalow, we knew the icy blue siding was part of its charm. So we kept it, then went all in with a vibrant blueberry door.”

—Lindsey Cheek, Lindsey Cheek Interiors, Wilmington, NC

window box

BY KELLY-MOORE

“The homeowner wanted a purple-and-green bedroom—a little tricky. With hints of gray, this lavender is perfect. It works with soft yellow-toned greens yet doesn’t feel too pastel-y.”

—Andrew Howard, Andrew Howard Interior Design, Jacksonville, FL



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valley hills

BY BEHR

"This color keeps you guessing—is it green or gray? I like it on foyer walls because it's dramatic enough to stand on its own but can also segue into rooms that are painted equally strong colors. Alongside the white wainscoting, it feels crisp and upbeat even though it's dark."

—Rachel Reider, Rachel Reider Interiors, Boston, MA



young wheat

BY PANTONE

"If there exists such a thing as a calming green that's also bright and citrusy, this is it. The tartness teams perfectly with the dark wood table and persimmon chairs and also with the trees outside the French doors. It's hands down the most versatile green."

—Ashley Whittaker, Ashley Whittaker Design, New York, NY



wide horizons

BY MYTHIC PAINT

"A look-at-me turquoise draws you over to these corner shelves to check out the mementos and photos. Equally playful coral stools are a fun pairing."

—Cory Connor, Cory Connor Designs, Chatham, NJ



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the high / low list

We pulled together some dynamic duos with drastically different price tags.



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There's a down insert in this damask-inspired pillow.

Sindoor 20" x 20" cotton pillows in orange (sold individually; price is for 2), allestudio.com



\$55

No down insert, but this version's white detailing is embroidered.

Set of 2 Safavieh European Classics Collette 18" x 18" cotton pillows in orange, brookstone.com

\$940

An antiqued-mirror top gives this table a cool vintage vibe.

Currey & Company Axiom 18¼"H x 29"-diameter wrought iron table, redefined homeboutique.com



\$399

A bone-tile top sits on a nearly identical geometric base.

Origami 18"H x 28"-diameter steel table, westelm.com



\$1,100

Remote control-friendly glass doors plus holes for cords in back—a perfect media console.

Coast to Coast 72"W x 18"D x 39"H wood credenza in bayberry blue, atgstores.com



\$790

This credenza is a bit smaller but comes with equally decorative fretwork.

Wildon Home 60"W x 19"D x 38"H wood cabinet in blue, wayfair.com

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\$158

An opal glass shade creates a warm, flattering glow.

On The Ball 9"H x 8"-diameter pendant in yellow, shadesoflight.com



\$40

The shade is metal, but check out the cute matching cord.

Westinghouse 9"H x 8"-diameter adjustable pendant in yellow, homedepot.com



\$237

A super-plush beach towel from the famous Italian fashion company.

Missoni Home Ross cotton beach towel, allmodern.com

\$50

Clever! A canvas-weave backing keeps sand from sticking to the underside.

Kassatex Spiaggia Ombré cotton beach towel in brown, casa.com



\$686

Each piece of beveled blue glass is hand-applied to the frame.

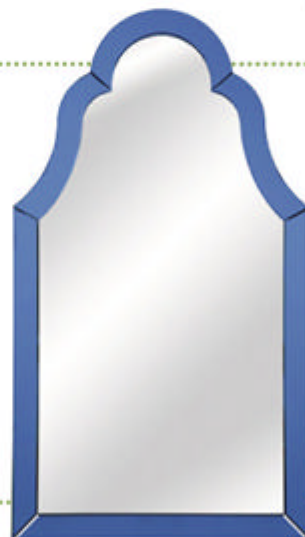
Mirror Image Home Rounded Rectangular 38" x 22" mirror, zinckdoor.com



\$262

Fewer curves, but this one is 10 inches taller.

Cobalt Blue 48" x 27" mirror, bassettmirror.com for stores



\$16

Its golden metal fluted cap adds a lot of glimmer.

Design 11 1/2"-diameter ceramic knobs (sold individually; price is for 2), knobco.com

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Jubilee Butterfly 4"-tall metal hooks in light pink (sold individually; price is for 2), rosenberryrooms.com



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Set of 2 4¼"-tall metal hooks in light pink, hm.com



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Tilly wood chair in sassy stripes bark cotton and bare maple finish, mainecottage.com

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Painted ivory spoils give this version a summer-house look.

Henderson wood chair in theron naval stripe cotton, birchlane.com



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This lamp really shines, thanks to the trio of fluted glass balls.

Cyan Design Beale 32½"-tall lamp in persimmon with shade, lampsplus.com



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Dimond Carluke 26"-tall lamp in tangerine orange with shade, bellacor.com



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Surrey croquet set, jaquesamerica.com

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Lion Sports Select croquet set, amazon.com



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this is home.

a nursery for the long haul

More classic than cutesy, there's plenty of room to grow in the bedroom HGTV designer **Meg Caswell** decorated for her son.

Meg Caswell was looking well beyond her son's diaper years when she created this preppy, nautical nursery in her Wilmington, NC, home. Chock-full of graphic prints and adaptable furniture, it can keep pace with 13-month-old Ransom all the way from crib to college. "It's timeless but still playful," says Meg. To set the sophisticated tone, she chose a navy blue and kelly green palette, then zinged it up with pops of high-energy orange. Maritime-inspired accessories, like a replica brass porthole, nod to the home's water views. Even though bed rest in Meg's third trimester forced her to finish the nursery faster than originally planned, it was a total labor of love. "Ransom is the ultimate client, and this was my gift to him."



Meg with husband
Randy Holladay



wall color
Grassy Fields by
Benjamin Moore

The Samuel
& Sons rope
tiebacks
look like ship
moorings.

chair The matching glider and ottoman, handed down from Meg's sister, were once covered in white cotton. Meg reupholstered the set in a raindrop-print Schumacher fabric and a swishy navy fringe trim from Samuel & Sons.



fish Rustic fish crafted from barn wood by local artist C. Nicholas Dale hang above Ransom's crib. Meg wasn't surprised that her son's very first word was "fish."

dresser and crib For a one-of-a-kind look, Meg had the Ducduc crib and dresser painted with a combo of Blueberry Hill and Grassy Fields, both by Benjamin Moore.

rug The bold geometrics and the toddler-friendly flat-weave style of the Safavieh wool rug appealed to Meg. "A no-pile rug makes it easy for Ransom to scoot around and play."



bookshelf One of a pair that flank the daybed, this bookshelf is an estate sale steal Meg lacquered glossy white. Breakables are safely tucked on higher shelves, beyond Ransom's reach.

bed The Meg-designed headboard, upholstered in Lee Jofa fabric, transforms a twin mattress into a chic daybed—the perfect spot to catch a catnap. The duvet cover is from Serena & Lily, and the stuffed whale is from JCPenney.

basket Toys are stowed neatly in a pumpkin-hue lidded Serena & Lily bin. Like the other orange accents, the basket is easy to swap out if Meg wants to bring in a new color.



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decorating standoffs

Solved! Smart compromises to settle any couple's tough style stalemates.



HE SAYS

"I like window blinds. They're practical."

SHE SAYS

"But curtains are so much prettier."

SOLUTION Fabric shades.

Flat-panel window shades, like the pretty floral ones here, are a win-win. They combine the privacy and light control of blinds with the softness and style of curtains. Plus, you can get a completely custom look—just pick your favorite fabric and have a local seamstress do the sewing. Provide your window measurements and the pro can tell you how many yards you'll need.



HE SAYS

“Sofas should be big and comfy.”

SHE SAYS

“A huge sofa will totally overwhelm the living room.”

HE SAYS

“The dishwasher died. Let’s get a new one in stainless steel.”

SHE SAYS

“Wait! That won’t match any of our other appliances.”

SOLUTION White!

New models, like this one from KitchenAid, have a sleek design—including stainless steel accents—but won’t feel out of place with whatever you already have.



KDTM404EWH
dishwasher,
\$1,349, kitchenaid.com for stores

SOLUTION

A streamlined sectional. It’s the best of both worlds. You’ll get plenty of space to stretch out and watch TV but without the He-Man bulk of typical bachelor pad sectionals. Look for styles with simple, straight arms and tight-fitting fabric. West Elm, Room & Board, Crate & Barrel, and Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams are great places to start your search.

HE SAYS

"I need an old-school, put-my-feet-up recliner."

SHE SAYS

"No way. I want a good-looking chair."

SOLUTION

A good-looking recliner.

Yes, they do exist. Available in a range of fabrics and colors, these new clean-lined versions work in almost any room—not just testosterone-heavy man caves.



Harper polyester-blend recliner in merit blue, \$1,799, roomandboard.com



Carlyle polyester-blend recliner in ginger, \$1,147, la-z-boy.com



Morrison twill recliner in off-white, \$1,099, ballarddesigns.com



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HE SAYS

"I want to show off my sports memorabilia."

SHE SAYS

"That's what the basement is for."

SOLUTION

Style it up.

The keys to a guy-stuff collection you can both live with: Confine keepsakes to a small area, and display them creatively. Here, baseball mementos are corralled in rustic wood crates and hung in a casual asymmetrical arrangement.

HE SAYS

"I like traditional Oriental rugs."

SHE SAYS

"They're so stuffy. How about a cool geometric pattern?"

SOLUTION

An ikat print.

The pattern has an old-world look, but you can find it in colors that are up-to-the-minute.



Sundeck Ikat 5' x 8' polypropylene rug in green, \$519, rugsusa.com



Nuloom Jared 5' x 8' wool rug, \$366, wayfair.com



Couristan Covington Delfina 5'6" x 8' polypropylene rug in azure and lemon, \$299, rugs-direct.com

SHE SAYS

"A light, airy master bedroom is the only way to go."

HE SAYS

"What's wrong with dark, masculine colors?"

SOLUTION

A fifty-fifty compromise.

Use a single rich color, like charcoal gray or chocolate brown, on the walls, then layer in lots of crisp white accents everywhere else. Keep the trim and the ceiling white and you'll still get the airy feeling you're after.



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SHE SAYS

"I'm so over this dining room set we inherited."

HE SAYS

"We're keeping it—it was my parents'."

SOLUTION

Work around it.

To instantly make a sentimental dining set more stylish, update the chairs with slipcovers in a fresh graphic print. Then surround the table and chairs with modern pieces, like a hanging lantern and a bold striped rug.



Hannah
17"W x 7"D x
26 3/4"H MDF
cabinet, \$199,
pbteen.com



HE SAYS

"I can barely fit my razor on the bathroom counter."

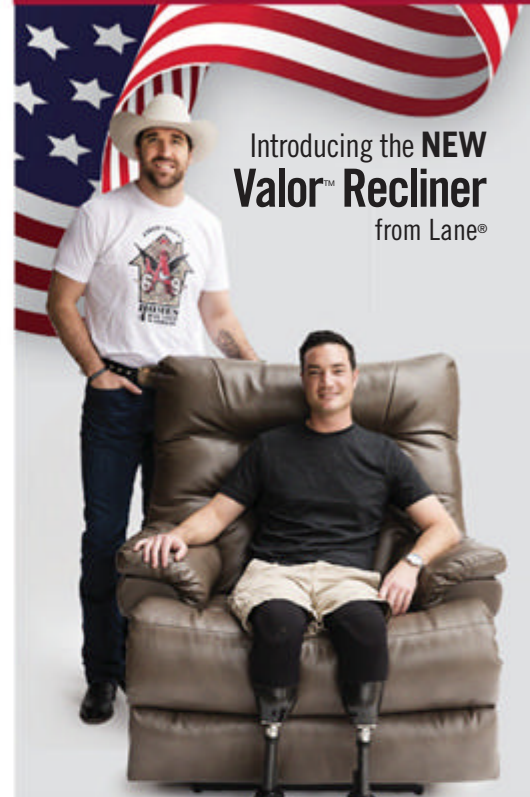
SHE SAYS

"Sorry my stuff is taking over—I need more space!"

