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Get inspired by these DIYers who took on @thebuilderschallenge to revive or restore furniture finds that truly inspire. Here are the makeovers that made us swoon.

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LEILANI SANCHEZ @HU7AGIRL

Pattern up! A simple white IKEA dresser gets a textural facelift from three sizes of pine lattice laid out in intricate drawer-front designs accented with leather pulls. That's a stylish-nursery win.

BEFORE WANTEN

It was all about playing up the grain for this rustic-yet-modern makeover. Three stain colors, 296 paint stir sticks, and black accents brought out this dresser's rich wood tones and gave it a smoky edge.



LESLIE JARRETT @WONDERFULLYMADEBYLESLIE

No glass, no problem. New cane inserts, pine trim accents in place of dated tile, and a fresh white paint job rescued this abandoned console and made it into an entryway stunner.



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Restoring this waterdamaged Mexican equipale table took lots and lots of hand sanding, sealing, and a new cowhide-rug top, but its revival is so rewarding.



SUSIE DALEY @LITTLEHOMEMAKERS

This midcentury modern buffet's great lines and rich walnut veneer just needed its inner beauty brought back to life. Touches of black milk paint and gold-tone accents bring out a hip vibe.





CAROLINE GIBSON @LIVINGONSALTWATER

With a little reimagination, teal spray paint, and a natural wood top and base, this industrial hardware cabinet looks refreshed and ready to organize.



If you're a furniture flipper or just love seeing amazing transformations, visit builderschallenge.com/ffc to learn more about Season 1 winners and sign up to follow or participate in Season 2. Additional seasons are planned throughout 2021.





FROM THE EDITOR

Well, hello, crocuses! I can't remember a moment when I've been more ready to shake off the old and welcome the new. Spring has always been a time to refresh, but this year I'm motivated to revise, repair, and reboot. I'm eager to revitalize everything in my home and yard—and, by extension, my life.

That's why we've packed this issue with projects and ideas to give your style a wake-up call. Start with needle punch, one of the easiest, most satisfying crafts Team DIY has ever tried. All you need is a punch, yarn, monk's cloth, and five minutes of practice to begin creating texture-rich pillows and rugs ("Pleased As Punch, page 49). Then take a shine to the metallic trend with the latest sprays, pastes, and foils that make old accessories positively glow ("Try It: Metallics," page 8). Because few projects energize a room faster than painting, we tour blogger Ashley Wilson's rainbow-tinted cottage ("The Sunny Side," page 56). And what's spring without some growth? Sprout some flowers and veggies right now with a seed-starting station and our no-fail care tips ("Start Your Seeds!", page 46).

So open a window—and your mind—to the possibilities. A little new will do you good!

Brian

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FURNITURE REFRESH

Try your hand at one of these unique furniture updates this weekend.



FLEAMARKETSTORAGE

DISTRESS WOOD

Use our guide for all the best tips and tricks when distressing wood. BHG.com/ *DistressFurniture*

MAKE OVER A DRESSER

Take a peek at some of our favorite DIY rehabs and pick one to try! BHG.com/DIYDressers

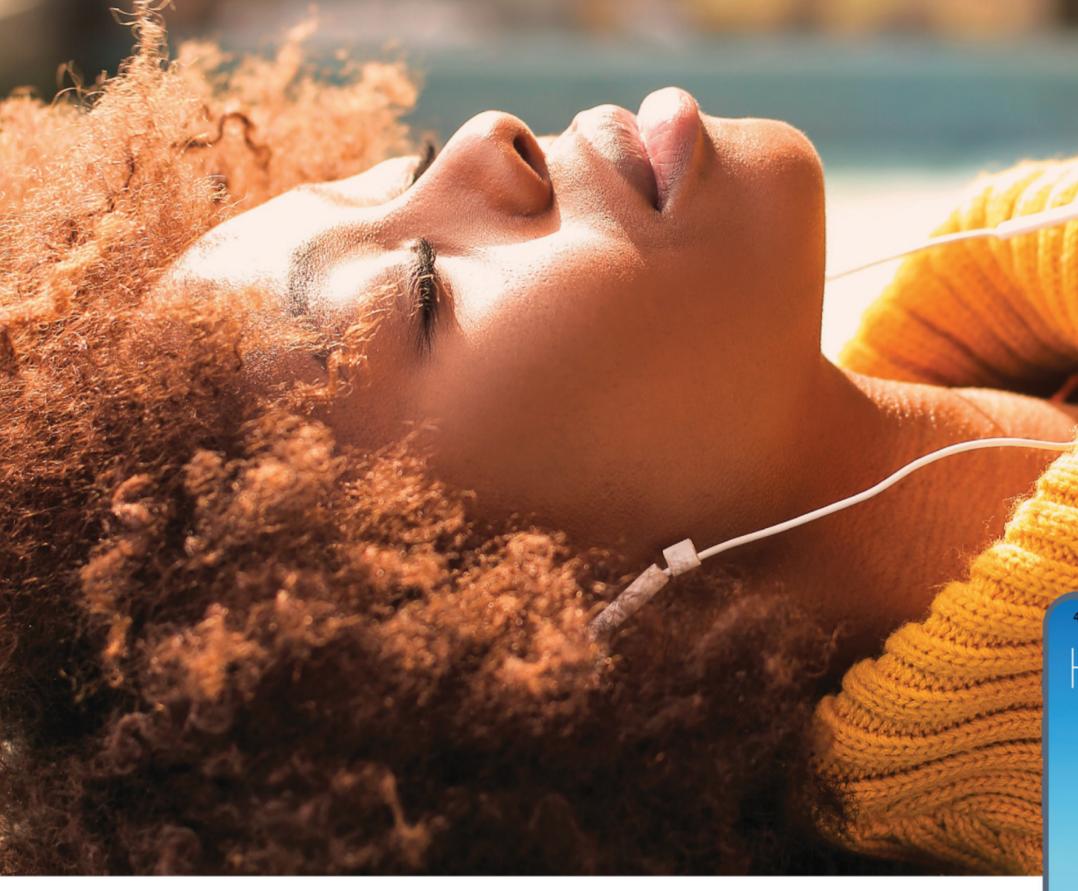
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DRIPPED DESIGNS Create your own coordinated collection of vases by painting some you have on hand or purchase from a thrift shop. For this melty effect, left, we used Tim Holtz Alloy in Mined, Foundry, Gilded, and Statue from Ranger Ink. Set your vase on a thick piece of cardboard. Shake the inks well and drip around the neck of the vase. Add blending solution randomly to blend. Let dry completely.

EASILY ADD COORDINATING PIECES TO YOUR COLLECTION: WE COATED A \$2 THRIFT STORE FIND WITH KRYLON COVERMAXX IN GOLD METALLIC (GOLD VASE, ABOVE).

