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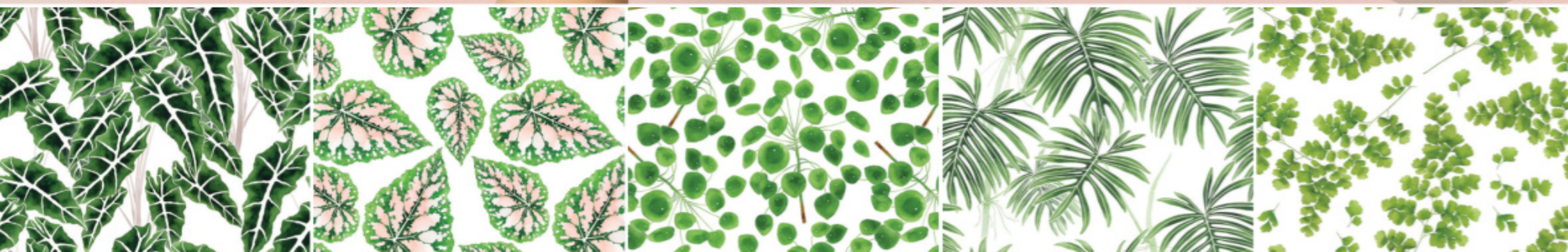
Jenny Kiker, better known by her online handle of Living Pattern, is a watercolorist living in South Florida. After working with Carter's, Osh-Kosh kids clothing, Free People, and URBN Inc., she made the jump to compel her creativity into her own brand, and started focusing on her artwork full-time.



Jenny has partnered with Paintbrush Studio Fabrics to create Modern Botanicals, her first fabric collection! These monochromatic prints capture the spirit of what Living Pattern is all about - drawing appreciation to the natural world, and connecting people to its beauty, as well as its evanescence and fragility.

See more of Jenny's work and purchase art prints on her website, livingpattern.net

To see all fabrics and download the free quilt pattern from the Modern Botanicals collection, visit pbsfabrics.com



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FROM THE EDITOR

The thrill of the hunt for secondhand treasures never grows old. Whether I'm digging through a dusty antiques store or scanning flea market booths, I often feel like I'm 8 years old again, visiting a neighbor's garage sale with my own money in hand for the first time. That afternoon I found amazing deals (Avon perfume bottles: 50 cents each *or* three for a dollar!) and castoffs that just needed a little TLC (a wooden step stool I knew my dad and I could repaint). Best of all, everything was within my total budget of \$2.75.

I felt a similar excitement as we assembled our collection of flea market makeovers ("Old Stuff, New Tricks," *page 58*). With a little creativity, someone else's junk can become a showstopping kitchen island, a wall treatment, or a shelving unit. Trust me: You'll never look at dented thermoses, crocheted doilies, or broken typewriters, *this photo*, in quite the same way.

So roll up your sleeves, gather a little cash (still the best way to shop a tag sale), and get ready to breathe new life into old stuff!

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FRAME OF MIND This custom artwork, *this photo*, requires no paint or artistic ability on your part! To stretch patterned fabric (we used a shower curtain), follow the steps, *opposite*, for assembling stretcher bars and stretching a canvas. To make a decorative outer frame, cut two strips of 1½x½-inch boards to the height of your canvas and cut two strips to the width of your canvas plus 1 inch. Paint trim boards white and let dry. Use a nail gun to attach trim to the side stretcher bars and then to the top and bottom bars. To hang, install a picture wire kit at the back of the frame, or rest the lip of the frame on two level screws secured in the wall.



TRY IT

STRETCH A CANVAS

Add big impact in a flash with basic know-how and just a few supplies.

PROJECTS **LIZ LIDGETT**
PHOTOGRAPHS **JASON DONNELLY**
WORDS **PAMELA PORTER**

MAKE IT

STRETCHED CANVAS

MATERIALS

- 4 stretcher bars
- Wood or rubber mallet
- T-square
- Canvas or other textile
- Staple gun and staples

Step 1 Assemble the frame by fitting stretcher bars together, inserting corner slots according to manufacturer instructions. Use a mallet to carefully tap bars tightly together after hand-fitting them (A) and a T-square to ensure corners are square.

Step 2 Cut canvas 3–4 inches larger than the frame on all sides. Place canvas right side down on work surface. Turn frame front side down and center it on top of the canvas. The front side has a raised lip or angled construction so the stretched canvas floats over the stretchers rather than resting on them.

Step 3 Fold one side of the canvas to the back of the frame and secure at the center of the bar with a staple driven into

the bar at an angle to help prevent the canvas from tearing at the staple point. Repeat at the opposite side of the frame, folding canvas to the back of the frame, pulling taut, and securing at the center of the bar with a staple. Repeat to secure canvas at the center points of the two remaining sides.

Step 4 Working outward from the center staple on one side, add two or three staples about every inch, pulling taut and slightly away from the center (B). To help keep even tension, rotate the frame and drive two or three staples in the next side, then continue rotating and stapling to within 2 inches of each corner.

Step 5 Double fold the canvas at one corner so folds line up with the edge of the frame. Staple to secure. Repeat with remaining corners and cut away excess canvas if needed (C).

Step 6 If your stretcher bars came with wooden keys, insert the keys into each corner according to manufacturer instructions to add more tension to the canvas.



TO REMOVE STUBBORN WRINKLES, WIPE THE CANVAS WITH A SPONGE SOAKED IN HOT WATER THEN LET DRY.

IT'S A WRAP Upholstering a headboard, *this photo*, is similar to stretching a canvas only using plywood instead of stretcher bars. Cut 3/4-inch-thick plywood to fit the scale of your bed; ours is 4x7 feet. Use a serrated knife to cut 2-inch-thick upholstery foam to the size of the plywood. On a protected work surface in a ventilated room, spray a fine layer of adhesive on the board, secure the foam on top, and let dry. Cut batting to the size of the foam and place on top. Cut fabric (we used a tablecloth) 6 inches larger than plywood on all sides and press. Lay fabric facedown on work surface and center plywood, foam side down, on top of the cloth. Upholster the headboard by following the steps on *page 7* for stretching a canvas. Secure the headboard to the wall using a French cleat.





HINGES COME IN MANY FINISHES SO BE SURE TO CHOOSE A LOOK THAT COORDINATES WITH YOUR FABRIC. YOU CAN SPRAY-PAINT THEM IF NEEDED.



THE GREAT DIVIDE This chic folding screen, *above*, adds dimension and style. Purchasing 20 stretcher bars for this project would be costly. Instead, construct five 1x6-foot rectangular frames from 2x2 boards secured using a nail gun. Follow the steps on *page 7* to stretch fabric over each frame. We used a marbled print; be sure to match the pattern when cutting and stretching fabric and when hinging the frames. Measure and mark placement for three hinges between each board. We placed one hinge approximately at the center and the other two 1 inch from either end. Secure hinges to boards, alternating the direction of the hinges between each board to achieve an accordion-type fold.

WINDOW DRESSING For privacy without permanent installation, skip traditional window treatments and try this novel idea, *this photo*. Measure the space you want to cover inside the window and construct a wooden frame to that size using 1x2 boards and a nail gun. Cover the frame with fabric following the steps on *page 7*. Secure the treatment in place using removable adhesive hook-and-loop strips attached to the sides of the frame and to the inside of the window frame.

WHEN DETERMINING THE PLACEMENT OF THE TREATMENT, CONSIDER SIZING IT TO LINE UP WITH WINDOW MUNTINS.



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MEET THE MAKER

MEGAN CARN

This South Carolina artist introduces us to the wild side of painting with her animal portraits that roar with untamed color.

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PHOTOGRAPHS **JASON DONNELLY**



AFTER MEGAN CARN'S VIBRANT ANIMAL PORTRAITS EXPLODED ONTO INSTAGRAM IN 2014, SHE DITCHED HER 9-TO-5 JOB AND RELOCATED TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PURSUE ART FULL-TIME. SHE NOW RUNS A THRIVING ONLINE BUSINESS, SELLING HER KALEIDOSCOPIC PAINTINGS AND OTHER PRODUCTS FEATURING HER ARTWORK.

THE MAKER: MEGAN CARN

This artist captures animals, whether from the savanna or the backyard, in eye-popping, feel-good color.

Q: How would you describe your art?

A: My art is colorful and quirky—and it has a twist to it. You don't usually imagine a pink monstera leaf and a tiger together, but that's what you're getting with me. It's an unexpected take on things you can recognize.

Q: What is your artistic process like?

A: The most important part for me is when I put the pet picture right next to the canvas and take a photo of it with my phone. Looking at it through my camera lens helps me see where I might have missed a detail and makes it so much easier to realize those critical features that aren't quite right.

Q: What do you love about painting animals?

A: Part of the draw of jungle animals is working with all the patterns and color combinations to make them really unexpected. The fun part about dogs is playing with the light and shadows in a picture of a pet. When somebody sends me a picture of their dog to paint, I look for the really bright brights all the way down to the darkest darks. I like to play with that and make it full color, which is like an exercise in color theory for me.

Q: How has living in South Carolina influenced your style?

A: The people of the South love color, and I grew up as one of those people. Loving it, embracing it, putting it in your house, wearing it on your body—that's what everybody does down here for the most part.



FULL COLOR

When she's not working on commissioned paintings (which range from 8x8-inch pet portraits to large-scale pieces spanning several square feet), Megan creates themed series that center on specific animals, such as pastel-hue bunnies or playful pups. Using acrylic paints on canvas, she works in her home studio under the sleepy gaze of her 120-pound bullmastiff, Effie. In addition to paintings and prints, Megan sells playing cards, stickers, and scarves featuring her bold animal designs. Shop her creations at megancarn.com.

MEGAN CARN'S ANIMAL ARTWORK CALLS FOR FUN FRAMING TO SHOW OFF THE COLORFUL CREATIONS.

Her favorite, budget-friendly way to display? A DIY acrylic frame! Follow Megan's tutorial below to learn how to make your own. It's perfect for framing a masterpiece you create yourself (or one of Megan's original pieces).

MAKE IT

ACRYLIC PICTURE FRAME

MATERIALS

- 12x12-inch cardboard or paper
- Ruler or yardstick
- Single-hole punch
- Drill or drill press and multimaterial drill bit
- Light color marker
- Two 12x12-inch sheets of clear (or colored) 1/8-inch acrylic (Megan used clear for the top and pink for the bottom)
- 2 large clamps
- Set of four poster frame mounting hardware in desired finish (Megan chose brushed brass)
- Double-stick clear mounting tape
- 8x8-inch, 8x10-inch, or smaller artwork or photos to frame

Step 1 Make a frame template. (This step is important if you're making more than one frame at a time.) On 12x12-inch cardboard, measure in 1 inch at two points along each side. Using a ruler, draw a line through the points to the edge of cardboard. In the four corners where the lines intersect, punch a hole (A). If your hole punch won't reach, cut a small triangle to punch at cross section.

Step 2 Ready your acrylic for drilling. The acrylic should come with protective covers on each side. Keep them in place until drilling is complete and you're happy with the size of the holes. (If the acrylic does not have protective film or paper, cover the drilling areas on each side with a single layer of painters tape.)

Step 3 Lay the cardboard template over the acrylic and, after ensuring that it is square, use the marker to mark holes (B). Check size of

connector screw in the mounting hardware and choose drill bit based on that measurement. (Choose a pointed, multimaterial bit for this project; a regular bit will crack your acrylic.) Stack pieces of acrylic and clamp the set against a flat surface that you can drill into. With a firm grip and steady pressure, drill the holes in the acrylic (C). Test that your hardware fits, adjusting hole size if necessary.

Step 4 After the holes are drilled, peel away the protective film. Clean any smudges on the inside, then center your artwork on the back piece (D). Apply a tiny piece of double-stick clear mounting tape or an adhesive dot to secure artwork in that spot. Place the other piece of acrylic on top, secure hardware (E), and you're ready to hang (F)!



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COOL TOOLS

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Mop up the floor (and more) with these household tools, ranging from classic to cutting-edge.

WORDS **LINDSEY M. ROBERTS**

1. FLOOR CLEANING CONCENTRATE STARTER KIT

Safe for use on all floors, including finished wood, the kit comes with concentrate to make the plant-based floor-cleaning solution and a glass spray bottle. **\$18; grove.co**



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2. ONEPWR FLOORMATE JET CORDLESS HARD FLOOR CLEANER KIT

Vacuum and wash tile, hardwood, laminate, and even area rugs with this cordless cleaner. The microfiber roll scrubs while the tool suctions up wet and dry messes simultaneously. **\$300; hoover.com**



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3. FULL CIRCLE TINY TEAM MINI BAMBOO BRUSH & DUSTPAN SET

For spilled cereal or coffee grounds, pull out a mini brush and dustpan. Small enough to stash under the kitchen sink, the dustpan's rubber edge clings to the floor so debris sweeps right up. **\$9; containerstore.com**



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4. SWIFFER SWEEPER HEAVY DUTY PET WET REFILL

Keep traces of your furry friend off all finished floors. Now upgraded to heavy duty, these wet mopping cloths are designed to trap 50 percent more hair and tracked-in dirt. The scrubbing strip helps get more of the mess. **\$8; target.com**



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5. POLYBLEND GROUT RENEW COLORANT When cleaning won't work, restore—or even change—the color of tile grout to one of 40 colors. Clean existing grout, apply product, and enjoy the color you want. Bonus: It seals against future stains as it colors. **\$14;** homedepot.com



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7. WOOLY MAMMOTH WITH WOODEN HANDLE Is there a more beautiful mophead than this multicolor, fluffy natural wool? The 11x24-inch duster takes care of big spaces fast and swivels under furniture and into corners. Taking care of the wool is easy: Just hand-wash in cold to lukewarm water with a couple drops of mild soap, then air-dry. **\$54;** sla-dust.com



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10. LIBMAN SPIN MOP Your floors will be spick-and-span in no time with this 360-degree spinning mop head (it comes as a set with bucket and wringer included). **\$34;** target.com



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8. WINE AWAY Every oenophile or host should have this nontoxic stain remover on hand. Saturate the stain—wet or dry—and let sit for five minutes. Blot area and reapply until the red wine stain disappears. **\$10;** surlatable.com



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6. LITTLE GREEN PROHEAT PORTABLE CARPET CLEANER Tackle carpet spills without lugging out the big carpet cleaning machine. This lightweight model comes with three extra tools for scrubbing the toughest stains, stairs, and its own hose. **\$120;** bissell.com

9. METHOD SQUIRT + MOP WOOD FLOOR CLEANER Sealed hardwood and laminate floors will welcome this good-smelling biodegradable no-wax cleaner. **\$5;** target.com



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11. PURACY NATURAL CARPET & UPHOLSTERY SHAMPOO

Designed for spot cleaning or use in a carpet cleaning machine, this shampoo concentrate is made of naturally derived ingredients and smells of citrus. **\$16;** puracy.com



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12. SIMPLICITY S65 CORDLESS STICK VACUUM

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13. MOHAWK 3-IN-1 REPAIR STICK