SOLUTION A wall-mounted cabinet.

Look for one that has a lot of drawers and door caddies, like this one from PB Teen. Your stuff will still be easily accessible, but it will be tucked away out of sight.

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- About ½ mile from the beach

AGENT: Jessica Wallace,
Coldwell Banker



782 sq. ft.

Pepeekeo, HI

\$700,000

2 BR, 1 BA, built in 1938

- Beadboard walls in the living room and bedrooms
- Covered front porch
- Within walking distance of Onomea Bay on the Big Island

AGENT: Kelly H. Moran,
Hilo Brokers, Ltd.

I sit just
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the shore!

528 sq. ft.

South Portland, ME

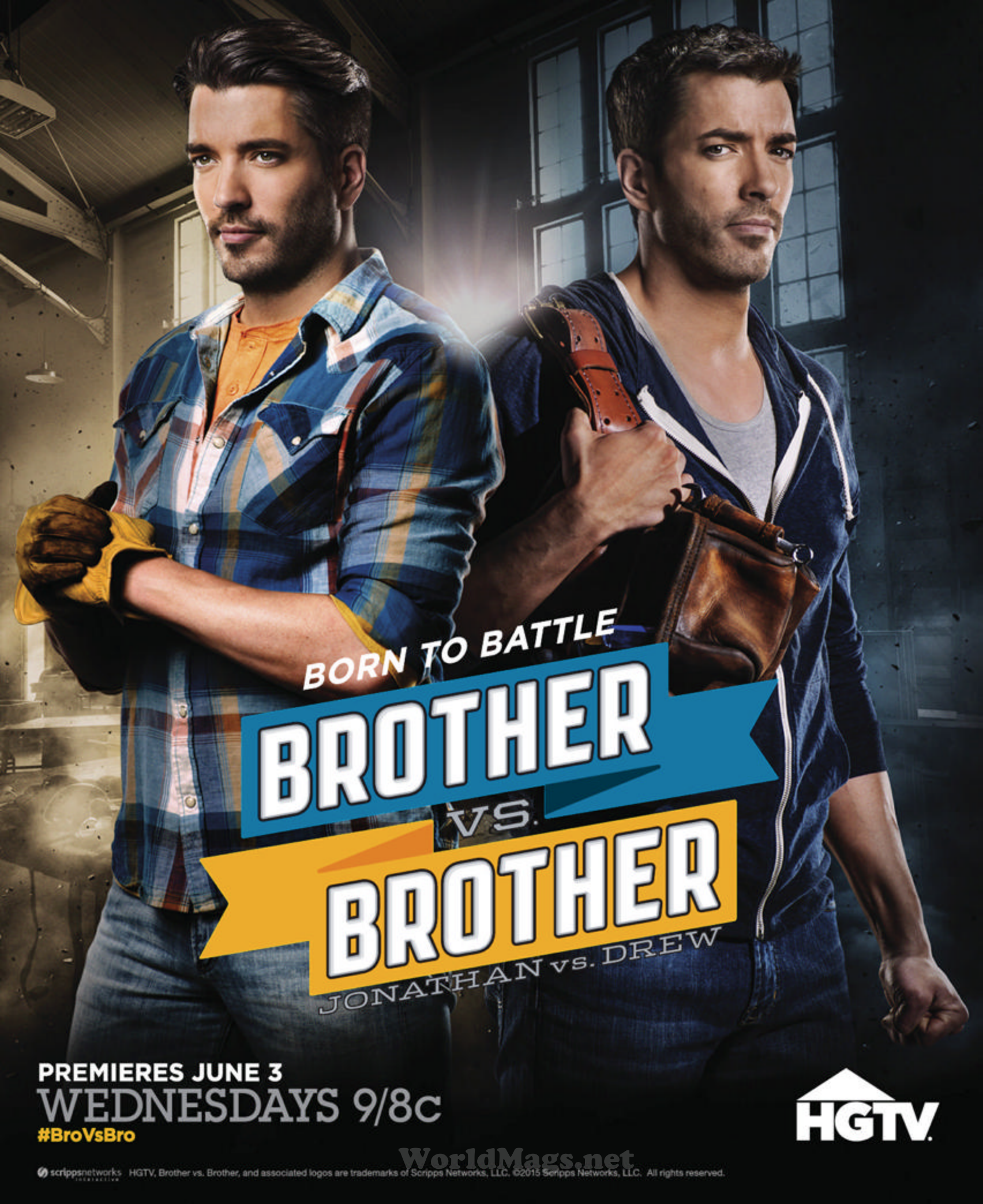
\$329,000

1 BR, 1 BA, built in 1900

- Post and beam construction with vaulted ceilings
- Bonus lofted bedroom
- Detached 192-square-foot shed for additional storage

AGENT: Patrick Cooper,
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720 sq. ft.

Narragansett, RI

\$359,000

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- Spacious back deck
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AGENT: Jeanne Vicario, Homestead Properties, Inc.



551 sq. ft.

Palacios, TX

\$120,000

2 BR, 1 BA, built in 1973

- Deck and a large covered patio
- Separate bunkhouse with a washer and dryer
- Deeded access to 60 feet of shoreline on Carancahua Bay

AGENT: Debra Davis, Pooley Land & Realty Company, Inc.



403 sq. ft.

Dennis Port, MA

\$125,000

1 BR, 1 BA, built in 1950

- Cabin-style wood paneling on the interior walls
- Covered back patio and an outdoor shower
- Ocean views

AGENT: Stephen A. Trimble, Keller Williams Realty





856 sq. ft.

Key West, FL

\$629,900

2 BR, 1 BA, built in 1933

- Recently updated kitchen with quartz countertops
- Landscaped yard with a koi pond
- About ½ mile from the beach

AGENT: Roger Emmons, Truman & Co.

844 sq. ft.

Tybee Island, GA

\$324,750

2 BR, 1½ BA, built in 2014

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AGENT: Cindy Meyer, Seabolt Brokers, LLC

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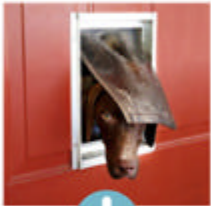


what buyers want *now*

Which features are currently high up on house seekers' wish lists, and which have run their course? **Egypt Sherrod**, host of *Property Virgins*, chimes in.

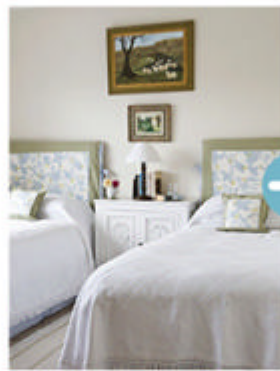
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a doggy door



NOW

a deluxe doghouse



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a fourth bedroom

NOW

a room-size closet



Sure, people love the ease of a doggy door for letting Fido come and go as he pleases. "But what's really trendy right now is ultra-fancy doghouses," says Egypt. Some homeowners even request pup-size replicas of their own digs, down to the siding and shutters. The price for a super-high-end canine home? Around \$10,000.

Before the recession, a fourth bedroom was the gold standard for bigger-is-better suburban living. Lately, however, buyers would rather have that space turned into a swanky, extra-large closet and dressing area, with cabinetry, shoe shelving, seating, and sophisticated lighting. "I call it the *Real Housewives* effect," says Egypt. That said, bedrooms are still worth more during resale than a closet/dressing room. So if you're planning to move, avoid too drastic of a renovation.

THEN

hardwood floors



NOW

ecofriendly alternatives



Hardwood has been a must-have in almost every home for centuries—until today. "You don't have to consider yourself especially environmentally conscious to want a more ecofriendly option," Egypt says. Cork and bamboo are more renewable materials than hardwood, and they're also surprisingly affordable. Even carpet has an eco-alternative. "Mohawk offers a product made in part from corn sugar," Egypt says.

DOGgy DOOR: GETTY IMAGES; HGTV DREAM HOME 2015 DOGHOUSE: COURTESY OF HGTV; BEDROOM: GAP INTERIORS; CLOSET: BENJAMIN BENSCHNEIDER/OTTO, STUART SILK ARCHITECTS, TOTH CONSTRUCTION, KYLEE SHINTAFFER DESIGN; FLOORS: SHUTTERSTOCK

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a jetted tub

NOW

a lavish shower

In a fight for floor space in the bathroom, spalike showers have washed out the competition, overtaking giant soaking tubs and jet-powered whirlpools. Expect floor-to-ceiling tiles, a marble threshold, a frameless glass door, and sometimes even a built-in seat. Egypt's take: "Since so few of us actually have time to soak, these showers prove more practical."



THEN

a finished basement

NOW

a third-floor rec room

Ever since the 1950s baby boom, finished basements with game spaces have been popular hangout spots. But ask home builders and they'll tell you the trend is elevating the rec room—to the third floor. With lots of windows and a loftlike feel, these spaces make light, bright playrooms. Bonus: "A third story helps a house look stately, plus it gives you extra storage space," says Egypt.

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a home office



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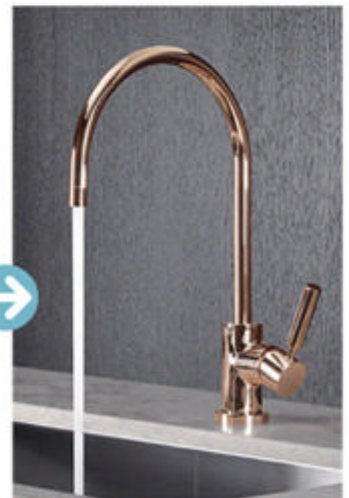
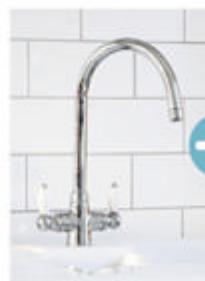
a homework station



Home offices have been mainstays since the days of dial-up modems. But in 2015, it's all about the kids' homework stations—dedicated study spots with custom built-in desks and storage right outside their bedrooms. "Who wouldn't love to get all those school papers off the kitchen table?" Egypt says.

THEN

chrome & brushed nickel



NOW

matte gold & rose gold

For more than a decade, silvery finishes have felt modern. "But just as gold and rose gold have taken over in fashion, they're 'it' in hardware too," Egypt says. Companies like Dornbracht and Kohler offer knobs, pulls, and faucets in these fresh-hued finishes.

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about the house

BUILT IN: 1947 **BOUGHT IN:** 1999 **SIZE:** 3,750 sq. ft.
“This was the old, ugly house on the block when we bought it. The brick was painted bright orange! We did a total reno and changed the colors to match a cute home we spotted while visiting Mackinac Island up north.” —Karen and Kevin O’Keefe, homeowners



Detroit, Michigan

copy the curb appeal

These eye-catching houses are loaded with inspiring ideas.

ideas to steal



light fixture

For this stately home, a puny porch light wouldn't suffice. So the O'Keefes chose a large, beveled-glass, lantern-style pendant to hang above their front door.

Quoizel Newbury 26½"H x 16"-diameter 4-light hanging lantern in Medici bronze, \$399, lightingnewyork.com

driveway

The U-shaped driveway helps showcase how far back the house is set from the street, and it offers plenty of room for parking.

doorknob

An ornate knob and backplate in a gleaming brass finish emphasize the historic feel of the 1940s house.



Belmont keyed entry set in French antique, \$168, emtek.com for stores



shutters

Black raised-panel shutters on five of the windows contrast nicely with the yellow exterior.

Vantage raised-panel vinyl shutters in black, from \$30 for a set of 2, lowes.com



front door

The O'Keefes installed a new steel door and sidelights when they bought the home. To make the door stand out, the couple painted it classic red.

ReliaBilt 6-panel steel entry door, \$168, lowes.com; paint: Red Delicious by Glidden



doormat

They don't look it, but the mat's wrought iron-inspired flourishes are rubber.