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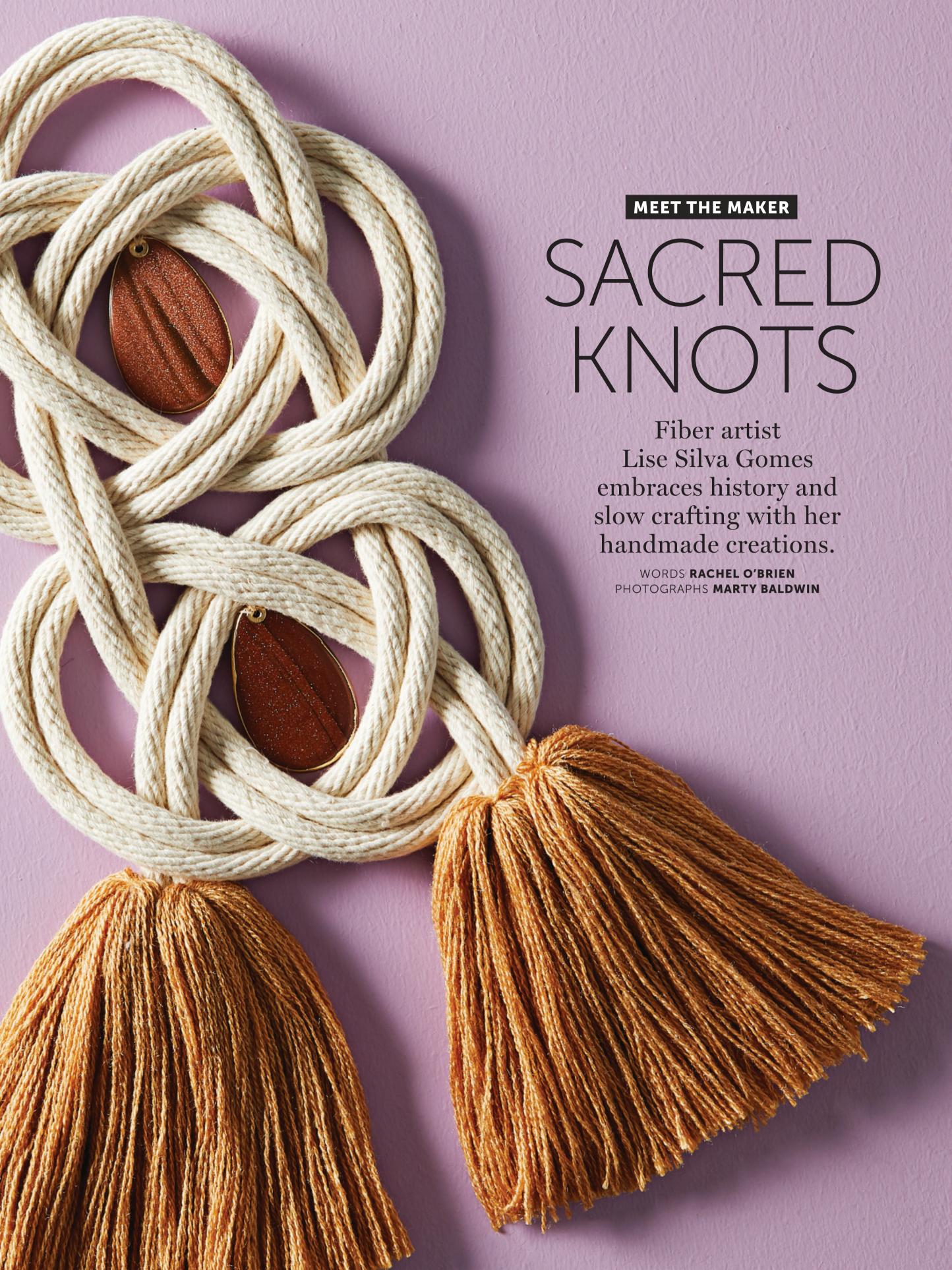


MAKE A STATEMENT

Craft your own dazzling message to put on display, left. Print or copy your design using a laser printer (inkjet won't work). Trim an iCraft Deco Foil Transfer Sheet to cover the letters or image you want to foil, then sandwich the printout and foil between two sheets of paper and send through a preheated laminator. Peel off the foil sheet; foil will remain on the toner letters or images.

FRAME WORK Add gold leaf to a picture frame for a shiny showpiece, above left. Working on one side at a time, apply metal leaf adhesive and sheets to your frame (A), following package instructions. The metal leaf is very fragile, so it will tear easily; repeat as needed to cover any cracks. Let dry.







AFTER EXPERIMENTING WITH VINTAGE MACRAMÉ KITS, LISE SILVA GOMES DEVELOPED HER OWN UNIQUE STYLE OF KNOTTING. HISTORICAL KNOTTING PRACTICES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE HER WORK.

THE MAKER:

LISE SILVA GOMES

Sacred Knots not only sells its unique crafts, but also uses its site to build community within the crafting world.

Q: What inspires your work?

A: A lot of my inspiration comes from dreaming. I allow myself space to close my eyes and meditate or visualize things I want to make. Inspiration sometimes can just be an energetic thing. I like to surround myself with things that inspire me on the highest level. It really invigorates you to become a creative powerhouse.

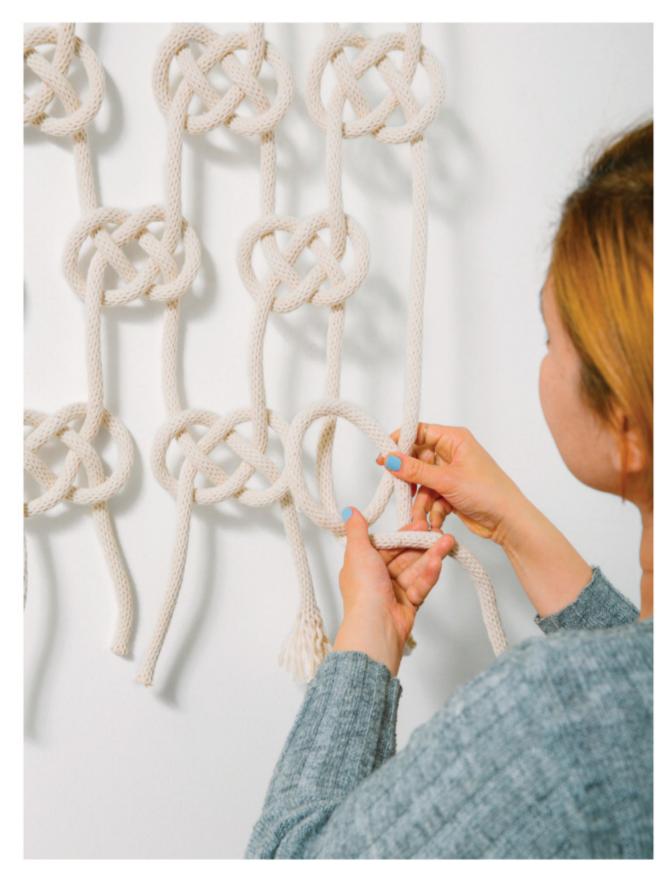
Q: Why was creating a community through your platform important to you?

A: I think community is so essential for our personal development, and also for the elevation of the mediums we're working in. It's the legacy that we

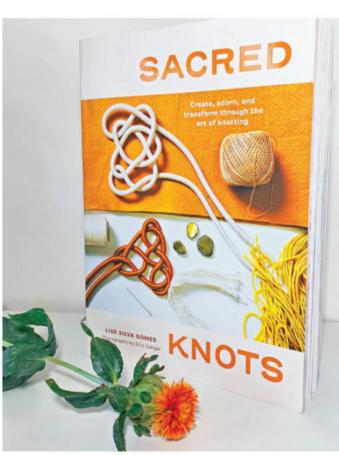
take on as people making crafts—these are community-oriented mediums.

What's the story behind using the phrase sacred knots?

A: When I started to get into knotting, I was discovering historical knotting practices around the world. On every inhabited continent, there were cultures that had unique knotting practices. The word I thought of was sacred, to make ritual and special practices out of really practical, essential, basic things.







ALL TIED UP

With a focus on slow crafting, Lise Silva developed a sustainable business that creates custom commissions, jewelry, art prints, and knotting kits. For an in-depth guide to the practice of knotting, you can purchase Lise's instructional guide Sacred Knots: Create, Adorn, and Transform Through the Art of Knotting. Check out her shop at lisesilva.com and her community collaborations at wovenutopia.com.





MAKE IT

KNOTTED WALL HANGING

MATERIALS

- DIY Wall Hanging Kit (available at *lisesilva.com*)
- 18 feet of 1/4-inch diameter rope
- Sewing pins
- Needle and off-white thread
- 2 gemstone pendants
- Skein of yarn
- Cardboard, cut to 5½x3 inches

Step I Lay an 18-foot piece of rope down, keeping an arch at the top (or double up the rope to get the look of final design, left). Pull the bottom of the lefthand cord behind the right-hand side, following the placement in image A.

Step 2 Take the cord on the right-hand side under the entire piece and pull over and down, looping it under the highlighted rope (B).

Step 3 Adjust the cord, making sure the right-hand and left-hand sides of the knot are the same size, about 7 inches across. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to create an additional double coin knot (C).

Step 4 Pin the knot intersections (a total of eight) to hold them in place. Thread a needle with 14 inches of thread, triple knotting the end. Remove pins from one intersection. Insert your needle into one of the ropes and create a few stitches inside and between the intersection, sewing the ropes together until the intersection is firmly intact. Knot your thread and clip the excess. Repeat to sew together each knot intersection (D).

Step 5 Tightly sew gemstones into the middle section of both double coin knots. Knot thread and clip the excess (E).

Step 6 Make tassels by wrapping yarn 60 times around the longer side of the cardboard piece. Cut a 6-inch piece of yarn and double knot it tightly across the wrapped yarn. Flip the cardboard over and cut through the yarn, freeing your tassel. Repeat to make three more tassels. Trim rope ends to hang 2 inches below the knot. Sew tassels to the bottom of the rope ends.

