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FROM THE EDITOR

After a lifetime of watching makeovers unfold on talk shows and reality TV programs, I still feel a thrill when a horrendous before becomes a glorious after. Having completed projects for this magazine and in my own life, I know that real transformations take more than a moment and fancy camerawork. Makeovers require planning, attention to detail, and follow-through. They may be work—but oh, are they worth it!

Whether you want to overhaul a pillow, a piece of furniture, a room, or your entire home, this issue is your go-to guide. Start small by turning garage castoffs into cool planters (“Contain Yourself,” *page 54*), then learn how to rehab five different thrift-store chairs (“Sitting Pretty,” *page 78*), or upgrade every surface in your kitchen on a tiny budget (“Making Over Mundane,” *page 94*). Whatever your goal, this issue holds the inspiration you crave and details you need to get the job done right.

Happy projecting!

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*Shape your success as a sculptor
with these six easy projects.*

PROJECTS **JODI MENSING HARRIS** PHOTOGRAPHS **STEVEN MCDONALD**
WORDS **HEIDI PALKOVIC**



PRESS TO IMPRESS Balls of white polymer clay dot the surface of a mod hanging planter, *below*. To make a form, cover an upside-down, oven-safe flowerpot with parchment paper. Knead the clay, then roll out a thin sheet with a clay roller or rolling pin, press it around the parchment paper on the pot's exterior, and trim as needed. Form balls and press them onto the clay sheet (A). Press a small round object, such as a marker cap, into each ball. Poke three evenly spaced holes around the rim of the clay planter using a bamboo skewer. Bake according to the manufacturer's instructions; let cool. Remove the clay from the flowerpot form. Roll out another thin sheet of clay, and press it inside the clay pot to strengthen the liner. Repoke the holes, and bake again. Once cool, thread jute through the holes and tie as a hanger.



STAY HYDRATED
POT THE PLANT IN
A LIGHTWEIGHT
PLANTER WITH
DRAINAGE HOLES,
AND REMOVE FROM
HANGING POT
TO WATER.

WHAT A DISH Swirls of colorful clay mimic the look of marble on this decorative dish, *below*. Knead four or five shades of polymer clay, then roll out $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-diameter rods of each color. Lay the rods in desired order, then twist together and fold the twisted rods in half (A). Twist and fold the clay again (B). Form the clay into a ball, then roll it out until $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. Lay a square dish on top, and cut out the clay around the dish edges (C). Place the clay square inside an oven-safe glass bowl, allowing the corners to curve up slightly along the sides. Bake the clay in the bowl according to the clay manufacturer's instructions. Allow to cool, then remove the dish from the bowl. To smooth the corners of the dish, dampen and sand the corners slightly. Let dry.





HANG TIME Cookie cutters make it easy to cut clay flowers for this driftwood mobile, *left*. Roll out shades of pink, lavender, and white polymer clay to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, then use flower-shape cookie cutters to cut out the flowers (A). Press pieces of lace or other items onto the surface of each flower to create patterns, and poke a hole for hanging in each flower (B). Place the shapes on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper, and bake according to the clay manufacturer's instructions. When cool, hang the shapes from a piece of driftwood using varying lengths of monofilament thread or fishing line. Tie a thick piece of jute or rope around the center of the driftwood and hang the mobile from a ceiling hook.



A



B



MAGNETIC ATTRACTION Floral designs take shape on clay-topped magnets, *left*. For this project, knead each color to make clay warm and supple before layering. Form one short pink and two short olive green rods (the pink rod should be slightly larger than the green rods) and thin strips of black and light turquoise clays (A). Layer the turquoise strip on the black strip. Place the pink rod crosswise in the center of the layered strips; wrap the strips around the pink rod (black on the outside). Continue wrapping strips around each green rod with turquoise side out, stacking rods as shown (B). Press stack into a pyramid-shape rod and gently stretch it as long as possible without impairing the design (C). Slice rod into seven equal pieces, and press them together like pieces of a pie (D). Gently stretch the pie into a rod, then slice it into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-thick disks (E). Bake according to clay instructions; let cool. Hot-glue a magnet to the back of each disk, and use after glue dries (F).



A



B



C



D



E



F



A

BUDDING IDEA Inside this geometric clay vase, *below*, is a glass test tube, which is just the right size for holding a few flower stems. Knead turquoise and white polymer clays together to get the desired shade of blue, then form the clay evenly around the test tube in a ball, making sure the tube is centered in the clay and the opening is uncovered. If needed, poke a pencil through the clay to clear the opening. Slice shallow pieces of clay off the ball using a sharp knife and straight strokes to create the geometric surface (A). Follow the manufacturer's instructions to bake the clay; let cool.



MODEL BEHAVIOR Arts and crafts stores offer a range of modeling clays, including polymer and air-dry varieties. Polymer clays, such as Sculpey and FIMO brands, stay workable until baked in the oven and come in dozens of colors and effects. Always check the package for its recommended usage, such as jewelry, caning, sculptures, and kids' crafts. Air-dry clay gives a natural look to your projects but requires moisture to stay workable and will shrink slightly while drying.



A



B



C

COLOR CHECK
TO LIGHTEN A HUE,
KNEAD COLORED
POLYMER CLAY
WITH WHITE CLAY
FROM THE
SAME LINE.

SAY CHEESE Make your mark with custom clay cheese identifiers, *below*. Roll out a thin, even layer of air-dry clay, then cut out shapes using small cookie cutters. Stamp letters and designs onto half the shapes (A). You will need two shapes for each marker, one stamped and one plain. Cut 4-inch-long segments from the pointed ends of bamboo skewers. Sandwich a skewer segment between the clay layers (B). Seal the edges with a dampened finger; let dry. Wiggle the skewer periodically as the clay dries so it is removable and replaceable. Use a small brush to push brown acrylic paint into the stamped designs (C). Gently wipe paint from each surface with a clean cloth so that the designs keep the paint; let dry.



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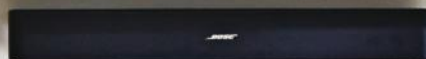


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Give your TV a place of honor in any room—and then trick it out with these accessories you can buy, hack, or make.

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MAKE IT

FRAMED FLAT-SCREEN

Beefed up with a wide frame and hung on the wall with a smattering of prints and photos, the humble flat-screen morphs into artwork.

Build the box slightly larger than the screen so the black surround shows, and cut a hole in the back to thread cords through. Paint it an eye-catching color, and voilà! A screen worth staring at.



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HACK IT

RECESSED WALL PLATE

This plastic plate indents into drywall, creating a space to tuck cables and cords out of sight. It allows you to mount the TV flush against the wall. No more wobble! Find it at any home center for about \$5.



BUY IT

FULL-MOTION MOUNT

Today's massive televisions offer a theater experience in the comfort of your own home—but mounting them on the wall (and trying to adjust them later) can be tricky. A full-motion mount means that you can tilt, swivel, extend, and level the screen (without tools) for the ideal viewing angle. This model has a channel for concealing cords and installs with ease—you hear an audible click when it fits securely in place. Sanus Premium Series Full-Motion Mount (Model No. VLF515); \$290; sanus.com

BUY IT

ACOUSTIC DIFFUSER

Though it resembles ultramodern wall sculpture, this handsome congregation of pine blocks is actually a sound diffuser. Diffusers are what audiophiles use to scatter sound waves throughout a room, thus silencing echoes and improving sound clarity—all the better for family movie night. \$175; overtoneacoustics.com



BUY IT



WIRELESS SPEAKER

The sleek Clío Bluetooth speaker seems to fade into the background wherever you place it, but make no mistake: It packs a powerful punch, delivering panoramic sound that fills the whole room. Because it is wireless, you can position it almost anywhere. \$299; clearviewaudio.com

BUY IT



PLASTIC WIRE CHANNEL Tame and conceal cords with Wiremold. Cut to size, adhere to wall, and paint to match the wall. About \$12 for 5-foot piece; amazon.com



HACK IT

ADJUSTABLE SHELVING SURROUND Sneaking a TV into the home office is ingenious because it doubles the room's function. And bordering the screen with an adjustable shelving system assures that you have scads of storage for office supplies as well as all the trappings of at-home entertainment. Before firing up the drill, map the installation design, placing the TV first (mount it on studs and high enough on the wall to slip a desk underneath), and then arrange the shelves around it. Rubbermaid FastTrack shelving components; starting at \$2; homedepot.com



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BUY IT

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BIT BY BIT

Drill down on the basics.

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THE HOLE STORY

SELECTING THE RIGHT BIT CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FRUSTRATION. GENERAL-PURPOSE BITS, LIKE TWIST AND AUGERS, WORK FOR MOST JOBS, BUT SOME PROJECTS CALL FOR A SPECIALIZED BIT.



TWIST BIT

The most common bit for home projects, twist bits feature flutes that taper to a tip for cutting metal, wood, plastic, and more.

AUGER BIT

Looking to quickly create a clean hole in wood? The large, deep flutes of an auger bit effectively remove wood and sawdust from the hole.

BRAD-POINT BIT

For precise drilling through wood, use a brad-point bit. The brad centered on the tip helps with positioning on smaller holes than an auger can offer.

FORSTNER BIT

Woodworkers may find a Forstner bit handy for drilling smooth, precise holes or for boring flat-bottom holes perfect for inserting dowels. These bits require a lot of force, so they are better used with a drill press than with a handheld drill.

STEP BIT

The tiered cone of the step bit allows you to drill different diameters in sheet or plate metal with a single bit.

GLASS OR TILE BIT

Special spade-shape, carbide-tip blades are required to drill into glass or tile without cracking or chipping the material.



MATERIALS MATTER A bit's base metal and coating determine how effectively it can drill into different materials. High-speed steel bits work well with wood, fiberglass, PVC, and aluminum; cobalt bits are best for drilling into aluminum, stainless steel, titanium, and cast iron. Black oxide-coated and titanium-coated high-speed steel bits last longer than standard high-speed steel bits. Carbide-tip bits are ideal for use with tile or masonry.

TERMS TO KNOW

FLUTES THE GROOVES ON THE SIDES OF THE BIT

SHANK THE PART OF THE BIT INSERTED INTO THE DRILL

DRILLING INTO A HARD MATERIAL?

Go slow. Softer material? A faster speed will do the trick.

MASONRY BIT

Drilling into brick, stone, or concrete? You'll need a masonry bit, with large flutes and a tip designed for high impact. The bits work best with hammer drills, although some can be used with a hand tool. Unless you know you'll get a lot of use out of this expensive bit, see if you can rent it and a hammer drill from your local hardware store.

SPADE BIT

This flat blade with a sharp point works best for cutting large-diameter holes in wood.

COUNTERSINK BIT

Set flush or recessed screwheads with a countersink bit. Some allow you to drill a pilot and countersink hole at the same time.

HOLE SAW

Despite its misleading name, a hole saw is a drill bit used to bore large holes for things like installing doorknobs.

TYPES OF SHANKS Shanks come in three types: straight, hex, and SDS. Straight shanks (1) are the most common. Hex shanks (2) are helpful in high-torque situations and should work in drills that typically use bits with round shanks. SDS shanks (3) are designed for use in hammer drills.



ACCESSORIES

Extend your drill's reach with a bit extension.



Keep yourself from drilling beyond a predetermined depth with a depth stop.



Right-angle attachments help you bore holes in spaces your drill otherwise wouldn't fit.



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WHAT TO DO WITH

BASKETS

*Rethink the way you look at wired or woven totes.
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containers into clever creations.*

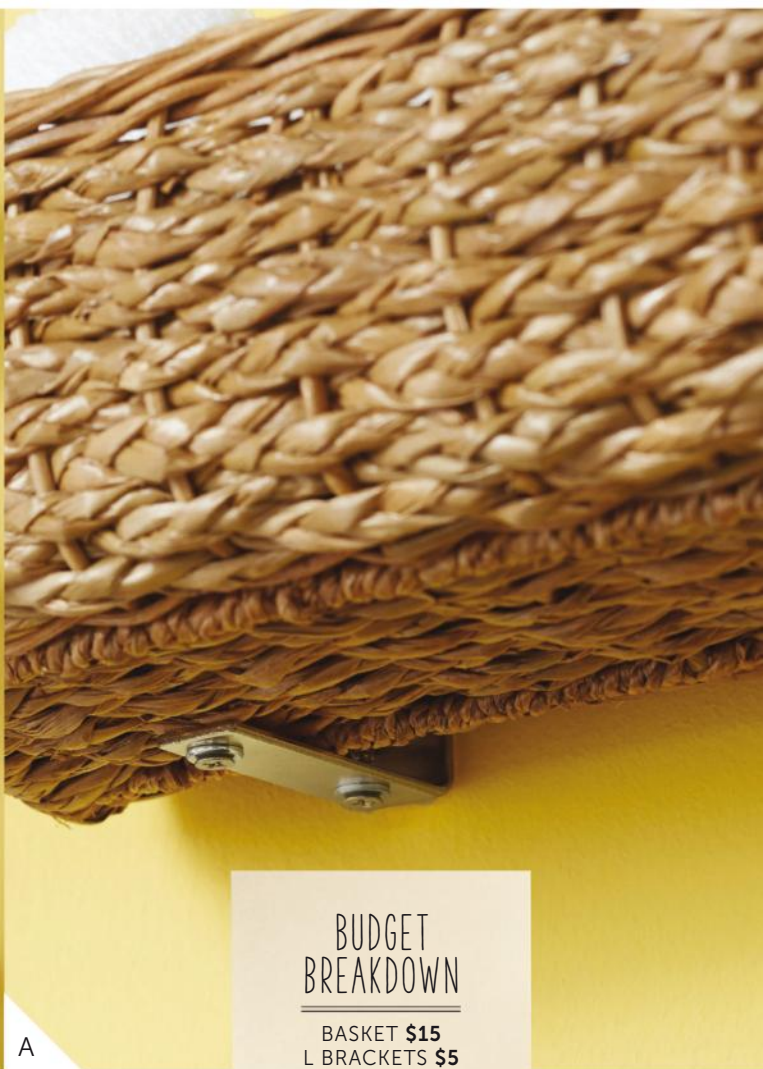
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COMPLETELY WIRED

Lampshades made from wire baskets add airy drama to hanging cord lights, *this photo*. Begin by removing any handles from the basket. On the bottom of the basket, mark a circle the size of the light socket. Use wire cutters to carefully snip out the marked wire. Be cautious not to cut the hole too wide. The basket should rest on the socket, not the lightbulb, *opposite*. String the light cord through the hole you've cut in the bottom of the basket, and screw in a bulb.

STORE MORE Keep your necessities in place with these smart bathroom storage shelves, *below left*. For sturdy support, choose two or three L brackets that reach across three-quarters of the basket's width. Level the brackets on the wall and mark the back bracket holes. Drill a hole for drywall anchors; screw the brackets to the wall. Attach the brackets to the bottom of the basket by drilling holes and securing with 1-inch screws and washers (A). Cover the screw tips on the inside of the basket with screw caps to keep them from snagging on items. Repeat for each basket.



A

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

BASKET **\$15**
L BRACKETS **\$5**
SCREWS WITH
ANCHORS **\$0.50**
TOTAL // \$20.50



A



B

ON THE FLIP SIDE Two cylindrical baskets stack to a standard end table height of 24 inches, *above left*. To make the tabletop, mark a circle on 1-inch-thick plywood about 1 inch wider in diameter than the basket bottom, and cut out with a jigsaw. Create a finished look by ironing on heat-activated wood veneer to the edge. Paint or stain the tabletop and let dry. Center the bottom of one basket on the plywood, place four mending plates in the basket, and secure with screws (A). To keep the baskets from sliding, screw on four small wood blocks evenly around the top edge of the bottom basket. Place the top basket over the wood blocks (B). For a more secure installation, drill screws through the sides of the top basket into each of the blocks.

DINNER IS SERVED This simple disguise refashions pet dishes, *below left*. Place two metal dog food bowls right side up on a lidded rectangular basket and trace around the bottoms. To cut out the circles, drill a hole inside each circle and insert a jigsaw. Cut around the inside edge of the marked circles (A). Drop the bowl into the hole. The edge of the opening should catch the lip of the bowl. If a hole is too small, shave off the edge in small increments using the jigsaw.