Threshold Home Marquis scroll rubber and coir doormat, \$25, target.com

paint colors

HOUSE:
Cottage Yellow
by Glidden

TRIM:
Antique White
by Glidden

FRONT DOOR:
Red Delicious
by Glidden

hydrangea shrub

Cone-shaped white blooms that turn pinkish are the signature of the fast-growing peegee hydrangea that's planted to the left of the door and pruned into a tree shape.



windows

The O'Keefes replaced all the windows. "We purposely chose different sizes," says Karen.

The focal point: an arched center window, which mirrors the shape of the portico ceiling.



window box

Every spring Karen fills the 7-foot-long flower box outside the large upstairs window with white and red geraniums, which thrive in the partially sunny spot.

about the house

BUILT IN: 1942

BOUGHT IN: 2001

SIZE: 3,195 sq. ft.

"Our favorite thing about our home is the color—it shakes up the neutral neighborhood. And homeowners in town seem inspired. We've noticed other people taking chances with color, too." —*Katie and Jason Blazek, homeowners*



ideas to steal

2
4

house numbers

Jason made the address plaque as a gift for Katie. On a piece of wood, he mounted sleek metal numbers between small red tiles from a grocery store that the couple used to own.

Great River Co. 4"-tall aluminum numbers in bronze finish, \$29 each, moderndwellnumbers.com

mailbox

Hammered copper looks naturally weathered, keeping with the cottage feel the Blazeks wanted.



QualArc Provincial horizontal mailbox with hooks in hammered antique copper, \$238, hayneedle.com

hand-painted exterior

Jason painted the house's HardiePlank siding over five weekends using a 2-inch brush. "Although we updated the house's architecture, we wanted it to look like it was painted by hand in the 1940s," Katie says.



flowerpots

Green planters to the sides of the front door are filled with yellow zinnias that match the yellow pansies in the flower beds.

Ellesmere glazed terra-cotta planters in lichen, \$475 for a mixed set of 3, campaniainternational.com



front door

The Blazeks chose a door with a large glass panel to give their small foyer more light. A combination of clear and marbled glass not only looks interesting but also adds privacy.

Greenwich exterior door in Douglas fir, from \$1,100, simpsondoor.com



doormat

All the cheery colors in the home's exterior palette come together in one fun mat.

Coir doormat in medallions, \$38, garnethill.com



Organic blown-glass 13½"-diameter pendant, \$169, westelm.com

light fixture

The blown-glass porch light—a purchase inspired by Jason's sailing hobby—reminds the couple of bubbling water.

paint colors

HOUSE:
Awning Red
by Behr

TRIM:
Ultra Pure White
by Behr

COLUMNS AND
PORCH BASE:
Scotland Isle
by Behr



landscaping

High-impact plants—including ornamental fountain grass and pansies in a mix of colors—fill the front flower beds.

portico

Cedar shakes, which the Blazeks recently added to the front of the portico, are a charming touch.

about the house

BUILT IN: 1885

BOUGHT IN: 2013

SIZE: 2,900 sq. ft.

"It took nearly a year of house-hunting to find this Queen Anne beauty. The porch, which has a cool stone foundation, is our go-to place when we want to relax." —Wendy and Dennis Richardville, homeowners



ideas to steal

stone wall

Built from fieldstone, the short wall out front serves as the foundation for the wrap-around porch, beefing up the house's old-fashioned charm.



historical house plaque

A metal plate mounted to the porch wall lists the year the house was built. "Our home is in a historic district, so I think passersby like that they can place it in time," says Wendy.

Date plaque in black and gold, \$69, whitehallproducts.com



doormat

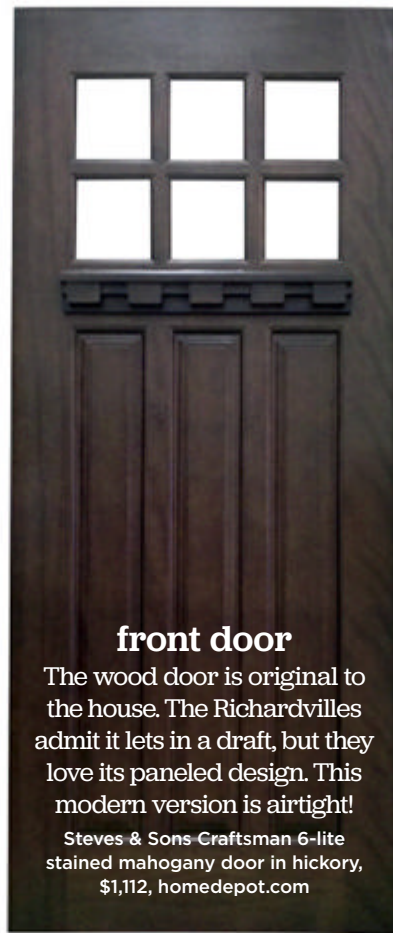
Its floral pattern fits right in with the home's lush landscaping.

Kosas Home Milan coir doormat, \$36, wayfair.com

bench and pillows

Blue-and-white-striped pillows soften the X-back bench and tie in with the house's navy siding.

Classic stripe indoor/outdoor pillow in ink blue, \$29.50, potterybarn.com



front door

The wood door is original to the house. The Richardvilles admit it lets in a draft, but they love its paneled design. This modern version is airtight!

Steves & Sons Craftsman 6-lite stained mahogany door in hickory, \$1,112, homedepot.com



doorbell

Like the door, the bell dates back to the house's construction. This new look-alike shares its antique appeal.

Historic Houseparts Windsor doorbell in antique brass, \$55, doorbellfactory.com

paint colors

HOUSE:
Hale Navy by Benjamin Moore

TRIM:
Oxford White by Benjamin Moore

SHUTTERS AND TRIM:
Aura by Benjamin Moore

PORCH FLOOR:
Comet by Benjamin Moore



potted plants

A mix of (clockwise from top) bridal veil, spike plant, variegated ivy, sweet potato vine, and pink impatiens burst from the urns that flank the path. Red and pink geraniums hang in planters from the porch ceiling.

landscaping

The front yard features subtle pops of color: pink-and-green-tinged peegee hydrangeas on both sides.



Hampstead 48"W x 23½"D x 35½"H mahogany bench frame in white, \$437, potterybarn.com



about the house

BUILT IN: 1941

BOUGHT IN: 2013

SIZE: 2,109 sq. ft.

“We were practically sold on this house before even stepping inside. Charming touches like the brackets, the shake siding, and the glass front door make it feel incredibly homey.”

—*Kelley and Scott Foess, homeowners*

ideas to steal

brackets

Decorative brackets along the eaves are typical of Craftsman homes. The Foesses' house has eight visible from the street.

paint colors

HOUSE (TOP):
Dover White by
Sherwin-Williams

HOUSE (BOTTOM):
Perfect Greige by
Sherwin-Williams

TRIM AND
FRONT DOOR:
Lounge Green by
Sherwin-Williams

Dixie Seating
Company adult
rocker in green,
\$174, bellacor.com



window boxes

The windows flanking the front door are outfitted with planters. Sweet potato vine (top) spills from the one on the left, while the one on the right is filled with purple sweet potato vine (bottom left) and red salvia.

light fixture

A small lantern hung from a stake in the flower bed to the left of the door illuminates the front steps.

Dabmar Lighting
copper hanging lantern
path light, \$160,
lampsplus.com



door handle

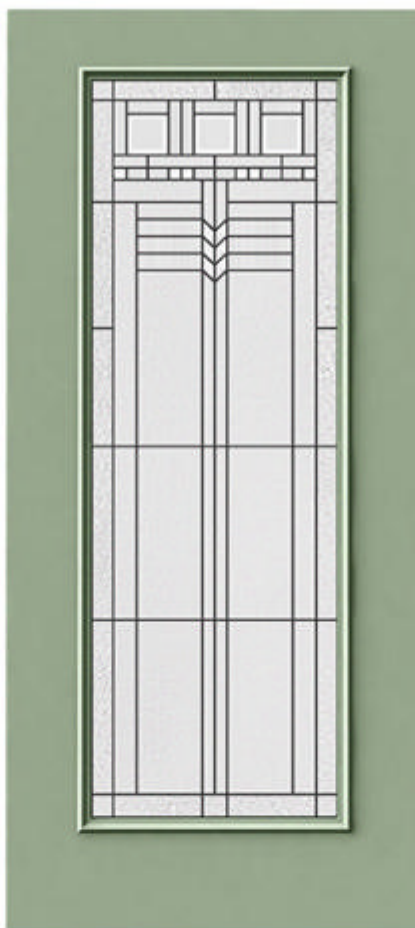
Its slight curves and satin nickel finish fit the front door's delicate look.

Camelot single cylinder
exterior entrance handleset
in satin nickel, \$124,
schlage.com for stores



landscaping

The Foesses overhauled the yard, reseeding the lawn and trimming the overgrown boxwoods along the walkway into small mounds.



front door

The etched-glass door is one of the Foesses' favorite features. "It's not the original, but it's definitely unique on our block," says Kelley.

Steel door with oak park glass, \$729, jeld-wen.com; paint: Lounge Green by Sherwin-Williams



urn

Pink begonias bloom from a lattice-pattern stone urn on the front steps.

Amedeo Design ResinStone lattice 18"H x 14"-diameter urn in lead gray, \$161, wayfair.com

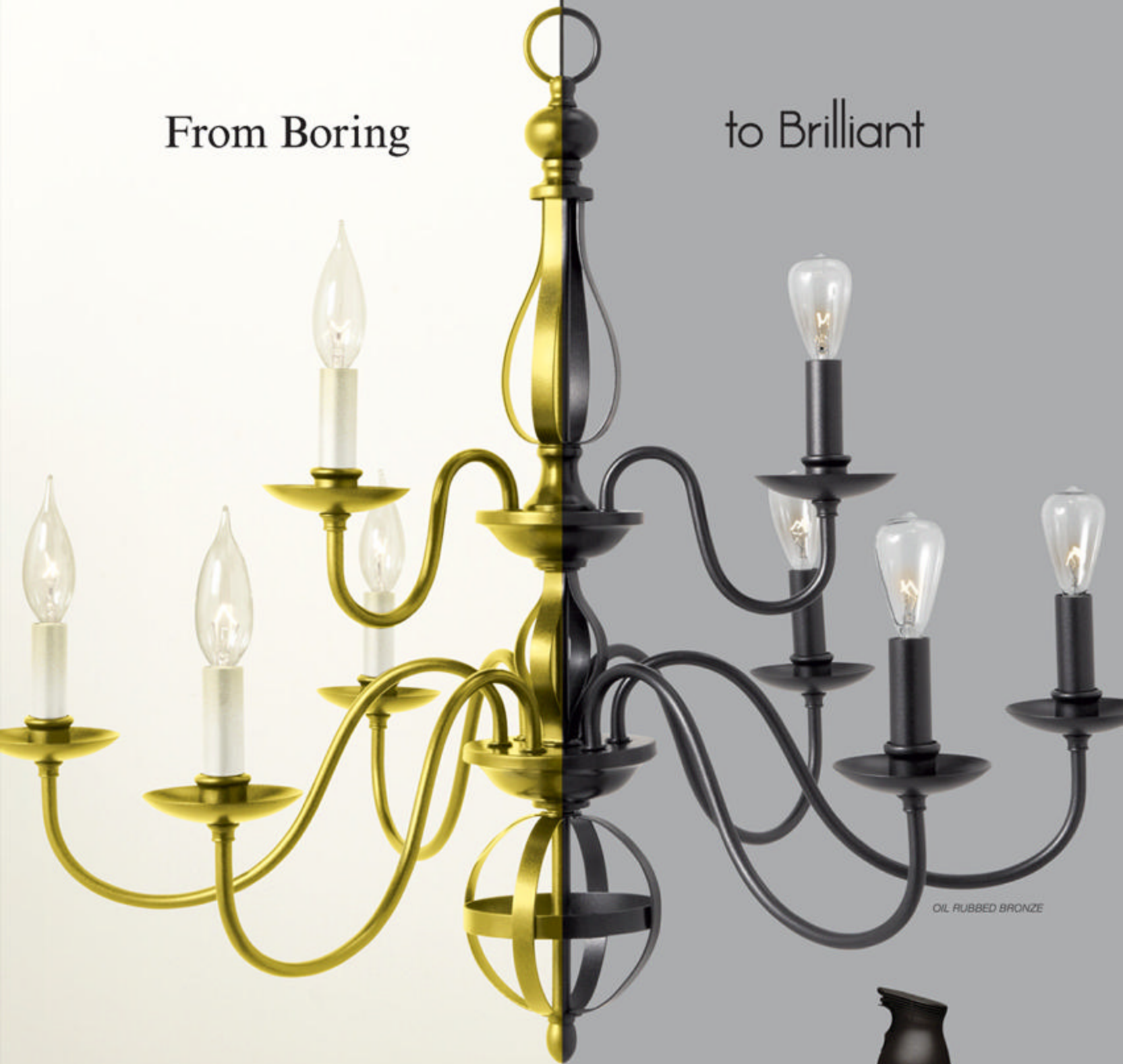


rocking chair

A high-back rocker in hunter green stands out against the paler green of the trim and front door.