Step 7 Hang your finished piece by its top loop.

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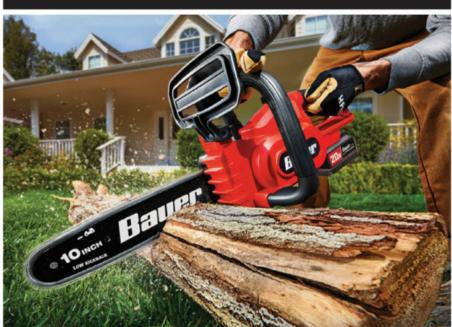


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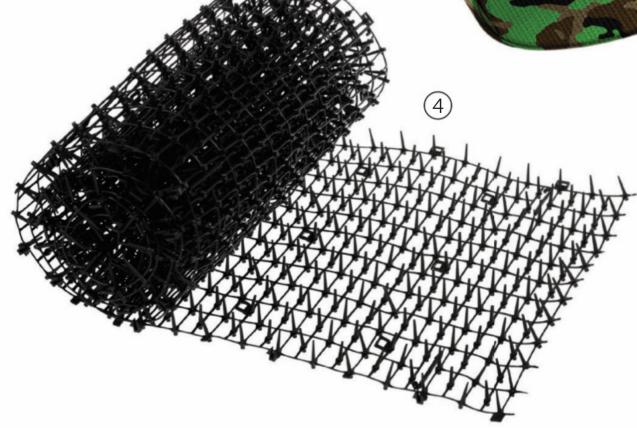
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3. NAIL CLIPPER FOR CATS Sharp blades on these nail clippers make for quick and precise clipping on even the most squeamish of kitties. \$6; target.com



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6. GROOV TRAINING AID Help your pup not hate the crate. A new training tool attaches to mesh portions of the crate to offer a chewable surface ideal for holding treats like peanut butter. It can even be frozen. \$32; diggs.pet



7. BURT'S BEES WATERLESS CAT **SHAMPOO** A dry shampoo for cats? Yes, cleanser with vitamins, minerals, and

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8. PETCHATZ Keep a virtual eye on pets from work or while running errands with a greet-and-treat videophone. It has a twoway chat function, treat dispenser, aromatherapy option, and sound recording to track pet activity at home. \$350; petchatz.com.

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11. REVOL DOG CRATE Easy to set up and take down—and it looks good too. Designed with diamond-shape mesh and a strong frame, the crate has a ceiling hatch and wheels. Puppy divider is included. From \$245; diggs.pet

12. SPOTCLEAN PET PRO PORTABLE **CARPET CLEANER**

Take this portable, stowable carpet cleaner from car to living room to remove pet stains, spills, and odors. Tough stains might require the scrubbing 3-inch tool, while liquid messes require the stain trapper tool. \$170; bissell.com



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13. PREVUE PET PRODUCTS MIMIC ME

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17. WATERPIK PET WAND PRO DOG **SHOWER ATTACHMENT**

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MAKE IT

CANVAS TOTE

MATERIALS

- 3/4 yard faux-leather vinyl (handles, bag bottom)
- ½ yard canvas fabric (front and back bag exterior)
- 7/8 yard cotton fabric (lining)
- 11/4 yards fusible fleece interfacing
- Fabric shears or scissors
- Sewing machine
- 90/14 heavyweight sewing needle
- Pins and clips
- Thread
- Ruler or sewing gauge
- Iron
- Ironing board

Step 1 Cut your fabrics (A). From the faux leather, cut two $6\frac{3}{4} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rectangles and two 3×22 -inch strips. From the canvas, cut two 12½×22½-inch rectangles and two $1\frac{3}{4} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ -inch strips. From the lining fabric, cut two 18³/₄×22¹/₂-inch rectangles with 22½-inch length parallel to the selvages. From fusible fleece, cut two $18\sqrt[3]{4} \times 22\sqrt[4]{2}$ -inch rectangles.

Step 2 Fit your machine with a 90/14 heavyweight sewing needle. Make handles by folding two long sides of two 3×22-inch vinyl strips to center, overlapping slightly. Hold in place with clips. Sew seam in center (B), then stitch on either side of center (C) for three rows of stitching total.

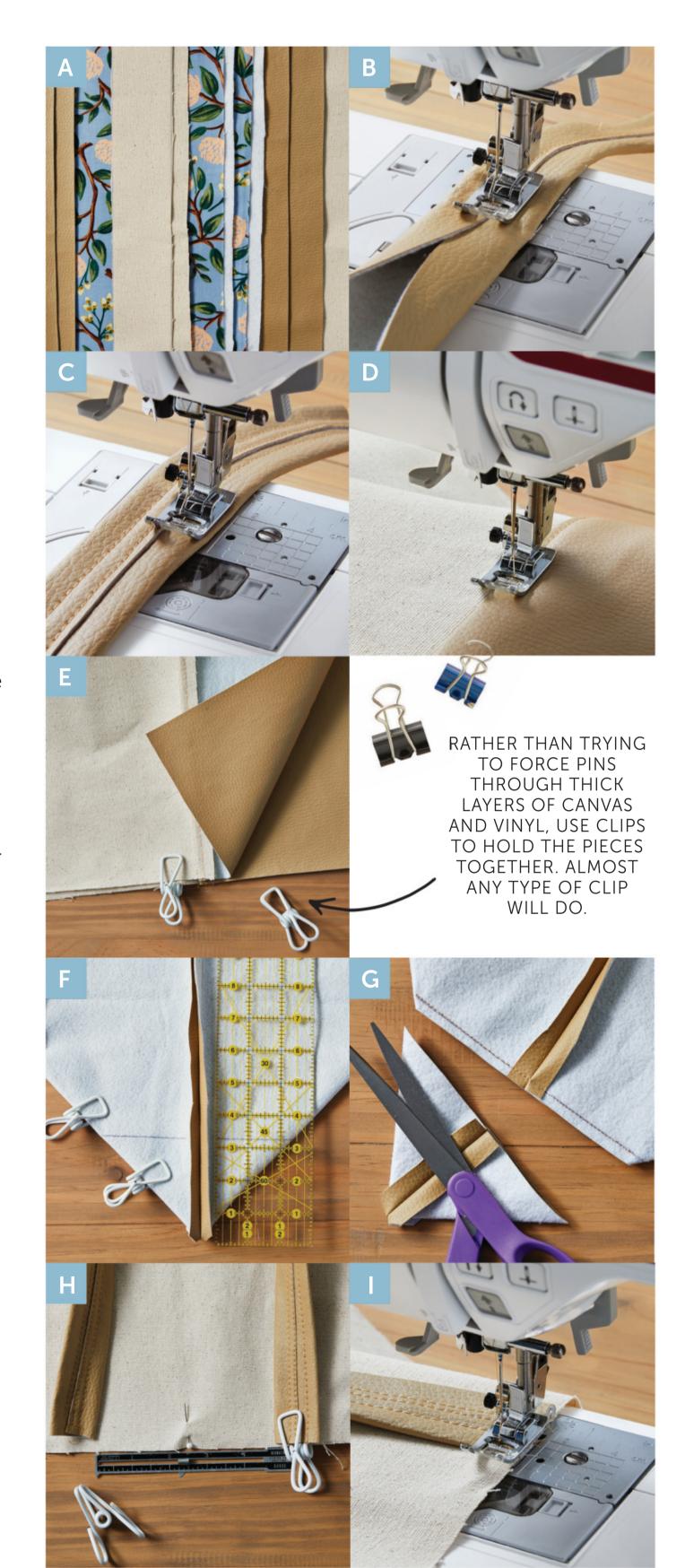
Step 3 Make the sides of the bag. Lay one canvas rectangle and one vinyl rectangle right sides together and hold with clips. Stitch along one long side with 1/2-inch seam. Finger-press seam toward vinyl and topstitch on front side of vinyl 1/8 inch from seam (D). Repeat for other side.

Step 4 Create the bag body. Lay the pieces created in Step 3 right sides together, and clip (E). Stitch around three sides: vinyl only (bottom) and two long canvasand-vinyl sides. Leave canvas only (top) edge open.

Step 5 Create a flat bottom for the bag. Align side seam and bottom seam, clipping in place to create a triangle at one bottom corner. Measure and mark 31/4 inches from point of triangle, drawing a line across the triangle (F). Sew on the line and cut off triangle 1/4 inch from seam (G). Repeat for other bottom corner.