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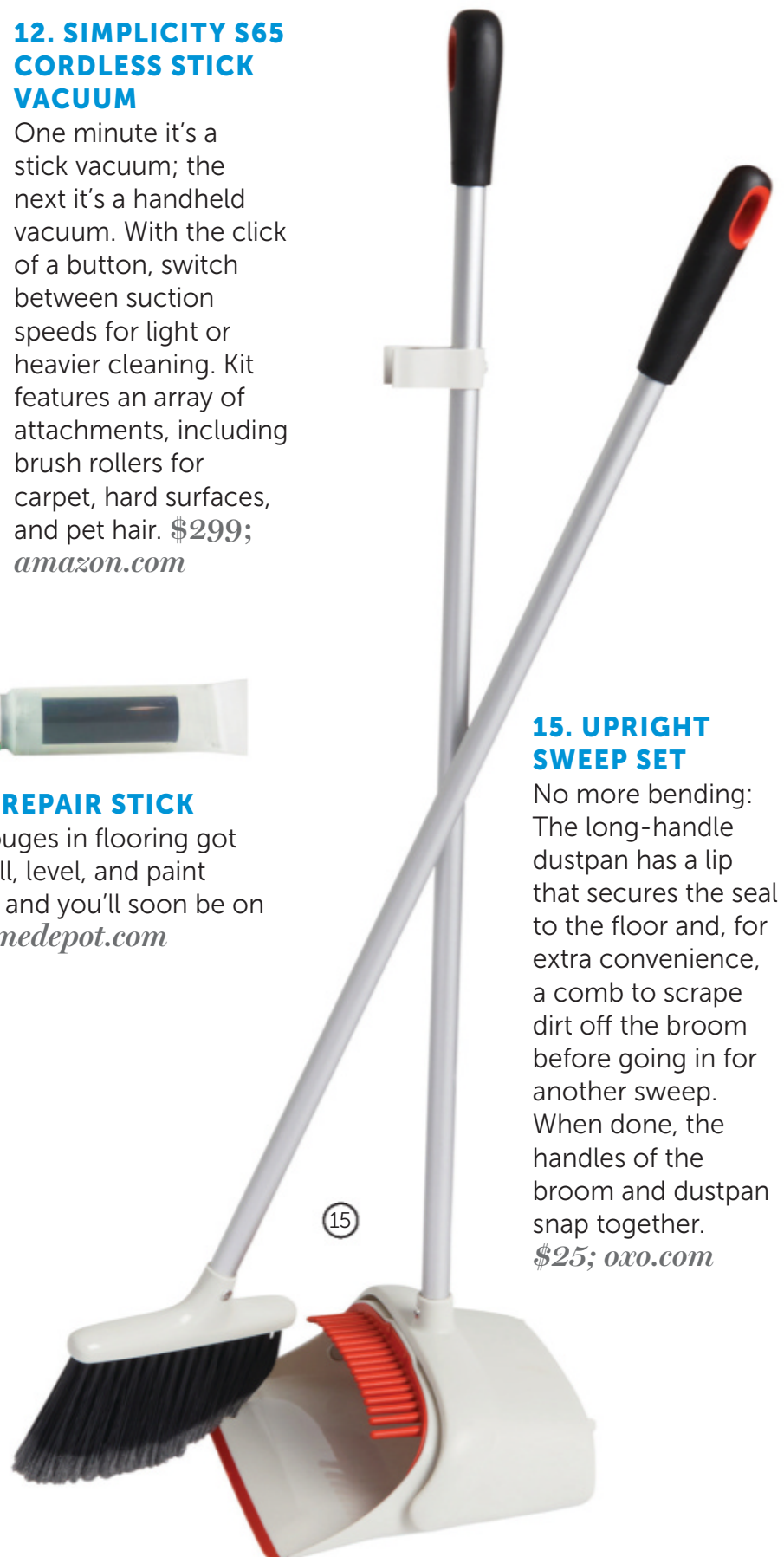
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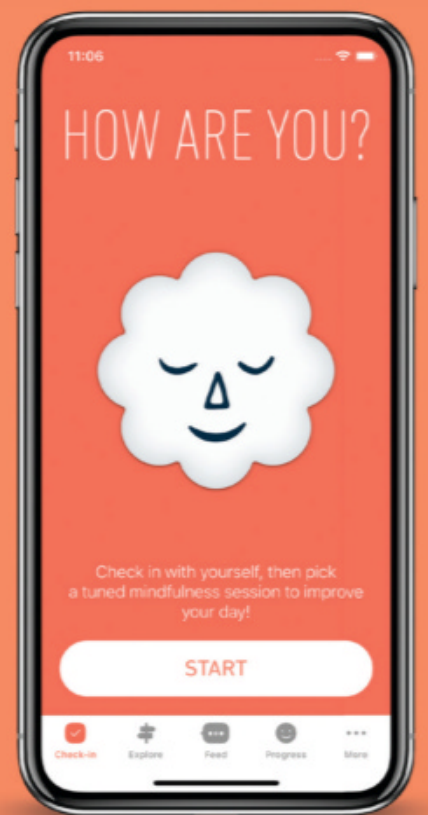
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STOP, BREATHE & THINK



CURTAIN CALL Quaint café curtains are the crowning touch to many kitchen sinks. This stencil technique lets you boost solid, off-the-shelf curtains with bold color and pattern, *this photo*. Choose a single large motif to apply all over like we did, opt for a petite design, or add a simple border along the bottom or sides. Before stenciling, consider how your design will look when the panels are open and closed, and test your stencil on a fabric scrap.

WHAT TO DO WITH

WHITE CURTAIN PANELS

Let basic panels be the perfect canvas for custom curtains you can hang with DIY pride.

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IF YOU CAN'T FIND CAFÉ CURTAINS TO FIT YOUR WINDOW, PURCHASE LONGER ONES AND CUT AND HEM THEM TO FIT. ADHESIVE IRON-ON TAPE MAKES THIS A NO-SEW PROJECT!

MAKE IT

STENCILED CAFÉ CURTAINS

MATERIALS

- Iron
- White curtain panels
- Stencil
- Stencil adhesive
- Fabric paint
- Paper plate
- Stencil brush or foam pouncer
- Paper towels

Step 1 Press plain white curtain panels and lay flat on a protected work surface positioned as you plan to hang them. Determine where to apply each stencil. Ours are applied randomly yet visually balanced. You can mark exact placement to achieve precise pattern across both panels.

Step 2 Spray stencil adhesive on the back of the stencil and press to the panel. Pour fabric paint onto a paper plate. Dip stencil brush into the paint and dab on a paper towel to remove excess paint, if needed. Using an up-and-down pouncing motion,

apply paint over the stencil, reloading paint when needed.

Step 3 Remove stencil, wipe excess paint off stencil, and place it in next position on panel. Repeat the process, adding stencil adhesive when needed and continuing until both panels are stenciled as desired. Let dry.

DO IT BETTER

DON'T SETTLE FOR LIMITED STENCIL DESIGNS AT THE CRAFTS STORE. MAKE YOUR OWN CUSTOM STENCIL BY TRACING A DESIGN ONTO STENCIL FILM AND USING A CRAFTS KNIFE TO CUT IT OUT.



STICK TO IT With a roll of black gaffer tape, create classic striped curtains in a snap, *above*. Iron a standard 84-inch white curtain panel to remove wrinkles. Lay it flat and secure to a work surface using painters tape to keep it taut. Divide the panel into quarters widthwise, making marks at the top and bottom of the panel using a disappearing-ink fabric marker. Center black gaffer tape at the first top mark and secure to work surface with at least 1 inch of overhang. Pull tape down the panel, keeping taut and centering it on the bottom mark. Press to secure at the bottom and then along the entire length of the tape. Cut the tape from the roll, allowing an inch to wrap to the back of the panel. Unstick tape at the top from work surface and fold over to the back of the panel, pressing to secure. Repeat to apply remaining vertical stripes and two horizontal stripes, which divide the panel approximately in thirds. Repeat on the second panel.



TO KEEP POM-POM TRIM LOOKING GOOD FOR YEARS, SECURE IT TO THE PANELS USING SEW-ON HOOK-AND-LOOP TAPE SO YOU CAN REMOVE THE TRIM BEFORE LAUNDERING THE PANELS.

ALL THE TRIMMINGS With scissors, adhesive iron-on tape, and decorative trim, you can hack panels to use as a shower curtain, *this photo*. Press panels and lay flat on a work surface. Cut the length and width of the panels so together they are the size of a standard 72-inch-square shower curtain plus 1-inch hem allowance. Fold hems under and press. Place adhesive iron-on tape inside the hem folds and follow manufacturer's instructions to secure. Lay panels flat and mark placement of pom-pom trim. Our rows of trim are 6 inches apart. Use fabric glue to secure trim to each panel and let dry. Layer a shower curtain liner behind your embellished panel.



THE GREAT DIVIDE Turn one space into two with easy-to-install ceiling-mount curtain hardware, *this photo*. We embellished one side of our dividing panel to coordinate with the dining side and left the bedroom side white, but you could add a custom style to both sides. If adding fabric to both sides makes the curtain too heavy, try stenciling one side instead.

WE CHOSE A ROOM-DIVIDING BRACKET TO CLOSE OFF THE BEDROOM FROM THE REST OF THE SPACE. ROOM DIVIDERS NOW HANGING CURTAIN ROD, FROM \$40; [AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com)



DO IT BETTER

MEASURE YOUR CEILING HEIGHT, THE DROP OF THE CEILING MOUNT HARDWARE, AND THE CURTAIN HEIGHT SO YOU KNOW THE PANELS WILL HANG APPROPRIATELY WITHIN YOUR SPACE.

MAKE IT

CURTAIN ROOM DIVIDER

MATERIALS

- Iron
- Two 108-inch curtain panels
- Two fringed tapestries
- Tape measure
- Coordinating solid fabric
- Adhesive iron-on tape
- Needle and coordinating thread
- Ceiling-mount curtain hardware

Step 1 Press one panel and place on a work surface. Press one tapestry and fold one run of fringe to the front. Place tapestry on top of panel and measure difference in height, minus the grommets. This will be the height of the solid fabric. Set tapestry aside.

Step 2 Cut solid fabric to measured height by the width of the panel plus 1-inch hem allowance on all sides. Fold cut edges under 1 inch and press. Place adhesive iron-on tape inside the hem folds and follow manufacturer's instructions to secure. Place hemmed fabric near the top of the panel and use adhesive iron-on tape to secure all sides of the fabric to the panel.

Step 3 Cut tapestry to fit the panel width plus 1-inch hem allowance on each side. Fold cut edges under 1 inch and press. Place adhesive iron-on tape inside the hem folds and follow manufacturer's instructions to secure. Place hemmed tapestry on top of the panel, slightly overlapping the solid fabric, and use adhesive iron-on tape to secure all sides of the tapestry to the lower portion of the panel.

Step 4 Use a needle and thread to hand tack the tapestry to the panel in several places along the top edge.

Step 5 Repeat with the second panel. Attach curtain rod to ceiling according to manufacturer instructions. Hang the panels from the rod.



IF YOU CAN'T FIND A TAPESTRY WITH FRINGE, SIMPLY BUY FRINGE AND USE FABRIC GLUE TO ADHERE IT TO TAPESTRY EDGES.

Dyeing to try this trend!
This kit captures spring's
beautiful colors on
whatever you decide to
dip. Logwood, osage,
cochineal, and madder
give natural fibers a
range of vibrant hues.

Natural Dye Kit, \$27;
theloveofcolours
.etsy.com

STUFF WE LOVE

ON OUR RADAR

Fresh beginnings start here.
Hobbies, books, and tools will get you
going on the right foot this spring.

WORDS **AMBER WAGNER** PHOTOGRAPHS **CARSON DOWNING**

1. Ditch the detergent! Ecoegg is a newly hatched idea in laundry, replacing bulky bottles of soap and softener. Unscented, fresh linen, or spring blossom refillable beads last for 70 washes. **Ecoegg**, from \$12; ecoegg.com

2. Install instant floating shelves. Screw this bracket to the wall and attach any sturdy surface for a minimalist shelf, bedside table, or more. Available in nine cool colors, each metal bracket holds 15 pounds. **Wall Bracket by Tiptoe**, \$50; themodernshop.com

3. One plank, so many possibilities! Twenty projects take you from boring board to fabulous furnishings. Pick up a copy of *One-Board Woodworking Projects* to start transforming timber today. \$22; tauntonstore.com

4. Click your way down memory lane with a custom version of your childhood viewer. Choose seven favorite photos and add text for a fun way to remember treasured memories. **RetroViewer**, starting at \$15; image3d.com

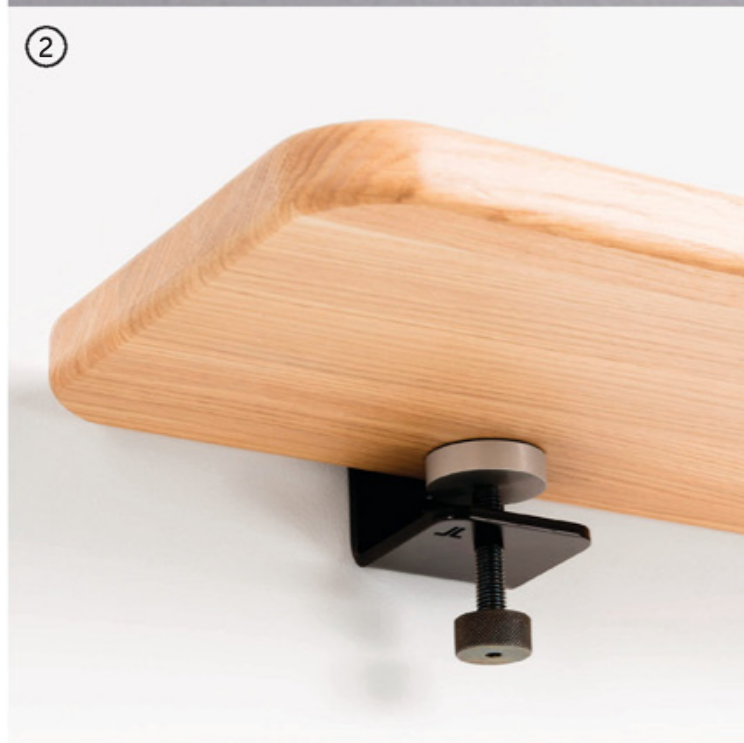
5. Part wall art, part memo board, these recycled-felt tiles dampen sound and brighten rooms. Peel-and-stick squares come in 15 colors and six textures. Mix and match for a custom look. **SolaTiles**, \$36 for six; sola-tile.com