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time to DIY



before

pep up a dingy chair

- Bring the chair to a professional upholsterer. To save a little money, you can rip off the old fabric and paint the frame yourself. We used a semi-gloss latex paint.

- Our upholsterer plumped up the seat and back with new foam, then covered the chair in upholstery-weight cotton canvas and added a double-welt trim.

FABRIC Tribeca cotton canvas, \$50 per yard, caitlinwilson textiles.com

PAINT Cactus Flower by Benjamin Moore



flea
market
flips
blowout!

Turn castoffs into pretty pieces you'll love and actually use. Here are the simple how-tos—plus tips on finding the best old things to redo.



10 biggest flea markets in America

- 1 **Rose Bowl Flea Market**
Pasadena, CA; second Sunday of every month
- 2 **Brimfield Antique Show**
Brimfield, MA; May 12-17, July 14-19, and September 8-13, 2015
- 3 **127 Yard Sale**
690 miles along Highway 127, from Michigan to Alabama; August 6-9, 2015
- 4 **Alameda Point Antiques Faire**
Alameda, CA; first Sunday of every month
- 5 **First Monday Trade Days**
Canton, TX; Thursday-Sunday *before* the first Monday of every month
- 6 **Shipshewana Auction & Flea Market**
Shipshewana, IN; every Tuesday and Wednesday from May 5-October 3, 2015
- 7 **Springfield Antique Show & Flea Market**
Springfield, OH; two to three days every month except January, February, and July
- 8 **Long Beach Antique Market**
Long Beach, CA; third Sunday of every month
- 9 **Raleigh Flea Market**
Raleigh, NC; every Saturday and Sunday
- 10 **Round Top/Warrenton Antiques Week**
Various towns along Highway 237 in Texas, including Warrenton, Shelby, and Round Top; about 16 days in spring and fall, ending the first full weekend in April and the first one in October



sweeten up a stodgy secretary



before

- **Open** the front panel to expose the desk. Remove any small drawers and unscrew their old hardware. Paint the small drawers, the desk area, and everything behind the glass doors one color. Let dry.
- **Unscrew** the old hardware from the secretary's main drawers, then patch the holes with wood filler. Do the same with any hardware on the doors. Remove the main drawers.
- **Tape** off the glass. Paint the main drawer fronts, the door fronts, and the secretary's frame a second color. Let dry, then peel off the tape.

- **Cut** white fretwork panels with a crafts knife to fit on the glass. Adhere with spray mount.
- **Drill** holes for the new hardware where needed, then screw it in. Replace all the drawers.

FRETWORK For a similar look, try myoverlays.com.
HARDWARE (main drawers) Swan-Neck 2½" brass bail pulls with ringed round rosettes, \$8.50 each; (door) Oval 1¼" cast-brass knob, \$6.50; and (small drawers) Tiny brass cabinet knobs, \$2 each, all in unlacquered brass finish, houseofantiquehardware.com
PAINT ● Hint of Cherry and ● Sandstone Gray, both by Valspar



before

turn seed packet designs into pillows

- **Scan** vintage seed packets at a high resolution. Upload the images to spoonflower.com, following the site's instructions, to create custom fabric.
 - **Cut** the fabric into 21-inch squares (one for each pillow cover) so the images are centered. Bring the fabric, along with solid-color linen (you'll need ½ yard for the back of each pillow cover) to a seamstress. Ask the pro to make envelope-back pillow covers for 20-inch-square inserts. If you want to DIY the pillow covers, go to hgtv.com/sew-pillow-covers for the step-by-step sewing how-to.
- FABRIC** Custom, from \$17.50 per yard, spoonflower.com
PILLOW INSERTS 20" x 20" synthetic pillow inserts, \$18 each, potterybarn.com



before

give a table a graphic top

- **Paint** the table base and tabletop edges, and let dry. Leave the tabletop unpainted.
 - **Center** a large piece of wallpaper over the tabletop and adhere (ours was prepaste, but use wallpaper paste if yours isn't). Once it dries, use scissors or a utility knife to trim the wallpaper to the shape of the tabletop.
- WALLPAPER** Geometry Robin's Egg wallpaper, \$60 per single roll, spoonflower.com
PAINT ● Cooled Blue by Sherwin-Williams



Joanna Gaines, *Fixer Upper*

what a Fixer Upper buys at a flea market

"I love old, ornate frames. Hang them empty and they still make a statement."



"When I want cute and creative storage, I hunt for wire baskets. You can find them really cheap!"

"There's something so sweet about using vintage bottles as vases, so I always snag a few."



time to DIY



add racing stripes to nesting tables

- **Paint** each table a different color, and let dry.
- **Use** delicate-surface painter's tape to tape off a 2½-inch-wide stripe down the center of the table and a 1-inch-wide stripe on each side of it. Fill in the stripes with at least two coats of white paint. Remove the tape while the paint is still slightly wet. Let dry.

PAINT ● Greek Blue, ● Provence, ● Louis Blue, and ● Pure, all Chalk Paint by Annie Sloan

revitalize a sleepy headboard

- **Unscrew** or saw off and discard any decorative panels inside the headboard frame.
- **Paint** the frame, and let dry.
- **Have** a hardware store cut a piece of ¼-inch plywood so it's about ½ inch bigger than the inside of the frame all the way around.
- **Cut** three pieces of batting the same size and shape as the plywood. Place the pieces of batting over the plywood, followed by a large piece of muslin. Flip the stack over. Use a staple gun to fasten the muslin to the back of the plywood, pulling it taut as you go. Trim the excess muslin.
- **Cut** fabric the same shape as the plywood, adding 6 inches all the way around. Flip the stack over again, and center the fabric over the muslin. Flip the stack one more time, and staple the fabric to the back of the plywood, pulling it taut as you go.
- **Screw** the wood to the back of the frame.

FABRIC Sarawak in tutti-frutti by Villa Nova, \$98 per yard, Lillian August Furnishings + Design, 203-847-1596 (x2204) for buying info

PAINT ● Cappuccino White by Glidden



before





before

update a boring buffet

- **Unscrew** the old hardware and patch the holes with wood filler.
- **Remove** the doors and drawers, then paint each door front and drawer front a different color. Paint the buffet frame white. Let dry.
- **Drill** holes for the new knobs at the center of each door and drawer, then screw them in. Replace the doors and drawers.

KNOBS Classic square knobs in polished brass, \$21 each, signaturethings.com

PAINT Gig's Grey, Cerise Delight, Starless Night, Sunblest Poppy, Bouclé, Serpentine, and Pro White, all by Pratt & Lambert



CRAFTING BY THOMAS EBERHARTER



Jolie and Amie Sikes, *Junk Gypsies*

how to spot a flea market gem

buy it if...

...the base has a great shape. Ignore the shade—odds are you'll want to replace it anyway.

LAMP



skip it if...

...it has multiple sockets, like a multi-head floor lamp, that need rewiring. This can be tricky.

CHAIR



...the frame is in good condition even if the upholstery isn't. New fabric is a doable DIY.

...its legs are split or very wobbly. You often need special tools to fix that sort of thing.

TABLE



...it's made of solid wood. You can sand it down, then paint or restain it to get the look you want.

...it's covered in damaged veneer, which might be hard to repair and paint. Avoid broken legs too.

DRESSER



...its frame is sturdy. Don't worry about dated hardware. New pulls are fun, inexpensive upgrades.

...you can tell it's from a smoker's home. That smell is tough to remove and can get trapped in clothes.

brighten a chandelier

- **Remove** and discard the old socket covers. Clean the chandelier with a damp rag, then wipe dry.
 - **Tape** off the sockets with painter's tape, then spray-paint the entire chandelier, including the chain. Let dry, then remove the tape.
 - **Add** new white socket covers. Screw in new bulbs and attach new shades.
- SOCKET COVERS** Westinghouse 4"-tall plastic candelabra-base candle socket covers, \$3.50 for a set of 2, homedepot.com
- SHADES** Custom Giclee clip-on shades, \$70 for a set of 6, lampsplus.com
- PAINT** ● Gloss Apple Red by Rust-Oleum



colorblock a claw-foot tub

- **Clean** the inside of the tub with an all-purpose cleaner. Scrape any old paint or dirt off the outside with a wire brush.
 - **Prime** the tub using a roller and a multi-surface primer. Use a brush to prime the area of the tub around the feet. Let dry.
 - **Paint** the entire tub exterior one color with a roller. Paint the feet with a brush. Let dry. Using delicate-surface painter's tape, mark a line that sections off about one third of the tub, and paint everything to the left of it another color. Let dry, then remove the tape.
- PAINT** ● Cook's Blue, ● Blue Ground, and ● All White, all by Farrow & Ball



sharpen your flea market bargaining skills

- 1 Offer low (but not too low).** Your starting point should generally be no more than 40% below the asking price. Going lower may insult the dealer. Use words and phrases like "budget" and "This is all I can spend."
- 2 Ask for a collector's or dealer's discount.** Think of it as a low-stress way to haggle. Many dealers will knock 10% to 15% off a price if you're a collector or a fellow dealer.
- 3 Use your smartphone.** Before making an offer, look up the type of item on a site such as eBay so you have an accurate idea of what it's worth.



before

stripe a dresser

- **Unscrew** the old hardware and patch the holes with wood filler.
- **Paint** the left and right sides of the dresser each a different color. Let dry.
- **Starting** 2 inches from the dresser's left edge, use delicate-surface painter's tape to tape off every other stripe so they're varying widths. Your last stripe should be 2 inches from the dresser's right edge. Using a brush, paint each stripe, repeating colors every so often. Peel off the tape while the paint is slightly wet. Let dry overnight.
- **Tape** off the remaining stripes and paint them following the directions above. Paint the 2 inches on the far left the same color as the dresser's left side and the 2 inches on the far right the same color as the dresser's right side. Let dry.
- **Drill** holes in the drawers for the new pulls, and screw them in.

PULLS Classic Hardware Bosetti Marella 5.03" drop pulls in polished brass, \$15 each, homedepot.com

PAINT ● La Fonda Fireberry, ● Bridle Leather Brown, ● Very Berry, ● Ultra Orange, ● Smoked Oyster, and ● Golden Butter, all by Valspar



before



reinvent an old lamp

- **Tape** off the harp, bulb socket, and cord with painter's tape. Spray-paint the base. Let dry, then remove the tape.
- **Unfold** a paper napkin and cut off the perforated edges. The napkin will start to separate. Pull off the printed top layer and discard the rest. Repeat with more napkins.
- **Iron** the napkins on a very low setting to remove any creases. Trim the top and bottom edges so the napkins are the same height as the drum shade. Adhere to the shade with spray mount, overlapping the edges of the napkins if needed to create a continuous pattern.