BUDGET
BREAKDOWN

BASKET \$15
CHAIN \$6
BINDER RINGS \$2
HOOKS WITH ANCHORS
\$8 FOR 8
SPRAY PAINT \$7
TOTAL // \$38



BASKET CASE Clear your desk space with hanging supply baskets, *left*. Spray-paint chain and binder rings gold. Once dry, clip four rings onto the front and back edges of the basket (A). Drill holes, insert anchors, and screw two cup hooks into the wall. Attach a chain to each of the back binder rings. (The length depends on the depth of your basket; we used two 15-inch lengths.) Measure 8 inches of chain up to the cup hook. Level the basket and secure the chain ends to the front binder rings. Cut off any excess chain with bolt cutters.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 108.

DIY Q&A

HANDY GIRL

Spring is the time for home spruce-ups that don't cost a fortune—and don't take the whole weekend to complete.

Pair great advice with these so-clever, so-affordable products to solve your home improvement conundrums.

WORDS **KELLY ROBERSON** PHOTOGRAPHS **CARSON DOWNING**



YES, YOU CAN!

Every one of these electrical updates is DIY-friendly; some are more complicated than others, but all come with step-by-step instructions.

DEAR HANDY GIRL,

I can paint. I can install a light fixture. I'm ready for a challenge that adds a bit of drama beyond the basics.

DEAR READER,

I'm going to suggest something and you're going to groan, but stay with me here: dimmers and lighting controls.

Before you stop reading, let me ask you this: Why do paint and trim and floors and even pillows get all the attention? When was the last time you looked at your light controls or even your outlets? All of these little electrical things date a room much more than you realize, and they're simple to install. Plus, the innovations in these two product lines really enable you to do a lot of things, including better control of your supplemental lighting and reduced electricity use. (And frankly, they're just a lot prettier, too.)

Most of the newer controls use pushing, tapping, or touching for very precise light adjustment; some are hands-free. Take the Lutron Graftix T: You simply touch the slender middle bar to adjust your lights. It comes in several cool colors too (no more boring, institutional white). Other types of switches and controls enable you to create preset scenes—movie night, sports night—for your lighting.

As our homes get smarter and smarter, lighting controls are following. Newer wireless systems or hubs aren't very expensive and let you control the lights from your phone. (Translation: no more trudging downstairs in your pajamas to check if everything is off for the night.) For example, if you spend lots of time in your kitchen and family room, upgrade those switches, install a hub, and control them with an app. The cool factor extends to outlets with pop-out extensions for more plug-in and USB charging capability.

DEAR HANDY GIRL,

My kitchen is full of cans—the recessed kind. I'd love some pendants over my island, but I am dreading ceiling drywall work. Are there any other options?

Westinghouse Recessed Light Converter for Pendant Fixtures, \$17; homedepot.com



DEAR READER,

We're with you: Drywall tear-out, redo, and dust is not for the faint of heart. Luckily you can skip all of that and get right to the good stuff—the new lights—thanks to handy, super-inexpensive converter kits.

Kits vary based on the size of the recessed can and the weight of the fixture, so be sure to pick one that matches what you have in place and what you want to install. While the steps may vary ever so slightly from one manufacturer to another, in general you'll need to:

ONE Shut off the electricity and remove the existing recessed can housing—easy enough with a screwdriver.

TWO Install a socket adapter (this includes wires to connect to the new fixture) as well as an adjustable bar that provides a place to hang the new light fixture.

THREE Attach a metal medallion (this is eventually hidden), and install the new fixture as directed.

FOUR Install a provided decorative medallion; generally these can be painted to match either the fixture, trim, or ceiling color.

Voilà! You have the right kind of light—for about \$20 plus the cost of the pendant.

DEAR HANDY GIRL,

I want to give the awful kitchen floor a new look, but my DIY skills (and budget) are pretty basic. Any options?

DEAR READER,

Have we got the product for you: self-adhesive vinyl tiles! We promise—this is a beginning DIYer's dream project; all you have to do is measure and cut. These tiles are small, so you don't have to worry about wrestling oversized boxes or rolls. Because they're self-stick, you don't have to fuss with adhesives or grout, and they're thin so attaching them atop an existing (if it's in decent shape) is usually not a big deal. Finally, they come in some spectacular colors and patterns, and you might already have most of the necessary install tools (a cutting board, pen, and utility knife).

First, of course, you have to figure out your room's square footage, and translate that into number of tiles you need. Tiles generally come 30 to 45 square feet per box. If you have any floor thresholds, unscrew and remove those; you'll reinstall them after the floor is done.

After you have the tiles, lay them out on the floor to practice and figure out what pattern works best. You can either start at a center point or at a corner. Work with the whole tiles only—don't worry about the extra pieces or edges that you'll have to trim. The point is to get a feel for how the room will look, especially if

you're creating your own mix-and-match floor. After you figure out the overall pattern, trace the outlines of the whole tiles onto the existing floor, which makes laying your pattern easier. Thoroughly clean the floor, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Then comes the fun part: Simply peel off the backing and lay down a tile, pressing it firmly to the floor—that's it. Work to each side of your start tile and lay all the whole pieces first. Then go back and measure the partial tile pieces you need, and use the utility knife and cutting board to trim those tiles before installing them. Reinstall the floor thresholds, and you're all done.



DIY ESSENTIAL: ALWAYS ORDER OR BUY ABOUT 10 PERCENT MORE TILE THAN YOU THINK YOU NEED. IT HELPS TO ACCOUNT FOR ERRORS OR TILES THAT YOU HAVE TO TRIM IN ORDER TO FIT CORNERS.

Armstrong Peel-and-Stick 18x18-inch Vinyl Tile, Terraza Grand, \$0.99/square foot; lowes.com

DEAR HANDY GIRL,

I'm in the market for a new headboard, but my budget ... well, let's just say it's meager. Are there any character-building options I can do myself?

DEAR READER,

I feel your pain: Those pricey pieces of furniture are worth saving for, but a ho-hum bedroom is no way to create a swoon-worthy retreat. Actually, the same can be said for lots of spaces in your home—a dated backsplash or out-of-sync focal point wall, for example, can be a big downer. Luckily there are cool products that can bridge the divide between dollars and design.

We've already talked about peel-and-stick vinyl options for floors, but these same types of products now exist to mimic wood planks, patterned wood, tile, and cork, and they're realistic enough that you'd swear you're looking at old barn board or cork tiles. They're also super thin, so you can install them over existing finishes. Here are three ways to use them:

ONE Create a headboard: Most peel-and-stick wood planks come in lengths of 12, 16, 20, 22, 30, and 42 inches. With those, you can mix and match to approximate the width of a headboard (queen frames are, for example, about 62 inches).

TWO Dress up a backsplash. Adhesive options also mimic hand-painted or cut tiles in a variety of colors and patterns, including cork.

THREE Add a focal point to a wall. Preprinted options are really stunning for a bare space.

Stikwood Peek and Stick Planks:
(from top) Vandyke, Plankprints
Victoria, Plankprints Vine, \$12/
square foot and up; stikwood.com



Coral Motif Tiles, Dark
Blue, \$11/square foot;
sustainablematerials.com



Cork Stick Bricks, Terracotta,
Natural, Ivory, \$14/square foot;
sustainablematerials.com



Stikwood Art Panels:
Mod Squad, Azul,
\$12/square foot and
up; stikwood.com

TimberChic river
reclaimed panels,
Natural, in 3-, 4-,
and 5-inch widths,
\$10/square foot and
up; timberchic.com



DEAR HANDY GIRL,

I've bought a fixer upper and am slowly building my repertoire of DIY skills. It's not always easy to install things super straight on my own. Are there any helpful tools or products I could use?

DEAR READER,

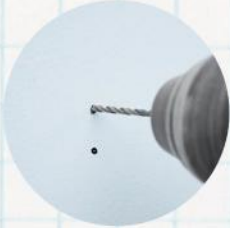
Good for you: I can promise that, unlike algebra, DIY skills are ones that you WILL use for the rest of your life. But I get what you're saying—friends and family can't always help with an extra hand. Fortunately, there are some innovative products you might want to try.

Take the bathroom, for example: As a beginning DIYer, you might want to install new towel bars and other accents for a fresh look. Towel bars often come with paper templates, which you hold up on the wall so you know where the screws go. But that process involves lots of juggling of different elements, not to mention maneuvering your screwdriver.

Manufacturers like Moen have fixed that, with a towel bar that includes fancy-sounding ink stamps at the ends. You push those ink stamps into the wall so you know where to drill (no paper template!) AND the package comes with a little level, too, just so you can triple check everything is even.

DON'T FORGET TO USE A STUD FINDER TO LOCATE A SECURE SPOT TO ATTACH THE TOWEL BAR.

Moen Darcy Press & Mark Towel Bar, \$27 and up; homedepot.com



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WORDS **HANNAH GILMAN**



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3 Get Krylon's high-quality exterior wood stain—only this time in a convenient can. Spray one coat, wipe off excess, and let dry. Staining wood has never been so easy. From \$6; krylon.com (for nearest retailer)

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5 Green up a wall with a waterproof planter. Fold the clever origami-inspired 3-D design, and then mount with drywall screws or flush-mount picture hangers. Made from biodegradable plastic. From \$8; verdeveil.com



6 Keep the essentials at your side with a cotton Ace bib apron. Reinforced seams and twin pockets do the heavy lifting, while the shorter hem makes movement easy. \$28; cargocrew.com.au

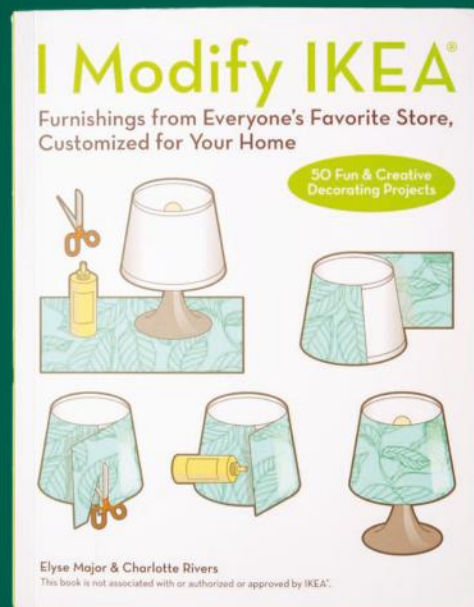
7 Love to customize IKEA products? With 50 DIY projects for every room of the home, this book will be your go-to guide for turning basic furniture into one-of-a-kind pieces. \$25; amazon.com

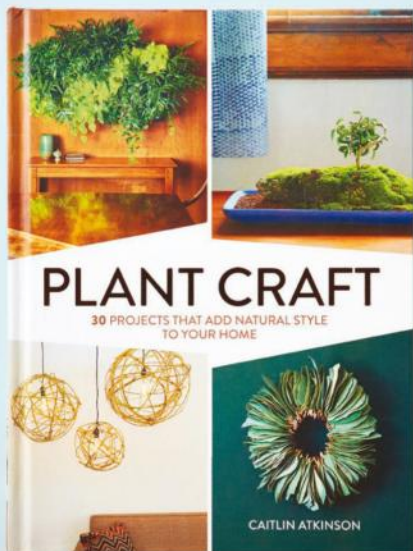
8 Thanks to a 32-hour battery life, Makita's cordless jobsite speaker lets you take sound along wherever you go. Armed with Bluetooth capabilities and auxiliary and USB ports, this sturdy stereo is smartphone-ready. \$90; amazon.com

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11 Add this pad to your dust mop and gather all the gunk on your floors. The PowerPlus Microfiber Deep Clean Pad breaks apart and loosens stubborn buildup with patented scrubbing bristles, then traps dirt with absorbent microfiber. \$9; bona.com





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12 Apartment dwellers, rejoice! With just a few inexpensive materials and a spirited imagination, you can bring the outdoors in with step-by-step projects from author Caitlin Atkinson. \$25; timberpress.com

13 Breathe deep and savor the benefits of essential oils with a diffuser. The GreenAir Genesis combines form and function with a handcrafted wood base, 120-ml reservoir, and playfully shifting LED lights. \$60, bulkapothecary.com



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14 Quiet but powerful, this Ryobi garage door opener boasts a 2-horsepower motor and long-lasting LED lights. But the wow factor comes from the collection of add-ons—a retractable extension cord, a fan, a bluetooth speaker, and more—that instantly integrate with the WiFi-enabled core to make this opener your garage's total control center. Opener starting at \$248; homedepot.com

15 Restore weathered metal, plastic, and natural surfaces to their former glory with a few swipes. This kit includes a bottle of Rust-Oleum ReColor, a microfiber sponge and cloths, gloves, and a detail brush to get the job done. \$20; wipenew.com



16 Create separation in style. Made from interlocking corrugated cardboard discs, the Nomad modular system lets you construct custom walls without tools. Available in 10 cool hues. \$56 for 24-piece pack; mioculture.com

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18 Versatility drives this metal folding sawhorse, which boasts a 2x4 lumber recess, metal-bar design that's ready for clamps, and a V-groove for stabilizing pipe and trim. Use a pair as the base for a hardy worktable. \$40 each; dewalt.com



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Each fully double, white flower head of this Lacecap Hydrangea is like a mini bridal bouquet, with an outer ring of large, double flowers surrounding a center packed with smaller, double ones. Flowering begins earlier than most varieties and continues on new growth into fall. 'Wedding Gown' is hardy, stays compact, and prefers light shade.

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PARTY TIME

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WORDS **MEGAN BOETTCHER**





FAST & FABULOUS

Simple paper-crafting and fabric-embellishing projects allow you to prep all your party decorations in one day. Save time by focusing on two key spots—the buffet table and dining area.

PROJECTS **LESLIE POYSER** PHOTOGRAPHS **ADAM ALBRIGHT**

TABLECLOTH Embellish a solid color tablecloth, *right*, by painting stripes along the edge that fit with your party's color scheme. For best results, wash, dry, and iron the linen before you begin painting to remove any sizing that may affect paint adhesion and to smooth wrinkles. Protect the surface beneath your tablecloth with a plastic drop cloth. Use a ruler and chalk to mark where you want your stripes. Here we painted one blue line 2 inches above the hemline and another 7 inches above the hem with a 3-inch foam roller. Use a thin paintbrush to apply the yellow line, centering it between the two blue lines.

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AHEAD) TO ALLOW
TIME FOR THE
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THE BALLOONS MUST
SUPPORT THE TASSELS'
WEIGHT.



BACKDROP Set the stage with a colorful—and inexpensive—backdrop, *left*, fashioned from twisted crepe paper streamers taped to the wall. Use a funnel to insert confetti-size bits of tissue paper into balloons before filling with helium, and add tassels made from strips of tissue paper to the balloon strings. To make the tassels, fold a 5×20-inch piece of tissue paper in half so it is 5×10 inches. Opposite the fold, cut every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to within about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches of the fold. Unfold the paper and lay it flat. Loosely roll the paper so the cuts are at both ends. Tightly twist the uncut middle into a loop, and secure it with hot glue. Tie the tassels to the balloon string.

DECORATE
PLAIN PAPER
CUPS WITH
WASHI TAPE.

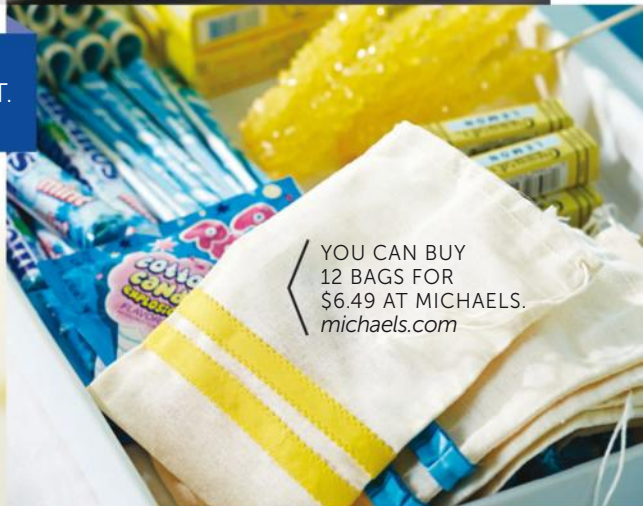


PARTY HAT Impress your guests with handcrafted party hats, *right*. Download the template at BHG.com/PartyHat and print on cardstock. Use spray adhesive to glue wrapping paper to the cardstock. Cut out the pattern and assemble. Glue a length of ribbon to each side for ties. To make the pom for the top, cut tissue paper into a 2×6-inch strip. Cut fringe along both of the long sides of the paper, leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch uncut in the center. Bunch together and tie with a thin wire. Secure pom to top of hat with glue.

DOWNLOAD A TEMPLATE
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PARTY FAVORS Save time by allowing guests to fill their own treat bags, *above*. Instead spend your time accessorizing basic muslin bags with pretty ribbons—found at crafts stores—attached with hot glue.