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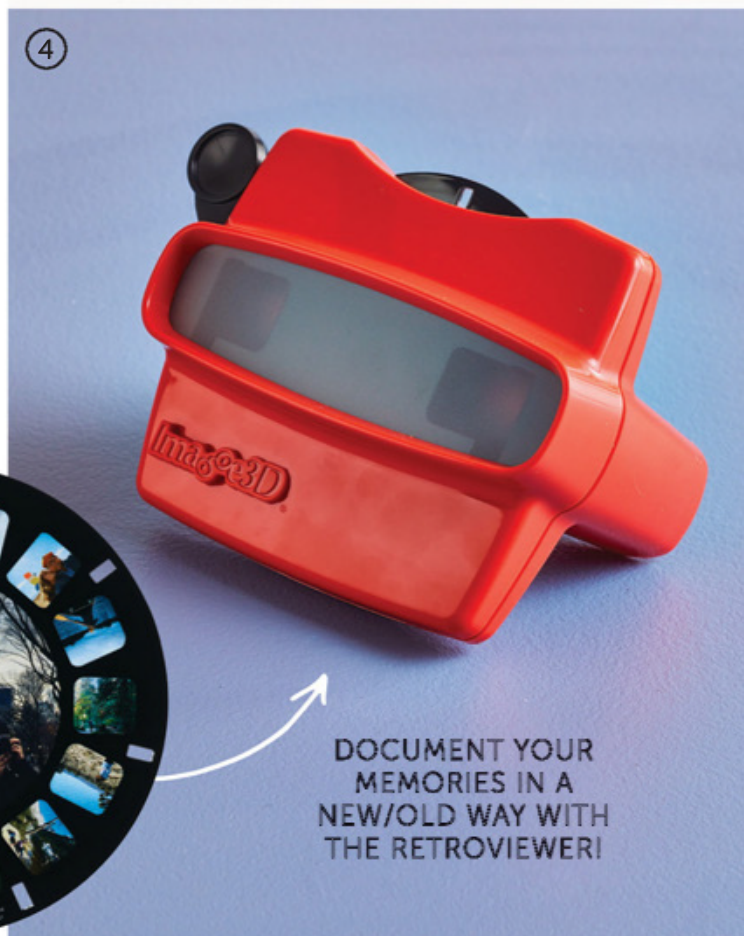
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6. Don't despair if your clothes have a tear. In only three minutes, Tear Mender makes a permanent, flexible, washable fix. It's your own personal tailor in a tube! **Tear Mender, \$8;** tearmender.com

7. Move aside, wine. Our favorite new use for cork is here. Flexible cork fabric adds a world of possibilities to your creative crafts. Cut, stamp, wood-burn, or sew this multitasking cloth. **18x15-inch Cork Fabric, from \$29 for three rolls;** belagioenterprises.com

8. Fill your space with these paper greens and never water again. Author Corrie Beth Hogg walks you through 30 templates of foliage fun in her book, *Handmade Houseplants*. **\$20;** workman.com

9. Super-tough gloves for super-tough jobs. Double layers resist tears, and grip texture helps you get the job done safely. Cleaning, painting, or repairs, these gloves can take it. **Venom Steel Gloves, \$18 for pack of 100;** venomsteel.com

10. The celebration lives on long after the guests are gone. For a festive shower, handmade paper confetti embedded with wildflower seeds pops out of party cannons (available in four colors). **Wildflower Seed Paper Cannon, \$14;** fredericksandmae.com

11. Set it and forget it. Self-watering terra-cotta pots deliver perfect hydration. **Self-Watering Pots, from \$34;** store.moma.org

12. Stuff stockings or stock your sticker stash with this fun twist on washi tape. Each roll is made of individual die-cut stickers that resemble petals for a convenient and fun way to craft. **Bande Washi Roll Stickers, \$6;** washiwednesday.com

13. This cute little cumulonimbus can predict precipitation. Use the accompanying guide to decipher the suspended crystals for your daily meteorological forecast. **Storm Cloud, \$25;** uncommongoods.com

14. Try a hot new hobby. Heat, twist, and shape glass rods to transform them into wearable works of art. The kit includes everything but the gas to get you started. **Glass Bead Making Kit, \$114;** dickblick.com

15. Corral your tiny treasures. The Craft Crush Thread Bowl Kit will have you creating multiple mini bowls in an afternoon. Includes molds, adhesive, glue, and 17 thread colors. **Craft Crush Thread Bowls, \$15;** annwilliams-group.com

16. Mold and play without clay! Flat-pack aluminum critters take shape with a few bends. Add to your menagerie with four sculptures. **Pop-Up Animal Mini Sculpture, \$15 each;** japantrendshop.com



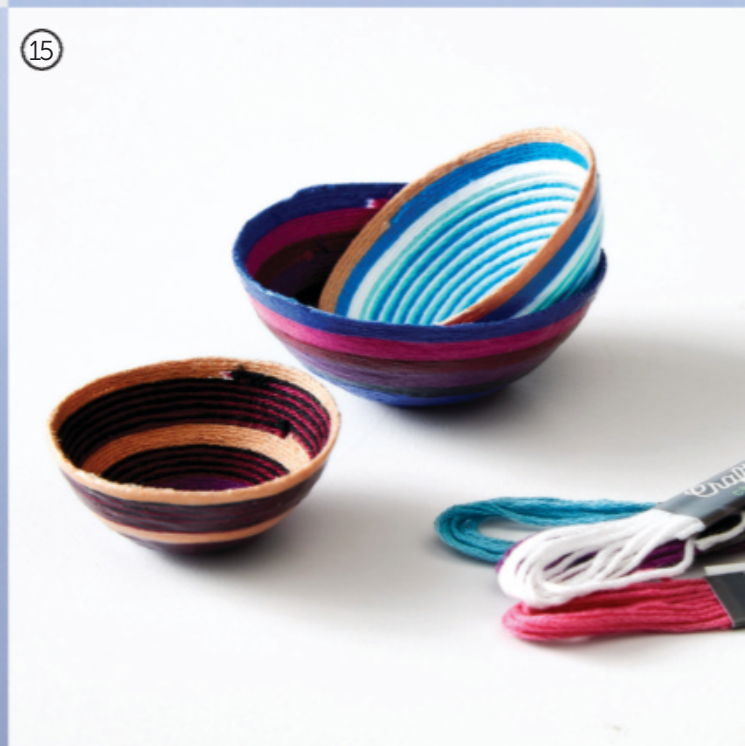
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17. This tool is a hit! Gentlemen's Hardware 6-in-1 Hammer hides four screwdrivers in its handle. It is perfect for small jobs, and it stores almost anywhere. **Gentlemen's Hardware 6-in-1 Hammer and Screwdriver Multitool**, \$18; amazon.com



WOW WITH WOOD

Give a fresh finish to wood—in a weekend—with these new stain and texture products.

18. No elbow grease required! Stainable paint that mimics real wood takes the hard work out of furniture refinishing. No stripping or sanding is needed—just paint Liquid Wood and stain it like natural wood. Add a faux bois finish with a graining tool for even more texture. **Retique It**, from \$17; retique.com

19. Gain fresh beachy vibes from the swipe of a brush. Just mix the powder with water and paint on bare wood. The weathered look appears as it dries. One packet covers 50 to 60 square feet. **DIY Driftwood Weathering**, \$13; diydriftwood.com

20. Timeworn texture is achieved in minutes. Mix Saltwash with any paint and brush on almost any surface, including plastic and metal. Apply a top coat and sand if desired. **Saltwash**, from \$15; ilovesaltwash.com



21. Self-care resolution solutions: Know what's going in your beauty lotions and potions when you make them yourself. This book has more than 70 scrub, mask, and makeup recipes to try. **Fresh & Pure**, \$20; julesaron.com

22. The ultimate crafts organizer, the Gramercy Cart by Recollections isn't just a pretty face. It's a hub of creativity coordination available in white, gray, teal, and red. **White Gramercy Cart**, \$100; michaels.com

23. From removing paint to caramelizing crème brûlée, this heat gun does it all. An ergonomic grip, precise temperature control, and over 100 uses make it a great investment tool for any DIYer. **Wagner Furno 300 Heat Gun**, \$25; wagnerspraytech.com

24. No need to crawl in the attic to update your bath fan. ReVent installs roomside in half the time with screwless tabs. The paintable LED cover matches any style while the ultra-quiet fan keeps noise down. **ReVent Bath Fan**, from \$87; reventfans.com

25. No chisels needed to write on this stone. Recycled stone paper is waterproof, tear-resistant, and sustainable. A tree is planted for every book purchased! **Notebooks and Pocket Journals** from \$12; karststonepaper.com



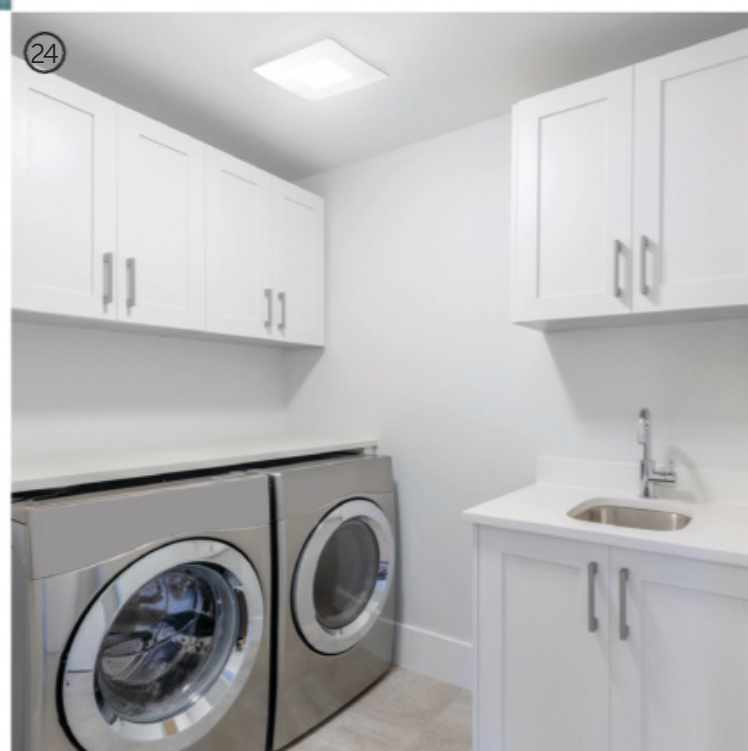
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SEW EASY

PENNANTS

Hone your beginner sewing skills with festive flag pennants. This easy-to-craft accessory flaunts your choice of color and pattern to brighten any space.

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MAKE IT

PENNANT

MATERIALS

- Cotton fat quarters (we used seven fabrics)
- Iron
- Interfacing
- Pins
- Marker or chalk
- Sewing machine
- Thread
- Pinking shears
- Bias tape (1/2-inch double fold)

Step 1 Press all fabric. Decide on combinations for the two-sided pennants. Layer fabrics, wrong sides together, with interfacing between fabrics (A). Pin layers.

Step 2 Create templates for pennant shapes (we made a 5x7-inch triangle and a 4x7-inch pennant). Trace templates onto layered, pinned fabrics with marker or chalk (B).

Step 3 Stitch 1/4 inch inside the lines (C). Leave top of shape open. Be sure to stitch forward, reverse for a few stitches, then stitch forward again at the start and stop of each run.

Step 4 Cut out shapes on drawn lines with regular scissors, then cut each shape's edges with pinking shears (D). Do not pink top edge of each shape.

Step 5 Tuck the top of each shape into the fold of bias tape at desired intervals for your pennants, pinning in place. Stitch along the length of tape near the fold (E).

TIP: Sew from end to end in one go.



FABRIC MOXIE

ANSWERS TO A FEW QUESTIONS YOU WERE AFRAID TO ASK (BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO LOOK DUMB IN THE FABRIC STORE).

1

Why do I need to iron fabric before sewing? When you're laying out a pattern and cutting fabric, you need it to lie smooth and flat to get a precise fit. Pressing fabric eliminates wrinkles and folds. Set your iron to the temperature recommended for your fabric, and use steam on washable fabrics like cotton to remove the sharp, set-in creases.

2

What's the difference between a cotton fabric and a home decor fabric? A cotton or cotton blend is lightweight and can be used for any number of projects, including garments and this pennant. A home decor (or home dec) fabric is a heavier woven designed to be more durable and stain-resistant. These fabrics are good for upholstery and also home accessories like pillows.

3

What is a fabric collection? A collection is a group of designs created to work together harmoniously. A collection has various patterns (stripes, dots, large-scale and small-scale prints) in coordinating color palettes so every fabric from a collection will work well with others in the group. Our pennant fabrics are from a single collection at spoonflower.com.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Having the right tool for the job is a DIY commandment. Here are some to have in your kit.

1 FAT QUARTER A fat quarter of fabric is $\frac{1}{4}$ yard, usually measuring 18x21 inches. A fat-quarter bundle offers coordinating patterns from a fabric collection.

2 CHALK Use a sharpened stick of chalk to trace patterns onto fabric.

3 L-SQUARE RULER Perfect for measuring length and width and marking right angles.

4 PINKING SHEARS Heavy-duty scissors with a saw-toothed (instead of straight) blade, they leave a zigzag pattern. Hint: not the same as scrapbooking scissors!

5 TAPE MEASURE A sewing tape measure is soft and flexible, perfect for a person or fabric.

6 DRESSMAKER'S MARKING PENCIL Use this writing tool to transfer pattern markings directly onto fabric. This one has a brush eraser.

7 INTERFACING Applied to the wrong side of fabrics to add body or make an area more rigid (for instance, a shirt collar or buttonholes), interfacing comes in a variety of weights.

8 BIAS TAPE Used to finish quilt edges or things like a baby bib, bias tape comes in bifold, single-fold, and many colors.

9 SLIDING SEWING GAUGE This tool helps you make evenly spaced markings or folds on fabric. The sliding marker stays in place for ease of repetition.





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HACK IT



MAKE IT



BUY IT

ORDER IN THE HOUSE

MASTER CLOSET

Simplify your get-ready routine with a few ingenious products, a little muscle, and a plan that puts organization first.

PROJECTS **LESLIE POYZER** PHOTOGRAPHS **MARTY BALDWIN** WORDS **CHELSEA EVERS**



ON THE HOOK

These minimalist hooks offer a convenient place to hang bags and jackets—or to put art or mirrors on display. Made from oak and available in seven colors, each hook comes with screws and anchors to make install easy. Individual Wall Hook, \$14; loopliving.co

SPACE SAVER Purchase a wall shelf (ours has built-in drawers), then use heavy-duty brackets to hang it at the ideal height as a mini dressing table. The free space below can house hampers or additional shallow shelving.

ALL SORTED Thanks to a probiotic technology that helps break down bacteria and eliminate odors, this easy-to-assemble hamper can handle even your sweatiest gym clothes. A slim profile means it stows neatly in small spaces. Slim Space-Saving Fabric Laundry Hamper, \$25; us.neatfreak.com



BAUBLE BAR Put your favorite jewelry on display with this luxe necklace holder. Six arms intersect to keep everything from short pendants to long chains neat and untangled, while a solid marble base offers safe storage for rings, earrings, and other accessories until it's time to get glammed up again. Marble and Gold Necklace Holder, \$49; pbteen.com



PERFECT FIT Great for drawers and vanity surfaces alike, this jewelry tray expands to fit your space. The lined interior cradles bracelets, necklaces, and earrings in 12 compartments. Stackers Medium Expandable Necklace Tray, \$40; containerstore.com



GOOD PLAN Last night's effort is this morning's smooth sailing! Choose, steam, and hang tomorrow's outfit on a hook in your closet entry to make getting ready a breeze. We used a folding hook that flips up so it's out of the way when not needed. Bjärnum Hooks, \$10 for a pack of three; ikea.com



IN THE CLEAR Designed to securely stack on top of one another, these modular shoe drawers are a godsend for any footwear fiend. The see-through construction means it's easy to spot that perfect pair of flats. Clear Stackable Shoe Drawer, \$10; containerstore.com

STORE 'N' STOW Turn messy piles of sweaters and pants into neat stacks with this steel divider. Created to pair perfectly with the Elfa wire shelving system, it snaps into place. Platinum Elfa Ventilated Wire Shelf Dividers, starting at \$6 each; containerstore.com



SHOE STACKER Flip-flops and sandals can be a hassle to store. Keep them organized compactly when you use the bottom panel of a fabric bin as a handy divider. Stack shoes upright and slide the bin onto a shelf for easy selection.