Step 6 Attach handles. Turn bag body right side out. Mark center on outside top edge of one side of bag body. Measure 5 inches from center and clip on ends of handle (H). Stitch handle ends to bag body (I).

Repeat for other handle on other side of bag. → Watch and learn! See this canvas tote crafted start to finish: BHG.com/CanvasTote



FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 102.



Step 7 Make the lining. Adhere interfacing to wrong side of lining fabric following manufacturer's instructions. Repeat steps 4 and 5 (create bag body and flat bottom) with lining pieces.

Step 8 Insert the lining into the bag body with wrong sides together (outside of bag with handles on outside; right side of lining facing in). Align side seams and bottom corners. Pin around open top of bag (J) and stitch top perimeter's raw edges. Do not fold.

Step 9 Create facing for top edge. Press both $1\sqrt[3]{4} \times 22\sqrt[4]{2}$ -inch canvas strips $1\sqrt[4]{2}$ inch along one long edge (K). Stitch the two strips together at both short ends with the ironed folds on top and bottom (L)—the ironed fold is the wrong side—stitching flat the ironed fold.

Step 10 Align the facing piece's raw edge with the raw edges at the top of the bag with canvas right sides together (M) and stitch with handles down against the sides of the bag (N).

Step 11 Turn the folded edge of the facing piece to the inside of the bag, pin, and topstitch with handles up (O) to finish the bag (*left*).



NEEDLE KNOWS

Sewing machine needles are available in a variety of sizes and point types designed for working with different kinds of fabric.



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Grab a set of needles labeled "universal" for safe sewing on almost any fabric. The numbers and color codes identify the diameter of the needle and for what type of fabric it is best suited.



Size 90/14 and 100/16 needles have a strong, sharp point and are intended for denim and tightly woven cottons like canvas and nonwoven material like leather and vinyl.





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Grow your garden, hobbies, and knowledge this spring with these tools and kits.

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- 4. An interactive exploration of color using paint, A Field Guide to Color: A Watercolor Workbook will expand your knowledge of hues with an immersive journaling approach to color theory. Follow prompts and guides to learn how colors interact and develop your own personal color style. \$28; roostbooks.com

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5. This chic vessel makes it easier to extend the life of your floral arrangements. The bottom half of the Amaranth vase twists off for easy access to trim stems and replace water. Five gorgeous colors can match your style. \$60; amaranthvase.com













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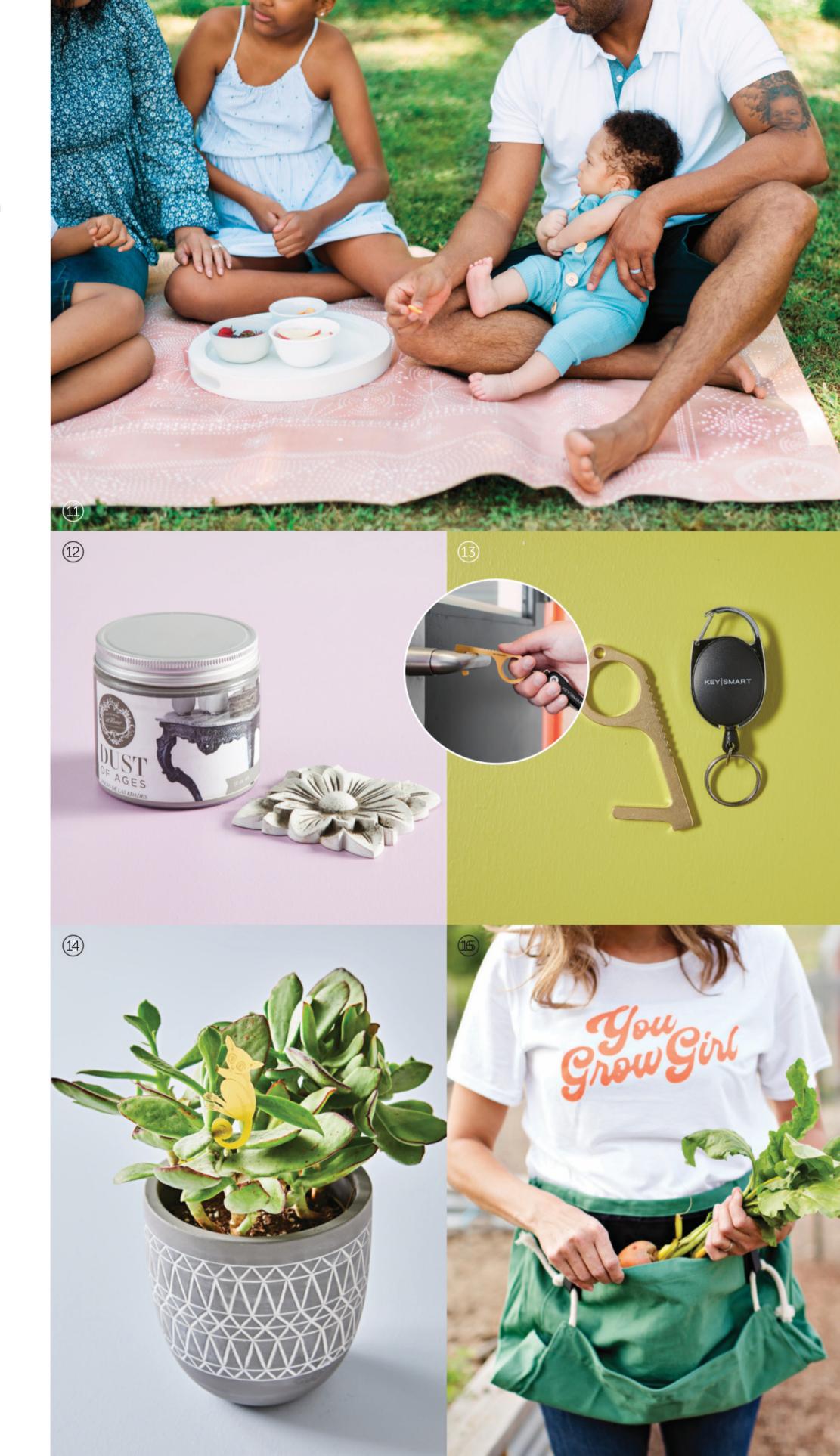
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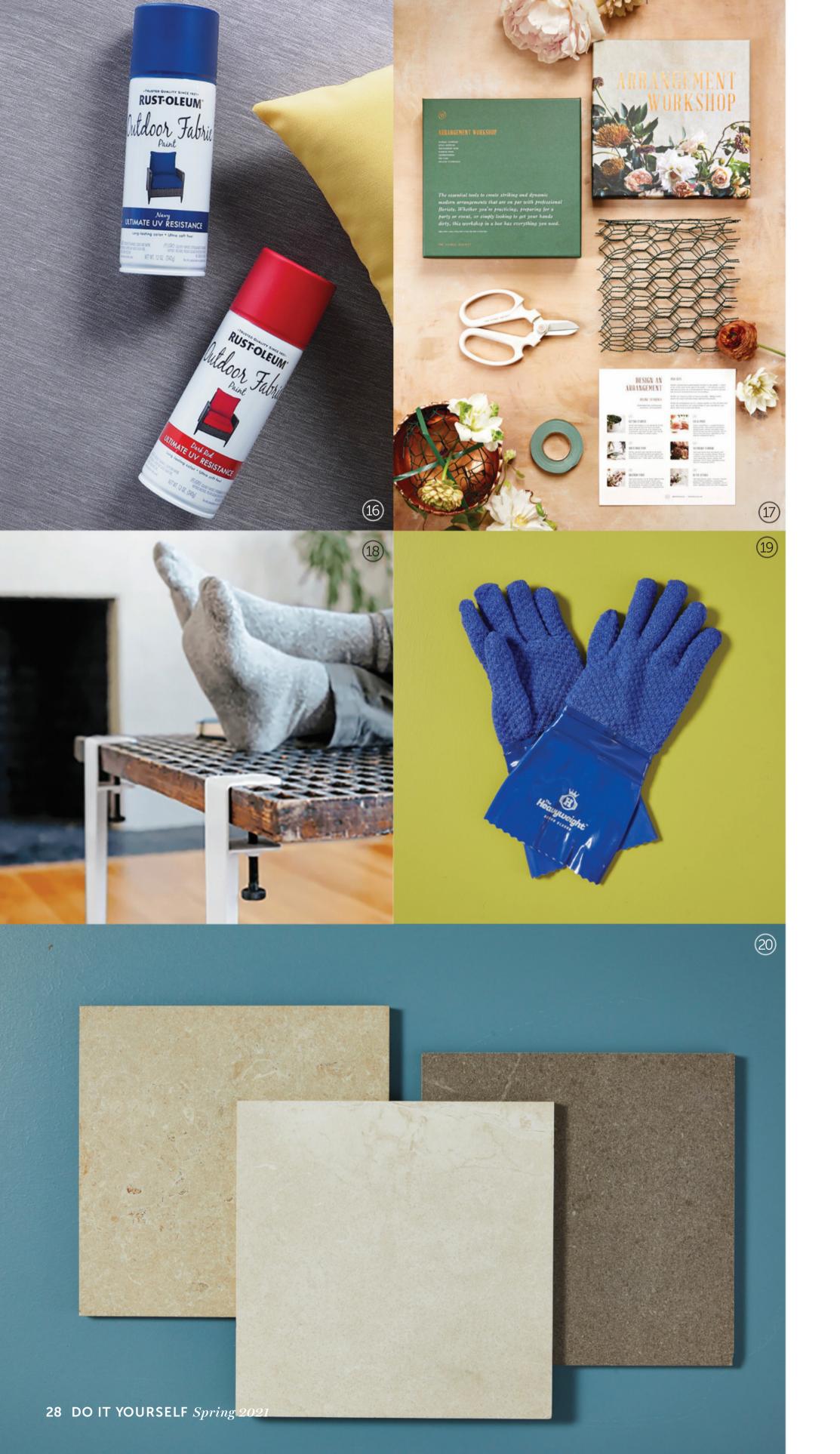
7. Make your own mini masterpiece. DIY Monstera Mosaic Kit includes framework, glue, and glass tiles. Whether you hang the lovely leaf on the wall or use it as a coaster, this easy kit is a great way to piece together a fun project. \$27; mankamosaico .etsy.com