WEEKEND WOW

Punch up a pretty party with polka-dot decor created from paper, paint, and foam sheets. Break out the sewing machine and have some fun making surprisingly simple garland.

PROJECTS **ELIZABETH STUMBO AND JANN WILLIAMS**
PHOTOGRAPHS **JASON DONNELLY AND DEAN SCHOEPPNER**

STOCK UP

TO MAKE A 5-FOOT GARLAND, YOU'LL NEED AT LEAST FOUR SHEETS OF SCRAPBOOK PAPER. YOU'LL GET ABOUT 24 CIRCLES, WHICH MAKE EIGHT ORBS, FROM A 12x12-INCH SHEET OF DOUBLE-SIDED SCRAPBOOKING PAPER.

TABLECLOTH Drape a white tablecloth, *right*, over the table you intend to use, and mark the area you'd like to paint with safety pins. Lay tablecloth flat over a plastic drop cloth. Pour four or five paint colors onto paper plates. Use corks, foam stamps, or smooth jar lids to press into the paint and then onto the tablecloth. To replicate this look, stamp biggest circles first and fill in with smaller circles in a gentle arc that rises at each end. Use a small paintbrush to touch up any circles.

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CAKE TOPPERS

SIMILAR TO THE GARLAND, SEW THROUGH A STACK OF THREE CIRCLES TO MAKE THE CAKE TOPPERS. GLUE EACH PRESSED-OPEN GLOBE ATOP A CAKE-POP STICK AND ADORN THE CAKE.



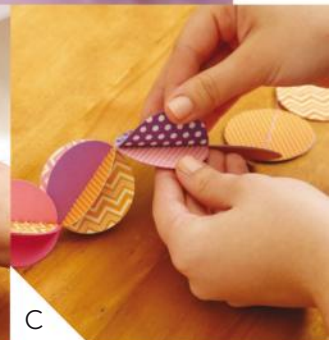
CUT PERFECT CIRCLES EVERY TIME WITH THE FISKARS SQUEEZE PUNCH FOR \$18.59. fiskars.com

A

PAPER GARLAND Create a custom color scheme with garland fashioned from double-sided scrapbook paper (A). Cut paper into $2\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ -inch strips. Punch circles from the strips of paper with a 2-inch circle punch. Place circles in stacks of three. Leaving long thread tails from your sewing machine (these will be needed later for hanging), stitch through the center of one stack of circles using a 90/14 universal sewing machine needle and all-purpose sewing thread (B). TIP: Apply painters tape 1 inch to both the right and left of the needle as a guide for sewing through the center of the circles. Continue feeding stacks of paper through the machine until the desired garland length is reached. Secure the end with a few backstitches. Fold the circles open to add dimension (C).



B



C



YOU CAN BUY ONE THREE-PIECE SET FOR \$8.80 FROM JOANNE HUDSON BASICS. joannehudson.com

FLATWARE Use the leftover paint from the tablecloth project to adorn wood flatware, *left*. Dip the eraser of a pencil in colorful paint, and then randomly stamp dots onto the handles.



WORTH THE WAIT

This watercolor wonderland is teeming with pretty projects—that are pretty simple too! With so many great ideas, you may want to give yourself a week or two to get everything done.

PROJECTS **LISA STORMS** PHOTOGRAPHS **JAY WILDE**

PAPER LANTERNS Use a wide foam paintbrush to paint the top and bottom of a white paper lantern, *this photo* and *opposite top*, with two similar colors of thinned acrylic or watercolor paint, such as yellow and orange or blue and purple. Then mix the two colors to create a blended shade for the center portion.

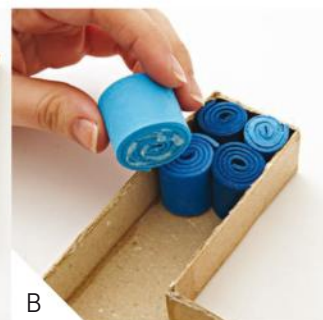
ADORN CANDY JARS WITH RUFFLED STREAMERS.

PLACE CARDS
SPELL OUT YOUR GUESTS' NAMES ON WHITE CARDSTOCK WITH LETTER STICKERS. PAINT THE FRONT OF THE CARD WITH WATERCOLORS. WHEN DRY, REMOVE THE STICKERS TO REVEAL THE NAMES.

TABLE RUNNER Paint an assortment of paper doilies with different shades of watercolors, *this photo*. Let the colors bleed together. When doilies are dry, arrange them in a long strip, overlapping them slightly and using glue to secure. Use as many doilies as needed to extend over the ends of the table.



LETTERS Purchase papier-mâché letters in a variety of sizes to spell out a special message, *left*. Carefully cut off the front of the papier-mâché letter, leaving the sides intact (A). Cut varying shades of blue, purple, pink, yellow, and orange crafts foam sheets into strips, so that the width of the strips is the same as the letter depth. Lengths can vary to create a variety of roll sizes. Roll each strip tightly and hot-glue the end. Then hot-glue the rolls inside the letter with the darker shades on the bottom and lighter shades on top for an ombré effect (B).



MASON JAR VASES Transform clear canning jars into watercolor-hue vases, *below*. Brush a light coat of glass paint onto the exterior of the jar in one direction using a foam paintbrush, and let dry. Apply a second light coat in the opposite direction.



WE FOUND GLASS PAINT AT WALMART FOR \$5-\$6 PER COLOR. walmart.com

GROUP BY COLOR
FILL EACH JAR WITH A DIFFERENT BOUQUET OF SINGLE COLOR FLOWERS AND ARRANGE ON THE TABLE RUNNER FOR A RAINBOW EFFECT.

RUFFLED STREAMERS

Give crepe paper streamers a new twist, *above*, by stitching lengths together to create multicolor spiral decorations (C). Set your sewing machine to the longest stitch length and the highest tension. Overlap two paper streamers along the long edges by approximately 1 inch, and stitch pieces together through the center of the overlap to create the ruffling and twisting effect.

C



PARTY PLANNING TIMELINE

It's easy enough to craft your decorations in a day, but when it comes to making invitations and planning a menu, we recommend starting early. Follow our ultimate party planning timeline.

6 WEEKS BEFORE

Purchase any specialty paper, pens, or accessories needed to make invitations.

4 WEEKS BEFORE

Drop invitations in the mail.

3 WEEKS BEFORE

Order flowers, cake, and other foods you plan to purchase.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

Purchase supplies for decorating projects. Create shopping lists for crafts projects and menu items.

1 WEEK BEFORE

Start crafting! Begin with the most time-consuming projects first. For example, if you're planning to make the paper circle garland on *page 42*, you may need a while to cut enough circles. Give yourself an evening or two to prep things that need to be cut, painted, or washed.

TIP! FOLLOW UP INVITES WITH AN EVENT ON FACEBOOK. THIS WILL HELP YOU GARNER MORE RSVPs, ALLOW YOU TO POST PARTY UPDATES, AND GIVE YOUR GUESTS A MOBILE RESOURCE TO FIND THE ADDRESS WHEN ON THEIR WAY.

2 DAYS BEFORE

Purchase groceries for food items you plan to prepare. Call to confirm pickup time for cake and flowers.

1 DAY BEFORE

Prepare as much food as you can and keep refrigerated. Clean and declutter the party area.

8 HOURS BEFORE

Set out decorations you crafted earlier. Add any final touches to your projects.

1 HOUR BEFORE

Set out food (that won't spoil) and beverages.



PICTURE PERFECT

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BEFORE

AN OAK BENCH WITH SIMPLE, CLASSIC BONES (WINSTON, \$271; OVERSTOCK.COM, OR YOUR MOM'S BASEMENT) ADOPTS A MODERN LOOK WITH STRATEGIC REFINISHING.



BENCH MARKS Take style risks with confidence in a small space such as a foyer, *opposite*. Embolden walls with jewel-tone wallpaper and sharp black moldings. Play up the seating area with a huddle of picture frames in a mix of bare wood and black finishes. Layer on comfort with plump pillows patterned by colorful dye washes and a soft floor runner in a graphic, neutral pattern. Strip sections of a Windsor bench down to bare wood for a more modern look, then paint its arch and seat in sunny chalk-finish paint, *above*.



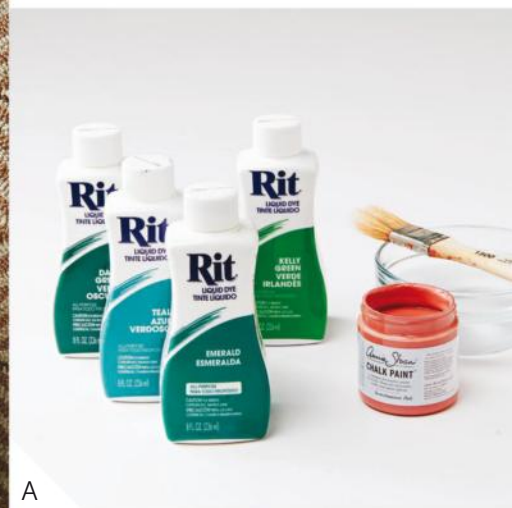
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B

how to strip and primp

Outfit yourself with chemical-resistant gloves and goggles (A). Using a brush, apply a paint and varnish remover to the areas to be stripped following manufacturer's directions. To remove varnish from stubborn areas, such as the turned legs, use abrasive stripping pads soaked in odorless mineral spirits. Vigorous sanding after stripping achieved our bare wood surfaces. Use tape to protect areas you don't want painted. Brush on Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in matte-finish English Yellow (B). When dry, protect the bench with a clear soft wax, if desired.



A

PILLOW PERK UP Washes of fabric dye and Chalk Paint (A) flow across plain linen cushion covers, left. (Follow manufacturer's directions for applying dye and paint to fabric.) The bottom cover was folded in half, dipped at the fold line into a bath of Kelly Green liquid dye, rinsed, and dried. A solution of four colors—Emerald, Kelly Green, Dark Green, and Teal—was brewed to create its broad band of green at one edge. Immerse the opposite edge into a watery bath of Scandinavian Pink Chalk Paint until satisfied. For the middle pillow cover, dip one end in Emerald dye for 10 minutes, then slowly lift and hold it in short increments for an ombré effect. Apply bands of watered-down English Yellow and Scandinavian Pink Chalk Paint using a paintbrush. The top cover uses the same techniques in different intensities.



TEST YOUR DESIGNS ON SCRAPS OF FABRIC THAT MATCH YOUR PILLOW COVER MATERIAL. USE LINEN OR COTTON FOR BEST RESULTS.



BLACK OUT Darken a lampshade with Graphite Chalk Paint, *left*. Mask the edges with painters tape, then apply several coats of paint using a brush.

ON THE EDGE Sync a metal umbrella stand to your new palette using paint and tape, *below left*. Spray-paint the stand glossy black; let dry. Adhere bands of tape along the top rim. We used 2-inch-wide Color Duck Tape in Peachy, half-inch green vinyl electrical tape, and 1-inch-wide vinyl tape in Kelly green (A).



WASTE NOT Put leftover chalk-finish paint to use: Apply it to the exterior of a jute handbag, storage basket, or any other durable, natural material. Because the paint doesn't require primer, the process is quick and easy.



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A



B

how to wallpaper

Approached with patience, wallpapering is worth the effort. To begin, measure the height of your wall, then cut wallpaper strips a bit longer than needed. If your paper has a pattern, match the repeat: Lay strips side by side on a large, flat surface, aligning the pattern. With a pencil, mark the lengths of the strips to cut, and trim with a utility knife. On back of each strip, apply an even coat of wallpaper adhesive, if necessary, using a paint roller and wool roller cover (A). Most wallpaper stretches and shrinks, so you need to “book it.” Booking helps the paper adjust to the moisture content of the glue. With the strip face down, fold both ends toward one another, meeting at the center (B). Let sit 10 minutes. Hang first strip of paper starting at the center of your wall. Smooth strip with a wallpaper spatula to work out air bubbles and evenly distribute the glue. Wipe off excess glue with a wet sponge. Hang the next strip, matching patterns and butting the seams. Trim ends with a utility knife.

TAKE A LYRICAL APPROACH TO ARTWORK: FRAME SHEET MUSIC AND BOOK PAGES. DRIZZLE ON LEFTOVER PAINT IN FREE-FORM DESIGNS.



A

FRAMES FIXER

UPPER Square wood dowels measuring $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ inches thick add depth and dimension to flat-trim, unfinished frames, top. Cut dowels using a miter box and saw, above; adhere with wood glue and clamps (A).

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 108.

CONTAIN YOURSELF

Go ahead, get excited about these custom planters that combine repurposed materials and hardware store finds.

PROJECTS + WORDS **ANDREA COOLEY** PHOTOGRAPHS **JAY WILDE**



BEFORE

OH NUTS Add texture to plain containers with hex nuts. Lay a planter on its side, and arrange hex nuts in a pattern, working in sections. Experiment with different sizes and shapes of nuts or washers. Spread a thin layer of glue over a small area and place hardware. Make sure to choose an adhesive that works outdoors and for the type of materials you're bonding. (We used Liquid Nails to bond metal to ceramic.) Once dry, spray-paint the entire planter for a chic monochromatic look.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

NEXT TIME YOU PURCHASE
NEW TIRES FOR YOUR CAR,
KEEP THE OLD ONES.
IN THE MEANTIME, CHECK
TIRE STORES FOR OLD
TIRES. THEY MAY LET YOU
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FIND SMALLER SIZES AT
HARDWARE STORES.



BEFORE

TIRE ROTATION Turn cast-off tires into colorful planters with indoor/outdoor spray paint. For large tires, lay a piece of scrap wood inside the bottom opening (supported by the tire's inner edge) to support your plants. Line the inside of the tire with landscape fabric before filling with dirt. Arrange several tires in different sizes and colors, or stack them in a staggered pattern for a vertical design.



BEFORE

BLOCK PARTY Anchor a patio or garden bed with stacked cinder blocks. Arrange blocks on a protected surface in desired configuration, and tape off and mask design. Prime and let dry, then apply multiple light coats of indoor/outdoor spray paint until you reach desired coverage. Once dry, remove tape and restack the blocks in desired location. Line the bottom of the openings with landscape fabric; add soil and plants.

BEFORE



PERSONAL STYLE Customize an ordinary terracotta pot with stencils. Use your house number, a monogram, or a favorite symbol. Spray the inside of the pot with water sealant to keep the exterior paint from peeling. Let dry. Prime and spray-paint the pot's exterior and a few inches inside the rim; let dry. Apply spray adhesive to the back of stencils, and position on pot. Mask area around stencil, and spray-paint numbers using light coats, letting dry between coats, until desired coverage is achieved. Remove stencils.



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CONTAINERS BY COMBINING
THRILLER, SPILLER, AND
FILLER PLANTS.



BEFORE



ROLL WITH IT Casters turn a galvanized tub into a garden on wheels. Tape off sections of the tub to paint. Prime and paint with indoor/outdoor spray paint. Let dry, and remove tape. Arrange four swivel casters, evenly spaced, around the perimeter of the tub bottom. Mark the holes, set aside casters, and drill. Attach casters with bolts and nuts. Drill additional holes for drainage.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 108.



geometry lessons

*Angle for an updated space with
stunning decorating projects based on
simple lines and shapes.*

PROJECTS **KATIE LEPORTE** PHOTOGRAPHS **JAY WILDE**
WORDS **DEBRA STEILEN**



You can hem your runner with iron-on adhesive, but stitching is better if you think you'll launder the runner regularly.



A



ABOVE LEFT Set your table in a galaxy far, far away with this interstellar needlework idea. Scan a copyright-free illustration (A) of a constellation (vintage astronomy books are a good source) at a high resolution—at least 8×10 inches at 300 dpi. Go to spoonflower.com/profiles/doityourselfmagazine to find our table runner design. Or upload your own image and have it printed on white cotton or linen fabric. (Our illustrations included solid-blue backgrounds and were printed on linen.) ABOVE RIGHT Boost the runner's star power by highlighting with metallic-thread embroidery. Silver and gold French knots add clusters of stars in the heavens.