CUSTOM FIT Turning a blank slate into your dream closet takes careful planning. To find the right system for your needs, first determine your priorities. If you have a lot of dresses and other long items to hang, you'll want a single-rod option. If you need space for accessories and bags, open shelving is the answer. And if you're a gym rat, you'll want room for baskets to stow your favorite tanks and shorts. Next, choose a style: Most systems come in wire, faux wood, or wood. For this closet, we chose Rubbermaid's Configurations Deluxe Custom Closet Kit because its wire shelving was flexible enough to meet all our needs. Familiarize yourself with the kits available in each style, then determine the add-ons, such as drawers and dividers, you'll need most for your wardrobe. Last, ensure your selected system is appropriate for your space. Measure each wall and sketch a plan before purchasing each component, then watch your new closet come to life.



EASY UP Keep knee-high boots in great shape with a dollar-store find: pool noodles. Cut to size and slide one inside each boot to prevent creases and worn spots on your favorite pairs.



SMOOTH OPERATOR

This clever clothes hanger cover keeps sweaters, jackets, and blouses shapely and snag-free. Designed to protect delicate apparel, it's a budget-friendly buy for men's and women's clothing alike. Bumerang Shoulder Shaper, \$0.50; ikea.com





COMING IN CLUTCH Keep your handbag collection in tip-top shape with this adjustable file sorter. The two center dividers can be moved to create custom-size slots for your favorite purses, clutches, and wallets. Like-it Portrait File Sorter, \$13; containerstore.com



BASKET CASE Slide-out baskets are ideal for storing a bunch of smaller items—but it's what's inside that counts. Drawer dividers organize accessories like ties and belts into an easy-to-view grid, and clear bins keep hard goods like shoe-care kits and sewing supplies separated and ready for action.





CLEAR THE AIR Filled with bamboo charcoal, this scent-free sachet eliminates pesky closet odors, allergens, and moisture. Simply set it outside in the sun once a month to renew its absorbing powers. Car & Closet Bag, \$10; mosonatural.com

QUICK CHANGE Keep athletic clothes from becoming a jumbled mess. Stash folded leggings, shorts, and sports bras in a shallow, wide basket placed on a shelf for easy access. Roll larger items like sweatshirts and pants for a wrinkle-free workout.



WRINKLE IN TIME Put down that iron! With a two-minute heat time and a cord that's nearly 8 feet long, this travel-size steamer makes mornings easier—and it's small enough to fit tidily on a closet shelf. Steam and Go Handheld Garment Steamer, \$30; bedbathandbeyond.com

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 101.

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HANDY GIRL

Welcome warmer weather with Handy Girl's advice for home and garden hacks.

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BRING ON SPRING.



I'm ready to wrap up winter and give it a big shove out the door. I've got all sorts of plans—a little yard cleanup, refreshed walls, and a more colorful landscape. Here's my advice for your big spring to-do list.

Handy Girl

STUFF YOU SHOULD NEVER, EVER DO TO A BEAM

- ➔ **REMOVE IT.** Beams are critical to the support of your home's structure, transferring weight from the horizontal to vertical elements (columns, to name one) and then eventually to the ground.
- ➔ **DRILL THROUGH IT.** To remain structurally sound, a beam needs every ounce of its makeup.
- ➔ **NOTCH OR CUT IT.** Beams are in every building and structure, including decks and outbuildings, and on every floor (even basement levels).
- ➔ **ALTER IT IN ANY WAY.** If you want to change a room or add on to a home, consult an expert such as a structural engineer, before doing anything to a beam.

STUD-FINDING HACK

FOUND THAT PERFECT ARTWORK TO ACCENT A WALL? GREAT! NOW IT'S TIME TO FIND THE STUD IN THE WALL TO HANG IT FROM.

1

In general, studs are placed 16 or 24 inches apart and run vertically from floor to ceiling. If you hang that heavy wall art between studs, it'll likely tear a hole in the drywall.

2

When you pass a stud finder over the wall, it issues a noise or other alert when it senses a stud. However, a simple stud finder may also offer alerts when finding conduit or pipes.

3

To discover if what you found is a stud, keep the stud finder moving until you locate the next stud to either side. Then measure; if it's 16 or 24 inches, you're probably safe. Hang away!



NOT SURE WHAT OUTDOOR TOOL TO USE? START ASSEMBLING YOUR GO-TO GEAR WITH THIS LIST.

EVERYONE NEEDS A QUALITY **PRUNING SHEARS**, WHICH IS PERFECT FOR SMALL SHRUBS. A BYPASS PRUNING SHEARS DOES MOST CUT JOBS WELL.

IF YOU WANT MORE POWER, GO FOR **LOPPERS**. THESE WORK ON THICKER BRANCHES AND ARE GREAT FOR OLDER SHRUBS. THEY'RE NOTABLE FOR THEIR LONG HANDLE AND ALSO COME IN BYPASS OPTIONS (ANOTHER GOOD GENERAL CHOICE).

IF YOU HAVE LOTS OF TREES AND SHRUBS OR BRANCHES THICKER THAN 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER, TRY A **PRUNING SAW**. IT'S A SWELL MATCH FOR HEAVY-DUTY NEEDS.

IF YOUR SHRUBS NEED SHAPING, USE **HEDGE SHEARS**. IT LESSENS THE WORKLOAD AND MAKES DOZENS OF TINY CUTS WITH EACH PASS TO CREATE A PRETTY TIDY VIEW.

It's spring. Do you know what your shrubs are doing?

WHAT YOU DO IN SPRING AFFECTS NOT ONLY SUMMER BLOOMS BUT ALSO NEXT YEAR'S GROWTH. HERE ARE THREE TIPS.

- 1. IF IT'S DEAD, DISEASED, OR DAMAGED**, remove the branch right away, no matter the season. That branch could be a gateway for bugs or further damage.
- 2. IF IT BLOOMS IN EARLY SPRING**, prune the shrub in late spring after the blooms are spent. An example: lilacs.
- 3. IF IT'S A SHRUB THAT BLOOMS ON NEW GROWTH**, prune in late winter or early spring. An example: hydrangeas.



READY TO MAKE YOUR YARD WORK HARDER? CONSIDER A...

RAIN BARREL. Purchased options can be installed right under a downspout. Most have a spigot that you can then use to transfer water to watering cans for drenching containers and window boxes. (Check if your municipality allows rain barrels; some do not.)

COMPOST BIN. Cedar boards and easy instructions make this a great addition to utilize food waste and generate organic fertilizer. Learn more at [BHG.com/CompostBin](https://www.bhg.com/CompostBin) about building your own.

YOU'VE SEEN ONE NAIL...

BUT IT TURNS OUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THEM ALL. NAILS DIFFER BY TYPE AND USE. HERE'S A RUNDOWN.

➔ **COMMON NAILS.** It's the one everyone picks up and uses most frequently and is great for lots of all-purpose jobs.

➔ **SPECIAL-USE NAILS.** These include several types that are specific to one job and one job only: roofing, drywall, or masonry.

➔ **BOX NAILS.** Easy to mix up with a common nail, the box nail has a slightly thinner construction and is generally not as suitable for heavy-duty jobs.

➔ **FINISHING NAILS.** These nails can be pounded in flush with a surface so the finish is very tidy; some even have a decorative head.

TIP

NOT SURE WHAT NAIL LENGTH YOU NEED? OPT FOR ONE THAT'S THREE TIMES AS LONG AS THE MATERIAL IS THICK.



REMOVABLE OR TRADITIONAL WALLPAPER: HOW TO CHOOSE

Q: Are you a renter? Do you change your decorating mind often? Do you like to try trends?

A: Removable might be a better fit for you. Peel-and-stick types make the job a lot easier. However, before you assume you can take the wallpaper with you or use it in another room, know that it might not fit in the next space, and the stickiness may degrade.

Q: Do you find a look and stick with it? Are you unlikely to change furniture soon? Do you love a pattern?

A: Go for traditional wallpaper. You can remove any wallpaper (albeit with more labor) if you want to change the look, but you will have a wider array of patterns and type, such as flocked, fabric, or foiled, in traditional wallcoverings.

What do you do ... if a nail's head breaks off?

1. GRAB THE NAIL WITH A HAMMER'S CLAW AND PULL SIDeways, NOT UP AND OUT.

2. TRY PULLING IT OUT WITH A VISE GRIP, WHICH CAN CLASP THE TOP OF THE NAIL.

How much does it cost to install a sink?

\$395 IS THE MEDIAN COST.

IF YOU CAN DIY IT, GREAT, BUT KNOW THAT INSTALL PRICING WILL NOT INCLUDE THE COST FOR A PLUMBER TO DO MORE IN-DEPTH WORK. IF YOU NEED TO MOVE PIPES, YOU MIGHT NEED EXPERT HELP.



3 things EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GROUT

1 Sealing is essential. Don't skip this protective step. Penetrative sealers are generally more resilient than other options.

2 Light colors may stain. It's still OK to choose them, but white and light gray must be tended to more conscientiously.

3 Grout joints directly relate to grout type. If you want a slender gap between tiles, go for unsanded grout. For bigger joints, opt for sanded grout (it's the same as unsanded but with sand added to the composition for bulk).

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STYLE WITH *soul*

A '90s “builder special” wasn’t really that special—it looked like all of its neighbors. But that all changed when a handy couple moved in and rolled up their sleeves.

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A WELL-DESIGNED ROOM CAN BE BEAUTIFUL WHEN BARE. EVEN STRIPPED OF ITS FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES, IT HAS ENOUGH ARCHITECTURAL OOMPH TO ARREST THE EYE.

That’s true of Cynthia and Chris Harper’s Pennsylvania home. A basic builder Colonial when they bought it six years ago, the now modern farmhouse has flourished under the Harpers’ thoughtful upgrades. They did almost all the work themselves, including laying engineered-wood floors, putting shiplap on the walls, and rehabbing sconces.

“I’m grateful for the things we’ve done to the house that have added style without adding stuff,” says Cynthia (left)—she chronicles their DIY adventures on Instagram (@cynthia_harper_). “It makes each space feel more like us and more stylish without necessarily buying tons of things.”

The items they have invested in include a carefully curated collection of big-box buys, savvy small-shop scores, and vintage pieces. Most elements are swathed in her signature scheme of white, black, and wood tones so everything is cohesive and can swap spaces when the mood strikes. Which happens often—once you try DIY, it’s hard to hold back!

1 Shiplap planks dress the walls in the entry—“we decided to flip them vertically just to have something different,” Cynthia Harper says. **2** An antiques store find, this bench likely used to be a church pew; someone along the way cut it down and added armrests. **3** Cynthia and husband Chris laid engineered-wood floors throughout the house, a cost-effective choice with all the good looks of solid wood but a lighter price tag. The baseboards are also their handiwork—the couple cut and planed them.



WHAT LOOKS LIKE PRICEY PANELING IS ACTUALLY JUST WOOD SLATS GLUED TO THE WALL AND PAINTED WHITE.



4 On the living room fireplace, variegated brick and the surrounding woodwork sank into the background with white paint. The Harpers also removed ornate dentil molding for a more clean-lined look.

5 A chunky wood beam replaced the original mantel; its natural hue delivers a dose of warm wood at the hearth.

6 Originally a hard-wired fixture from Target (a \$10 clearance buy), Chris rewired the sconce to plug into the wall, and he mounted it to a white-painted bracket designed by Cynthia.

SOURCED WITH FINESSE

Cynthia Harper's savvy thrifting skills turn up treasures for her house almost everywhere she goes. Here's where she locates goodies and what she buys.

LARGE CHAINS World Market, Target, and Hobby Lobby all contributed decor and furniture to the Harper household. Chain stores can't be beat for selection and prices, but one drawback is you will see their wares everywhere. "Be selective when buying from these stores," she says.

INDEPENDENT SHOPS Patronizing a small business is a great way to support the local economy and discover art and accessories you won't find

anywhere else. Fill gaps in your rooms with statement pieces (pillows, ottomans, wall art, and small furniture) from these stores.

THRIFT STORES Cynthia is definitely up for a bargain, and she hunts estate sales and antiques shops to find a just-right piece. "I don't discriminate!" she says. Wood furniture was better made decades ago, and these items bear the marks and wear of a life well loved. Thrifted cabinets, buffets, consoles, tables, and chairs are all worth the

time you'll spend hunting for them.

HOMEMADE PROJECTS

If you can't find what you want in a store or the price is too high, try making it yourself. "When we first started doing projects, it was purely out of necessity because we wouldn't have had the money otherwise—and we fell in love with it," Cynthia says. "Now we love that we use our own hands to create something unique, to have big impact on a low budget."



7 The coffee table is an amalgamation of a \$10 thrift store base and a handmade top Chris crafted from free pallet wood. "I wanted to use pallet wood because it added character and texture and rustiness to the table," Cynthia says. "It was tough to get apart, though, and pretty time-intensive. My husband said never again!"



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8 On the wall opposite the entry, Cynthia set up a small office. Tall black cabinets anchor both sides of the desk, and two new chairs with woven seats sidle up to it. Chris custom-built the desk out of maple and attached it to the wall with L brackets. Cynthia customized the IKEA cabinets with brass spray paint on the handles.



9 With a mostly neutral palette throughout the home, Cynthia introduces interest with a variety of textures, such as the nubby pillows and cuddly blanket on the sofa, which invite lounging. "My home should feel welcoming—not pristine, but cozy," Cynthia says.

10 A clutch of framed photos forms a mini gallery wall in black and white—all match her rural and rustic style by featuring photos of cattle and closeups of wood.

DO IT BETTER

REPEATING SIMILAR ELEMENTS
THROUGHOUT A HOUSE HELPS
TIE THE ROOMS TOGETHER.
ARTWORK OF CATTLE, IRON
WALL HOOKS, WHITE SHIPLAP,
AND BLACK-AND-WHITE RUGS
CROP UP OVER AND OVER,
GIVING THE WHOLE HOUSE A
COHESIVE APPEARANCE.

11 “We kept the footprint the same to keep costs down,” Cynthia says of their \$5,000 kitchen overhaul. They did their own demo, ripping out old tile, soffits that went to the ceiling, and cabinets over the sink. Then they painted the remaining cabinets white.

12 Shelves crafted of wood from a local barn—left to its wonderful weathered hue—“float” above the sink. **13** Because the house is a builder-grade model, the ends of the cabinets weren’t real wood, so the Harpers couldn’t successfully paint them. Instead, they glued white shiplap to these areas so they look more finished.





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14 Stacking the tile from the countertop all the way to the ceiling was Cynthia's idea, and she had to hold fast to her vision. "Everybody around here thought I was crazy for wanting it," she says. Chris and his dad, Gene, "laid every one of those tiles, and I wiped a bunch of grout," Cynthia says. The dark pewter grout outlines each tile for a great graphic punch.