- 8. Lower your energy bill with a room makeover?
 It's possible with Bisaten. This anti-mold, antimicrobial, no-VOC paint provides a thermal barrier to keep walls fresh and the temp comfortable.
 Bisaten Thermal Paint & Primer, \$70 per gallon; bisaten.us
 - 9. Sugru is the do-it-all DIY fix. Mold the claylike glue to shape and in 30 minutes you have a flexible, strong silicone bond. Repair charging cables, create jewelry, and so much more. This versatile kit will surprise you with its possibilities. \$14; sugru.com

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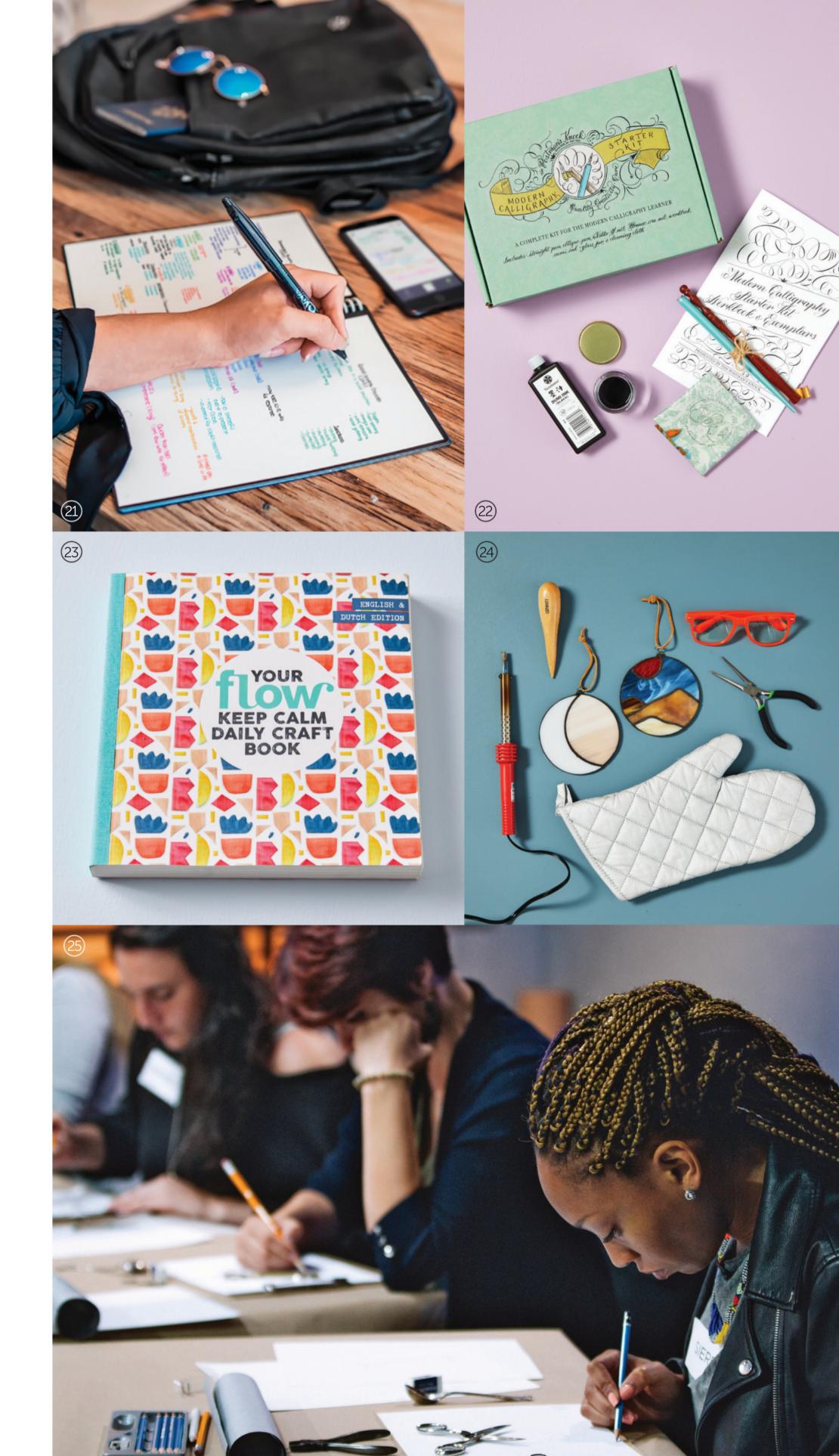
- 11. Picnics, camping, art projects, and more are mess-free when you lay down the super soft Everly Mat. Wipeable vegan leather repels water, dirt, and sand, so your mat stays fresh through all your adventures. From \$89; little-nomad.com
- 12. Can't wait for that antiqued heirloom look? Dust of Ages from Amy Howard will give your piece a well-loved look in seconds instead of centuries. Dab the powder on and finish with a sealing wax. \$17; amyhowardhome.com
- 13. Navigate your world hands-free with CleanKey. This multifunction brass key helps you open doors, push buttons, and use touchscreens without handling a thing. It comes with a retractable cord on a carabiner for easy access. \$25; getkeysmart.com
- **14.** Populate your plants with an indoor menagerie. Brass tags come in a variety of styles to fit your foliage. Plant Animals, from \$7; another-studio.com
- **15.** This apron will be your best gardening mate! The Joey apron features a fold-up pouch to collect fruit, weeds, or whatever keeps your hands full. Just clip up to stash things and unclip to easily dump. Choose from four colors. **\$35**; *rooapron.com*





- 16. Spruce up your patio furniture without breaking the bank. Outdoor Fabric Paint from Rust-Oleum sprays on easily and dries with a soft feel. It's available in seven UV-resistant colors. \$12; rustoleum.com
- 17. Give flowers the royal treatment with this arrangement kit from The Floral Society. You get instructions and tools to turn even ordinary blooms into something extraordinary. Get one kit or buy multiples and have an arranging party with friends. \$86; thefloralsociety.com
- 18. Give your creativity some legs to stand on. The Floyd Leg turns almost anything into a table—no tools necessary. Clamp the 16-inch steel legs to your desired surface for instant modular furniture that's uniquely yours. \$179 set of four; floydhome.com
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- 20. The Protect collection from Karen Pearse makes strong and safe look sophisticated. Microban technology embedded in the tile fights bacteria to keep your spaces fresh. From stone looks to faux bois, you'll find a design for every style. Protect Collection Tiles, starting at \$5/square foot; kpgd.com