SHADE Threshold straight drum large lamp shade in Campanula white, \$25, target.com

NAPKINS Caspari coral trellis luncheon napkins, \$6 for a set of 20, paperstyle.com

PAINT ● Pumpkin Orange by Krylon



smart sites for flea market shoppers

fleamarketinsiders.com
As its name suggests, this site offers insider-y tips on haggling, shipping items, and discerning trash from treasure.

fleamarketzone.com
Use this site for its extensive directory of flea markets across the United States and Canada.

worthpoint.com
For a fee (\$20 a month), this site lets you research the selling price of more than 200 million items.



before

bring a battered desk back to life

- **Paint** the desktop and its edges white; paint everything else a color, and let dry.
- **Cover** the shorter desktop edges with a solid strip of washi tape.
- **Apply** strips of washi tape in different colors to the desktop, folding the tape over the desktop edges and securing it underneath. The strips of tape should touch but not overlap.
- **Seal** the desktop with a coat of matte Mod Podge, and let dry.

TAPE Washi tape in asahanada, rose pink, himawari, ninjin, mizu, wakamidori, tamago, baby blue, and wine, \$4 per roll, mt-tape.us

PAINT ● Cay by Sherwin-Williams



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“Come on over!”

The more the merrier at this Rhode Island home
that's built for guests and good times.

Karen and Brian
McMahon at their home
on Block Island, RI

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exterior

The house looks sprawling, but it's actually a moderate 2,499 square feet because of local regulations that limited its footprint. To guarantee they made the most of every inch—and got as many ocean views as possible—the McMahons asked Boston architect Jeremiah Eck to outfit the three-and-a-half-story structure with multiple decks that seamlessly transition to the indoor living areas.



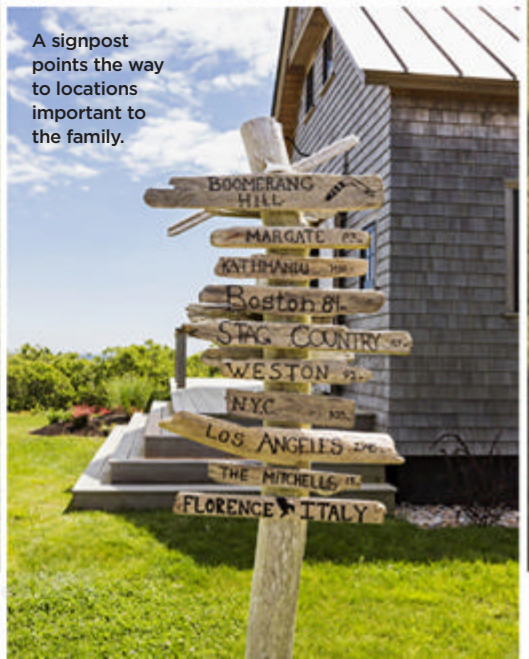
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ummer is busy season for Karen and Brian McMahon. As soon as temperatures start rising, the couple welcomes a steady stream of visitors to their home on Block Island, RI. “Around June we hear from friends we didn’t even know we had!” says Brian. Not that the McMahons are complaining. From the moment the couple broke ground on the cedar-clad house five years ago, they dreamed it would be a destination for them and their grown sons, James, Matt, and Kip. Fast-forward a few years and extended family and friends have joined the party, regularly filling the home’s five bedrooms and detached eight-bed barn. Says Karen, “We’re so fortunate to have this place. We want everyone to experience it.”





A signpost points the way to locations important to the family.



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Mini barn doors
built from salvaged
wood slide over
the TV.






living area

"It reminds me of standing on turf, watching the boys play sports—plus, it's indestructible!" says Karen of the "area rug," a patch of faux grass she scored for \$99 at Costco. Because they're covered in bleachable slipcovers, the Crate & Barrel sofa and chairs are equally durable. The patterned ottoman is from Target, and the stools, which double as a coffee table, are from the Brimfield Antique Show in Massachusetts.



back deck

To blur the line between the kitchen and the deck, architect Jeremiah installed a NanaWall folding window and designed a wood bar that's an extension of the kitchen counters. Visitors can perch on the custom-built stools and chat with whoever's in the kitchen.



The large round pendants are made from metal upcycled from old wine barrels.

kitchen and dining area

If guests come indoors, it's usually to congregate in the kitchen, which features white Shaker cabinets, concrete counters, and an island clad in salvaged barn wood and topped with colored concrete. "We're always making, serving, or eating something," says Karen. When the rare sit-down meal happens, it takes place at the zinc-and-wood dining table from Brimfield. The slipcovered chairs are from IKEA.

house tours



“This happy greeting sets the tone for every visit.” —KAREN



entry

The narrow weathered wood table with a metal base—“I bought it at a flea market, but it looks like it came right out of somebody’s workshop,” says Karen—holds potted plants and baskets with extra linens. She found the metal “HI” letters, which sit right inside the front door, at a Connecticut antiques center. Mounted to the wall are vintage copper downspouts, more flea market buys.



reading nook

There's no better place to take in the house's amazing views of the Atlantic Ocean than from this glassed-in hideaway. Perched at the top of what the McMahons call their lighthouse tower, the room—with its window seat topped with a fuzzy fleece cushion—was built for lounging. “It's my curl-up-with-a-book space,” says Karen.



“We call the house Boomerang Hill because we hope once you visit, you’ll always come back.” —KAREN

sleeping loft

Because it's not uncommon for the McMahons' sons to invite 20-plus friends for the weekend, they built a barn on the property and packed it with beds, futons, and beanbags. The decor is simple—just rag rugs and piles of Pine Cone Hill bedding. “The kids cram in here to watch TV and hang out,” says Brian.

guest bathroom

A simple distressed wood vanity and metal medicine cabinet, both from Restoration Hardware, keep the focus on the stained concrete floors. The secret to their unique green hue? Miracle-Gro. Karen realized the granules were just the right color, so she asked that the plant food get mixed into the concrete. "Needless to say, everyone thought I'd lost my mind with that request!" she says.



guest bedroom

Each of the guest bedrooms is decorated with an accent wall of reclaimed barn wood as well as Pine Cone Hill sheets and a wall-mounted crate for storage.

The mattresses are cushy Tempur-Pedic models. "We decided to be decadent and indulge our visitors," says Karen.





MEET THE OWNERS

Katie and Jeff Bullard own Avenue B Development, an Austin, TX, firm that buys, renovates, and sells properties. He's the contractor, she's the designer, and together they've rehabbed 53 Texas homes. After purchasing their 1,200-square-foot bungalow in 2013, they embarked on a gut reno, nearly doubling the home's size with a second-story addition.

22 TIPS

FROM EXPERT RENOVATORS

Katie and Jeff Bullard, who revamp homes for a living, are pros at maxing out potential. Here's how they rejuvenated their own house.

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2 TAKE A RISK IN A HALLWAY Katie crafted the paneled wall using leftover pine flooring nailed in place. Most of the strips are painted shades of gray, blue, and white, but she left a few untouched.

1 SALVAGED FLOORS MEAN MEGA CHARM The couple replaced the worn-out oak floors with 100-year-old heart pine boards, buffed with wax only. The look is similar to what the 1927 Austin home would have originally had when it was built.

wall color

Graphite by Benjamin Moore

3 IT'S OK TO PAINT WOODWORK

While the couple are fans of preserving the past, painting the 1920s woodwork white (Chantilly Lace by Benjamin Moore) immediately made the living room feel younger.

4 GO ALL IN WITH TILE

Although the gas fireplace is decorative, it's still a focal point, thanks to attention-grabbing black-and-white glass tiles from Material Marketing.



5

SAY SOMETHING WITH LIGHTING

The Bullards installed personality-packed lighting—including this gleaming crystal pendant from Restoration Hardware—throughout the 2,200-square-foot house.

6

KEEP FURNITURE IN PROPORTION

The 14-foot-by-14-foot room needed pieces scaled for its size, like the petite Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams sofa, upholstered in a mini black-and-white houndstooth pattern.



8 STREAMLINE A KITCHEN WITH SHELVES

Katie passed on traditional upper cabinets in favor of 2¾-inch-thick stainless steel floating shelves. “Having everything visible forces you to pare down,” she says.

7 HAND-ME-DOWN APPLIANCES? SURE!

The mint green 1950s Chambers gas stove once belonged to Katie’s mom, who bought it a decade ago, restored it, and eventually let her daughter nab it for her own home.

9 SPEND EXTRA ON THE SHOWPIECE OF A ROOM

Since the 3-foot-by-7-foot island is on constant display—it’s even visible from the front door—the Bullards splurged on a statuary marble top. It’s whiter and brighter than Carrara marble, which is often used for island tops and counters.





10 A LITTLE WALLPAPER GOES A LONG WAY

It was pricey, but Katie didn't need much Phillip Jeffries grass-cloth wallpaper to hang above the wainscoting in the dining room.

11 BE RIGHT ON THE VERGE OF CLASHING

Instead of a matching dining set, Katie mixed a rustic table on wheels from Restoration Hardware with pink velvet World Market chairs and two acrylic chairs from local store Collectic Home.

12 AN EXPENSIVE RUG IN A DINING ROOM ISN'T WORTH THE STRESS

Chocolate, salad dressing—nothing fazes this durable sisal carpet from Pottery Barn. Blotting with a damp rag spot-cleans most spills.

13

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A TOO-OPULENT MIRROR

To make the first-floor bathroom feel special, Katie hung a curvy black lacquered mirror from Jonathan Adler above the pedestal sink.

14

BUSY FLOORS CAN WORK IN TINY ROOMS

Combined with simple subway tiles in the shower and white walls, the hexagonal marble floor tiles from Mission Stone & Tile aren't overwhelming.



**17 DON'T GO OFFICE-Y
IN A HOME OFFICE**

At more than 2 feet high, the chunky glass and plated steel Horchow pendant is dining room-worthy but feels right at home in the couple's untraditional workspace.

**15 PAIR QUIET WITH
ROWDY** A neutral wood and marble Crate & Barrel dining table and white leather chairs from Collectic Home get dialed up with cabana-stripe cotton drapes from Half Price Drapes and a cowhide rug.

16 REPEAT COLORS FOR CONTINUITY Deep gray (Graphite by Benjamin Moore) on the office's French doors not only sets the home office space apart but also connects it to the adjacent living room—which has the same color on the accent wall.

19

GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO THE HOME'S


HERITAGE During the downstairs reno, the Bullards discovered rough-sawn shiplap hidden beneath sheetrock. For the master bath addition, they decided to line the walls with similar-looking horizontal planks.

18

CHOOSE A VANITY
THAT RESEMBLES

FURNITURE Modeled after an antique pharmacy cabinet, the marble-top metal vanity from Restoration Hardware has twin sinks for rushed mornings.





20 EMBRACE LOW CEILINGS Because of restrictions on the size of additions to Austin's historic homes, the ceiling in the new master bedroom dips down to 6 feet 8 inches along one wall. Rather than downplay the height, the Bullards emphasized it by painting the walls and ceiling two different colors (Tranquility on the walls and Chantilly Lace on the ceiling, both by Benjamin Moore).

22 TRY SCONCES INSTEAD OF LAMPS

Hardwired lights mounted to the wall free up surface space on the nightstands while still providing plenty of illumination for bedtime reading.

21 MIRRORED FURNITURE LOOKS LIGHT Completely covered in mirrors, three-drawer chests from Collectic Home "have a ton of storage but don't take up much space visually," says Katie.



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Amy Lipton
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I live *(and work)* in my kitchen


This enterprising homeowner created a space so cheery, it became her business's HQ.