15 The breakfast nook pendant was an early purchase, something the Harpers installed not long after moving in. It hails from Lowe's, where "you can usually find two or three neat fixtures," Cynthia says. **16** Cynthia scoured shops for an island that would suit the

compact kitchen, and she struck gold with this antique cabinet. "It was in total disrepair," she says, "but it was the right size, and I loved the white enamel top. We brought it home for \$80, sturdied it up, and painted the bottom gray." It looks right at home!

DO IT BETTER

LIGHT FIXTURES (WHETHER CHANDELIERS, PENDANTS, SCONCES, OR LAMPS) CAN HAVE POWERFUL IMPACT ON A ROOM. THEY'RE ALSO EASY AND INEXPENSIVE TO FIND USED—CHECK CRAIGSLIST, RESTORE SHOPS, AND THRIFT STORES FOR OODLES OF OPTIONS.

17 The range hood was custom-built of white-painted wood (gussied up with shiplap on the front) and a band of salvaged wood from an old barn. "The shiplap part is actually removable so there's storage behind it," Cynthia says. **18** This little corner amplifies the kitchen's limited storage with a small cabinet and two shelves (Target purchases).



"THRIFT STORES, ANTIQUE STORES, ESTATE SALES, SIDE-OF-THE-ROAD TRASH: I'VE GOT MY EYES OPEN ALL THE TIME!"

CYNTHIA HARPER, HOMEOWNER

19 A fave find in the dining room is the buffet, which the couple unearthed at a local outdoor market for a mere \$130. **20** Crowning the buffet is an array of white enamelware. Cynthia has been collecting it for more than 10 years. "I love that it's black and white and that it looks modern but is an antique," she says. "That juxtaposition is really neat."



THE LIVE-EDGE WOOD BENCH CAME FROM A LOCAL AUCTION, AND CYNTHIA REFINISHED IT TO GIVE IT NEW LIFE AND A NEW HOME.

21 Cynthia stalked the dining table until the thrift store dropped its price from \$135 to \$35. (A bargain at either price!) **22** Beautiful baskets warm up one wall. They are all inexpensive purchases from thrift stores and a barn sale, and they're hung with 3M Command strips so Cynthia can change the display or move them when the mood strikes.





DO IT BETTER

BLACK ACCENTS BRING REAL POW TO THE HARPER HOME. CYNTHIA GENERALLY USES AN EGGHELL FINISH FOR ITS MODERN, POLISHED APPEARANCE, AND SHERWIN-WILLIAMS TRICORN BLACK IS A GO-TO AS ON THIS WALL BEHIND THE BED.

23 The shiplap headboard was a team effort: Cynthia sketched what she wanted, and Chris built it. "We took a date night, spent it in the shop, cut the wood, painted it, and put it together," Cynthia says.

24 A black wall might intimidate some people, but it actually quickens Cynthia's pulse. "Black as an accent draws your eye, and there's no shadow, so I feel that black can actually lighten up a room," she says.

25 The hutch is a vintage piece from Cynthia's mom, Linda. Cynthia removed the old red plastic handles and replaced them with pulls made of brass and leather.



26 The Harpers' 6-year-old daughter calls this room home. Wallpaper festooned with branches and owls covers one wall for a lighthearted backdrop; the black-and-white scheme tones down its exuberance. **27** In the corner is the coziest little nook for reading or drawing. The seat was a fabulous find at \$40 in a vintage shop. The canopy ensures a closed-in, snug feeling.



OLD STUFF, NEW TRICKS

Turn flea market scores into inventive home decor
with these inspiring examples.

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FASHION DOOR
PULLS FROM STRIPS
OF LEATHER—CUT
FROM OLD BELTS,
SHOES, OR BAGS—
LOOPED AND
SCREWED
INTO PLACE.

UNDERCOVER WORK ZONE Weathered shutters come inside to function as doors on a simple DIY box build, hiding your office reminders when it's quitting time. We used 1x4 poplar boards to build a simple frame to fit 15 $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch-wide shutters cut 31 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches tall (we kept their original width but cut each in half along the horizontal center board). Our box is 30x32 inches and backed with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch medium-density fiberboard. Sand, prime, and paint the box and adhere cork to fit the MDF back. Attach the shutters with hinges about 4 inches from the top and bottom. We cut one of the long sides from a leftover shutter piece as a trim piece along the bottom.

DO IT BETTER

LOVE THE PAINTED PATINA ON YOUR FOUND PIECE? YOU CAN KEEP IT! VACUUM THE PIECE, THEN USE WARM, SOAPY WATER AND A CLOTH OR SPONGE TO GENTLY WASH. SET THE PIECE OUTSIDE IN THE SUN TO DRY—AND GET RID OF MUSTY SMELLS. APPLY A CLEAR, NONYELLOWING, WATER-BASED SEALER.



BASKET CASE Use a vintage picnic basket to mask a boring planter and put it on a pedestal of your own making. Cut four table legs to your preferred height plus 3 inches (to bracket your basket and hold it in place). Cut an edge-glued pine board to the dimensions of the basket plus 1 inch. Lay two legs snug against the board's width and measure from center of one leg to center of other leg. Cut four $\frac{1}{2}$ x1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch poplar craft boards to the measurement and miter each end to 45 degrees. Glue and nail two boards to the legs, allowing space above them for the board and the 3-inch tops of the legs. Glue and nail two boards near the feet. Cut two poplar boards to fit between the two sets of braces, and attach. Set the board in place above the top set of supports, glue and nail in place. Sand, prime, and paint the piece.

HOW TO SCORE A DEAL

We asked the pros to spill their secrets for getting the best prices at flea markets, antiques shops, and more.

SCOOP THE LOOP

Take the time to walk the market or sale and get the lay of the land. Then shop at least twice—once with an eye for furnishings and large pieces and once more for smaller finds. It can be overwhelming to be on the lookout for everything on your list at the same time.

BUY IN BULK

There are deals to be made when you buy multiple items from the same seller. When shopping with friends, pool your finds and have one person do the bargaining.

UP EARLY OR OUT LATE

At garage sales or limited-time markets, go when doors open to find the best items before they're picked over. But the day's end is when you'll find people ready to sell—and you can name your price.

KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

At any venue, it's imperative to know the measurements of the space you're looking to fill, of the doorways into your home (and the specific room), and your vehicle! And if you envision that bulky item in your upper level, consider the stairwell.



KEEP SUCCULENTS HAPPY IN QUICK-DRAINING CACTUS POTTING MIX, AND ALLOW TO DRY OUT BETWEEN WATERINGS. THEY THRIVE IN SOUTH- OR WEST-FACING WINDOWS.



RETRO PLANTERS Convert an old radio, *top*, into a planter by removing its interior mechanisms and nestling a small planting container—like a disposable food storage bin—inside the cavity. Recruit vintage thermoses and their lids as sleek, cylindrical planters, *above*. Fill each tall and small container with cactus potting mix, then add plants.

HOOP DREAMS Stretch a series of doilies over embroidery hoops from a crafts store to fashion romantic wall art. Dye the lace as desired; when dry, center each on top of the inner ring of a hoop. Set the outer ring around the inner ring and tighten the screw until the fabric is taut. Trim fabric edges if needed.



SIR STACKS A LOT Our complete build, *this photo*, has five shelves of various heights—from top to bottom they are 11, 8, 13½, 17, and 11 inches. Because each unit is built separately and then stacked on top of one another, you can decide whether you want three, five, or more shelves and in what order you want to stack them.



MAKE IT

SPINDLE SHELVES

MATERIALS

- Various lengths and sizes of vintage wooden spindles, croquet mallets, mulling tools, etc.
- 3/4-inch birch plywood
- 1x4 poplar boards
- Table saw, or circular saw with a guide
- Wood glue
- Clamps
- Nail gun and pin nails
- Birch edge banding
- Iron
- Metal roller
- File
- Utility knife
- Sandpaper or sanding block
- Primer and paint
- Drill/driver and screws

Step 1 Group your collected vintage spindles by size and decide which pairs and trios are the same length or could be cut to the same length. Determine desired heights for your shelf units, and cut spindles to size as needed.

Step 2 Cut the boards to length (see Cut List for our design, *below*). Build the base. Lay the two 36-inch poplar boards on your work surface, placing them about 2 inches apart and on their narrow edges. Lay the two base ends on their narrow edges at each end of the long boards, centering the 36-inch boards while maintaining a 2-inch gap. Glue and clamp the base ends to the center supports and pin nail. Let cure.

Step 3 After cutting, band the plywood edges that will be exposed (those that will not be covered by an adjoining board). To apply edge band, cut the banding a little longer than the plywood edge. Lay the banding, glue side down, centered on the edge and iron it to the wood. Use a metal roller to press the edge banding onto the wood. Apply heat again to any that didn't adhere. Use a file held nearly perpendicular to the edge banding and remove any excess overhanging the board.

Step 4 Build a shelf. Place a pair of shelf boards on your work surface and sandwich an end board vertically between the two at one end, making sure the front edges and sides are flush. Glue, clamp, and pin nail in place. Place a back piece perpendicular to the side piece, butting them together. Glue, clamp, and nail. When these pieces have cured, arrange spindles between the top and bottom horizontal boards so they help support the open end but also look balanced. Glue and pin nail the spindles into place. Sand the shelf. Repeat for all shelves.

Step 5 Paint and stack. Mask off all spindles, then prime and paint other surfaces. Let dry. Stack shelves as desired and secure to each other with screws from the underside of top piece into the shelf above. Secure to the wall if desired.

ON EDGE Plan to adhere edge banding to every exposed raw plywood edge to give the build a finished look. If an edge will be on the back of the build and placed against a wall or if it will butt up against another board and won't be seen, it does not need edge banding. Remember the base too. Project designer Jeni Wright suggests covering every raw edge after cutting but before assembly. If you cover all exposed edges, front and back, your finished shelving can float in the middle of a room and look good from every angle.



YOU'LL WANT TWO OR MORE SPINDLES FOR EACH UNIT. THE HEIGHT OF YOUR VINTAGE PIECES WILL DETERMINE THE HEIGHT OF EACH SHELF.

CUT LIST

#	PART	MATERIAL	LENGTH	WIDTH
10	HORIZONTAL SHELF BOARDS	3/4" BIRCH PLYWOOD	42"	11 1/2"
4	ENDS AND BACKS	3/4" BIRCH PLYWOOD	11"	11 1/2"
2	END AND BACK	3/4" BIRCH PLYWOOD	8"	11 1/2"
2	END AND BACK	3/4" BIRCH PLYWOOD	13"	11 1/2"
2	END AND BACK	3/4" BIRCH PLYWOOD	17"	11 1/2"
1	BASE	3/4" BIRCH PLYWOOD	44"	12 1/2"
2	BASE CENTER SUPPORTS	1x4 POPLAR	36"	3 1/2"
2	BASE ENDS	1x4 POPLAR	11"	3 1/2"

MAKE IT

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

MATERIALS

- Vintage director's chair
- Seam ripper or scissors
- Butcher paper or wrapping paper
- Leather
- Sewing machine with a leather-specialty needle
- Optional refinishing supplies: sandpaper, stain, polyurethane

Step 1 Make a template. Measure the distance between the chair's original canvas seat and back. Remove the seat by carefully sliding the fabric-wrapped dowels out of each groove on the sides of the chair. Save the dowels and the seat fabric. Slide off the fabric back,

and remove the seams on each side of the canvas. Lay the seat fabric and back fabric on a large piece of paper, leaving space between them equal to your measurement in Step 1, plus an inch. Trace the pieces, connecting them by drawing lines about 1½ inches in from where each of the original side seams on the back fabric were. Make the lines curve inward (like the waist of a dress) when connecting the seat and back shapes. Trace the paper template onto leather and cut out.

Step 2 Using the original back piece as a guide, determine where to fold the leather to create pockets for the upright posts on the chair frame. Stitch the

pockets. Slide the sewn pockets onto the upright posts. For the seat, fold each side of the leather around a dowel and feed the leather-wrapped dowels into the groove on the seat frame (you can make the seat tight or loose depending on how much leather you fold over the dowels).

Step 3 If desired, strip or sand and refinish the chair frame before attaching the new leather seat. We sanded our frame and applied a walnut stain. We also paired our chair with a camp stool, simply replacing the original fabric by wrapping and stapling leather around the wooden frame.



A CAST-OFF FLEA MARKET CHAIR GETS A SOPHISTICATED UPDATE WITH STAIN AND LEATHER UPHOLSTERY.



NESTING GROUND Build cozy homes for air plants inside baskets using woolly yarn. Starting at the basket's midsection, feed a strand of yarn through one side of the basket and stretch toward the opposite edge. Pull the yarn through the other side and back toward your starting point, repeating this back and forth until about half the basket's opening is covered. Then weave yarn vertically through the horizontal strands. When the area is covered, secure the yarn with a knot on the inside. Tuck in air plants and hang.

CADDY HAPPY Elevate vintage toolboxes to focal-point status as handy wall storage. To hang, drill holes through the back of each box and screw them into the wall, taking care to line up with wall studs (or use anchors to secure).



DRAWER DECOR Cover drawer fronts with a graphic vintage flour sack. Trim off the sack's hems and sewn edges. Determine placement of the design before applying. Remove drawers from dresser, and working one drawer at a time from the bottom up, coat the drawer face with decoupage medium. Place the flour sack over the bottom drawer, positioning the fabric as desired on the drawer face. Use a sharp utility knife to cut off excess. Smooth out any air bubbles, then apply another layer of decoupage medium on top. Repeat for each drawer.

DO IT BETTER

IF YOUR DRAWERS ARE WIDER THAN THE FLOUR SACK, LIKE OURS WERE, CUT STRIPS FROM THE BACK OF THE SACK TO FILL THE GAPS ON EITHER END OF EACH DRAWER FRONT. REPEAT THE SAME PROCESS—APPLY DECOUPAGE MEDIUM, PLACE THE FABRIC, SMOOTH, THEN APPLY MORE MEDIUM TO ADHERE.





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DOUBLE UP Increase countertop space in a kitchen by using a double-basin washtub to host a length of butcher block. Add 12 inches on one side—or both—to create an overhang for a stool to tuck under. Secure the butcher block to the top of the tub with metal brackets. Add a bottom shelf for convenient storage.



A **PLANTER** therapy

Break the mold this season as you reimagine out-of-the-ordinary materials as clever, conversation-starting containers.

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POCKET FULL OF SUNSHINE Grow up instead of out with plant pouches sewn from felt, *left* and *opposite*. Cut two 15x36-inch and three 15x8-inch pieces of synthetic felt made from recycled plastic (available at crafts stores). Layer the two larger pieces and straight-stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from outer edges to make backing for planter. Notch the short sides of each smaller felt piece about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the bottom. Fold and pin the notched corners, and machine-stitch them to form a pocket bottom. Place a pocket about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, 15 inches, and $26\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the top edge of the felt backing. Pin each in place, and machine-stitch the sides and bottoms to the backing. Following manufacturer instructions, set $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch grommets at each corner of the backing and on either side of each pocket; you will need 10. Using the grommets as hooks, hang the felt planter from screws anchored securely in your wall. Fill with potting soil and annuals.