- lists again. This reusable notebook performs like paper but pairs with a clever app to digitize and organize your scribbles. A quick snap with your phone sends hand-drawn sketches and notes to your chosen digital destination. Just wipe away pen marks to use over and over. Rocketbook Core, \$35; getrocketbook.com
- 22. Perfect your pen skills by scrawling script. This kit has all the essentials to help you master the craft, including exclusive access to online resources. Snail mail, gift tags, and more can benefit from a fancy flourish. The Modern Calligraphy Kit, \$75; thepostmansknock.com
- 23. Calm your mind while crushing these 365 crafts. Prompts to draw, cut, sew, and photograph your way through Your Keep Calm Daily Craft Book keep you amused. Each day is a new challenge, whether sketching your favorite sweater or creating your own postage stamp. \$18; flowmagazine.com
- 24. Here comes the sun(catcher). Brewer and Marr's new kit will help you get started in this art form. Want to keep creating? Purchase additional supplies and designs for only \$50. Modern Glass Craft Kit, \$185; brewerandmarr.com
- 25. CreativeLive proves you're never too old to learn new things. Brush up on skills, such as cake decorating and graphic design, taught by instructors at the top of their fields. Purchase classes à la carte or invest in a creator pass to access hundreds of courses. From \$10; creativelive.com



WHAT TO DO WITH





MAKE THE CORK MEMO BOARDS THE SAME AS YOU WOULD THE CLOCK—JUST DITCH THE CLOCK KIT!



TIME WILL TELL Create your own clock, *opposite*, and mini memo boards, *above*, from a ½-inch-thick cork sheet cut into hexagons or other desired shapes (A). Tape off geometric sections (B), and apply two coats of paint in a few colors, allowing drying time between coats. (Paint sample pots are perfect for this project.) Once dry, remove the tape. If desired, tape off and paint adjacent sections. Poke a hole at the center of one shape, and install a clock movement mechanism, following manufacturer's instructions. Clock kits can be found online—look for one that's compatible with the thickness of your materials. Hang the shapes on the wall using adhesive hanging strips.

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PASSING NOTES Cork leather, also known as cork fabric, is lightweight, pliable, and perfect for a notebook cover, above. Cut a piece about 2 inches wider and 1 inch taller than your notebook. Wrap the cork around the notebook's spine, leaving about ½ inch at the top and bottom and 1 inch on each side to fold as flaps over the cover. Leave the cork unattached like a book jacket or hot-glue it in place. Tape off and paint shapes on the notebook cover, if desired





HANG WITH IT We're hooked on the rustic style of this simple jewelry rack, right, made from reclaimed pallet wood and repurposed wine corks. To prep the boards, remove any staples and nails, sand rough edges, and paint (if desired). Once dry, stagger the wood lengths and connect them from the back by placing lightweight, inexpensive balsa wood scraps perpendicular to the boards and attaching them with wood screws (A). Dip wine cork ends in paint; let dry. Measure and mark where you'd like the hooks to be on your rack. Using a bit that's smaller than your screw shafts, drill pilot holes through the marks on your wood and into the wine cork centers. Working from the back of the rack, drive 2½-inch-long screws through the small holes in the boards and into the corks to secure. Add picture hangers to the back to hang.









DIY Q&A

HANDYGIRL

Get your house in working order with Handy Girl's advice for helpful home hacks.

WORDS KELLY ROBERSON ILLUSTRATIONS ANKE REGA



FRIENDS, STAYING HOME IS WONDERFUL—

but it can be hard. So we're focusing on little fixes that can help you be less exasperated. That way, one day in the future, when you leave for work, vacation, or school, you'll come home again with ease.

Handy

SO YOU NEED A SHOP VAC

IT'S A DIY TOOL WITH LITTLE EQUAL. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, IT'S A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT. WHY? BECAUSE IT WORKS FOR BOTH SPILLED WATER AND CONSTRUCTION DUST AND DEBRIS. IF YOU'RE READY TO MAKE A PURCHASE, THINK ABOUT...

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Tank size. The bigger the tank—generally 2–14 gallons—the more you'll be able to scoop up before you have to empty it.

2

The overall weight. Don't just consider it when it's empty, but also when it's full; you'll have to lug it around.

3

Its power and power source. Just like a car, the more horsepower, the more suction your shop vac will have behind its hoses. And while most must be plugged in, some operate on a battery.

REGULARLY CLEAN YOUR SHOP VAC. THAT INCLUDES THE TANK AND THE FILTER; BOTH GENERALLY CAN BE SCRUBBED WITH WARM WATER.

Q: I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT AND THE LIVING ROOM IS TILED WITH REALLY AWFUL LINOLEUM. I WANT TO DO SOMETHING THAT GOES WALL TO WALL. ARE CARPET TILES AN OPTION?

A: IN A WORD: YES! THE SUPER SECRET OF CARPET TILES IS THAT THEY CAN BE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT. TO BE HONEST WITH MY DEAR READERS, WHEN WE LAID CARPET TILES IN MY DAUGHTER'S ROOM, WE DIDN'T PERMANENTLY ADHERE THEM. SHE LIKES TO CHANGE COLORS FREQUENTLY ENOUGH THAT IT'S EASIER TO SWAP OUT A FEW SQUARES FOR A PUNCH OR PATTERN.



HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 1. Start with the right kind of carpet tile. Look for peel-and-stick options; you can remove and replace as you like.
- 2. Get out your calculator. Measure the width and length of your room; that equals the square footage. Divide that number by the surface area of a single tile; that's how many tiles you need. Hint: Buy a few extras, just in case.
- **3. Thoroughly clean the floor.** I'm assuming you'd rather these be temporary or semipermanent; if you wanted a totally permanent solution you'd have to make sure the floor was completely level.
- 4. Find the center point of the room. That's where you want to start, with four tiles meeting at the center point (you'll have a giant square); think of the final layout as having four sections. To make it easier, you can draw chalk lines to mark the sections; that also gives you a straight line to work from.
- 5. Lay out the tiles, working out toward the walls or room's edges—but don't adhere them yet. Use the manufacturer suggestions to get the look you want. For example, if you orient the pile of every tile in the same direction, you'll have a uniform feel akin to traditional carpet. If you turn some tiles 90 degrees, you'll create a pattern.
- **6. Cut pieces to fit your edges.** After you get to the point where you can't lay full tiles anymore, take out a sharp carpet knife. Trim tiles to fit against the edges of walls. Since these tiles aren't permanent, you don't need to remove base trim.
- 7. Start to adhere the carpet tile, section by section. Finish one section before moving on to the next. Here's a helpful trick if you want to max out the "temporary" aspect of your new floor: Use the peel-and-stick adhesives simply to attach the tiles to each other, not to the floor. When it comes time to pull them up, you just have to pull the tiles apart.
- 8. Once all are adhered, firmly press each tile down again, and vacuum the whole floor.

TIRED OF TV WIRES? -

ME TOO! SO THIS YEAR WE DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT, AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU, HANDY GIRLS, THE RESULTS ARE AMAZING.

WE HAD SOME REPAIR WORK TO TACKLE ON THE WALL WHERE WE HANG THE TV. ON THE HUNT FOR ACCESSORIES TO HIDE OUR CORDS, WE FOUND AN IN-WALL CORD KIT (ABOUT \$40 AT YOUR LOCAL HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE), AND IT WAS A EUREKA MOMENT. (IT'S ALSO A MOMENT TO CELEBRATE WHY

I SOMETIMES LOVE TO WANDER THE AISLES OF HOME IMPROVEMENT STORES FOR ALL THAT'S NEW, COOL, AND KIND OF AWESOME.)

TWO DRILLED HOLES LATER, WE WERE ABLE TO SNAKE THE CORDS INTO THE WALL. WE DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO USE THE EXCUSE OF FIXING THE WALL. THE KIT COMES WITH PLASTIC PARTS THAT ALLOW ROOM FOR PLUGS TOO.

IT'S CORD ZEN, MY FRIENDS.

THIS MIGHT BE MY FAVORITE NEW TOOL -

HANDY GIRLS, I BOUGHT MY FIRST REAL OSCILLATING MULTITOOL AND I LOVE IT. HERE'S WHY.

- It's not bulky. All those options—sawing, scraping, sanding, grinding—fit nearly in the palm of one hand. And there are loads of extra attachments you can buy.
- It lets you cut into trim that's on a wall or into a floor. Say you need to notch out a spot for an outlet. Those precise cuts are easy.
- It can remove paint in tight corners.