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Plenty of homeowners claim to spend most of their time in the kitchen. But few clock as many hours in their cook space as Amy Lipton. Trained as a chef, Amy now runs a cooking school, Joyful Kitchen, out of the Wellesley, MA, home she shares with her husband, Joe, and kids, Gabriel and Julia. That wasn't always the plan. Sure, when the Liptons bought the house in 2012, Amy loved its existing pro-grade appliances, bubble glass-front cabinets, and generous island. But the kitchen looked far too formal to host cooking classes. "It had dark gold walls that just weren't very inviting," says Amy. With help from local designer Katie Rosenfeld, Amy updated the furniture and introduced a zippy color scheme of off-white, blue, and orange. "I couldn't have picked a more perfect place for my business," she says.



glass-front fridge With its see-through door, the sleek Sub-Zero refrigerator lets Amy showcase interesting ingredients. While she admits it takes a little extra work to keep it looking neat, "it's a definite conversation starter," she says.



storage Ivory paint (China White by Benjamin Moore)—"The color reminds me of white chocolate," says Amy—covers the cabinets and built-ins and lets the oil-rubbed-bronze hardware take center stage.



island During classes, Amy's students circle around the 10-foot-long marble-top island to watch and participate in demonstrations. When she's off duty, Amy preps family meals here, and her kids use it as a homework station. Cookbooks are stashed on the built-in shelves on the side.



pendants Installed by the previous homeowners, these fixtures made it onto Amy's list of must-keeps, thanks to their bright silk shades. Designer Katie suggested adding blue to the room, and voilà—the kitchen's color scheme was born.

range The six-burner Wolf range allows multiple people to stir pots at once. For easy cleanup, the nearby counters, backsplash, and spice shelf are all stainless steel.

barstools “The rounded backs feel like they’re hugging you,” says Amy of the custom Kravet stools upholstered in peacock blue faux leather. Spill some tomato sauce on them and it’ll wipe right up.

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window shade Katie wowed Amy when she showed her Osborne & Little's whimsical Maharani fabric, which unifies the kitchen's colors. In fact, Amy liked the pomegranate design so much, she uses the fruit in her company's logo.

chandelier A beaded agate chandelier from Currey and Company gives the breakfast nook a slightly dressy feel that distinguishes it from the rest of the kitchen.

table and chairs The Lipton family eats dinner at this antique farm table five nights a week. The chairs, which belonged to Joe's grandfather, and the window seat are upholstered in the same faux leather as the barstools at the island. "I love how communal this area feels," says Amy.



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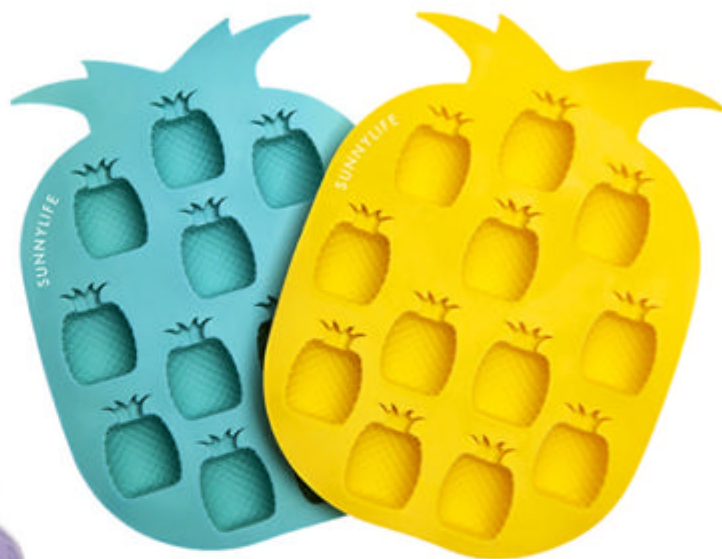
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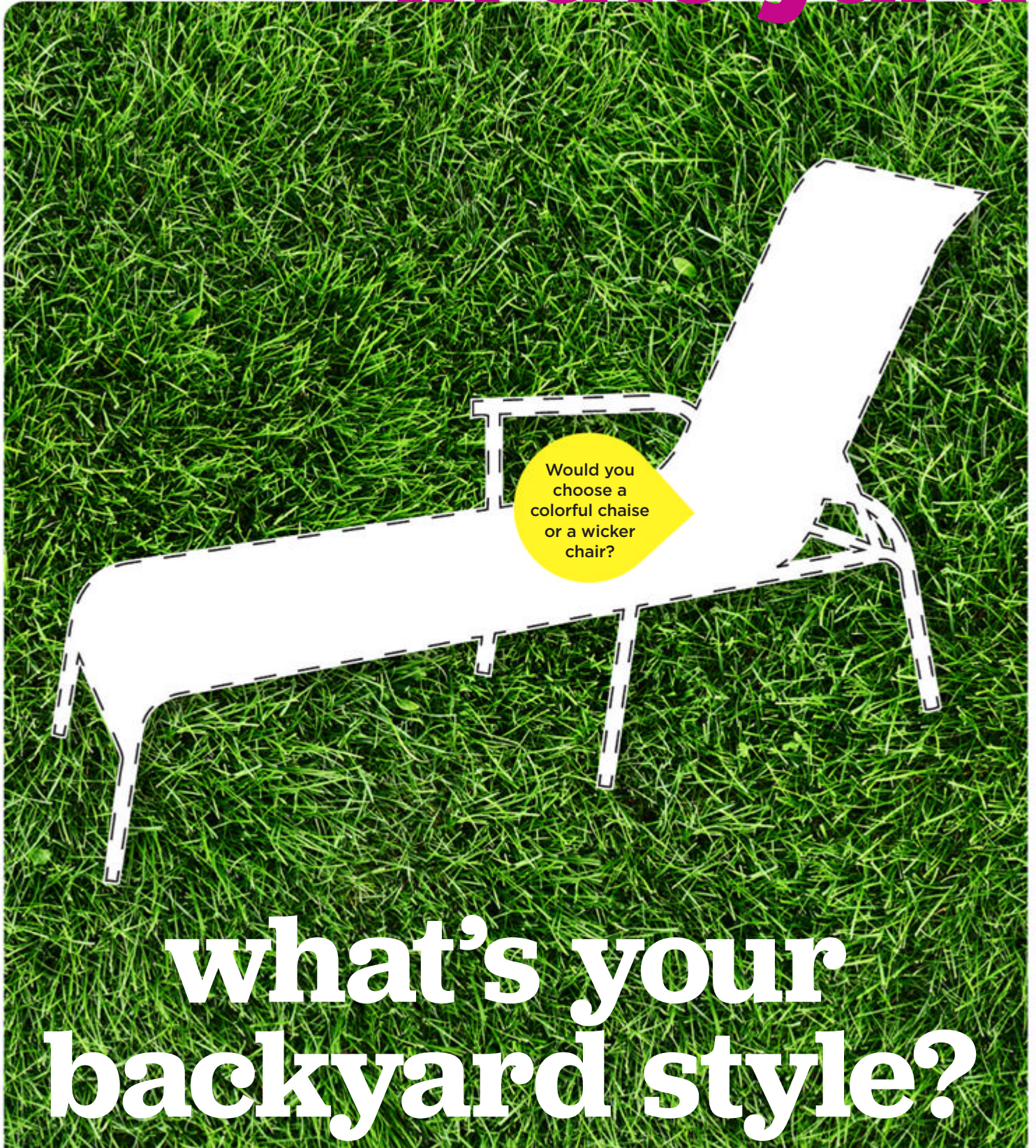
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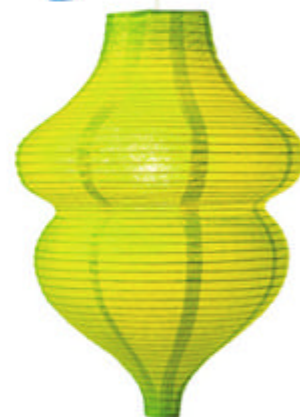


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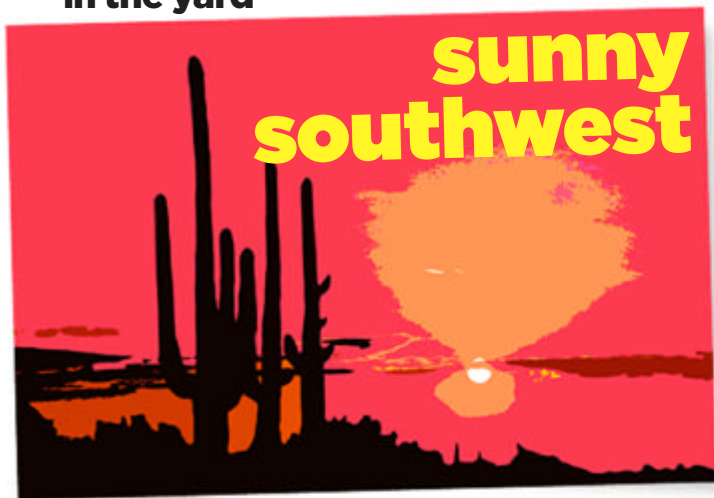
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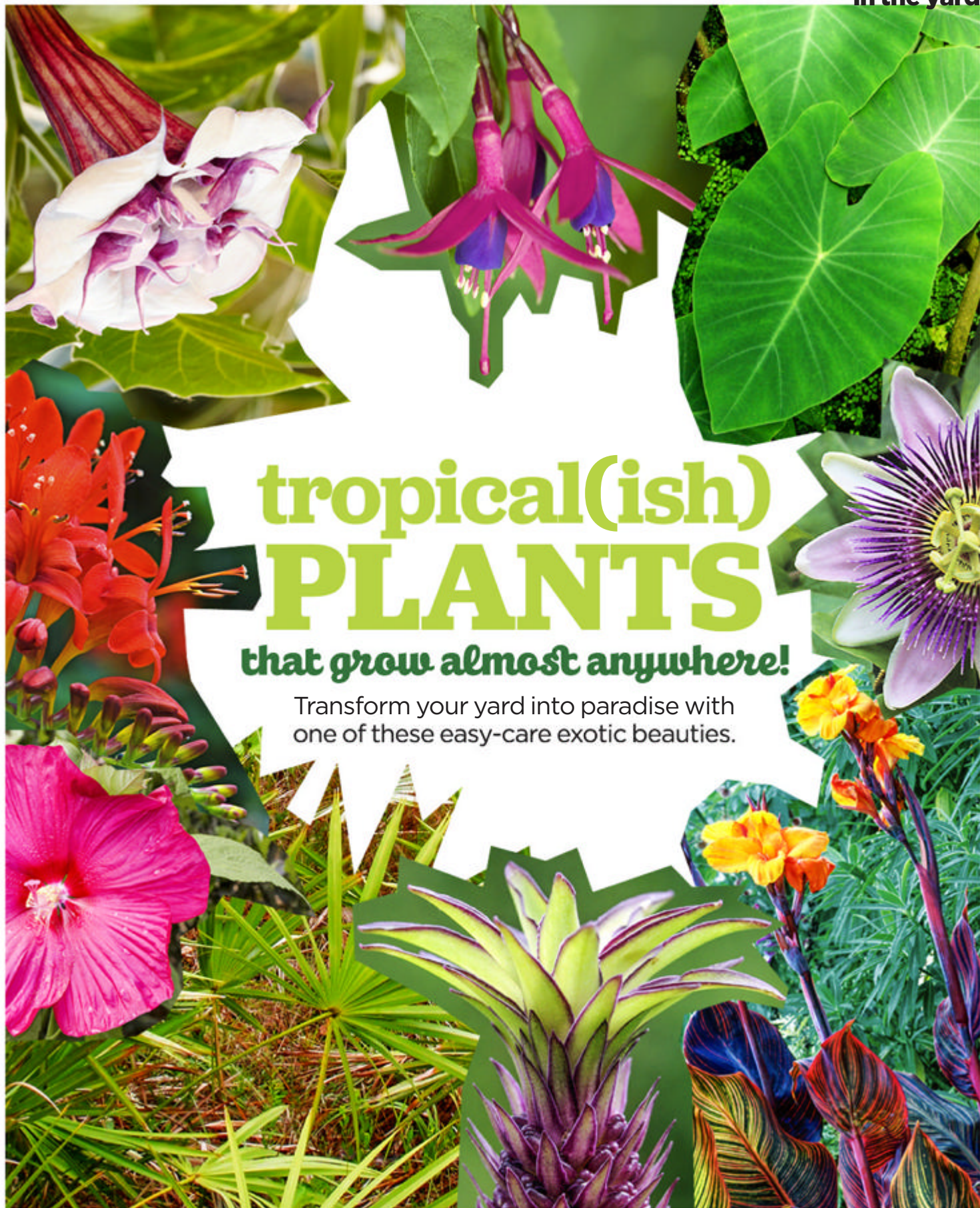


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how tropical are these plants?