*Simplify this project by
gluing planks to a backer
board, then attaching the one-
piece headboard to the wall.
We needed thirty 6×12×½-
inch boards
to make a
queen-size
headboard.*



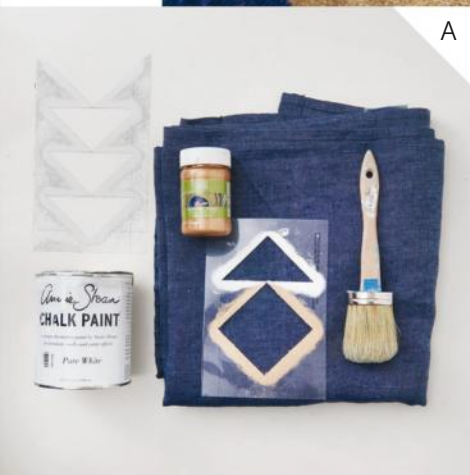
OPPOSITE Craft a driftwood-look headboard by staining pine boards in three diluted shades of black glaze (A). (We used Wood Icing Furniture Glazing Color in Licorice.) Once dry, arrange the boards in a basket-weave pattern on the floor, then attach them to the wall with pin nails. Paint edges gold (B). LEFT Design a prismatic pillow cover with triangles cut out of gray, cobalt blue, and teal felt. Attach them to a white background with fabric glue or iron-on adhesive. Highlight the shapes with long stitches in coordinating embroidery floss. ABOVE Cluster white felt diamonds in one corner of a gray pillow cover, then disperse them outward to suggest a supernova. Attach as above. Use contrasting floss colors to add bursts of color.







Don't fret about cutting perfect angles to connect the dowels. A little wood filler and gold spray paint can work wonders.



A

OPPOSITE AND ABOVE LEFT Glam up basic curtain panels with simple geometry. Cut a stencil that repeats triangles and squares to suit your design (A). Using chalk-finish and metallic paint, a round bristle brush, and a pouncing motion, stencil the shapes along each panel's inner edge. OPPOSITE AND ABOVE RIGHT Create a trendy open light fixture in three stages. As you go, clamp and let the glued pieces dry in the following order: 1. Glue 22½-inch-long dowels to the three extending sections on a 4-inch-diameter lamp fitter. (Order a lamp UNO fitter online or strip one out of an old shade.) 2. Create an equilateral triangle out of three 8-inch dowels. Cut angles so edges fit smoothly. Glue pieces together. Glue triangle to the bottom of the three dowels attached to the lamp fitter. 3. Create the prism at the end with three 6½-inch-long dowels. For each dowel: Cut a 40-degree angle at one end, and a 140-degree angle at the other end. Glue the three 140-degree angles together to create the prism point. Glue the 40-degree-angle ends to the triangular base. Cut an embroidery hoop in three equal sections to cover the wire ring at the end of the lamp fitter (B). Glue and clamp in place between dowels. Let dry. Spray fixture with gold paint. Thread pendant cord through the lamp fitter, and add a vintage-style bulb.

B



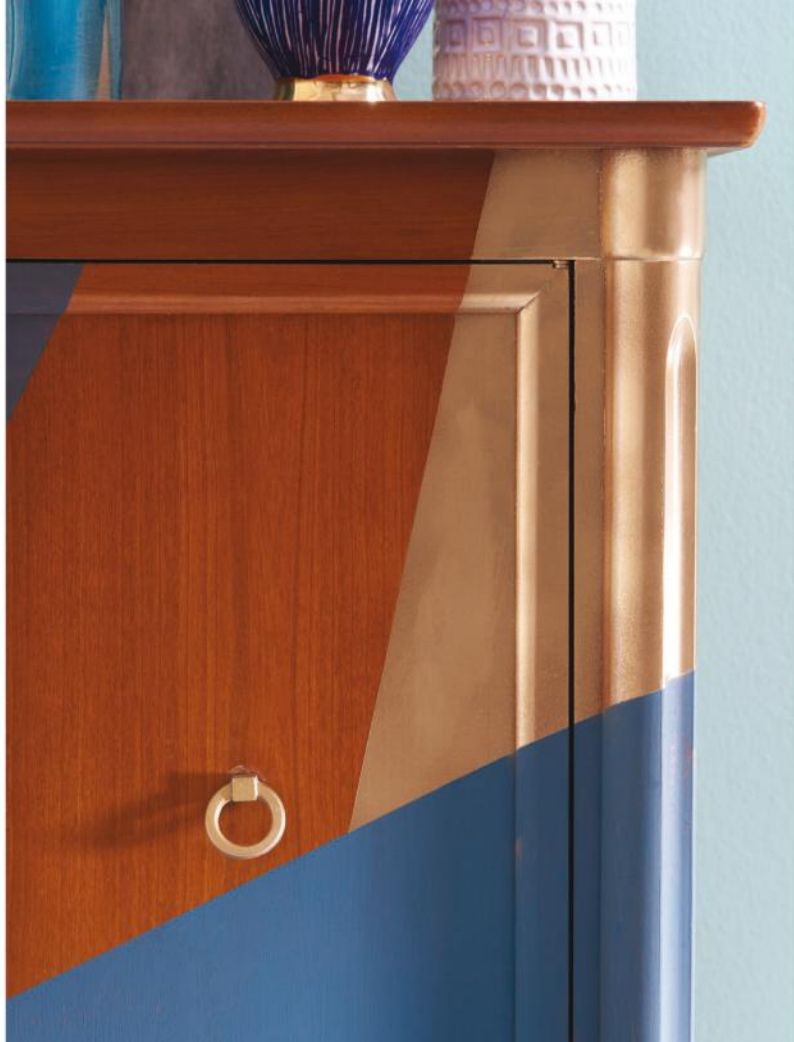


Soften the glow from the light box by coiling the lights behind the panel rather than pushing bulbs through the holes.

DIY IDEAS TO STEAL

Line up for these decorating geometrics.

WORDS **EMILY VANSCHMUS**



OPPOSITE AND ABOVE Dramatize an old dresser with dynamic shapes. Remove hardware. Mark off triangles with painters tape, letting some overlap. Paint inside taped lines with Modern Masters Pharaoh's Gold and Annie Sloan Chalk Paint (we used Aubusson Blue, Provence, and Pure White). Let dry. Paint hardware gold, let dry, and reattach. OPPOSITE AND BELOW Remember blowing on dandelions as a kid? Turn memory into art by making a dandelion light box. Print and resize our pattern (find it at BHG.com/Dandelion) to fit your wood artist's panel. (Ours is 24×30 inches.) Mark where holes need to be drilled for light to shine through. Test bit size to make sure the miniature bulbs of your LED string lights fit snugly through the holes. Drill holes before wiping on a diluted black glaze. When dry, use a white Sharpie paint marker to draw the dandelion design. From the back, push bulbs through the holes. Use duct tape to hold light strands in place.



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MODERN INGENUITY

A dig-in-and-do-it blogger transforms (almost single-handedly) her old house. The result? A mix of modern and charm that gives it new life.

WORDS **JODY GARLOCK** PHOTOGRAPHS **MARTY BALDWIN** STYLING **JESSICA MILLER**



1 Inspired by a picture she saw online, homeowner Alison Allen crafted birch plywood hanging planters that reflect her love of Scandinavian style. She used a carpenter square to make angles and lines for the diamond-shape frames, a compass to draw the circular bases, and a jigsaw to cut the pieces from the 1/2-inch-thick plywood. **2** Alison and her husband, Jeff, found unexpected living space in the enclosed porch of their Minneapolis home. "We were so concerned about the usable space of the house, that the porch wasn't really on our radar," Alison says. "Now we don't know what we'd do without it."





BEFORE



3 "It wasn't the prettiest house, but it felt like it had potential," says Alison, nicknamed "Scoops" for her love of photography. "I always wanted a big, old house."

4 The couple sank money into a new roof and steps, then gave the exterior its "wow" with dark blue paint. A salvaged door adds to the curb appeal.



The summer before Alison Allen headed to college, she learned a valuable lesson:

how to paint. She set up a mishmash of secondhand bedroom furniture in her parents' garage, and a handyman neighbor walked her through the steps, starting with stripping the old finishes. "He'd always say that something isn't worth doing if you weren't going to do it right," she says. "He'd come over and check my sanding, patching, or whatever, and then give me an assignment for the next day." In the end, she had what looked like a brand-new set of white furniture to show for her efforts.

That paint job inspired other DIY projects, which ultimately gave her the confidence to tackle a biggie: the Minneapolis house she lives in with her husband, Jeff, and their sons, Finn and August. Since moving into the 1910 house, Alison has DIY'd her way through plenty of quirks (like an awkward kitchen space where she added cabinets and shelves), cleverly problem-solved (her furniture hacks are a range of simple and brilliant), and refreshed the old house inside and out to make it hers. "It's Scandinavian, modern, midcentury all married together—with a vacation/cabin vibe," says Alison, who blogs at Deuce Cities Henhouse.

With all her projects, Alison is a bit of a perfectionist—a credit to her handyman neighbor. "I try to do a good job and go through all the steps," she says. "I don't cut corners or take shortcuts."

RESIN POTS WERE A LITTLE BLAH AND BLENDY, SO ALISON PERKED THEM UP WITH WHITE CHALK-FINISH PAINT FOR CONTRAST WITH THE WALKWAY AND A METALLIC GOLD STRIPE FOR BLING.



A FEW TOUCHES OF WHITE—
IN FRAMES AND CURTAINS—
KEEP THE LIVING ROOM'S
DARK WALLS FROM
FEELING LIKE A
BLACK HOLE.

5 Alison resisted the urge to paint the home's original stained woodwork, but she did paint the walls deep teal in the living room. "The dark color plays nicely with the woodwork," she says. **6** Artwork—enlarged images of a camera obscura project Alison did in college—plays into the moody wall color. **7** Geometric color-block pillows allowed Alison to bring in the blush pink she's been crushing on. **8** She used different sizes of brushes and black fabric paint to make random shapes on white cotton fabric. "The imperfection is what makes it interesting, so don't stress," she says. She used a protractor to determine the angles for cutting the fabric.





SNAP GROMMETS (THESE ARE FROM DRITZ) OVER HOLES CUT IN A CURTAIN PANEL TO GIVE A NO-SEW STYLE UPGRADE IN MINUTES.



9 Matted and framed, photo-booth strips Alison saved for decades are conversation-starting (and affordable) art, showing off fun times with friends and family. **10** The rod-pocket style of these panels was a deal-breaker—until she landed on the idea of adding grommets. Her spacing formula for a 57-inch-wide panel: Make the first holes $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in from each side, then center subsequent holes every $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. **11** Furring strips attached with Liquid Nails to the back of bookcase are Alison's trick for getting albums to sit flush with the fronts of the cubbies. **12** Jeff's music room boasts album covers as art, thanks to inexpensive picture ledges.





AN EASY-TO-WIPE TILED WALL (WITH DARK GROUT THAT CONCEALS DIRT) MAKES A MUDROOM EXTRA DURABLE.



13 Alison puzzle-pieced an awkward empty corner—a chimney and recessed area—into usable kitchen space. She started with two IKEA cabinets. “The whole thing was a math nightmare—nothing was square,” Alison says. “I made some patterns and held my breath.” **14** A small entry became a hardworking mudroom when Alison tiled part of the wall, added coat hooks, and dressed up a pair of chalkboards. **15** Existing granite counters sparked the kitchen’s black-and-white scheme. The under-\$2,000 makeover included sanding and painting cabinets, stripping cabinet hardware, and replacing a copper backsplash with white subway tile (Alison’s first tiling project). **16** “Lighting can make an old house feel fresher,” Alison says. Hence, the drum-style pendant that gives the dining room a modern edge. **17** Wallpaper scraps became an artsy backdrop in the buffet—just taped into place for easy in, easy out. **18** From copper piping, a mod candelabra. Alison used tee and elbow fittings and lengths of pipe to create the geometric base; couplings top the branches that hold candles. After dry-fitting all the pieces, she bonded them with two-part epoxy.



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19 With no good wall for a TV in the master bedroom, Alison got creative, turning an old credenza into a flip-up TV stand. "I try to think of ways to use things differently instead of just sticking them out on the curb," she says.

20 Alison added a new pine top—split so the side that holds the TV flips up on strong hinges—to the credenza she repurposed as a TV cabinet. **21** A hand-me-down dresser had the clean lines Alison likes, so she sanded off the red paint and painted it blush.

22 "There's room for little bits of prettiness and thoughtfulness everywhere," says Alison, explaining why she wallpapered the sides of her dresser drawers.

SURPRISE! A 28-INCH TV HIDES INSIDE THIS RETROFITTED CREDENZA PLACED AT THE END OF THE BED FOR PRIME VIEWING.





A FOUR-HOUR SIMMER IN A POT OF HOT WATER (WITH A TABLESPOON OF DISH SOAP ADDED) REMOVED LAYERS OF PAINT FROM THIS DOOR'S ORIGINAL HARDWARE. TIP: USE A POT YOU NO LONGER COOK IN.



23 Shelves turn a corner of the bedroom into a little library and camouflage the radiator. Alison turns the book spines toward the wall, preferring to see the textural (and neutral) look of the pages.

24 The upper-level master bedroom leads to a bonus room—a 7x11-foot sunroom that likely had been an open-air sleeping porch.

25 Alison floated a cabinet to counter the sunroom's slightly sloped floor. Her "fauxdenza" is a pair of kitchen cabinets topped with pine.

BEFORE

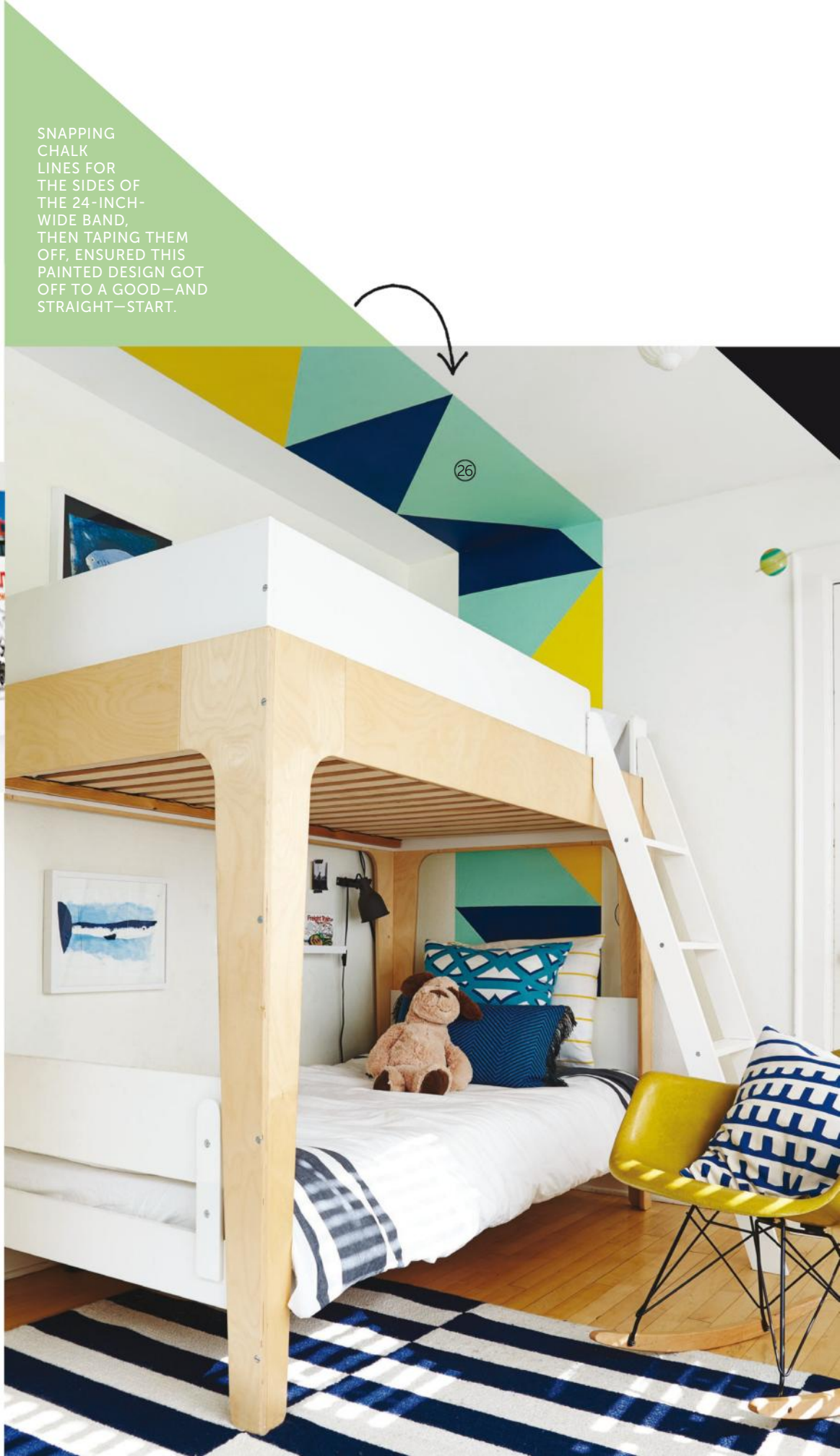


SNAPPING CHALK LINES FOR THE SIDES OF THE 24-INCH-WIDE BAND, THEN TAPING THEM OFF, ENSURED THIS PAINTED DESIGN GOT OFF TO A GOOD—AND STRAIGHT—START.