- You can do weird, tricky things like remove grout or caulk.
- You can cut all sorts of shapes with ease, including in cabinets or drywall.
- It cuts nearly every material in your home, including metal and wood.



SLIP-SLIDING RUG SOLUTIONS

I HATE IT WHEN MY RUGS DON'T STAY PUT. IT IS ANNOYING, AND WHEN RUGS BUNCH UP, THEIR EDGES CAN START TO GET ALL WONKY. IF YOU HAVEN'T PUT ONE OF THESE SOLUTIONS TO WORK UNDER YOUR RUGS, NOW IS THE TIME TO START.

- CARPET TAPE. Skip it if your floors are wood or very delicate. Otherwise, use along the edges and diagonally across the body of the rug to help keep it in place.
- A RUG PAD. Trim it to fit, and choose the thickness based on traffic level in the room (higher traffic = thicker rug). Material options include rubber and felt (the latter may have rubber backing so they stay in place).

Secure that bookcase!

It's easy for any DIY skill level. Just look for a kit at a home improvement store. The kit, sized to the weight of your shelf unit, should include everything you need to attach to both the bookcase and the wall. Make sure you secure the kit to a solid section of the bookcase and into a stud in the wall. That's it!

PEEL-AND-STICK TILES?

THEY ARE A GREAT WAY TO MAKE OVER A ROOM WITHOUT A WHOLE LOT OF TIME AND DOLLARS. GET A HOW-TO HERE: BHG.COM/ **PEELSTICKTILE**



 $A\colon$ There's a super easy, super fun answer: Hang a plug-in pendant. The cord or chain that holds the light makes it easy to adjust the height. You'll need the fixture, a stud finder, a drill, and a ceiling pan and screws OR light fixture hook and screws.

- Using the stud finder, find a joist in the ceiling near where you want to hang the pendant.
- Attach either the ceiling pan or hook to the joist.
- Hang the pendant from the pan or hook. If using a pan, attach a canopy. Secure cord along ceiling line and down to outlet using U-shape hardware to minimize.

SHOULD YOU RENT OR BUY A TOOL?

BUY IT... IF YOU'LL USE IT MORE THAN TWO OR THREE TIMES.

BUY IT...IF YOUR USE FREQUENCY PLUS THE RENTAL COST IS MORE THAN IT WOULD COST TO BUY.

RENT IT...IF IT'S A ONETIME USE TOOL.

RENT IT... IF YOU DON'T HAVE ROOM TO STORE IT.



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SpraynBond Fabric Stiffener makes fabrics more paper-like and fray-free for easier cutting, pressing, piecing and sewing.

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The clear, quick-drying non-aerosol formula may be left in or washed out based on project.















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Upgrade a tall kitchen cupboard into a tricked-out utility closet with these simple solutions.

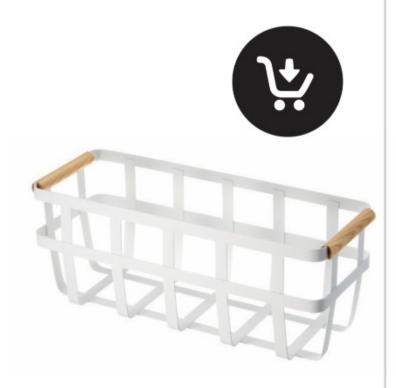
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DRAWER SCORE With five 15-inch-deep drawers crafted from solid steel, this cabinet is a utility superstar. A label holder and sturdy handle on each drawer make it easy to sort and access small household items. Bisley Blush 5-Drawer Cabinet, \$100; containerstore.com

STYLISH STASH Keep

oft-used cleaning supplies, linens, or laundry necessities in this wide-woven metal bin. Wood handles make it a sophisticated, sturdy solution you won't mind seeing on the counter on cleaning day. Tosca Slim Storage Basket, \$35; theyamazakihome.com







SPACE SAVER Free up valuable junk drawer space with this effortless organization idea: Install dividers inside the drawers of a small cabinet, then sort frequently needed items like office supplies, batteries, and postage stamps into each space. Add labels to drawer fronts for easy access, and swap them out as contents change.













custom cleaning schedule—with weekly, monthly, quarterly, and yearly chores—and tack it inside a cabinet door to keep home maintenance on track. Make notes about special seasonal tasks, needed supplies, or homemade cleaning solution recipes on large dry-erase sheets mounted next to the schedule.



handy helpers Half the battle on cleaning day is gathering the right supplies for the job. Make your life easier by keeping everything you need in one place—a collapsible bucket, rags, and floor cleaner stowed in this cabinetturned-closet (ideally near the sink) takes the headache out of precleaning prep.



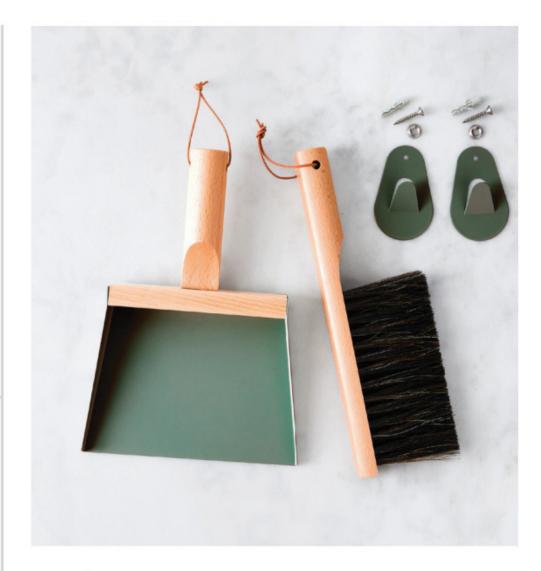




A STEP ABOVE Easily reach the top shelf with a handy flat-folding step stool. Made from high-impact plastic, it features a built-in handle and supports up to 300 pounds. Black Easy Folding Step Stool, \$13; containerstore.com

IN THE CLEAR Find what you need at a glance with clear stacking storage bins, perfect for finicky items like assorted lightbulbs and miscellaneous cleaning supplies. Make identification even easier with simple shelf labels that keep closet contents neat and tidy.







WRINKLE IN TIME This low-profile broom-and-dustpan set is as sleek as it is functional. Inspired by French design, the set features a dense horsehair brush and solid beechwood handles—plus swoonworthy leather straps and matching hanging hooks to boot. Vintage-Inspired French Hanging Dustpan & Brush Set, \$91; food52.com



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STARTYOUR SEEDS!

Get a jump start on the gardening season with a mobile station for nurturing seedlings and stashing your green-thumb gear.

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TO ENSURE GOOD AIRFLOW
AROUND SEEDLINGS,
POST AN OSCILLATING FAN
NEAR YOUR SHELVING UNIT
FOR BROAD, CONTINUOUS
COVERAGE THAT WILL
MINIMIZE FUNGUS
AND PROMOTE
STRONG ROOTS.

MAKE IT

SEED STATION

MATERIALS

- 48×72×18-inch five-tier shelving unit
- Four 4-inch industrial casters
- Seed-starting trays and domes
- Seed-starting soilless mix
- Seeds
- King-size heating pad
- Two 48-inch shop light fixtures
- Four 40-watt fluorescent bulbs (2 warm, 2 cool white) or full-spectrum grow-light bulbs
- Electrical timer
- Waterproof trays

Step 1 Following manufacturer's directions, assemble the shelving unit where you will use it, such as a basement or other heated room. Add casters so you can easily reposition it to add trays or make watering easier.

Step 2 Fill the seed-starting trays with the soilless seed-starting mix; plant seeds. Plant two or three seeds per cell; not all will germinate. Cover the trays with the clear plastic domes to retain moisture. Place a heating pad, turned to a low setting, under the seed-starting trays to create gentle bottom heat that speeds sprouting.

Step 3 Put together both shop light fixtures. You can use 40-watt fluorescent tube bulbs, combining one cool white and one warm bulb, to provide a full spectrum of light (shown), or go with more expensive LED grow-light bulbs that best mimic sunlight.

Step 4 After inserting the selected bulbs, suspend the fixtures from the bottom side of two shelves, adjusting the fixture chains. Hang the lights so they will distribute the light as evenly as possible from the center of the flat to the edges. The amount of distance between the lights and the plants will depend on the bulbs' intensity. In general, hang fluorescent bulbs 3–12 inches above the seedlings. (LED bulbs vary widely, so follow manufacturer's directions.)