True tropical plants originate in humid, hot climates—think the Amazon jungle and Hawaii. While many of the plants on these pages technically are tropical, they can all survive in less-than-steamy locales, so you can enjoy their showy look almost anywhere. If you live in an area where temps fall below freezing, keep the plants in pots, and bring them inside in colder months. Another option: Dig up and store their roots somewhere warm indoors so you can replant them in the spring. In warmer climates, these varieties should survive the winter outside.

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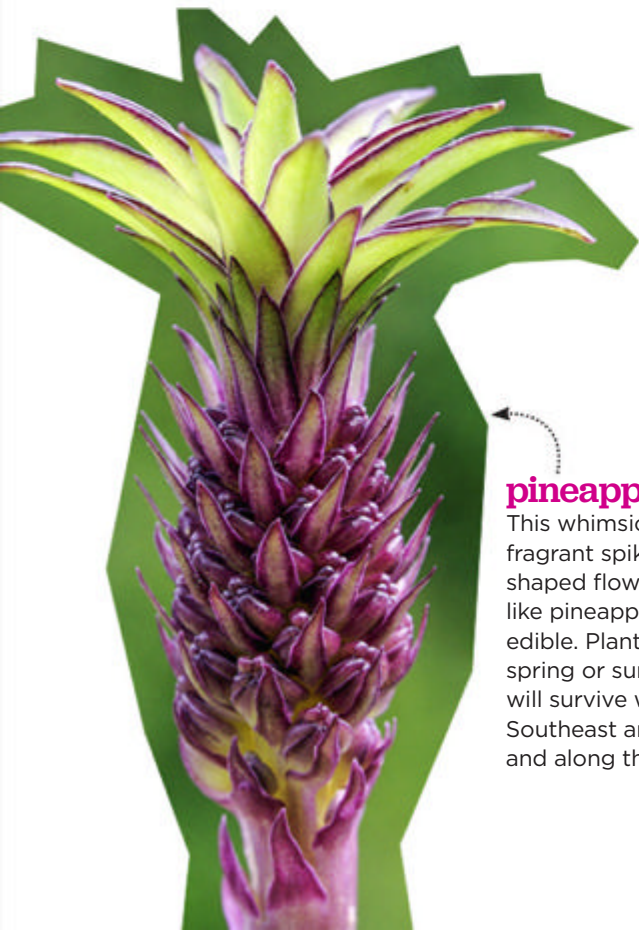
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canna

Canna's long, palm-like leaves, with their mixed-color stripes, are often its flashiest feature. But it also has tall, ruffled flowers in bold colors. This sun worshipper should last through the winter in the Mid-Atlantic and South and up the Pacific coastline to the Northwest.



pineapple lily

This whimsical plant has fragrant spikes of star-shaped flowers that look like pineapples but aren't edible. Plant it in the spring or summer and it will survive winter in the Southeast and Southwest and along the Pacific Coast.

needle palm

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cover

FENCE (custom) For a similar look, try Spruce Dog-Ear 6' x 8' fence privacy panel, \$50, lowes.com. **FENCE PAINT** Swan White #98YY 82/022 by Glidden. **STRING LIGHTS** For a similar look, try ikea.com. **POTTING BENCH** (painted) Outdoor garden workbench station, \$110, bestchoiceproducts.com. **POTTING BENCH PAINT** Crisp Linen White #61YY 89/040 by Glidden. **FABRIC** Country Check linen and cotton fabric in jungle green by Alan Campbell for China Seas, quadrillefabrics.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **PITCHER** Striped ceramic pitcher in blue and white, \$10, HomeGoods stores. **VASES** (multicolor) Crate & Barrel; (yellow) prop, unavailable. **LANTERN** Urban Trends ceramic tea light lantern with metal handle in teal, \$105 for a mixed set of 6, wayfair.com. **TRAY** Kaleido by Clara von Zweigbergk for Hay large powder-coated-steel tray in yellow, aplusrstore.com. **DRINKING GLASSES** props, unavailable. **STRAWS** Polka dot paper straws in hot pink, \$1 for a package of 10, papermart.com.

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fun decorating

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Back Deck: **WOOD BAR** (custom) Dwyer Hardwoods, Narragansett, RI, dwyerhardwoods.com. **STOOLS** custom. **Kitchen:** **COUNTERTOPS** Justin Hawkins, Livingstone Concrete Studios, Lincoln, RI, livingstoneconcrete.com. **CORNER SHELVES** Charles Millikin, CMC Construction, Block Island, RI, 401-466-9694. **LIBRARY LIGHTS** For a similar look, try Exeter 4721 in old bronze, hudsonvalleylighting.com. **FAUCET** Kohler. **Dining Area:** **TABLE AND PENDANTS** Brimfield Antique Show, brimfieldshow.com. **CHAIRS** IKEA. **Entry:** **METAL LETTERS** vintage. For a similar look, try Metal Letter wall plaques, homedecorators.com. **Reading Nook:** **KANTHA BLANKET** vintage. For a similar look, try Reversible Coverlet with kantha stitch, mothology.com. **WHALE PILLOW** Anthropologie. **Sleeping Loft:** **BEDDING** Pine Cone Hill. **Bathroom:** **VANITY** St. James single vanity sink in antiqued natural with Italian Carrara marble top, restoration

hardware.com. **MIRROR** Pharmacy wall-mount medicine cabinet in burnished steel, restorationhardware.com. **FAUCET** Kohler. **LIGHTS** Vagabond Vintage. **Guest Bedroom:** **SCONCES** For a similar look, try Garden City 8322 in old bronze, hudsonvalleylighting.com. **CRATE** vintage. For a similar look, try woodencrategallery.etsy.com. **BED** Tempur-Pedic, raymourflanigan.com. **BEDDING** Pine Cone Hill. **INTERIOR DECORATING AND ANTIQUE PICKING** Karen McMahon, flea queens.com. **ARCHITECT** Jeremiah Eck, Eck/MacNeely Architects Inc., Boston, MA, eckmacneely.com. **CATERING** Bethany's Airport Diner, Block Island, RI, 401-466-3100. **22 Tips From Expert Renovators, pages 112-121 Living Room:** **LIGHT FIXTURE** Spencer chandelier, restorationhardware.com. **SOFA** Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams. **COFFEE TABLE** Peekaboo acrylic coffee table, cb2.com. **ACCENT CHAIRS** Chippendale armchairs in black, jonathanadler.com. **MIRROR** One Kings Lane. **FIREPLACE TILES** Materials Marketing, mstoneandtile.com. **RUG** Shoreline rug, luluandgeorgia.com. **Kitchen:** **STOVE** vintage. **COUNTERTOPS** (on island) statuary marble; (along wall) soapstone, both AG&M, agmgranite.com. **APPLIANCES** Harway Appliances, harwayappliances.com. **LIGHT FIXTURES AND CABINET PULLS** Restoration Hardware. **RUG** Zigzag multi 2½' x 8' micro-hooked rug, dashandalbert.com. **Dining Room:** **LIGHT FIXTURE** Lights Fantastic, lightsfantastic.com. **WALLPAPER** Union Square Item 5677 by Phillip Jeffries, phillipjeffries.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **DINING TABLE** Flat Iron rectangular dining table in reclaimed natural elm and zinc metal, restorationhardware.com. **DINING CHAIRS** (pink) Paige round-back dining chairs in fuchsia, worldmarket.com; (clear) crystal dining chairs, collectichome.com. **RUG** Pottery Barn. **Guest Bathroom:** **MIRROR** Queen Anne mirror in black, jonathanadler.com. **FLOOR TILES** Mission Stone & Tile, missionstonetile.com. **Office:** **PENDANT** Square glass lantern by Regina-Andrew Design, horchow.com. **DRAPES** Half Price Drapes, halfpricedrapes.com. **DESK** Crate & Barrel. **CHAIRS** Collectic Home. **RUG** One Kings Lane. **Master Bathroom:** **BATHTUB** Vintage Tub & Bath, vintagetub.com. **BATH RUG** Jill Rosenwald Fallon Arrowhead 2' x 3' rug in teal and bright white, luluandgeorgia.com. **MIRRORS** Restoration Hardware. **VANITY** Pharmacy double vanity sink in white with Italian Carrara marble, restorationhardware.com.

LIGHT FIXTURES Barn Light Electric. **Master Bedroom:**
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kitchen style

**I Live (and Work) in My Kitchen, pages 123-131 CURTAIN
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osborneandlittle.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying
info. **REFRIGERATOR** Sub-Zero, subzero-wolf.com. **RANGE** Wolf,
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Kravet. **CHANDELIER** Currey & Company, curreycodealers.com
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extending dining table in rustic pine finish, potterybarn.com.
DINING CHAIRS heirlooms. For a similar look, try Cortona side
chair in vintage spruce, potterybarn.com. **INTERIOR DESIGN**
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MA, katirosenfelddesign.com, 781-235-2450. **HOMEOWNER'S
COOKING SCHOOL** Joyful Kitchen Cooking School, Wellesley, MA,
joyfulkitchen.net, 781-416-3696.



front door how-to

- 1** Paint the entire door one color; let dry.
- 2** Using delicate-surface painter's tape, tape off three stripes in varying widths on the lower third of the door.
- 3** Fill in the stripes with a second color.
- 4** Peel off the tape while the paint is still slightly wet; let dry.
- 5** Tape off two more stripes and fill in with a third color, following the directions above.

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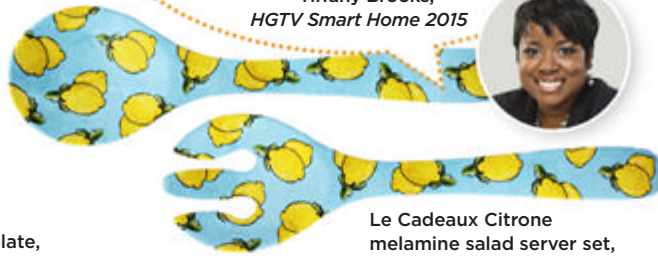
“A big stack of melamine **plates**—they come in so many gorgeous colors and patterns—is a serious step up from paper.”

—Alison Victoria, *Kitchen Crashers*



“Summer means salad! Leave your boring **servicing set** inside, and toss with this lemon-printed pair instead.”

—Tiffany Brooks, *HGTV Smart Home 2015*



Le Cadeaux Citrone melamine salad server set, \$10, toucheurope.net



Martha Stewart Striped 96-ounce acrylic pitcher, \$32, macys.com



“I once shattered a glass **pitcher** at a cookout, so now I stick to fumble-proof acrylic. Even Jonathan couldn't break this one.”

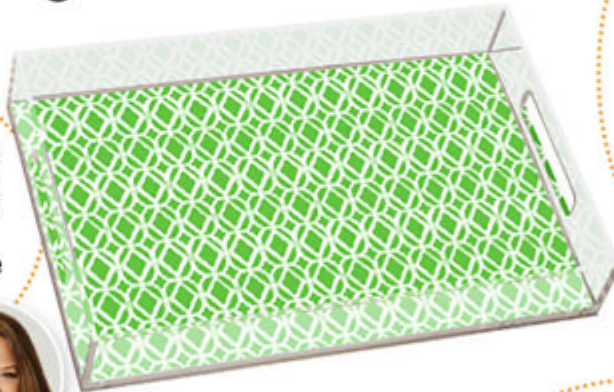
—Drew Scott, *Brother vs. Brother**



What's your favorite outdoor-friendly party essential?

“For backyard get-togethers, I love a graphic **tray**. It's great for ferrying food outside or holding cutlery and napkins at the end of a buffet.”