FOR A FINISHING TOUCH, ADD STITCHING IN A CONTRASTING THREAD COLOR AT THE TOP EDGE OF EACH POCKET BEFORE ATTACHING THEM TO THE FELT BACKING.

GOT YOUR NUMBER Address your situation with a cedar plaque-planter duo, *right*. Using a compound miter saw, cut the following from cedar 1x3s: three 24-inch pieces (for back boards), two 9¼ inch pieces (for planter front), and four 6¼-inch pieces (for planter sides). From ½x2-inch craft boards, cut four 4¾-inch and two 7-inch supports. Sand and stain all pieces; let dry. Place the three back boards facedown, leaving ¼ inch between each one. Position the 7-inch supports vertically on the back boards about 3 inches from the sides; secure with wood glue, clamps, and pin nails. Lay the two planter front pieces facedown and ¼ inch apart, and then butt two planter side pieces at one end, gluing, clamping, and pin-nailing in place. Repeat on opposite side. Attach the box to the back boards by gluing and nailing from the back. Strengthen the box by securing the 4¾-inch supports at each inner corner. Staple a 9x7-inch piece of wire mesh at the bottom of the planter to allow for drainage (A). Install house numbers following manufacturer's instructions, and attach D-ring wall hangers on the back for mounting to the wall (B). Plant annuals in a food storage container with drainage holes added, and place inside box.



DO IT BETTER

WE MADE THIS PLANTER 24 INCHES WIDE TO ACCOMMODATE FOUR HOUSE NUMBERS. MAKE YOURS WIDER OR NARROWER, DEPENDING ON THE LENGTH OF YOUR ADDRESS. PROTECT ALL WOOD PIECES WITH SPAR URETHANE OR A STAIN MADE FOR EXTERIORS BEFORE ASSEMBLING.



HERE'S THE SCOOP At \$10 each, galvanized metal feed scoops from the farm supply store make affordable plant perches mounted on the side of your home or shed or on a fence, *below*. Drill or punch two holes in each scoop, and secure to structure with screws or wire. Pots about 6 inches across fit nicely.



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LIKE SUNFLOWERS
AND GRASSES FOR
SMALL POTS.

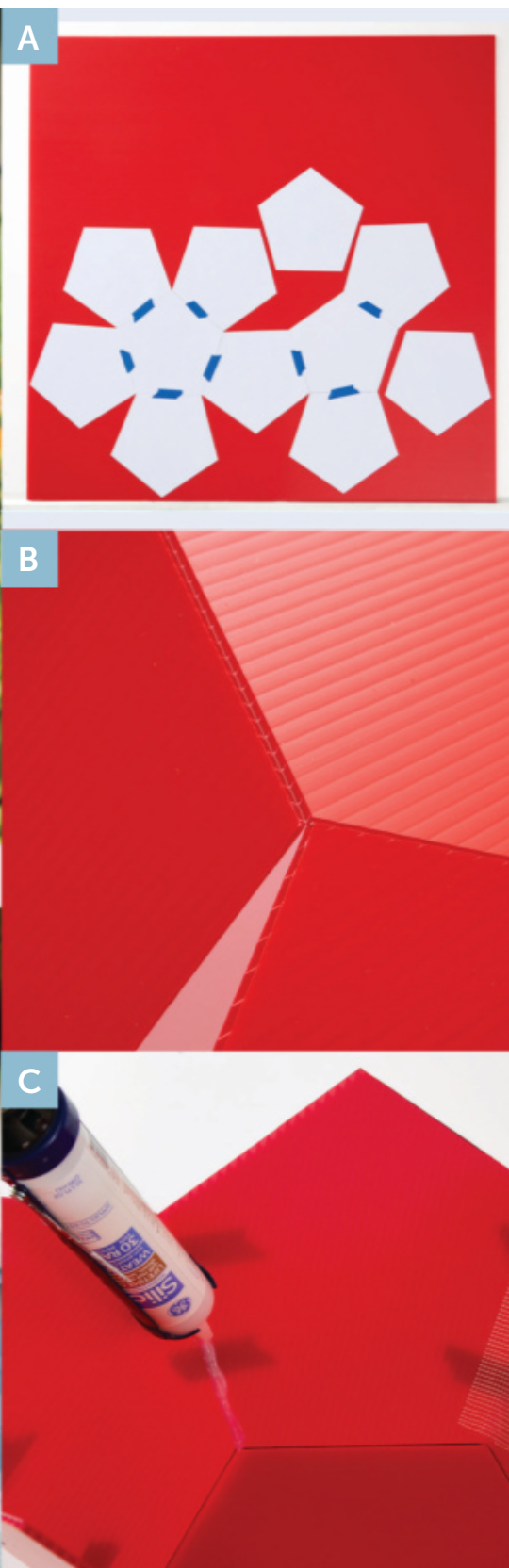
BAG IT UP Visit the plumbing aisle to pick up the waterproof "fabric" for this planter, *this photo*. Cut a 10-inch-diameter circle, a 30½x10-inch rectangle, and two 1¼x10½-inch strips from PVC shower pan liner, sold by the linear foot or on a roll at most home improvement stores. Using an embroidery needle and waxed leather thread (found at a leather store), overlap and hand-sew the short ends of the large rectangle to form a tube. Stitch the circle to one open end of the tube. Tape one short end of the strip 2 inches from the top edge of the tube to temporarily hold it in place as you attach it to the tube, stitching around the perimeter. Place the other end about 2¾ inches from the first end, and attach in the same way to form a handle. Repeat on opposite side with second strip. Cut drainage holes in the bottom of the container, fill with dirt, and plant.



WHEN CUTTING THE PIECES FOR YOUR PLANTER, PAY ATTENTION TO THE GRAPHICS ON THE PVC SHOWER PAN LINER SO YOU CAN EMBRACE THEM OR AVOID THEM.

DO IT BETTER

FIND CORRUGATED PLASTIC SHEETS IN FUN COLORS AT PRINT SHOPS. CUSTOMIZE THE SIZE OF THE PLANTER BY ENLARGING OR SHRINKING THE SHAPES, THEN GROUP A FEW TO MAKE A COLORFUL IMPACT IN YOUR SPACE.



GEOMETRY CLASS Go mod with a geometric container crafted from one simple shape, *above*. Print and cut out 11 pentagons (available at [BHG.com/diyplanter](https://www.bhg.com/diyplanter)). Arrange them on a 4-foot-square sheet of corrugated plastic so nine are touching and taped together as shown and the remaining two are on their own (A). Trace and cut out the shapes using a utility knife and a straightedge. Where the pentagon edges meet, lightly score the plastic by cutting only about halfway through the plastic. Fold the scored seams to form a 3-D vessel (B). The remaining two pentagons will complete the top sides. Hold all outer seams in place with painters tape. Run a line of silicone caulk along each inner seam (C), and place a strip of mesh drywall tape over the wet caulk, smoothing it as necessary for better coverage. Let dry for 24 hours, and slide a potted plant inside.



DOWN THE PIPELINE Showcase favorite water plants—and give soldering a try—with a stand constructed from copper pipe and fittings, *this photo*. Our design accommodates a 12-inch-diameter stainless-steel bowl found at a restaurant supply store, but you can customize the pipe lengths as needed. Left untreated, copper will change color when exposed to the elements. To keep it looking shiny and new, protect it with a sealant, such as Everbrite Protective Coating. See “Water World,” *opposite*, for planting tips.

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DO IT BETTER

WE TURNED OUR PLANTER INTO A WATER CONTAINER GARDEN, BUT YOU COULD ALSO FILL IT WITH DIRT AND THE ANNUALS OF YOUR CHOICE. IF YOU GO THAT ROUTE, DRILL DRAINAGE HOLES USING A BIT FOR METAL BEFORE PLANTING.

MAKE IT

COPPER PLANTER STAND

MATERIALS

- 10-foot length of ½-inch copper pipe
- Pipe cutter
- Four ½-inch copper tee fittings
- Four 90-degree ½-inch copper elbows
- Four ½-inch copper caps
- Sandpaper
- Flux (lead-free soldering paste)
- Heavy-duty gloves
- Welding goggles
- MAPP torch kit
- Lead-free solder
- Rag
- 5-quart stainless-steel mixing bowl (12-inch diameter)

Step 1 Using a pipe cutter, cut ½-inch copper pipe into four 15½-inch lengths, four 7¾-inch lengths, and four 3-inch lengths. Dry-fit the pieces to form a stand: Arrange the medium lengths and tee fittings to form a square base, extend the base assembly at each corner with the short lengths and elbows, and complete with the long lengths and caps as legs.

Step 2 To solder each joint, sand the inside of the fitting and the outer end of the connecting pipe. Brush on flux to both areas, and slide the pipe into the fitting. While wearing eye protection and gloves, heat the fitting for several seconds using the torch. (If you overheat the fitting, the flux will turn black.) When the fitting is hot, unwind the solder and tap it on the area where the fitting and pipe meet. If the pipe is hot enough, the solder will melt. Quickly insert the solder into the joint. (It should “suck” into the connection.) Wipe away excess solder with a rag. Repeat with remaining pieces until assembly is completed.

Step 3 Top with a stainless-steel mixing bowl, and add water and water-loving plants.

WATER WORLD

Give the potting soil and trowel a rest this season. Instead, make a splash on your porch or patio by trying your hand at water container gardening.

CHOOSE A VESSEL

Galvanized tubs, ceramic pots, glass bowls—any watertight container can be a water garden. For best results, find an option that’s at least 6 inches deep. Add no more than three plants if the container is 18 inches or less across.

SELECT PLANTS

Water lettuce, *below*, is a leafy floating plant that dangles its roots in water without any need for soil. The rosettes colonize quickly, so you can start with a few and let them spread as the growing season progresses. For other plant suggestions, visit [BHG.com/WaterContainer](https://www.bhg.com/water-container). Some like to perch on wet legs, others float—refer to plant tags and your local nursery experts for guidance.

SET THE SCENE

Pick a sunny location for your water garden. If you’re working with a deep vessel, add bricks or pavers to act as risers for potted plants. After arranging the plants, gently place river rock to anchor them and hide the pots.

JUST ADD WATER

Fill the container with water, covering the rims of the pots. Regular tap water works fine unless you have a water softener—the chemicals might damage plants. Replenish as the water evaporates.

END THE SEASON

In colder climates, bring your water garden to a well-lit space indoors before the first frost. In mild climates, water gardens can be enjoyed outdoors year-round.



MAKE IT

MESH WIRE PLANTER

MATERIALS

- Tape measure
- Large plastic or resin pot
- Tin snips
- Gloves
- 1-inch-square mesh galvanized welded wire
- 24-gauge steel galvanized wire
- Chipped slate (or other landscaping rock)
- Drill and bit

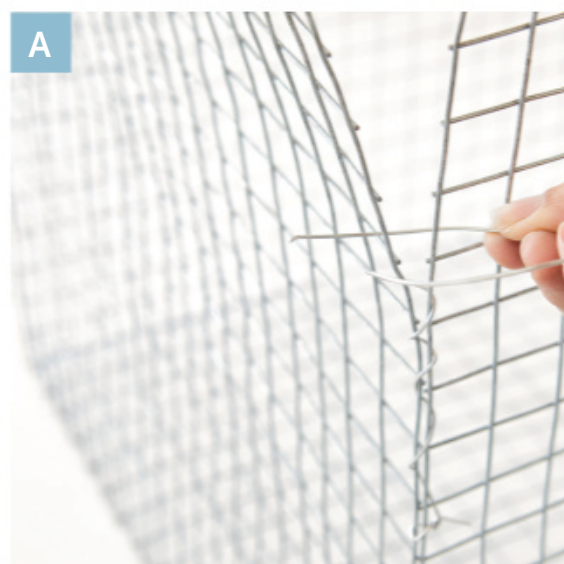
Step 1 Measure the height of the pot. Using tin snips and wearing gloves, cut six squares that are 3 inches larger than the height of the pot from the mesh galvanized welded wire.

Step 2 Connect five of the mesh

squares by wrapping wire around the edges to form a cube (A).

Step 3 Add enough chipped slate to the mesh cube so the pot sits flush with the top (B). Drill several holes into the sides of the pot. Secure the pot to the cube by threading wire through the holes and wrapping it around the mesh. Fill in rock around the pot until the cube is full. Top the cube with the sixth mesh square, wrapping wire around all four edges to secure (C).

Step 4 Using tin snips and wearing gloves, cut away the mesh from the center of the pot, folding over the trimmed ends around the rim. Fill the pot with soil and add plants (D).



STONE AGE Rock, metal, and greenery strike a chord to create this large and in-charge planter. A shrub and wispy grasses provide contrast with the textural chipped slate and wire for an edgy look that's at home in a modern space. Pro tip: This finished planter will be heavy, so construct it in the area where it will live.



PRACTICAL MAGIC

A Nashville homeowner casts a spell on her neglected garage with enchanting high-impact projects.

WORDS **CAROLINE MCKENZIE**
PHOTOGRAPHS **ANTHONY-MASTERSON**



COLORFUL OASIS The tiny studio, *opposite*, lives large with handmade details like the swirling mural (created using metallic paint in a shade just darker than the wall) and a three-dimensional art installation (produced with wood scraps collected on various design projects). The hodgepodge of remnants was glued onto plywood and painted white. Homeowner Anna Forkum hung the oversize metal letters (a flea find!) on the garage years ago, *above*. Today, the cheeky greeting aptly sets the tone for the casual, anything-goes style just beyond the door.

IF NECESSITY IS INDEED THE MOTHER OF INVENTION, THEN ANNA FORKUM'S BACKYARD DWELLING IS A 250-SQUARE-FOOT EMBODIMENT OF THE OLD ADAGE.

After she began renting out her Nashville home for supplemental income postdivorce, she quickly realized she needed a place to check in while her guests did the same.

Enter her garage. Anna, a designer and photo stylist, looked at the purely utilitarian space and saw so much more—a place to live when her full-time home was rented out. “I had toyed with the idea of overhauling it for years. The income property potential is what finally spurred me into action,” she says. Pencil and paper in hand, she devised a plan that would transform one bay of the garage (the other is still used for her car) into a hardworking studio apartment, complete with kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom (well, sleeping nook).

After sorting through reno logistics like running plumbing to the structure, she turned her attention to making it feel like an escape. First up, white paint. And lots of it! “The all-white walls make the tiny space appear much larger and more inviting,” she says. Next came her design love language—color and pattern. But with budget as a driving factor, she took on a mantra of “work with what you have,” which led to inventive, impossibly creative elements like hand-painted ceilings and light fixtures crafted from twigs. “I let the materials guide the designs,” she says. “The results are quirky, imperfect, and one-of-a-kind. I wouldn’t have it any other way.”



DO IT BETTER

APPLYING THE METALLIC PAINT TREATMENT TO THE FRAMELESS DOOR AS WELL AS THE WALLS HELPS THE TINY RETREAT FEEL LARGER. THE RESULT? A GLIMMERING TRICK OF THE EYE THAT READS AS EXPANSIVE INSTEAD OF CHOPPY.



SURPRISE! THE DIMENSIONAL COLLAGE OPENS TO REVEAL HIDDEN STORAGE THAT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF RECESSES BETWEEN WALL STUDS.