26 When a bloggers' challenge left Alison searching for a way to incorporate lemon yellow into a project, she made a geometric color band out of it. Cool aqua and navy tone down the neon hue in the smart design that climbs onto and across the boys' bedroom ceiling.

27 Alison's aha use for picture ledges: slim bedside bookcases—perfect for a wall with bunk beds scooted against it. **28** Alison planned the painted design to take the place of art above the short bookcase. Two yellow storage cubes reference the painted yellow triangles.



WHITE WALLS +
WHITE TRIM + WHITE
SHADE = A CLEAN
FOUNDATION AND
THE EASIEST WAY
TO REFRESH A
BATHROOM.



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29 Alison got crafty for the boys' budget moon art. To get the look, use a sea sponge to dab black paint onto white poster board and white paint onto black poster board. When dry, cut 4-inch-diameter circles from the painted poster boards. Arrange the cut circles on a piece of white poster board, overlapping some and cutting as desired to loosely represent different phases of the moon.

30 In addition to paint (white on walls and blue on the vanity), a lot of elbow grease helped freshen the dated bathroom. Alison brightened the dingy grout with Tile Guard whitener. **31** Alison had the vanity's dark blue paint color-matched to one of Jeff's album covers. **32** Gold spray paint and two coats of antiquing wax—one light, one dark (both lightly brushed on with a 2-inch round paintbrush)—gave shiny chrome fixtures a chic look. "Sometimes you just do what you have to do to save a buck," Alison says.



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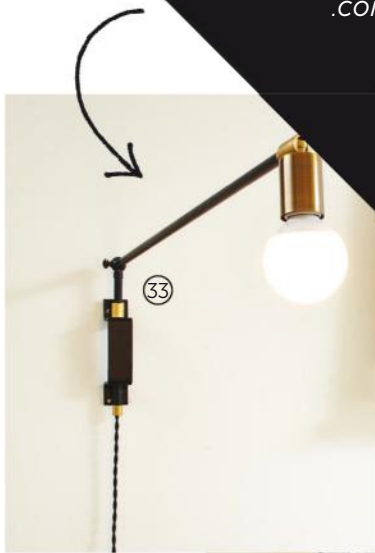


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ALISON'S TAB FOR HER SLEEK
HANDMADE SWING-ARM
SCONCE: \$56.46. SHE
ORDERED THE HOLLOW
PIPES AND OTHER
PARTS ONLINE AT
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.COM.



33 "I'm obsessed with the possibilities of making my own lighting," Alison says. This swing-arm sconce is one of her from-scratch fixtures. **34** Alison designed the refinished basement right down to the glass-shelf niche in the bar area, previously a storage space with a tiny window. After contractors did the heavy work, Alison installed the cabinetry. She used a kit to make the two-light pendant.

35 The couple chose the sofa for its modern look as much as its delivery: It came flat-packed, a must for getting it down the narrow basement stairway. **36** The carriage-house garage door is Alison's sleight of hand. She painted on brown rectangles and screwed on hardware and faux windows to dress up a basic aluminum door.



BEFORE





EACH CHAIR TAKES 200 YARDS OF 6 MM MACRAMÉ CORD; ALISON OFFERS A TUTORIAL ON HER BLOG.



SLATS ARE SPACED A FEW INCHES APART SO THE FENCE ISN'T A SOLID MASS THAT CLOSES IN THE YARD. FRAMED OUT WITH 2x2S, THE POSTS BECOME PART OF THE DESIGN.



37 Pivoting aluminum corners enabled Alison to customize her raised beds and max out garden space in a narrow side yard. **38** Alison is carrying on her grandpa's craft of turning old aluminum lawn chairs into macramé beauties. "They remind me of him every time we get one out," she says. **39** Alison's macramé technique combines hand-weaving and chain-stitching with a crochet hook. **40** A horizontal cedar-slat fence that Alison designed is a stylish upgrade from the chain-link that was there.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 108.

SITTING

TIDY UP

DISASSEMBLE A CHAIR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO THOROUGHLY CLEAN THE NOOKS AND CRANNIES.



PRETTY

One person's trash is our treasure: Paint, fabric, wax, and cord fashion forlorn chairs into design-smart seats.

PROJECTS **LESLIE POYZER** PHOTOGRAPHS **JACOB FOX** WORDS **KELLY ROBERSON**

COLOR HAPPY

PAINT BEYOND THE EDGES OF THE FIRST COLOR ON THIS TWO-TONE CHAIR; MAKE LINES EXACT WITH THE SECOND HUE.





STRIPE IT HAPPY Crisp lines and a bold color contrast give this chair style that leaps forward by decades. Old wood chairs are perfect fodder for easy DIY rehab; simply repair any cracks or holes with wood filler and sand smooth. This project relies on chalk-finish paint and wax finish (A), the latter for an enviable sheen as well as an extra layer of protection. Apply the chalk paint thoroughly and you may be able to skip a second coat, but don't omit the wax curing time: It's essential to allow paint to fuse with the wax, which helps repel unwanted stains.

A



BUFF AS YOU GO
DO NOT LET WAX DRY
BEFORE RUBBING IT. YOU
MAY FEEL LIKE YOU'RE
WIPING ALL THE WAX OFF,
BUT YOU'RE NOT.



With a rich coat of paint and a new cushion, a reupholstered chair becomes a room's focal point. Here's the secret to reupholstering: It only looks hard. After you master the insider hacks (pull the fabric tight and staple, staple!), you'll find yourself updating all sorts of worn-out furniture using only a few supplies (A). A good piece to start with is a small but elegant side chair like this; its lines offer good bones, but the finish and fabric present a tired facade. Be careful removing the original fabric so you can use it as a pattern for the new covering (B).

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A

B



A

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Play up the juxtaposition in colors and materials to infuse your chair rehab with a more up-to-date, personalized look. Here, a plush, richly hued velvet acts as design foil to a metallic finish (A) on the chair's base and arm pieces. To paint metal, disassemble as many of the parts as possible and thoroughly clean with a degreaser. After you paint enough coats to achieve a color to your liking, seal the surface with a clear coat (which will cut down on annoying fingerprints).

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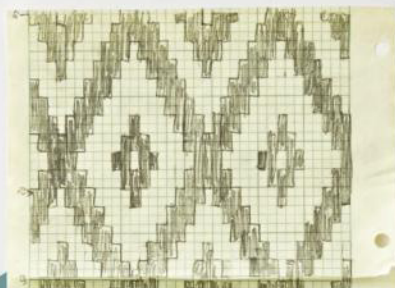
FABRIC GRAIN ON NEWLY UPHOLSTERED PIECES SHOULD RUN FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM OF A CUSHION, NOT SIDE TO SIDE.





WARP SPEED A harder-than-it-looks pattern (A) gives a retro-modern feel to this recast side chair. Macramé cord (B)—a favorite of '70s-era plant hangers—offers the just-right give for a comfy-yet-sturdy seat and back. After you remove the cushions, use the chair's arms, side, and back pieces as foundation elements for weaving (C). The key to this DIY is to learn the repetition—down, over, around an oversize crochet hook. Once you have that, you'll make quick progress on both the vertical pieces and the horizontal cords. The colors here create a fun motif, but pick a combo that suits your decor.

A



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B C





A



B



Once you master reupholstery, add to your DIY furniture repertoire with a great finish element: homemade piping. It's a classic flourish that gives furniture a straight-from-the-store look. In this project (A), a graphic pattern offers just enough visual zest to contrast with the restrained lines of this side chair. The cording that edges the cushion seat and back is simply sandwiched and sewn between a 2-inch-wide strip of fabric (B); the fabric edge is then tucked below the cushions and stapled or glued in place.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 108.



ZIP IT

USE A ZIPPER FOOT TO ENABLE YOU TO STITCH THE FABRIC STRIP RIGHT NEXT TO THE CORDING TO FORM THE PIPING.

OUTDOOR REVIVAL

Patio furniture moves from boring to brilliant in a medley of color, texture, and pattern.

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HOW-TO PHOTOGRAPHS **KARLA CONRAD** WORDS **LAURA KRISTINE JOHNSON**

TILE TREATMENT Lend a touch of texture to your outdoor beverage station by dressing up a thrifted metal utility cart with tile in soft hues, *this photo* and *opposite*. When it's not serving tasty cocktails, the cart can double as a plant stand to show off your green thumb. Make sure to swap the cart's original wheels for outdoor-approved casters to ensure rust never slows you down.



how to add tile to a bar cart

MATERIALS

- Metal utility cart
- Metal-approved spray paint
(We used Rust-Oleum Universal Matte Spray Paint in Castle Rock.)
- Drop cloth
- Sheets of thin, mesh-mounted tile
- Tape measure
- Straightedge
- Tile cutter
- Tile file
- Dual-grit sanding stone
- Outdoor tile adhesive
- Small-notch adhesive spreader
- Outdoor grout
- Plastic putty knife or grout float
- Wet sponge
- Waterproof caulk
- Caulk gun
- Grout sealer
- Foam paintbrush



Step 1 Disassemble the cart and clean the pieces. Let dry. Place the shelves on a drop cloth and apply two coats of metal-approved spray paint, allowing the paint to dry between coats.

Step 2 Measure the length and width of the top shelf, and use the measurements to plan your desired tile layout. With pencil and a straightedge, mark where

tiles need to be cut, then trim them with a tile cutter. Smooth any rough edges with a tile file and a sanding stone, then fill in gaps around the perimeter by cutting and piecing leftover tiles to fit.

Step 3 Apply a thin layer of tile adhesive to the shelf. Place the sheets of tile on the adhesive before adding the perimeter tile pieces. Let cure for 24 hours.

Step 4 Spread grout over the tile, filling the cracks. Wipe off excess grout with a wet sponge, and let dry for 24 hours. Reapply grout if needed.

Step 5 Once grout has dried, cut a small opening on the tip of your caulk tube. Carefully caulk around the perimeter of the tile, where the tile and shelf lip meet. Let dry for 24 hours.

Step 6 Apply sealer to the grout with a foam paintbrush, wiping off any excess from the tile with a dry cloth. Allow sealer to cure for 48 hours before reassembling the cart and putting it to use.

FURNITURE FACELIFT Perk up tired metal furniture by dousing the frames in splashy colors of spray paint. Chairs and tables from mismatched sets instantly complement each other when painted in coordinating colors, *this photo*.



DIRT DISGUISE
TO CAMOUFLAGE
GRIT AND GRIME,
PAINT YOUR
TABLETOP IN A
MEDIUM SHADE.

BEFORE



how to paint rusty metal

MATERIALS

- Metal patio table and chairs
- Small paint scraper
- Sanding block
- Drop cloth
- Rust primer (We used Rust-Oleum Stops Rust Rusty Metal Primer Spray.)
- Spray paint (We used Rust-Oleum Universal Matte Spray Paint in Castle Rock and Painter's Touch Ultra Cover 2X Gloss Spray in Seaside.)
- Kraft paper
- Tape

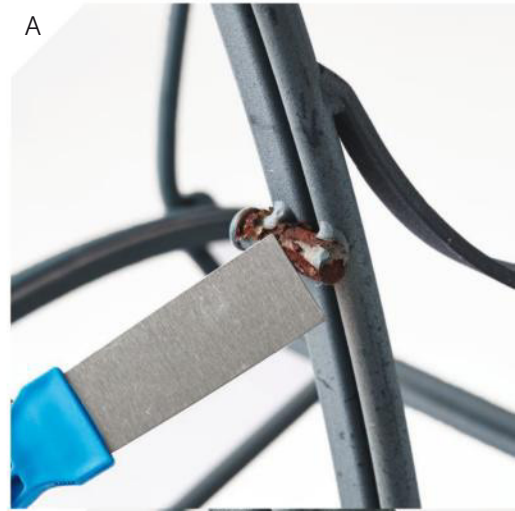
Step 1 If using thrifted furniture, examine each piece and scrape any rusty areas with a paint scraper to remove loose, corroded material (A). Use a sanding block to remove rust down to the bare metal (B, C). Wipe furniture with a rag to remove debris.

Step 2 Place the table and chairs on a drop cloth. Treat rusty areas with a metal primer for rust, making sure to spray the spot from all angles to reach every nook and cranny (D). Let dry for two hours.

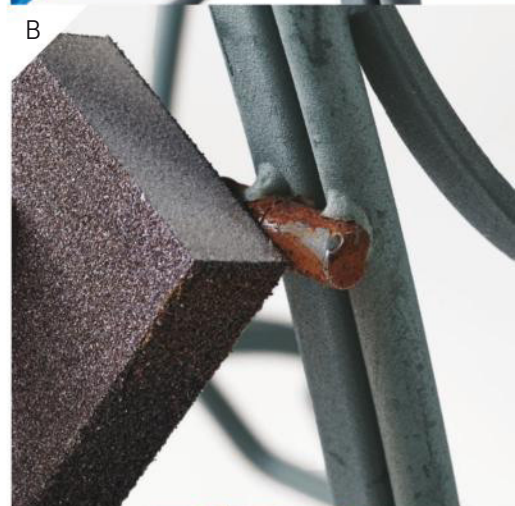
Step 3 Apply two coats of metal-approved spray paint to the chair frames and the tabletop (E). Allow the paint to dry for two hours between coats.

Step 4 After the tabletop paint cures, tape it off with kraft paper and then spray the legs and tabletop frame in your second color of paint. Apply two coats of paint, allowing paint to dry for two hours between coats. Let dry overnight before use.

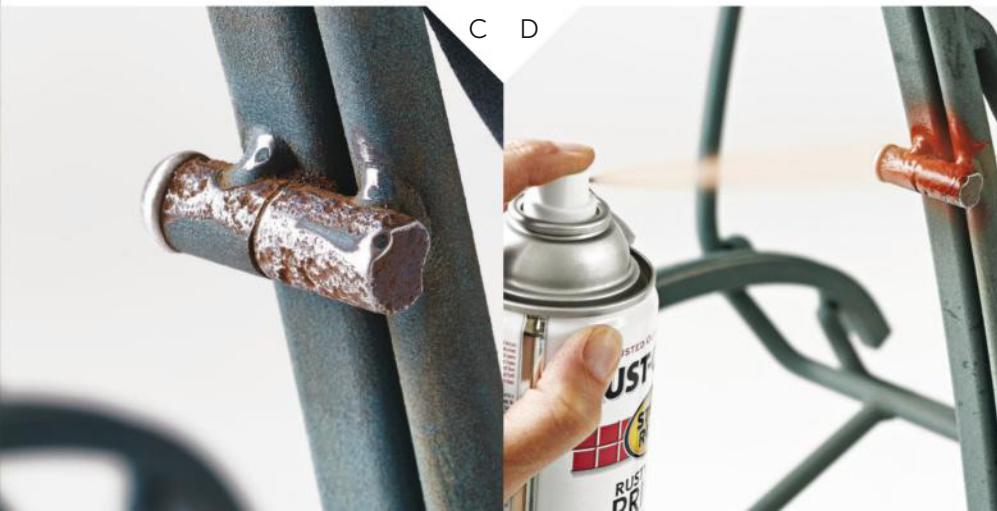
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how to make a woven chair seat



TAKE A SEAT Channel a vintage vibe into your outdoor space by crafting woven seats and seat backs, *above*, for your patio chairs using weather-resistant polypropylene webbing. Paint a metal table in two colors, *below*, to match the chairs.



MATERIALS

- Metal-frame patio chair with mesh seating removed
- Tailor's tape measure
- 2-inch heavyweight polypropylene webbing (We used webbing from Strapworks.com in Teal and Silver Gray.)
- Velcro Industrial Strength Tape
- Speedy Stitcher sewing awl
- Speedy Stitcher coarse waxed thread
- Eight clamps
- Lighter

Step 1 To determine the amount of webbing needed, wrap a tape measure horizontally around the seat back to calculate the horizontal circumference. Measure the height of the seat back and the length of the seat, add together, and divide by two. Multiply that number by the horizontal circumference to determine how much webbing in inches the horizontal layers will require. Next wrap the tape measure vertically around the seat back and from back to front around the seat; add the two measurements to calculate vertical circumference. Measure the chair's width and divide by two. Multiply that number by the vertical circumference to calculate the amount of webbing needed for the vertical layers. Add the horizontal and vertical totals and add 10 percent to determine the total amount needed.