—Meg Caswell, HGTV designer



Lilly Pulitzer 11" x 17" acrylic tray in private property, \$89, lifeguardpress.com



“Fill this wood bowl with ripe fruit all summer long.”

—Hilary Farr, *Love It or List It**



“You'd swear these acrylic **champagne flutes** were delicate amethyst glass, but they're 100% safe for alfresco sipping.”

—Christina El Moussa, *Flip or Flop*



Epic Products acrylic flutes in purple, \$23 for a set of 6, amazon.com



Butri 11"-diameter reclaimed mango wood bowl, \$39, bambeco.com

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scott

Scott McGillivray *Income Property*

AGE: 37

HOMETOWN: Toronto, Ontario

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Married

First tool you'd save in a fire:

My Fubar. It's a multipurpose demolition tool that helps knock down walls, pull out nails, and pry apart boards.

*** Home fix anyone can do:**

Unclogging a toilet. Gross? Maybe. But not having to hire a plumber can really save you money.

Home fix no one should try:

Working on your HVAC system. Leave heating and cooling to the pros!

Chrome- or brass-finish fixtures? Even though brass is on the upswing, I'm still a fan of chrome. It's cleaner and bolder, and it goes with more design choices.

Power snack: Almonds.

***how to unclog a toilet**



1. Reach behind the toilet and shut off the water valve. Fill a bucket with hot water. Squirt dish soap into the toilet bowl, then pour in the water. Let sit for a few minutes.



2. Press a plunger firmly against the hole in the bottom of the bowl. Without releasing the suction, plunge up and down five to 10 times, then quickly pull out the plunger.



3. When the clog clears, turn the water back on and flush once to get the water moving freely.



Jonathan Scott
Brother vs. Brother

AGE: 37

HOMETOWN: Vancouver,
British Columbia

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Single

First tool you'd save in a fire:

After saving my dogs, Gracie and Stewie, I'd grab my Stiletto titanium hammer. It's tough and heavy, and it's been with me on many jobs.

*** Home fix anyone can do:**

Caulking around a tub. All you need is silicone caulk and a caulk gun.

Home fix no one should try:

Anything structural, like removing a wall. You have to be absolutely sure you're not undermining the strength of the building.

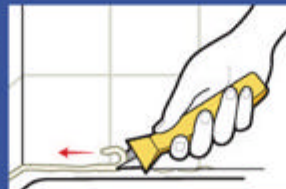
Hardwood or engineered wood?

In the past I might have said hardwood, but today's higher-quality engineered wood matches it in looks and longevity.

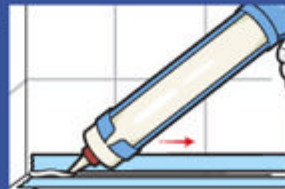
Power snack: An Acai Berry Boost smoothie from Tropical Smoothie Café in Las Vegas, NV.

jonathan

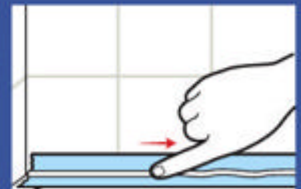
***how to caulk around a tub**



1. Scrape out the old caulk with a utility knife, then scrub the area with a nonabrasive sponge and all-purpose cleaner. Let dry.



2. Place a strip of painter's tape $\frac{1}{8}$ inch above and $\frac{1}{8}$ inch below the gap you're going to caulk. Holding a caulk gun at a slight angle, release a line of caulk into the gap.



3. Immediately dampen your finger and run it along the line of caulk to smooth it out. Then peel off the painter's tape. To ensure the caulk dries, don't use your tub for 24 hours.

drew

Drew Scott *Brother vs. Brother*

AGE: 37

HOMETOWN: Vancouver,
British Columbia

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Coupled up

First tool you'd save in a fire:

I'd be lost without my iPhone.

*** Home fix anyone can do:**

Trimming small tree limbs—it instantly boosts curb appeal.

Home fix no one should try:

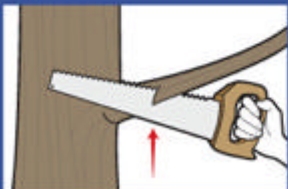
Any electrical or plumbing work. What might seem easy can turn into an expensive mistake if you do it incorrectly and not to code.

Wraparound porch or back deck?

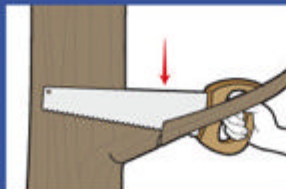
A deck because it adds more livable space to your home, is more private, and can act as an extension to your family room or dining area.

Favorite brand of tie: I just got a whole bunch from Tommy Hilfiger. Picking them out, I was like a kid in a candy shop. All those patterns!

***how to trim a tree limb**



1. Using a handsaw, cut $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way through the limb's underside, about a foot from where it connects to the trunk or another limb.



2. Make a second cut directly above the first one until they meet, creating a smooth, clean cut. Be very careful: After this cut, the limb will fall to the ground.



3. Saw straight down through the leftover stub so it extends just a few inches beyond the trunk.



Anthony Carrino
America's Most Desperate Kitchens

AGE: 36

HOMETOWN: Franklin Lakes, NJ

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Single

First tool you'd save in a fire:

I've pared down my must-haves to fit into a large Husky tool chest on wheels. I'd grab the whole thing!

***Home fix anyone can do:**

Repairing a stripped screw hole. You know those wiggly screws in walls and on cabinets? A stripped screw hole is often to blame.

Home fix no one should try:

Anything to do with a breaker panel, except flipping a circuit breaker.

Open shelves or upper cabinets? Upper cabinets. I'd rather see the clean lines of a beautiful slab door than a stack of plates.

Favorite non-tool tool: My iPad. I run all my jobs through an app called FieldLens to keep track of projects as they progress.

anthony

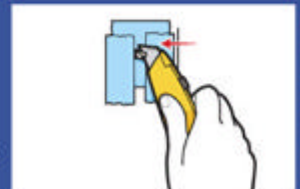
***how to repair a stripped screw hole**



1. Remove the screw from the hole. If you need extra help, use needle-nose pliers to pull it out.



2. Snap off the ends of wooden matchsticks (the part you strike), and discard. Stuff what remains into the hole along with some wood glue. You can also use toothpicks.



3. Let dry. Trim the wood with a utility blade so it's flush with the surface—to prevent scratches, place painter's tape around the hole. Drill the screw back in. Peel off the tape.

john

John Colaneri
America's Most Desperate Kitchens

AGE: 34

HOMETOWN: Ramsey, NJ

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Married

First tool you'd save in a fire:

The vintage hammer my father gave me. It's more than 50 years old.

*** Home fix anyone can do:**

Patching small holes in a wall.

Home fix no one should try:

Taking down load-bearing walls during a demo. The damage could be so severe, your house could literally collapse around you.

Marble or granite counters?

Neither! I love natural stone, but engineered quartz is my top pick. It needs zero maintenance and resists stains—plus it comes in loads of styles, and many new quartzes look so similar to natural stone, it's hard to tell the difference.

Favorite brand of work boots:

Wolverine.

***how to patch a small hole in a wall**



1. Scrape a 1-inch putty knife against the area around the hole to smooth it out, then wipe the knife and wall clean.



2. Dip the putty knife into lightweight spackle. Spread it over the hole, moving the knife in an X pattern. Use the edge of the knife to smooth the spackle against the wall.



3. Let dry. Smooth any bumps in the wall with fine-grit sandpaper or a fine sanding block. Paint over the touch-up using a small roller.

chris

Chris Lambton *Yard Crashers*

AGE: 38

HOMETOWN: Dennis, MA

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Married

First tool you'd save in a fire:

My Fiskars axe. I would look manly holding it as I ran out of a burning house, and if I got trapped, I could just chop my way to freedom.

* Home fix anyone can do:

Unless it has a huge puncture in it, anyone can mend a small nick or hole in a hose.

Home fix no one should try:

Replacing or repairing a roof.

Wood mulch or stone mulch?

Wood all the way. I love the smell, and it breaks down over time to act as compost for your plants.

Favorite non-tool tool:

Rocks. They're easy to find, and they can be used for almost anything—as a wheel block for a wheelbarrow, to hold down a tarp, and even as a hammer.

*how to mend a hose



1. Locate the leak and shut off the water supply.



2. Cut out the damaged area with pruning shears or a sharp knife. Soak the cut ends in hot water to make them more pliable.



3. Insert each freshly cut end into one end of a hose mender—a plastic or metal fitting that clamps onto the hose—and tighten its screws to reconnect the hose.



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1. **DRAW OUT YOUR DESIGN** on paper to ensure you know where tiles will need to be cut. Build your plan around focal points, such as the faucet and stove.
2. **MARK CUTTING MEASUREMENTS** with a tile pencil and use a tile saw to make any necessary cuts and snips. To make tile cuts meant to fit around fixtures, trace the fixture or outlet on a sheet of paper and then transfer the outline onto the tile. Remember to use safety gear, such as goggles and a dust mask.
3. **SEE IF ANY PREP WORK IS NEEDED** to ensure your surface is suitable for adhesive. Clean the wall with a large sponge to create a smooth installation surface. You may also need to make other adjustments based on the wall condition.*
4. **USE A NOTCHED TROWEL** to spread a uniform layer of tile adhesive on the wall, ensuring the entire tile is covered.*
5. **SET THE TILES** into your predetermined layout using a rubber mallet and tile spacers.* Make sure the tiles are level and avoid over-pressing, which may cause the adhesive to seep onto the tile face. Once all of the tiles have been set, wait for the adhesive to dry according to package directions.
6. **SPREAD PREMIXED GROUT*** using a foam float between all tile spaces. Use a sweeping arc motion and keep the foam float at a 45-degree angle to ensure that the grout spreads evenly. Remove excess grout at a 90-degree angle.
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chris

Chris Grundy *Blog Cabin*

AGE: 45

HOMETOWN: Naperville, IL

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Single

First tool you'd save in a fire:

My DeWalt cordless impact driver. It packs a ton of power to drive a screw into a wall.

*** Home fix anyone can do:**

Changing out a light switch for a dimmer switch. Soft lighting instantly makes a room feel warm and friendly.

Home fix no one should try:

Replacing a garage door spring. Garage doors are heavy beasts, and the springs are dangerous. Make a mistake and—boom!—you could lose a hand or limb.

Tool belt or toolbox? I like a tool belt because once I put it on, I have everything with me until I take it off.

Favorite non-tool tool: Baby oil. It removes latex paint from your skin like magic.

***how to install a dimmer switch**



1. Turn off the power to the switch, then unscrew the switch plate and the switch itself. Pull out the switch. Use a voltage tester to ensure the wires aren't electrified.



2. Untwist the wires that connect the old switch to the wall. Match the colors of the wires in the wall to the ones on the dimmer, and gently twist the ends together.



3. Cover the ends with wire nuts (plastic caps that should come with the dimmer), then fit the wires back into the wall. Screw the dimmer and its cover plate in place.

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matt

Matt Muenster *Bath Crashers*

AGE: 38

HOMETOWN: St. Paul, MN

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Married

First tool you'd save in a fire:

My Festool Rotex RO 125. It's the best orbital sander ever. I love it for refinishing furniture and sanding trim.

*** Home fix anyone can do:**

Switching out a showerhead. It should take you all of 10 minutes and will seriously update the look of your bathroom.

Home fix no one should try:

Major plumbing upgrades, like relocating a toilet. Even plumbers struggle with that!

Steam shower or soaking tub?

No doubt about it, steam shower. In cold weather, nothing is better, especially if you're not feeling 100%.

Power snack: Wella Bars for protein—or any potato chip within arm's reach.

***how to switch out a showerhead**



1. Using a wrench, loosen the nut at the showerhead's base, then unscrew it with your hands to remove it and the showerhead. Wipe away any residue from the shower arm.



2. Wrap plumber's tape around the threads of the shower arm a couple of times.



3. Put the new showerhead on the end of the shower arm, and tighten it by turning the accompanying nut with your fingers. Turn on the shower; if it drips, tighten the nut again.

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