CREATIVE DREAMS Clever design hacks abound in the "office," *above left*, including the desk (top fabricated from 2x4s and table legs purchased at a hardware store) and the window treatments (strung from a painted branch). But Anna's favorite may be the scrappy scroll—a discarded section of wallpaper wrapped around two dowels and hung with twine. It slyly conceals the electrical panel.

CARVED-OUT CANOPY The “canopy” bed is fit for a queen—or at least a queen mattress, *this photo*. Anna took advantage of high ceilings with a steep-pitched alcove perfectly sized for the comfy bed. It rests atop a platform that houses drawers for extra blankets and clothing. Anna may have been short on space, but she was rich in wallpaper samples. She put that loot to good use by creating a sampler in the alcove. Arranging the pieces by color lends an artful air to the rudimentary application. (The scraps are adhered simply with thumbtacks, *opposite right*.)





A PRACTICAL ENTRY WAS CARVED OUT WITH A MIX OF WALL ACCESSORIES, INCLUDING DRIFTWOOD THAT ANNA PAINTED GOLD AND OUTFITTED WITH CUP HOOKS FOR KEY STORAGE.

DO IT BETTER

MATCHING YOUR GROUT COLOR TO A HUE FOUND IN THE TILE ALLOWS FOR A MORE FORGIVING APPLICATION. THE LACK OF CONTRAST HELPS CAMOUFLAGE IMPERFECTIONS WITH ALIGNMENT OR COVERAGE.



BUDGET SAVVY Lighting can tip the scales on a budget, fast! As such, Anna upcycled many fixtures in the studio. She branched out in the bathroom, where she wrapped individual LED bulbs on a twig she painted white and suspended from the wall, *top left*. A meandering leaf mural is painted on the bathroom ceiling. The tiles lining the kitchen wall were one of the few new purchases for the project, *above*. (Going with a printed ceramic version instead of a more expensive hand-glazed or painted one helped curb costs.) The look was elevated by opting for a mismatch of eight designs.

OPEN AIR Plywood shelving, painted white to blend with the walls, lets Anna skip the expense and spatial constraints of standard kitchen cabinetry, *this photo*. Details like the trio of sconces lend sophistication to the humble construction.

DRAMATIC FABRIC THAT ANNA CUSTOM DESIGNED BEAUTIFULLY CONCEALS KITCHEN ITEMS.

BATH HACKS Anna crossed her Ts with the clever closet rod, *this photo*. Crafted from copper piping, the T-shape design allows clothes to hang both perpendicular and parallel in the small closet nook. The bathroom door was fabricated by cutting an antique door in half to better accommodate the tight footprint.





LOVE IS IN THE AIR!
OR AT LEAST ON THE
FLOOR. A SIMPLE SWAP
OF WHITE FOR GRAY
PENNY TILES OFFERS
UP A SHOWER AWASH
IN PERSONALITY.



SEASIDE ESCAPE What do you do when you're short on windows? Create your own views! That's exactly what Anna had in mind when she tacked an old seascape paint-by-number to the bathroom wall, *above*. A shelf helps maximize storage in the impossibly petite bathroom.



BACK IN BLACK Paint saves the day again! This time in black. The vanity mirror's ornate frame was broken in several spots. But those blemishes all but disappeared when Anna freshened it up with a dark and oh-so-forgiving paint job, *above*.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 101.

WOOF MEOW LOVE

Show your furry family members some love with these fun, functional, and crafted-by-you houses, toys, fashions, and more.

PROJECTS **JENI WRIGHT**
PHOTOGRAPHS **CARSON DOWNING**
WORDS **LACEY HOWARD**



ATTACH A SIDE SHELF TO HOLD FOOD AND WATER BOWLS OFF THE FLOOR. OUR INSTRUCTIONS ACCOMMODATE 8½-INCH DOG DISHES.

A DOG'S WORLD For the contemporary canine, this indoor doghouse is the perfect retreat—open, airy, and comfortable. The matching message board keeps all puppy necessities (think treats) close at hand and the owners organized and on-task.



TRACE OUR FREEHAND
DESIGNS FOR YOUR
PET'S COLLAR CHARMS
ONTO SHRINKY DINKS
PLASTIC SHEETS.
DOWNLOAD OUR
DESIGNS AT
BHG.COM/PETDIYS.



CHARMED, I'M SURE Help your pets express their distinctive personality with custom collar charms, *above*, made by their favorite humans. Kids and adults can team up to draw designs onto Shrinky Dinks plastic sheets (available online and at crafts stores), color the designs with permanent markers, and bake to shrink following manufacturer instructions. A few tips: If you are tracing designs, purchase clear sheets. When choosing hues, remember color will darken with shrinking. The finished piece will be about 30 percent of its original size. Punch a hole at the top of the design before baking—a hole punch creates a right-size hole after baking.

MAKE IT

DOGHOUSE

MATERIALS

- 2x2 poplar boards (see cut list, *below*)
- 1x½-inch pine craft boards (see cut list, *below*)
- Miter saw
- Pocket-hole jig and screws
- Drill
- Nail gun
- 2½-inch screws
- Level
- Filler putty
- Putty knife
- Sandpaper
- Primer and paint
- 14x31¾-inch plexiglass sheet
- 1-inch screws with collars
- Wood sealer or polyurethane
- Two 8½-inch stainless-steel dog dishes
- 22x30-inch dog bed

Step 1 Build the roof. Create a rectangular frame with two 36-inch boards and two 29¾-inch boards. Drill a pocket hole in both ends (same side) of each 29¾-inch board and screw to 36-inch boards. Repeat pocket holes on two more 29¾-inch boards and attach inside the frame, 8½ inches from the inside of each end, leaving a 13-inch space between the two (see illustration, *opposite*). Set the roof aside.

Step 2 Build the base. Repeat the 36x29¾-inch rectangle, as described in Step 1. Attach a 29¾-inch board 9¼ inches inside one end. Use a nail gun to

attach 9¼-inch-long boards for a total of 15 inside the space, leaving ¼ inch between each board (see illustration, *opposite*). This is the front porch.

Step 3 Build the walls. Cut 15-degree angles on one end of both 21¼-inch boards and a 15-degree angle on one end of both 27¼-inch boards. Drill pocket holes in the square-cut ends of all four (long and short) boards. Attach the shorter angle-end boards perpendicular to the back corners (non-porch end) of the base piece. Attach the longer angle-end boards perpendicular to the inside corners of the porch (see illustration, *opposite*). Drill pocket holes in each end of one side of four 21½-inch boards. For each of the two side walls, attach one board horizontally between the vertical wall supports with angled ends, 6½ inches from the base, checking for level. Attach a second board even with the long point of the angled end of the short vertical board (21¼ inches from base), checking for level (see illustration, *opposite*). For the back wall, drill pocket holes in each end on one side of a 29¾-inch board and attach horizontally 6½ inches from the base, checking for level (see illustration, *opposite*).

Step 4 Attach the roof. Set the roof on top of the walls so the short vertical boards and the back of the roof

intersect. Screw down from the top of the roof into all four vertical boards.

Step 5 Build and attach the shelf. Using the pocket-hole jig, attach three 7¾-inch boards perpendicular along one side of the 20¾-inch board, one at each end and one in the center. Cut 45-degree angles into both ends of the two 12-inch boards; attach as braces to support the shelf on the underside of the shelf's long edge (see illustration, *opposite*). Center the shelf structure on one outside side wall and, screwing from the inside of the doghouse, attach to the base and side wall.

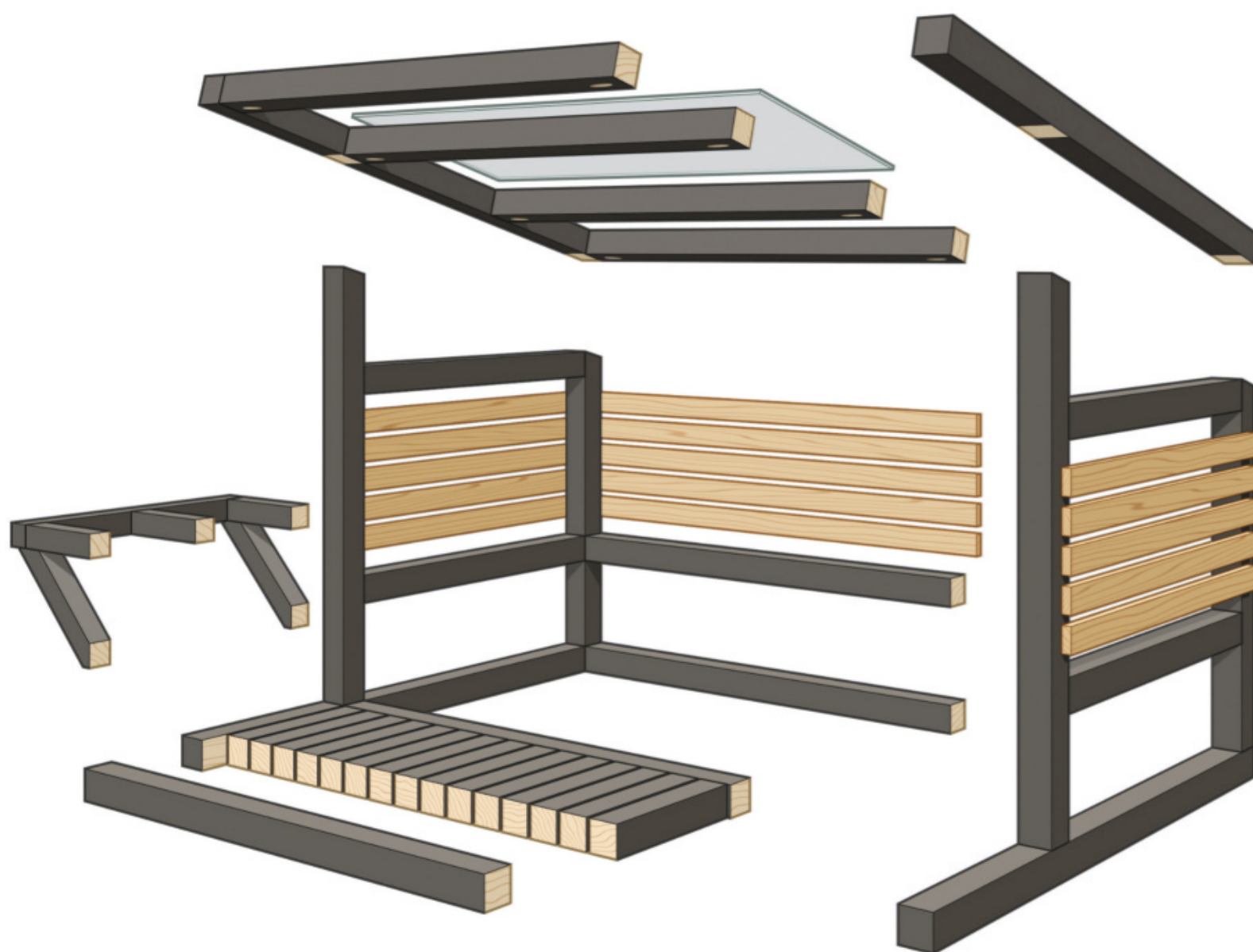
Step 6 Mix and spread filler putty to fill screw holes. Once dry, sand the structure, prime, and paint. Drill four holes in your plexiglass sheet, about ½ inch from each corner. Attach the plexiglass to the center opening in the roof using screws and collars. Drill pilot holes centered and about ½ inch from each end on each pine craft board. Lightly sand and seal each board. Center five pine boards horizontally on each of the three walls, leaving ½ inch between each board and 1¼ inch above the horizontal wall support (see illustration, *opposite*). Attach them to wall frames using screws and collars.

Step 7 Set the dishes and bed in place and invite your dog to settle in.

CUT LIST

#	PART	MATERIAL	LENGTH
8	ROOF + BASE + BACK WALL HORIZONTAL PIECES	2x2 POPLAR	29¾"
4	ROOF + BASE PIECES	2x2 POPLAR	36"
15	FRONT PORCH PIECES	2x2 POPLAR	9¼"
4	SIDE WALL HORIZONTAL PIECES	2x2 POPLAR	21½"
2	VERTICAL SHORT ROOF SUPPORTS	2x2 POPLAR	21¼"
2	VERTICAL LONG ROOF SUPPORTS	2x2 POPLAR	27¼"
3	DOG DISH SHELF	2x2 POPLAR	7¾"
1	DOG DISH SHELF	2x2 POPLAR	20¾"
2	DOG DISH SUPPORTS	PINE CRAFT BOARDS	12"
10	SIDE WALL SLATS	PINE CRAFT BOARDS	23"
5	BACK WALL SLATS		31½"

DOGHOUSE ILLUSTRATION



MAKE IT

MESSAGE BOARD

MATERIALS

- 2x2 poplar boards
- 1/2x1 1/2-inch pine craft boards
- Saw
- Wood glue
- Clamps
- Nail gun
- Sandpaper
- Primer and paint
- Wood sealer or polyurethane
- 1-inch #8 screws and screw collars
- 1/2x6-inch shelf at desired length

Step 1 For the frame, cut four pieces of 2x2: two 18-inch lengths and two 35 1/2-inch lengths. Build a rectangular frame by gluing the 18-inch pieces between the ends of the 35 1/2-inch slats. Clamp and let

glue dry, then nail. Sand the ends and any rough edges. Prime and paint. Let dry.

Step 2 Cut pine craft boards to 19 3/4-inch lengths. You will need 16. Drill holes centered and 1/2 inch from each end of boards. Sand the ends and any rough edges and seal, if desired. When dry, arrange the boards on the face of the rectangular frame, leaving 1/2 inch between each board. Attach to the frame using the screws and collars.

Step 3 Slide the shelf between two slats. We also installed hooks and a magnetic chalkboard to accessorize and add storage.



HERE KITTY, KITTY A climbing tower complete with a cave for hiding and an open cradle for lounging is a cat-tastic play station that, with its modern clean lines, looks good enough to be in the living room, *this photo*. The easy 36x10½x10½-inch build (see instructions, *opposite*) can be expanded to be taller or wider to meet your cat's needs. A one-size-fits-all toy offers a twine-wrapped puzzle to keep paws busy for hours.



MAKE IT

PLAY STATION

MATERIALS

- 20-inch beach ball
- String
- Duct tape
- Polycrylic sealer
- Small tub with lid
- Burlap (ours is cream in color)
- Paintbrush
- 1-inch square poplar dowels
- Saw
- Wood glue
- Nail gun
- Sandpaper
- Primer and paint
- Painters tape
- 12-inch-diameter concrete form tube
- Bonding primer
- Drill/driver and screws

Step 1 Make the cat cave. Blow up the beach ball and tie string around it, leaving a long tail to hang the ball. Tape the string to secure it to the ball and hang from a plant hook in the ceiling or a rafter in the garage or basement. Pour polycrylic sealer into the tub and put the lid on. Cut strips of burlap about 3x6 inches. Open the tub and dip a piece of burlap in the polycrylic, soaking the fabric. Remove excess polycrylic by running the wet fabric through your fingers. Lay the wet burlap on the ball (A). Repeat, overlapping strips and applying them at different angles until the ball has one layer covering it. Let dry overnight. Tip: Speed up the drying process with a fan. Put the lid on your polycrylic to keep it from drying out. Repeat this process with three or four more layers of burlap, drying between layers. Once the final layer is dry, paint on two layers of polycrylic to seal and prevent kitties from tearing it apart. Cut the string and pop the ball using scissors.