Step 2 Adhere strips of Velcro tape to both the front and back of the top left- and right-hand corners of the chair's seat back (A), the area just above each of the armrests' two connection points, and to the bottom left- and right-hand corners of the chair's seat.

Step 3 Secure an end of the gray webbing to the top left front Velcro strip, looping the webbing around the chair's frame (B) before crossing the width of the seat back and wrapping around the frame on the opposite side. Place a clamp over all webbing-covered Velcro strips for 24 hours (C) until adhesive has fully cured. Continue wrapping the webbing tautly around the seat back, spacing the layers as close together as possible without overlapping, and securing the webbing to the Velcro at the armrests (D).

Step 4 For a pop of teal, wrap the tape measure to determine the amount needed. Trim the gray webbing in desired location.



Step 5 Attach the trimmed ends of the gray and teal webbing using the sewing awl. First overlap the ends about 1/2 inch, then push the awl needle through both layers of webbing (E). Pull out about 8 inches of thread from the needle, then remove the needle from the webbing, making sure the 8-inch tail remains on the opposite side. Push the needle through the webbing again to create a zigzag stitch. Push the tail through the loop that formed between the awl's thread and the needle (F). Pull the needle back out of the webbing to finish the stitch. Continue making zigzag stitches across the width of the webbing. For the final stitch, push the needle through the webbing and pull the loop out 2 inches. Snip the thread (G), then tie a square knot to finish (H).

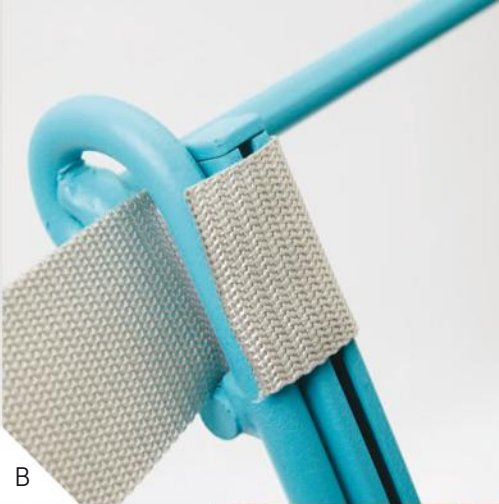
Step 6 Once you've wrapped the teal webbing around the frame, attach the end to the gray webbing with the sewing awl, referring to Step 5. Then continue wrapping until the chair's seat is covered. Secure the webbing by sticking the end to the Velcro, wrapping it around to the underside of the chair, and stitching the end to the backside of the webbing from underneath the seat.

Step 7 Start weaving vertically by stitching the end of the webbing to a section of webbing on the underside of the chair near the frame's edge. Begin weaving up the front of the chair, alternating under and over the horizontal layers. At the top of the seat back, wrap the webbing over the frame, and then weave down the chair's back (I). Add a vertical pop of teal by repeating steps 4–6. For more visible color, wrap the colored webbing over two horizontal layers and then under one as you weave.

Step 8 Once the chair is covered, secure the webbing as before, stitching the end to a section of webbing on the chair's underside.



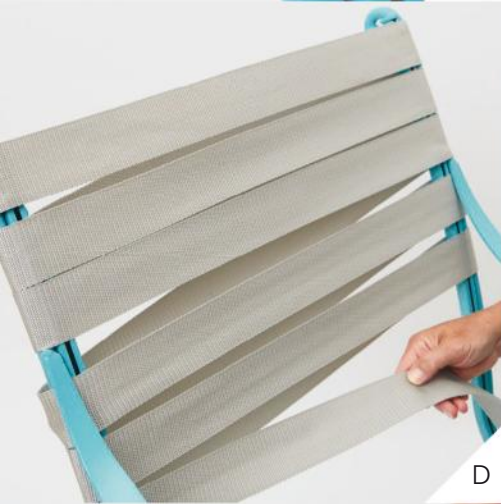
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HOLD TIGHT

GIVE YOUR HANDS
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WEAVING—BY
CLAMPING VELCRO-
ADHERED SECTIONS
UNTIL THEY'VE
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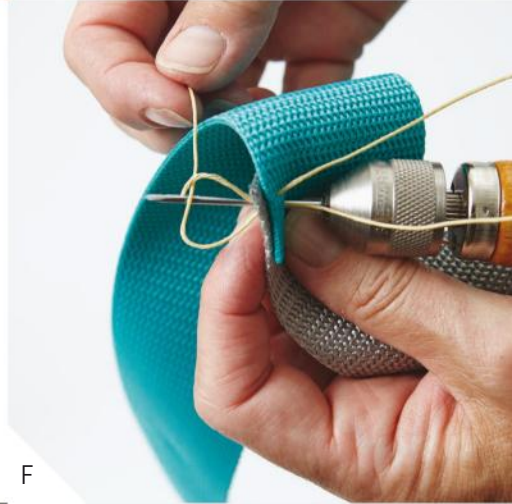


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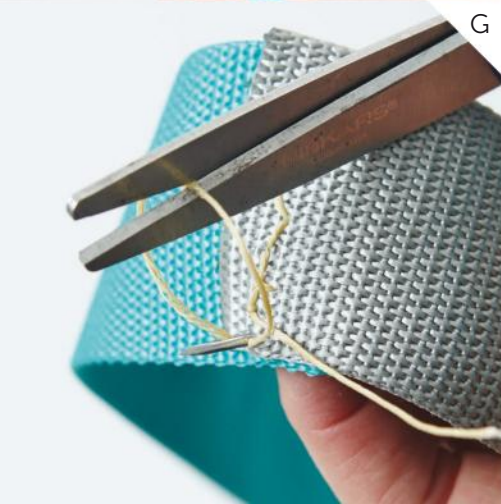


FEND OFF FRAYING

PREVENT TRIMMED
PLASTIC WEBBING ENDS
FROM UNRAVELING BY
MELTING THEM WITH
A LIGHTER UNTIL THEY
HARDEN.



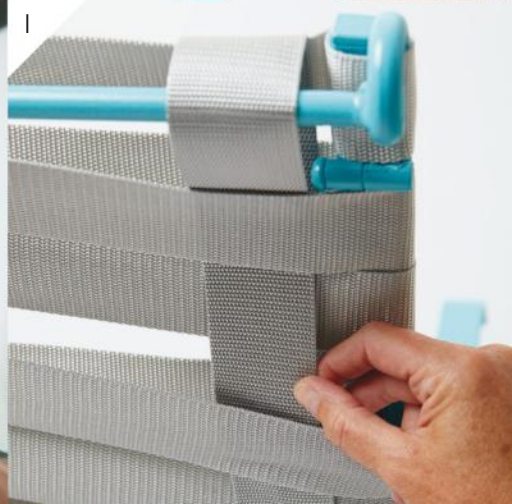
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CAST IN CONCRETE

Pair a sturdy metal coffee table frame with an edgy (and heavy!) concrete topper to take the piece from ho-hum to alfresco focal point, *this photo and opposite*. Mesh reinforcement keeps the tabletop strong—perfect for propping up feet and potted plants alike—while sealant defends it against dirt, rain, and beverage spills.



how to make a concrete tabletop

MATERIALS

- Sturdy coffee table with top removed
- HardieBacker 500 cement board
- Utility knife
- 4 Concrete Countertop Solutions Square Edge countertop forms
- Miter saw
- Drill
- 5/8-inch construction screws
- Packing tape
- Safety gloves
- 1 roll Concrete Countertop Solutions FG50 Fiber Mesh Reinforcement
- 1 box Concrete Countertop Solutions Z Clips
- Tarp
- 2 bags Concrete Countertop Solutions Z Counterform White Countertop Mix
- Mixing paddle
- Two 5-gallon buckets
- Cement trowel
- Angle grinder with diamond sandpaper
- Concrete Countertop Solutions Z SiAcryl 14 Sealer
- 2 paint trays
- 2 small paint rollers
- Concrete Countertop Solutions Z Counter-Shine



Step 1 Cut the cement board to the size of the tabletop (ours is 24x42 inches) with a utility knife. Create a concrete mold by miter-cutting the square-edge forms so the inside dimensions match the cement board. Screw the forms onto the cement board, placing a screw every few inches.

Step 2 Apply tape to the corners of the mold to prevent concrete from seeping through the cracks.

Step 3 Wearing gloves, measure the mesh reinforcement to the size of your tabletop minus 1/2 inch on each side, then cut with scissors. Place mesh inside mold.

Step 4 Snap off the two longest legs on the Z Clips. Then attach the clips to the underside of the mesh, placing one every

7 inches in straight rows starting at the edge of the mesh and working your way across it. Next stagger clips between the existing rows and screw clips in place.

Step 5 Place the mold on a tarp. Mix concrete according to the package instructions, then pour the mixture into the mold, filling it to the top edge. Tap the edges of the mold to remove air bubbles, then smooth the concrete with a cement trowel, making sure the surface is even. Let cure for 24 hours.

Step 6 After the concrete has cured, polish it using an angle grinder and diamond sandpaper. Pour water onto the concrete surface as you sand, forming puddles, until you reach your desired smoothness. Remove dust with a damp cloth, then snap off the mold. Let dry overnight.

Step 7 Pour sealer into a paint tray and use a small roller to apply it to the concrete. Roll across the concrete until it's evenly coated. Apply two coats of sealer, letting it dry between coats.

Step 8 Once sealer has dried, pour Counter-Shine into another paint tray and use a small roller to apply it to the concrete. Let dry before placing tabletop onto the coffee table frame.

Note: To watch a comprehensive video on the entire process, visit concretecountertopsolutions.com.



LOUNGING AROUND

Put a fresh face on a tired wood chaise longue, *left*, with a color-block paint job in a fashionable ombré effect.



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how to restore wood furniture

MATERIALS

- Wood chaise longue
- Sander with medium-grit sandpaper
- Drop cloth
- Primer (We used Sherwin-Williams PrepRite ProBlock Primer/Sealer in White.)
- Deck paint (We used Rust-Oleum Restore 4X Deck Coat in Graywash, Blue Sky, Porch, and Lagoon.)
- 2-inch angled paintbrush

Step 1 Sand the chair so the frame and slats are smooth. Remove dust by wiping the chair with a damp cloth. Let dry.

Step 2 Place the chair on a drop cloth, and apply a coat of primer

with a paintbrush, covering every nook and cranny. Let dry overnight.

Step 3 Cover the frame and legs of the chair in two coats of white paint, allowing the paint to dry for two hours after each coat.

Step 4 To create an ombré look, paint the top half of the back's slats in the lightest shade. Let dry for two hours, then cover with paper for protection. Paint the other half of the back's slats in medium shade. Let dry and cover with paper as before. Then paint the seat's remaining slats the darkest shade. Let dry overnight before using the chair.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 108.



DIY IDEAS TO STEAL

Nudge your patio's style factor up a notch with the aid of some of our favorite tools and supplies.



1. IN STITCHES Outfitted with a sharp stainless-steel needle, the Speedy Stitcher sewing awl easily tames thick materials like canvas, leather, and webbing by creating tight lock stitches like a sewing machine. The awl's waxed polyester thread repels water and dirt to keep your outdoor projects looking like new. \$13; speedystitcher.com



2. UNDER COVER Revive rusty furniture (like the table and chairs on *page 87*) by coating corroded spots with Rust-Oleum Rusty Metal Primer spray before painting. The primer sticks to rusty areas, forming a smooth, paintable layer that's corrosion-resistant for blemish-free backyard decor. \$5; rustoleum.com



3. IT'S A WRAP Dial up the style of cast-off patio chairs by fashioning seats from heavyweight polypropylene webbing like on *page 86*. With mildew- and UV-resistant fibers, this webbing maintains its shape and color when exposed to sun or rain and is available in 23 colors and six widths. \$0.13–\$0.57 per foot; strapworks.com



4. MIX IT UP To create the custom coffee table top on *page 90*, we used quick-curing Z Counterform White Countertop Mix that's ready for sanding and polishing 24 hours after pouring. Unlike standard gray mixes, white concrete takes on integral color and stains in true-to-color fashion. \$29; concretecountertopsolutions.com



MACGYVER WORTHY The cure-all for your home repairs, DAP RapidFuse All Purpose Adhesive bonds anything to everything with no foam and no mess. In just 30 seconds you'll have a hold that's more durable than super glue and dries clear. \$6, rapidfuseallpurpose.dap.com



FIXER UPPER Restore scratched, gouged, and cracked wood furnishings—indoors and out—with Plastic Wood All Purpose Wood Filler by DAP. The sandable, stainable, paintable product comes in easy-to-apply squeeze tubes in five popular wood shades that are low odor and easy to clean with water. \$7, plasticwood.dap.com

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*Upgrading your kitchen needn't break the bank.
Wallet-smart projects take this space from dated to delicious.*

PROJECTS **KATIE LEPORTE** PHOTOGRAPHS **JAY WILDE AND JACOB FOX** WORDS **BECKY MOLLENKAMP**



Looks can be deceiving. At first glance, this kitchen appears to have all the trimmings of a pricey cooking zone—subway tile, custom cabinets with glass knobs, and stone floors. In fact, this high-end look is budget-friendly, thanks to clever uses of paint, resin, and vinyl products.



A PEEL-AND-STICK TILE-LOOK BACKSPLASH MADE FROM A GEL COMPONENT IS A SNAP TO INSTALL AND SAVES THE TIME, MESS, AND MONEY THAT TRADITIONAL GROUTED TILE REQUIRES. START AT AN OUTER EDGE AND PRESS THE PIECES INTO PLACE, CUTTING WITH A UTILITY KNIFE AND CHECKING YOUR WORK WITH A LEVEL AS YOU GO.



how to paint cabinets

This project will take about a weekend to complete, but you'll be rewarded for your hard work with like-new cabinets that will bump up your home's appeal.

Step 1 Gather: sandpaper, painters tape, drop cloth, plastic painters triangles, foam roller and tray, primer, Floetrol, oil-base paint (we used Sherwin-Williams Jetstream, SW6492).

Step 2 Remove the doors and the hardware and hinges. Sand the cabinet fronts with fine-grade sandpaper, and clean them with a vinegar-water solution. If you're not

painting the edges and backs, mask off the sides with painters tape. Place the triangles on the drop cloth and rest the cabinet doors on top of the triangles (or use scrap wood to raise the doors).

Step 3 Cover the cabinet fronts with a coat of primer. Let dry completely. Add Floetrol to your paint (this helps it coat better and provides a smoother finish), then paint the cabinet fronts. Oil-base paint can be messy, but it delivers the highest sheen and greatest durability. Let dry according to manufacturer's directions. Apply a second coat. Allow several days for the paint to cure before reinstalling the doors.

how to redo countertops

COVERING A LARGE COUNTERTOP WITH EPOXY IS A TWO-PERSON JOB. WHILE ONE PERSON MIXES SMALL BATCHES OF EPOXY FOR EACH SECTION, THE OTHER CAN SPREAD THE EPOXY.



MATERIALS

- Painters tape
- Plastic or kraft paper
- Rubber-lined drop cloth
- Foam brushes
- Primer
- Paint (we used Sherwin-Williams Snowfall, SW6000)
- Iridescent sequins
- Decoupage medium (water it down slightly)
- Famowood Glaze Coat Epoxy Coating (a resin for bar tops)
- Plastic cups
- Stir sticks
- Plastic scraper
- Sandpaper

Step 1 Gather materials (A). Clean the countertop thoroughly. Use painters tape and plastic or kraft paper to mask off the cabinets, drawers, and backsplash. Place drop cloth on floor.

Step 2 Paint the countertop with primer and a base coat of paint, allowing to dry between coats. Note: The epoxy will have an amber tinge after it dries, so choose a base color accordingly (the darker your paint, the less the amber tone will show).

Step 3 Cut slivers from sequins. Working in sections, cover the countertop with decoupage medium (B) and sprinkle the sequins over the glue. Let dry.