Cut a 6-inch hole where the string exits the fabric. Peel the deflated ball out of the inside of the fabric.

Step 2 Build the tree. Cut four pieces of dowel to 35¾ inches long and 14 pieces to 10½ inches long. Lay two 35¾-inch pieces parallel on a flat surface. Place 10½-inch dowels inside the long parallel boards—one at each end, one at 10½ inches from the top inside, and one at 10½ inches from the bottom inside. Repeat to make two assemblies; one will be the front and one will be the back. Glue the ends and attach with nails. Next glue and nail a 10½-inch dowel perpendicular to one assembly in the four corners and at the top crosspiece. These are the arms.

Step 3 Sand the pieces and tape over the ends of the arms and contact points on the second assembly to keep areas clean. Prime and paint. Set the fabric ball between the top arms of the first assembly, then lay the second assembly on top, lining up the arms with the rungs on the top assembly (B). Glue and nail it in place.

Step 4 Make the cradle. Cut around the concrete form tube at 21 inches, then cut to a final measurement of 16x21 inches. Prep the tube for painting by sanding the edges and the inside. Prime with a bonding primer then paint. Set the tube on the lower rungs of the structure, lined up with the back of the tower and protruding from the front. Attach through the tube to the assembly with screws into the horizontal rungs in the front and the back. For kitty's comfort, add pet beds to the cradle and the cave.



FLOOR PLAY Craft this cat toy, *left*, from two open lightbulb cages. Place the flat ends together, applying a bit of hot glue to one of the flat surfaces. Adhere the end of a ball of twine in the glue before pressing the two cages together. Wrap the cages completely with the twine, using hot glue as needed to keep the twine in place, until all the metal is covered. Buy or make yarn balls small enough to be pulled through the rungs but large enough to stay inside while the toy is being rolled. Hot-glue feathers to the balls as desired, and push the feathered balls into the cages. Get that kitty party started!



PARTY ANIMAL Fido doesn't want to be locked away when company comes over. Instead of sending him to the bedroom, give him a place to be social but undercover rather than underfoot. A standard kennel becomes not only living room-pretty, but also a sofa side table with a custom-crafted slipcover topped with a hard surface, *opposite*. The fabric cover gives privacy and helps him feel protected. When the kennel door is closed, a cover (held by Velcro tabs) unrolls to give the kennel the look of a skirted table.



MAKE IT

KENNEL COVER

MATERIALS

- 3 yards of home decor fabric (Tip: Make sure your fabric is machine-washable—it's going to get doggy—and heavy enough to hang nicely.)
- Tape measure
- Straight pins
- Iron
- Sewing machine
- 1/2-inch round dowel
- Saw
- Hook-and-loop fasteners

Step 1 Measure the top of your kennel and add 1 inch in both directions. Cut a fabric piece to this size. Measure the distance around your kennel from where the front door opens, around the back, to the door hinges on the front; add 2 inches to that measurement. Measure the height of the kennel and add 2 inches. Cut fabric to this size. Tip: If you will need to join two pieces of fabric to reach this length, add a 1/2-inch seam allowance to each piece (they should be equal size) and stitch the two together for a center seam at the back of the kennel. For the raw edges framing the kennel door, fold fabric back 1 inch and press; stitch wrong sides together. Do the same for the bottom hem. Pin this long piece to top piece, making sure the hemmed edges in the front are equidistant from the center of the front. Lay pinned assemblage, inside out, on the kennel and adjust as needed.

Step 2 Measure the opening between the finished edges on either side of the front door and add 4 inches. Measure from the center front top edge of the top fabric to the floor; add 1 inch for hem. Cut two pieces this size for the door cover. Pin the pieces right sides together and stitch the bottom and two sides together leaving

the top open, like a pillowcase. Turn so that right sides are out. Cut your dowel to fit against the bottom seam of the door cover and slide it inside. Stitch along the dowel's edge to keep it at the bottom of the cover (A). Pin the unstitched edge of the door cover to the top piece, behind and overlapping the fabric at either side of the door. The door cover should be centered in the front panel of the kennel and will be on the outside when the cover is turned right side out.

Step 3 Cut four 2 1/2 x 3-inch fabric pieces. Stitch two pieces right sides together on three sides, leaving one short side open. Repeat with other two pieces. Turn both tabs right side out and press. Stitch one side of a hook-and-loop fastener near the stitched short end of each tab. Cut four 2 1/2 x 7-inch fabric pieces. Stitch two pieces right sides together on three sides, leaving one short side open. Repeat with other two pieces. Turn both tabs right side out and press. Stitch the matching piece of hook-and-loop fastener near the stitched short end of each tab. Pin the two short tabs into the front top seam about 2 inches in from the edge of the door cover and in front of it when the project is turned right side out. Pin the two long tabs into the front top seam directly behind the short tabs and behind the door cover when the project is turned right side out (B). Remove the cover from the kennel and stitch around the edges of the top piece catching the sides, tabs, and door cover.

Step 4 Turn the project right side out and fit it over the kennel (C), making sure it fits snugly. If desired, top the covered kennel with a cut-to-fit board or other surface so it can act as a tabletop.

COZY RETREAT Crafted from heavy felt, this round pet bed is fashion-forward and exquisitely snuggly. Start by cutting a 16-inch-diameter circle and a 13x48-inch rectangle from felt. Use our pattern (download it at BHG.com/PetDIYs) to cut the angles at the rectangle's long ends. Overlap the long ends about 1 inch, and using embroidery floss and a needle, straight-stitch the overlapped ends together with ½-inch-long stitches. Position the felt circle along the bottom of the bed's sides and stitch about ½ inch from the edges. For the handles, cut two strips of leather measuring 1x7½ inches and punch two holes about ¼ inch from each end using a leather punch and hammer. Stitch each handle about 1½ inches down from the top and about 6½ inches from the front opening. Tip: Leave slack in the handles rather than sewing them flat to the felt. For the front detail, cut a 3x2-inch piece of leather and punch five holes in each 2-inch end, about ¼ inch from the edge. Wrap the piece around the bottom of the V opening where the sides overlap, and stitch through the holes. To give your fluffy baby a soft place to land, sew a pad from shearling fabric. Cut two 16-inch circles of shearling, pin right sides together, and stitch, leaving an opening. Turn right side out and stuff with batting, then stitch the opening closed.

INSPIRED BY FELTED FASHION ACCESSORIES, THE BED HAS TOP-STITCHED LEATHER HANDLES AND DETAILS. USE OUR DOWNLOADABLE PATTERN AT BHG.COM/PETDIYS TO GET THE OPENING JUST RIGHT.





GATE KEEPER Keep your four- and two-legged little ones out of trouble and away from danger with this attractive gate. Inspired by a barn door, the barrier is more attractive, functional, and sturdy—not to mention less annoying—than the typical retrofit gate. Inside or out, the gate’s architectural styling is reminiscent of a Dutch door’s lower half, giving you peace of mind with on-trend style. Visit [BHG.com/StairGate](https://www.bhg.com/StairGate) for how-to instructions and a video.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 101.



HAUTE COLLAR These pom-embellished triangles let you mix and match colors and patterns while giving your pup seriously festive fashion accessories. To make, measure loosely around your dog’s neck and add 6–8 inches. This measurement is the longest side of the bandanna. Then print our pattern to size (download it at [BHG.com/PetDIYs](https://www.bhg.com/PetDIYs)), and use the template to cut your fabric, allowing a ½-inch seam allowance. Use a zigzag stitch to sew around the raw edges. Cut pom-pom trim to about 4 inches shorter than the two short sides (to allow for tying). Press fabric under ½ inch on all sides, pin the trim in place on the back of the fabric, then straight-stitch the hem, catching the trim as you sew.



PAINT A BLOCK
OF COLOR ON
A SECTION
OF WALL TO
VISUALLY DEFINE
THE DROP ZONE
IN AN ENTRYWAY.



THE **FLIP** SIDE

Tight on space? Maximize your living areas with functional furniture that flips out when you need it, then tucks out of the way when you don't.

PROJECTS **KAREN BRADY AND SARA PEREZ** PHOTOGRAPHS **CARSON DOWNING** WORDS **HEIDI PALKOVIC**

PAINT THE HARDBOARD-TRIMMED EDGE OF THE MOUNTING BOARD THE SAME COLOR AS THE WALL FOR A FLOATING EFFECT.



ON THE LEDGE The movable slats on this entryway shelf, *left*, flip up and down to serve as hooks for bags and coats, display space for artwork, or bookends for a collection of favorite novels. To make it, cut 33 slats 8 inches long from 1x3 boards. On each slat, measure 1 inch in and 1 inch down at one corner, and drill a $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch hole through the board. For the mounting board, cut a 1x48-inch piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-thick hardboard and a 48-inch length from a 1x4. Using wood glue and $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch screws, attach the hardboard to the face of the 1x4 with long sides flush (see inset, *left*). Measure 1 inch in and $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches down from the top of the mounting board and attach a $1\frac{7}{32}$ -inch screw eye into the board. Insert a $\frac{5}{16}$ x49-inch threaded rod through the eye, and place a hex nut and screw cap on the end. Add the slats to the rod, using two hex nuts between the slats and attaching screw eyes about 9 inches apart along the length of the rod. Add a washer and a cap nut to the end of the rod. Adjust the tension of the slats when flipped up by tightening the screw caps.

WALL-MOUNTED
SCONCES BRIGHTEN
AN ENTRYWAY WHEN
THERE'S NO SPACE
FOR A LAMP.



DO IT BETTER

TO BEST SUPPORT WEIGHT
WITHOUT THE RISK OF
DAMAGING THE WALL,
DETERMINE DISTANCE
BETWEEN WALL STUDS, THEN
PLAN THE LENGTH OF THE
BENCH AND THE SPACING
OF THE LOCKING HINGES
ACCORDINGLY.

UNLOCK THE BRACKETS
BY PUSHING IN THE
RELEASE BUTTON ON
THE UNDERSIDE OF
EACH HINGE MOUNTED
UNDER THE BENCH.



PULL UP A SEAT Not enough space in the entryway for a full-time, full-size bench? This flip-out bench, *left*, folds flat against the wall and stays out of the way of traffic when not in use. Attach the long arms of a pair of 12-inch, heavy-duty locking shelf brackets to the bottom of a $\frac{3}{4}$ x 13 x 18-inch board using $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch screws. Use a stud finder to locate the studs in the wall. For standard 16-inch spaced studs, mount the brackets 16 inches apart. After the brackets are attached to the board, mount the brackets to the wall at the stud locations.

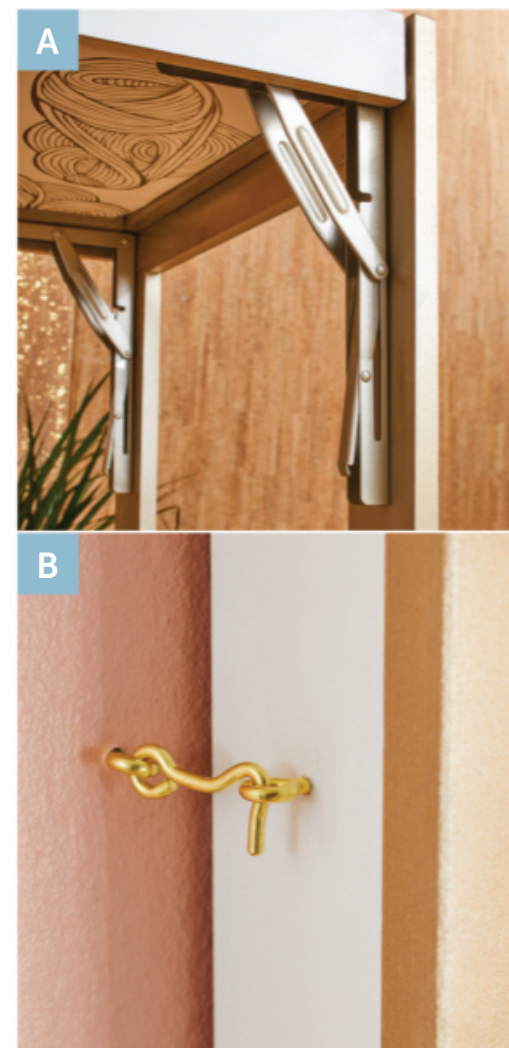


GRATE IDEA Turn an old heating grate into a display board for photos, kids artwork, and ephemera, *above*. Look for a grate with a frame, then cover imperfections with a douse of white spray paint.



WHEN FLIPPED UP, THE DESK BECOMES "ART," DISPLAYING THE UNDERSIDE'S PRETTY WALLPAPER.

MAKE A WALL-SIZE BULLETIN BOARD BY SPRAYING A RIGID PIECE OF INSULATION WITH ADHESIVE, THEN STRETCHING AND SMOOTHING CORK FABRIC ON TOP.



MAKE IT

FOLD-DOWN DESK

MATERIALS

- Saw
- $\frac{3}{4}$ x 24 x 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch piece of project panel
- Two 42-inch 1x3 boards
- 24-inch 1x2 board
- 24-inch 1x3 board
- Two 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 1x2 side trim boards
- Two 39-inch 1x2 top/bottom trim boards
- Two 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 1x4 boards
- Two 19-inch 1x4 boards
- Wood glue
- Nail gun and nails
- Wallpaper
- Four 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 5-inch tie plates
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch screws
- Drill/driver
- Two 14-inch locking hinges
- 2-inch screws and drywall anchors
- 12-inch continuous hinge
- Two gate hooks and eyes

Step 1 To build the tabletop, cut all wood pieces according to materials list. Using wood glue and a nail gun, attach a 24-inch table side to each short side of the panel. The side with the 1x3 will be against the wall. Attach a 42-inch table side to each long side of the panel. Attach the 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch trim boards along the inside edges of the long side pieces.

Step 2 Cut wallpaper to fit bottom of tabletop. Following manufacturer's instructions, apply wallpaper and let dry.

Step 3 Lay out two 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 1x4 boards and two 19-inch 1x4 boards in a rectangle for the frame/legs. Attach the boards at the joints using tie plates and screws, making sure the boards meet at precise 90-degree angles.

Step 4 To assemble the desk, attach two locking hinges to the inside side pieces

of the tabletop using $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch screws. Open the hinges, then line up the back of the frame/legs against the long arm of the hinges and attach with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch screws (A).

Step 5 Attach the continuous hinge to the side of the tabletop that will go against the wall. To hang, open the frame legs, put the table against the wall with a level on top, and mark the placement on the wall. Using screws and drywall anchors, attach the hinge to the wall.

Step 6 Attach a hook and eye to the wall and edges of the tabletop (B) on each side to keep it flat against the wall when not in use.

DIY IDEAS TO STEAL

Our handpicked buyables take the guesswork out of tackling your small-space storage and decorating dilemmas.

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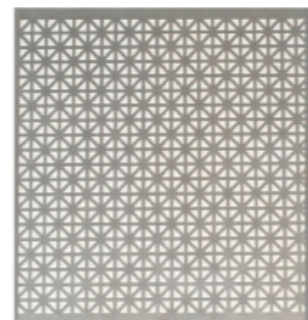
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