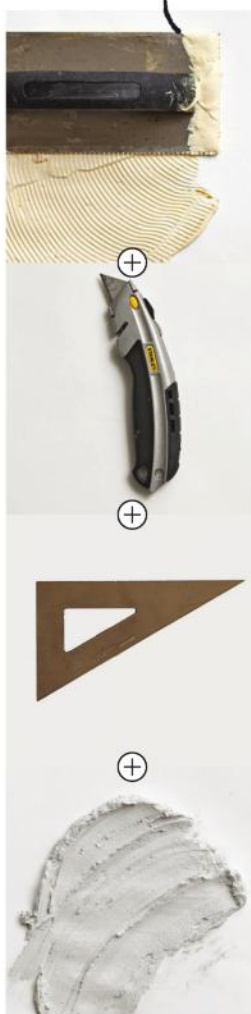
Step 4 Mix epoxy in plastic cups according to package directions. Pour over countertop surface, starting in the middle (C). Allow gravity to spread the epoxy before pushing it into the corners with a plastic scraper (D). Allow epoxy to drip over the edge of the countertop, using a foam brush or rag to immediately clean up drips (E). The epoxy will begin to harden within a few minutes. Let the epoxy cure according to manufacturer's directions. Sand away any drips along the edge (F).



ABOVE Old kitchens often have layers of history. Pulling up laminate, paneling, or wallpaper may reveal hidden treasures from days gone by, like this beautiful marbled backer board that was hidden under adhesive shelf liner inside the cabinets. Love the look but aren't blessed with old-school materials? Re-create it by attaching wallpaper (or decoupage decorative paper) to the backs of your cabinets.



FOR A FLAWLESS HERRINGBONE PATTERN, START WITH WHOLE TILES IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM AND WORK OUT SO ALL CUTS ARE ALONG THE ROOM'S EDGES. LAY OUT ONE ROW AT A TIME, MAKING SURE IT LOOKS GOOD BEFORE SECURING TO THE FLOOR. USE TILE SPACERS TO KEEP GROUT LINES UNIFORM.



how to install luxury vinyl tile flooring

New luxury resilient vinyl can be grouted for the look of beautiful stone tile—all for \$2 to \$4 a square foot. You can lay this material right over old floors, as long as they are clean, smooth, and level.

Step 1 Gather: Resilient vinyl tile and adhesive (we used products from Shaw), U-notch trowel (see manufacturer's recommendations), ruler, utility knife, tile spacers, premixed grout, and a rag.

Step 2 Plan your tile placement and pattern (straight rows, herringbone, basket weave, Versailles, etc.).

Step 3 Clean floors and let dry. Spread adhesive over the floor using the trowel. Let it dry until tacky, according to package directions.

Step 4 Starting in the center of the room, lay the tile in desired pattern. Cut the tiles as needed, using a ruler and utility knife to score the back and then snapping the tile at the line. Leave a 1/8-inch space between rows for grout.

Step 5 When all tiles are in place, use the same trowel to spread the grout over the floor, working it into the gaps. Clean excess grout off the tiles using a wet rag. Seal grout, if desired. When dry, your new floor is ready for traffic!



A



B



C



D



E



F

how to make cabinet knobs

MATERIALS

- Rubber gloves
- EasyCast Clear Casting Epoxy
- Plastic cups
- Stir sticks
- Silicone mini muffin pan (for molds)
- Gold sequins
- Drill
- Bit, screws (sized to cabinet thickness), and nuts
- Pliers

Step 1 Gather materials (A). Wearing gloves, mix the epoxy in plastic cups according to package directions (B). Pour finished epoxy into the molds and sprinkle in gold sequins that have been cut into small shards (C). After about 10 minutes, when resin is just beginning to harden, stir so some sequin bits are suspended in the epoxy. After epoxy is hard (about 24 hours), pop the knobs out of the molds.

Step 2 Create a quick paper template by tracing a resin knob and cutting out. Fold the circle into quarters to find the center point. Poke a hole through the center with the tip of a pencil (D). Position this pattern over the resin knob and drill through the center (E). Thread a screw through the hole using pliers (F) and attach to the cabinet door with a nut.



CUSTOMIZE YOUR RESIN KNOBS BY MIXING IN DYE WITH A TOOTHPICK BEFORE THE RESIN HARDENS (USE DYE MADE BY THE EPOXY MANUFACTURER). YOU CAN ADD ALMOST ANYTHING—GLITTER, DRIED FLOWERS, METAL FINDINGS. TO KEEP ITEMS FROM SINKING TO THE BOTTOM, STIR THEM JUST BEFORE THE EPOXY HARDENS. USE A BLOW-DRYER OR TOOTHPICK TO POP ANY BUBBLES THAT FORM.



BEFORE

how to make a fold-down table

If your small kitchen lacks dining space, get creative and turn a wall display into a table! This drop-down table is a space-saving solution that doubles as a message board when not in use.

Step 1 Gather materials. This project requires $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch plywood for the tabletop and 1x2 boards for the frame, legs, and support boards (we used oak). Don't have the tools needed to cut the wood for your table? Draw a plan with exact dimensions and ask the lumber store to make the cuts.

Step 2 For bonus storage space, start with a wall-mounted shelving unit like the CD cabinet, *opposite above*. Before assembling the table, prime and paint the cabinet and wood pieces to match your decor.

Step 3 Attach a board to the bottom front of the cabinet. Cut a tabletop the same size as the front of the cabinet and attach a large piano hinge along the back edge. Attach the other side of the hinge to the board installed on the bottom of the cabinet (A). Close the tabletop over the cabinet. Cut framing pieces and attach them around the bottom edges of the tabletop. Be sure your drill bit is set so you don't accidentally drill through the tabletop.

Step 4 Cut legs and crossbars, and attach the four pieces to each other using flat braces at the corners on the front and back of the boards. Use a carpenter's square to make sure the legs are square. Attach the leg assembly to the tabletop with a long piano hinge (B). To ensure the legs stay in place when open, add locking drop-leaf supports on each side of the tabletop (C). When closed, the leg assembly becomes the chalkboard's frame, *top left*.

Step 5 Attach a hook and latch to the top of the cabinet and the tabletop (D). Attach the cabinet at the appropriate height on the wall, making sure to hit studs. The table should be level when open. Attach a support board flush under the cabinet and into wall studs (A).

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 108.



OPPOSITE When open, this drop-down table provides comfortable and stylish seating for two and display space for linens, cookbooks, extra dishes, and collectibles. ABOVE When folded up, the table disappears to leave the floor clear for foot traffic. Clever use of chalkboard paint allows the underside of the unit to also serve as an area for grocery or other to-do lists.

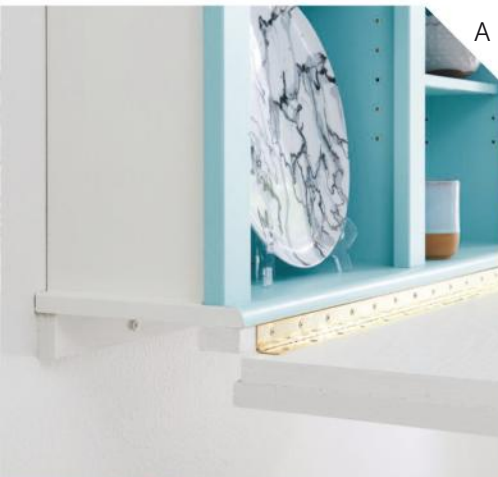


PHOTO FINISH

*Change your frame of mind
with these customized displays.*

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PHOTOGRAPHS **CAMERON SADEGHPOUR**
WORDS **HEIDI PALKOVIC**



STRING THEORY Add geometric borders to plain wooden picture frames by attaching finishing nails strung with embroidery floss. Begin by tapping a nail at the inside and outside of each corner of the frame, then add nails along the inner and outer edges of the frame in two staggered rows. Tie a piece of embroidery floss onto a corner nail, then begin looping the floss around the nails (the floss does not need to wrap completely around the nail) as you work your way around the frame. Create a pattern of short and long intersecting lines using different floss colors with each pass around the frame. Secure the floss ends with a knot on the first nail.

PICTURE THIS Dress up decorative metal grilles, plexiglass, and vellum with creative photo displays. Customize 12×24-inch pieces of metal grilles with spray paint, and tack up photos with magnets. For a floating peephole frame, cut a circle in vellum and create a sandwich with the vellum and an 8×10-inch photo between two pieces of 8×10-inch plexiglass. Drill holes through a piece of tape at each corner of the sandwich, using progressively larger drill bits to prevent cracking. Secure the plexiglass, vellum, and photo with No. 8 2-inch machine screws, using nuts between the vellum and photo to create a 1½-inch space for dimension. Wrap wire around the screws on the back to hang.



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ATTACH MAGNETS TO
GAME PIECES TO HOLD
PHOTOS ON GRILLE
(A). PLEXIGLASS AT
LEAST ¼ INCH THICK IS
LESS LIKELY TO CRACK
WHEN DRILLING HOLES
FOR THE FLOATING
FRAMES (B).



IT'S A FRAME UP Turn an old ladder into a gallery-style display by mounting picture frames between the rungs. For perfect-size frames, make your own from wood molding (see how-to, *opposite*). Measure the opening and subtract 2 inches from each dimension to allow for space around the frame when hung. If desired, add a mat around photos. To mount, screw hooks to the top of the frames and eyes to the inside of the ladder.



how to make a frame

MATERIALS

- Miter saw
- 8-foot length of 3-inch wood molding
- Metal ruler
- Wood glue
- Clamp
- Drill
- Corner braces with screws
- Wood filler
- Sandpaper
- Spray paint
- Mat board (optional)
- Bevel mat cutter (optional)
- Cutting mat (optional)
- Cardboard
- Staple gun and staples
- Tape
- Picture hanger

Step 1 Gather materials (A). Determine size of finished frame. Cut one end of wood molding at a 45-degree angle using a miter saw. Measure from cut end along the long edge and mark at desired length (B). Cut at mark at a 45-degree angle, taking care that the angle points in the opposite direction from first cut end. Repeat to cut four frame sides.

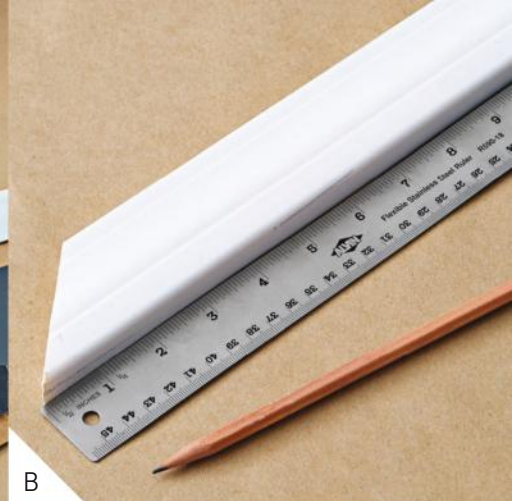
Step 2 Glue frame sides together; clamp and let dry (C). Screw corner braces to each corner on back of frame (D). On front of frame, fill gaps with wood filler; let dry and sand (E). In a well-ventilated area, spray-paint frame; let dry.

Step 3 If desired, cut a mat to fit frame opening using a mat cutter available at crafts stores (F). Cut an opening in center of mat. Cut cardboard to fit area inside corner braces; cut a flap in the center. Insert mat and photo. Staple cardboard to back of frame (G). Tape flap closed and add a picture hanger (H).

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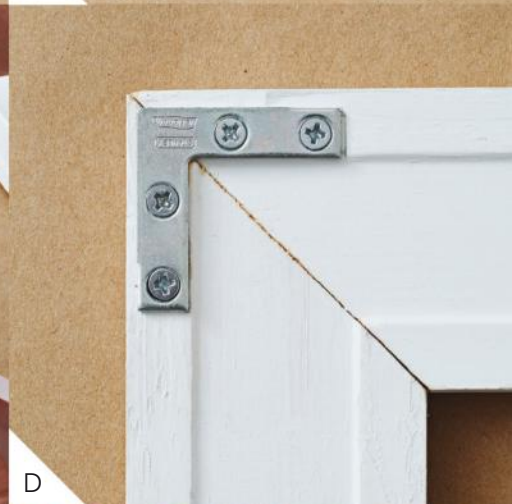
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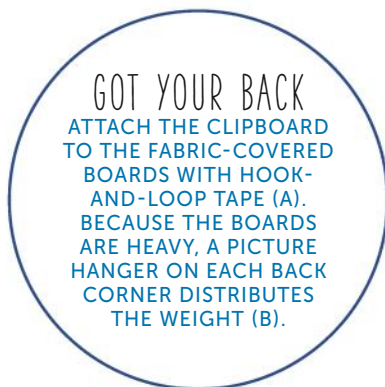


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Clays used in these projects:
Sculpey in Soufflé and Premo varieties—Polyform Products; [sculpey.com](#).

FIMO modeling clay—Staedtler; [shop.staedtler.us](#).

DAS air-hardening modeling clay—Prang; [prang.com](#).

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Test-tube bottle for clay vase Art-C Apothecary Glass Bottles with Cork Topper, cookie cutters for hearts and flowers—Jo-Ann Stores; 888/739-4120; [joann.com](#). **Alphabet stamp letters for heart-shape cheese identifiers** Alphabet Stamp set by Studio G—Michaels Stores, Inc.; [michaels.com](#). **Print blocks**—Blockwallah; [blockwallah.com](#).

ORDER IN THE HOUSE: MIXED MEDIA PAGES 16–19

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Wall paint Toque White SW7003—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; [sherwin-williams.com](#) [P].

Dresser Wildon Home Twin Lakes six-drawer dresser, knobs replaced after purchase—Wayfair; 877/929-3247; [wayfair.com](#). **Television** UN40JU7100, **sound bar** HWJ850—Samsung; 800/726-7864; [samsungusa.com](#). **Flooring** Canewood #35020195003 from the Trends 12

collection—Tarkett; [tarkettna.com](#). **Black frames** Wide Picture Frame in black, sold as set of two, 5×7-inch and 11×14-inch Beveled Picture Frame in black from the Better Homes and Gardens® collection—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; [walmart.com](#). **LOVE print, round photograph to right of cactus** Mountain Range in ombré effect, **small floral print under clock** sold as set of two different botanical prints—The Printable Studio; [theprintablestudio.etsy.com](#). **Cactus photograph** similar items available—Lila + Lola; [lila-and-lola.com](#).

Black-and-white upholstered chair at right Black-and-White Floral Reading Chair 473747, **area rug** 5×8 Blue Jute Soha Area Rug, **ottoman** similar items available, **robe and hook**—World Market; 877/967-5362; [worldmarket.com](#). **White blanket on chair, planter on dresser**—Hobby Lobby; 800/323-9204; [hobbylobby.com](#). **Gold desk lamp, gold clock**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; [target.com](#) (product line varies). **Wood jewelry box on dresser**—Marshalls; 800/627-7425; [marshalls.com](#) (product line varies). **White headphones** Beats by Dr. Dre—Apple, Inc.; 800/692-7753; [apple.com](#). **Television** 40-inch Class JU7100 4K UHD Smart TV—Samsung; 800/726-7864; [samsung.com](#). **Television mount** Samsung WMN450 Mini Wall Mount—Amazon; [amazon.com](#), search: Samsung WMN450. **Sound bar** Bose Solo 5 TV sound system, wall mount sold separately—Bose Corp.; 800/444-2673; [bose.com](#).

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Wall paint Alpaca SW7072—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; [sherwin-williams.com](#) [P].

Flooring Canewood #35020195003 from the Trends 12 collection—Tarkett; [tarkettna.com](#). **Shelving** 10×48-inch White Laminate Decorative Shelf and 8×24-inch White Laminate Decorative Shelf, **brackets** 9-inch D White Twin Track and 6½-inch White Twin Track—The Home Depot; [homedepot.com](#). **Desk** Linnmon/Godvin table in white,

printer station IKEA PS 2012—IKEA; [ikea-usa.com](#). **Filing cabinet** TPS Mint three-drawer filing cabinet—CB2; 800/606-6252; [cb2.com](#). **Magazine boxes** Magazine File in White Dot 249550, **letter tray** Stacking Letter Tray in White Dot 249505, **document boxes** Decorative Storage Document box in Blue 247867, all by See Jane Work—Office Depot; 800/685-8800; [officedepot.com](#). **White baskets**—Hobby Lobby; 800/323-9204; [hobbylobby.com](#). **Green box under printer**—HomeGoods; 800/614-4663; [homegoods.com](#) (product line varies). **Hexagonal corkboards on wall above filing cabinet**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; [target.com](#) (product line varies). **Cord channel from base of television** Plastic Wire Channel NMW1 by Wiremold, 5-feet, White—Amazon; [amazon.com](#), search: Wiremold. **Cord box under desk** Cord Corral and Cable Organizer in bamboo from the Zen Collection—Great Useful Stuff; [greatusefulstuff.com](#). **Desk chair** similar items available—West Elm; 866/428-6468; [westelm.com](#) (product line varies). **Area rug** Gray Distressed Area Rug from the Better Homes and Gardens® collection—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; [walmart.com](#). **Sound bar** Bose Solo 5 TV sound system, wall mount sold separately—Bose Corp.; 800/444-2673; [bose.com](#). **Television** UN40JU7100—Samsung; 800/726-7864; [samsungusa.com](#).

COOL TOOLS: BIT BY BIT PAGES 20–21

Sources for drill bit attachments include:

Bosch; 800/944-2904; [bosch-home.com/us](#).

Craftsman; [craftsman.com](#).

DeWalt; 800/433-9258; [dewalt.com](#).

Kobalt; [kobalttools.com](#).

Milwaukee Power Tools; 800/955-0039; [cpomilwaukee.com](#).

Ryobi Ltd.; 800/525-2579; [ryobitools.com](#).

Skil Tools; 877/754-5999; [skiltools.com](#).

Tapcon; 877/489-2726; [tapcon.com](#).

WHAT TO DO WITH: BASKETS

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White wire baskets—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies). **Lantern cord** Basic Cord kit in white, covered after purchase—Urban Outfitters; 800/282-2200; urbanoutfitters.com.

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Baskets for wall shelves—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies). **Two baskets for side table** similar items available—Wayfair; 877/929-3247; wayfair.com.

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Dog bowls Boots & Barkely—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies). **Basket**—vintage find. **Baskets for desk shelving** similar items available—World Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com.

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Fresh flowers—Mayesh; mayesh.com.

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Gray tablecloth cotton—H&M; hm.com. **Turquoise paint** Mariner SW6766, **yellow paint** Cheerful SW6903—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Muslin bags** Celebrate-It Muslin Favor Bag—Michaels Stores, Inc.; michaels.com. **Dining table** Trendig 2013, **drapery**—IKEA; ikea-usa.com. **Yellow chairs** Tabouret metal stacking chairs in Lemon—Overstock.com; 800/843-2446; overstock.com.

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Circle paper punch Round 'n' Round Squeeze Punch—Fiskars Brands, Inc.; 866/348-5661; fiskars.com. **Polka-dot drinking straws**—Let's Party Creations; letspartycreations.etsy.com. **Baking cups** ColorCups—Wilton Enterprises; 800/794-5866; wilton.com. **Fabric paint for tablecloth** Martha Stewart Crafts Multi-Surface Satin Acrylic Craft Paint—Plaid Enterprises, Inc.; 800/842-4197; plaidonline.com. **Bamboo utensils**—Kawaii Goodies; kawaiigoodies.etsy.com. **Side table** Trendig 2013—IKEA; ikea-usa.com.

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Papier-mâché letters, crafts foam—Darice; 866/432-7423; darice.com. **Paper bags, glass paint** Martha Stewart Liquid Fill Glass Paint—Michaels Stores, Inc.; michaels.com. **Watercolor paper and paint**—Blick Art Materials; 800/828-4548; dickblick.com. **Paper lanterns**—Pier 1 Imports; 800/245-4595; pier1.com. **Paper doily**—Wilton Enterprises; 800/794-5866; wilton.com. **Cloth napkins**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies).

Fabric dye—Rit Dye; ritdye.com. **Candy buttons**—Party City; partycity.com. **Ball and Kerr canning jars**—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; walmart.com. **Enamel paints** Americana Crystal Gloss Enamels—DecoArt; decoart.com. **Side table** Trendig 2013—IKEA; ikea-usa.com.

WELCOME CHANGES

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Bench American Oak Winston Bench 15027505—Overstock.com; 800/843-2446; overstock.com. **Paint and varnish stripping gel**—Citristrip; 800/398-3892; citristrip.com. **Bench finish** English Yellow Chalk Paint and Clear Soft Chalk Paint Wax, **paints used on pillow covers** Scandinavian Pink and English Yellow Chalk Paints—Annie Sloan; anniesloan.com. **Wall paint before wallpaper** Composed SW6472—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Wallpaper** Tackapousha in Mermaid—Grow House Grow, Brooklyn; 770/883-2709; growhousegrow.com. **Linen pillow covers** painted and dyed after purchase—H&M; hm.com. **Liquid dyes used on pillow covers** Emerald, Kelly Green, Dark Green, and Teal—Rit Dye; ritdye.com. **Rug at bench** Nigel Micro Hooked Rug in brown—Dash & Albert Rug Co.; 800/658-5035; dashandalbert.com. **Two-inch duct tape on umbrella stand** Color Duck in Peachy—Duck Brand Products; 800/321-0253; duckproducts.com. **One-inch vinyl tape on umbrella stand** Kelly Green—Tape Planet; tapeplanet.com. **Sconce at left of bench** Brushed-Bronze Hand-Crafted Shade 13-inch T8961—Lamps Plus; 800/782-1967; lampsplus.com.

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Plants New Guinea impatiens in Infinity Orange, Rockapulca double impatiens in Orchid—courtesy of Proven Winners; provenwinners.com. **Spray paint** Peekaboo Blue Indoor/Outdoor—Krylon Products Group; 800/457-9566; krylon.com. **Glue for hex nut decoration** Liquid Nails Perfect Glue—Liquid Nails; 800/634-0015; liquidnails.com. **Smallest planter** Square Planter by Scheurich USA, **taller square planter** Pet Stop Square Planter Box—Wayfair; 877/929-3247; wayfair.com. **Rectangular planter** Brisbane Style Fiberglass Planter purchased in Metallic Charcoal—Amazon; amazon.com, search: Brisbane Style Planter.

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Spray paint for tires Peekaboo Blue Indoor/Outdoor, Catalina Mist

ColorMaster—Krylon Products Group; 800/457-9566; krylon.com. **Spray paint for tire** Spa Blue Ultra Cover—Rust-Oleum; 800/323-3584; rustoleum.com.

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Paint for cinder blocks and house numbers on pot Coral Isle ColorMaster, **paint for pot** White ColorMaster—Krylon Products Group; 800/457-9566; krylon.com. **Clay pot** Terra Cotta (Red) Heavy Rimmed Clay Pot—The Home Depot; homedepot.com (product line varies). **Water sealant**—Thompson's Water Seal; thompsonswaterseal.com. **Number stencils** Basko07—Superior Stencils; superiorstencils.etsy.com. **Doormat** Lily—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com (product line varies).

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Plants Superbell calibrachoa hybrid in Lemon Slice, sweet potato vine in Illusion Emerald Lace, and Graceful grasses in Mohawk Blue—courtesy of Proven Winners; provenwinners.com. **Galvanized tub** Behrens—The Home Depot; homedepot.com (product line varies). **Casters, screws**—Ace Hardware; 866/290-5334; acehardware.com. **Paint** Coral Isle ColorMaster—Krylon Products Group; 800/457-9566; krylon.com.

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Wall paint Ibis White SW7000—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Flooring** Mohawk Barrington Nutmeg Chestnut CDL25-10—Mohawk Industries, Inc.; 800/266-4295; mohawkflooring.com. **Rug**—Urban Outfitters; 800/282-2200; urbanoutfitters.com. **Vase** from the Pure White Ceramic Vase collection—West Elm; 866/428-6468; westelm.com (product line varies). **Gray upholstered chairs** Episode Dining, **woven side chairs** Reed—CB2; 800/606-6252; cb2.com. **Drapery**—Pine Cone Hill; 877/586-4771; pineconehill.com. **Lighting and cord for light fixture project**—Globe Electric; globe-electric.com. **White paint on drapery** Pure White—Annie Sloan; anniesloan.com. **Gold paint on drapery and light fixture** Gold—Modern Masters, Inc.; 800/942-3166; modernmastersinc.com.

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Wallpaper similar available as Marbled Metallic, **duvet** similar items available, **gray pillows** Textured

Chevron Eurosham, **rug** similar available as Winding Trellis—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; *anthropologie.com*. **Throw blanket**—Asher Market; *ashermarket.com*. **Gray pillow for project**—West Elm; 866/428-6468; *westelm.com* (product line varies). **Drapery**—Urban Outfitters; 800/282-2200; *urbanoutfitters.com*. **Pine board**—Lowe's; *lowes.com*. **Stain for board** Licorice—Artisan Enhancements; *artisanenhancements.com*.

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Wall paint Aloe SW6464—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; *sherwin-williams.com* [P]. **Flooring** COREtec 7-inch Wide Plank in Ivory Coast White 50LVP705—US Floors; 800/404-2675; *usfloorsllc.com*. **Black-framed artwork** Moon Phase, **gold-framed floral artwork, glass prism**—Urban Outfitters; 800/282-2200; *urbanoutfitters.com*. **Rug, blue-and-gold vase**—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; *anthropologie.com*. **White vase, teal vase**—West Elm; 866/428-6468; *westelm.com* (product line varies).

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Planter for project Round Textured Concrete—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; *target.com* (product line varies). **White chalk-finish paint**—Ace Hardware; 866/290-5334; *acehardware.com*.

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Pillow inserts for project—IKEA; *ikea-usa.com*. **Piping, white cotton fabric, pale pink cotton fabric, brass zipper, black fabric paint**—Jo-Ann Stores; 888/739-4120; *joann.com*. **Tray**—HomeGoods; 800/614-4663; *homegoods.com* (product line varies). **Silver ball**—T.J. Maxx; 800/285-6299; *tjmaxx.com* (product line varies). **Peacock feather wallpaper** Feather by Ferm Living—similar available through Clever Spaces, San Francisco; 415/318-6412; *cleverspaces.com*.

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Copper tubing and supplies for candelabra—The Home Depot; *homedepot.com*. **Rug**—Wayfair; 877/929-3247; *wayfair.com*. **Table runner**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; *target.com* (product line varies).

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Wood-beaded pillow in chair—HomeGoods; 800/614-4663;

homegoods.com (product line varies). **Wood ball on shelf**—Homemakers Furniture; 888/967-7467; *homemakers.com*.

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Red floral pillow—HomeGoods; 800/614-4663; *homegoods.com* (product line varies). **Glass jar**—T.J. Maxx; 800/285-6299; *tjmaxx.com* (product line varies).

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Solid blue pillow, turquoise-and-white pillow, white-and-yellow striped pillow—HomeGoods; 800/614-4663; *homegoods.com* (product line varies).

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Poster board and acrylic paint for moon painting project—Michaels Stores, Inc.; *michaels.com*. **Rug**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; *target.com* (product line varies). **Vase**—Gordmans; 800/456-7463; *gordmans.com* (product line varies).

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Gray pillow with button on sofa, white pillow with tan trim, throw blanket—HomeGoods; 800/614-4663; *homegoods.com* (product line varies). **Rug**—Wayfair; 877/929-3247; *wayfair.com*. **Cream shag pillow, wood box on credenza**—T.J. Maxx; 800/285-6299; *tjmaxx.com* (product line varies).

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Chair frame for project Jelly Chair in blue—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; *target.com* (product line varies). **Macramé braid 6 mm Bonnie Braid**—Macramé Super Store; *macramesuperstore.com*.

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Flooring Antique Structure from the Historic Element collection in Milk Paint White—Armstrong World Industries; 800/233-3823; *armstrong.com/flooring*.

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White paint Old White, Barcelona Orange—Annie Sloan; *anniesloan.com*.

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Paint for caned chair Lacquer in Belgium Blue—Amy Howard; *amyhowardhome.com*. **Fabric** 71079 in Melon—Duralee; 800/275-3872; *duralee.com* [T]. **Spray adhesive** Force Field Fast Tack Upholstery Adhesive—Jo-Ann Stores; 888/739-4120; *joann.com*. **Tac glue** Magna Fabri-tac—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; *walmart.com*.

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Staples Surebonder ½-inch 22 Gauge

Upholstery Staples 300-12-5M—Amazon; *amazon.com*, search: Surebonder.

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Chair for macramé project Poang—IKEA; *ikea-usa.com*. **Macramé braid 6 mm Bonnie Braid**—Macramé Super Store; *macramesuperstore.com*.

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Black paint, clear wax—Amy Howard; *amyhowardhome.com*. **Fabric** Ondine Paramount in Onyx by Nate Berkus—Jo-Ann Stores; 888/739-4120; *joann.com*.

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Tile for cart project Royal Palm glass mosaic mix—Lowe's; *lowes.com*. **Paint for shelves** Matte Castle Rock, **paint for legs** Weathered Steel Aged Metallic—Rust-Oleum; 877/385-8155; *rustoleum.com*. **Pink flowers in pot** Angelonia 'Spreading Pink Angelmist,' **light green plant with rounded leaves** Lysimachia 'Goldilocks'—Ball Horticultural Co.; look for these varieties in your favorite mail-order catalogs and garden retailers.

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Blue paint Seaside, **tan paint** Matte Castle Rock—Rust-Oleum; 877/385-8155; *rustoleum.com*. **Straps** heavyweight polypropylene 2-inch in Teal and Silver Gray—Strapworks; *strapworks.com*.

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Concrete experts: Ed and Dario Baldoni, Concrete Countertop Solutions, Olyphant, Pennsylvania; 570/587-3799; *concretecountertopsolutions.com*. **Cement board** Hardiebacker—James Hardie Building Products; *jameshardie.com*. **White countertop mix, sealer** SiAcryl—through Concrete Countertop Solutions, Olyphant, Pennsylvania; 570/587-3799; *concretecountertopsolutions.com*. **Sofa** from the Carter Hills collection by Better Homes and Gardens®—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; *walmart.com*. **Yellow and pink petunias at bottom left**—Wave Petunias; *wavepetunias.com*.

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Deck chair similar items available—World Market; 877/967-5362; *worldmarket.com*. **Paints for ombre effect** Graywash, Blue Sky, Porch, Lagoon from the 4X Restore collection—Rust-Oleum; 800/323-3584; *rustoleum.com*.

MAKING OVER MUNDANE PAGES 94-101

Flooring Odyssey luxury vinyl tile planks—Shaw Floors; shawfloors.com. **Wall paint** Dover White SW6385; **cabinet paint** Jet Stream SW6482, **countertop paint** Snowfall SW6000—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Sequins for countertop** Crystal Rainbow sequins—Amazon; amazon.com, search Top Trimming. **Gold sequins, resin for knobs** Easy Cast Clear Casting—Michaels Stores, Inc.; michaels.com. **Epoxy for countertop** Glaze Coat Epoxy Coating by Famowood—Rockler; rockler.com. **Backsplash tile** Infinity Blanco mosaic adhesive wall tile in white—The Home Depot; homedepot.com. **Magnetic knife bar**—IKEA; ikea-usa.com. **Shelf over sink**—West Elm; 866/428-6468; westelm.com (product line varies). **Rug**—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. **Assorted dishes and plates**—CB2; 800/606-6252; cb2.com. **Plant containers**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies). **Dish towels**—World

Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com. **CD cabinet for Murphy table storage area** Prepac Cherry and Black Double Wall-Mount Storage—Amazon; amazon.com, search: Prepac.

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Page 102 **Wall paint** Blushing SW6617—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Photo frames for string art**—Michaels Stores, Inc.; michaels.com. **Page 103** **Wall paint** Hazel SW6471—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Desk** Ellis—Room & Board; roomandboard.com. **Chair** Chair Chair, **chair cover** Cozy Cozy—Blu Dot; bludot.com. **Red letter organizer**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies). **Pages 104-105** **Wall paint** Notable Hue SW6521—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Rug** Parson Gray Designer Ivory Rug by

Chandra—AllModern; allmodern.com. **Chair** Eames molded plastic side chair with wire base in Sparrow—Room & Board; roomandboard.com. **Bowl** Spear by Ferm Living—similar available through Clever Spaces, San Francisco; 415/318-6412; cleverspaces.com.

Page 106 **Sofa** Anson—Room & Board; roomandboard.com. **Red and green pillows with design** Mima, **green rectangular pillow** Guacamole—Blu Dot; bludot.com. **Side table** from the Threshold collection—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies). **Light green fabric panels** Blobs, **white-and-pink floral panels** Dahlias—Lulie Wallace; luliewallace.com. **Clipboards**—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; walmart.com. **Photographs on clipboards** top left, bottom left, and bottom right—Megan Pitt; Nine Photography & Design; ninephotographydesign.com. **Photographs on clipboard** top middle and top right—Stefan Hansen; fresklabs.com. **Photograph at bottom middle**—Istock by Getty images; istockphoto.com.

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