Step 5 Install a timer to turn the lights on and off. Seedlings should receive 14–16 hours of light daily.

Step 6 Line each shelf or seed-starting flat with a watertight tray to prevent moisture from dripping onto the floor or the heating pad. Water plants from the bottom to promote healthy growth and to keep the seed-starting mix damp but not soggy. When two sets of "true" leaves appear, thin out any weak or crowded seedlings so the remaining plants will have enough room to grow.



KEEP 'EM WARM Help seeds germinate by placing a heating pad on low under the seed-starting trays, above. Another option—pick a heating pad designed for seedlings, which will raise the temperature 10°F-20°F beneath the tray to speed germination by several days.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 102.

KEEP YOUR SEED PACKETS AND FOLLOW ALL GROWING DIRECTIONS. THE PACKET WILL LIST THE BEST TIME TO START EACH TYPE OF SEED SO THE SEEDLING WILL BE READY TO BE TRANSPLANTED INTO THE GARDEN WHEN THE SOIL TEMPERATURES ARE WARM ENOUGH FOR IT TO THRIVE IN YOUR REGION.



WATER WISE Use waterproof trays, above, so you can water the seedlings from below for even watering and to reduce the chance of mold or mildew from developing. Fill the tray about a quarter to a third full of water to keep soil mix moist (avoid overfilling). After seedlings leaf out, start applying a water-soluble fertilizer once a week.

A WEEK OR TWO BEFORE YOU WANT TO PLANT THE SEEDLINGS OUTDOORS, PREPARE THEM BY HARDENING THEM OFF. TAKE THEM OUTSIDE TO A PARTIALLY SHADED LOCATION TO SOAK UP THE SUNLIGHT EACH DAY (TOO MUCH SUN RIGHT AWAY CAN BURN THE LEAVES). INCREASE THE OUTDOOR TIME ABOUT AN HOUR PER DAY FOR A WEEK OR TWO, UNTIL IT'S TIME TO PLANT.





HOW TO PUNCH NEEDLE

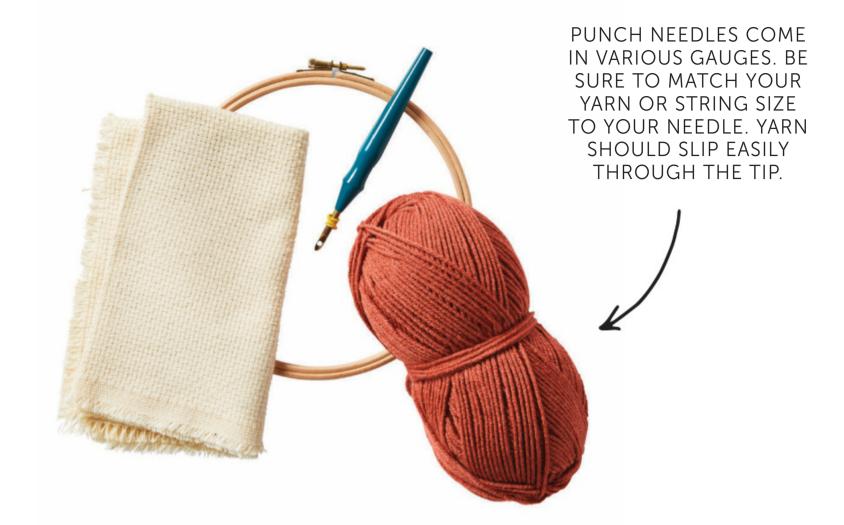
With just a simple tool and yarn, you can turn everyday objects into textural works of art.

pattern on reverse side of project. Secure section to be punched in an embroidery hoop and make sure fabric is taut. Thread punch needle with yarn. Working from the reverse side of project, push needle through fabric up to the handle and pull back out, keeping the tip as close to the fabric as possible.

first, then fill in by working in rows or circles. Repeat as needed to fill the design. Stitch frequency depends on yarn thickness, but punching each or every other hole in the grid weave of the monk's cloth is best.

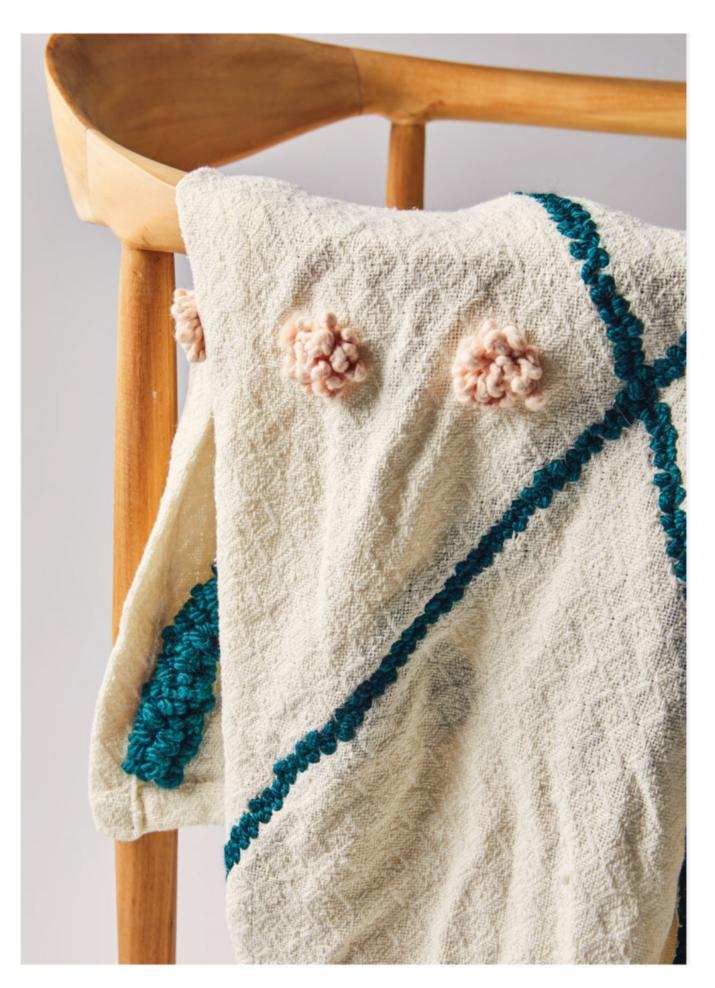
side of the project frequently to be sure your stitches are staying put and there are no bare spots. To finish a project or to switch colors, clip the yarn and pull the cut end through to the front side of the project and trim.

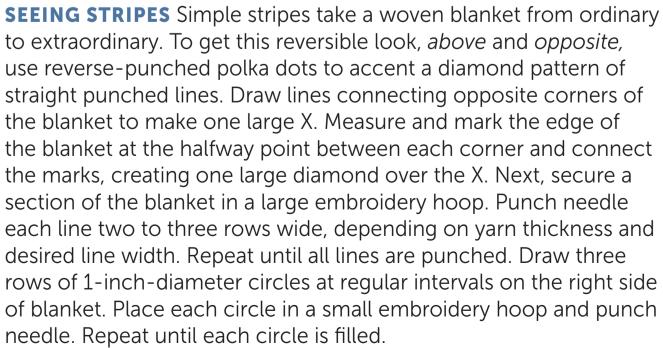
LOOSE ENDS You may need to tidy the design when complete by trimming yarn and tucking stray loops into place. An iron at steam setting or a fabric steamer work well to remove wrinkles or smooth edges on your finished project.





GET A FEEL FOR IT Achieve a variety of punched looks with a few easy techniques. Create tufting by trimming loops once completed. Make long tufts, tassels, or loops by holding the yarn loop while you pull the needle out. A sleek, low pile like the tan and yellow punching on the far right hoop is made by punching from the right side of cloth instead of the reverse. Hang your embroidery hoops after practicing your techniques by trimming excess monk's cloth and hanging on a nail.







INSTEAD OF RETHREADING THE NEEDLE FOR EACH

COLOR, CUT THE YARN ENTERING THE NEEDLE AT 5 INCHES, KNOT IT TO THE END OF THE NEW COLOR, AND PULL YARN THROUGH

THE NEEDLE TO THREAD.

PUNCH BOWL Treat your plants to a cozy home, *this photo*. Punched fabric wraps a plain-Jane wastebasket to become a chic plant pot. Determine the amount of monk's cloth needed by rolling container across fabric and marking the length and height, then add 1 inch to all sides and cut. Fold top and bottom edges over ½ inch and press. Fold ½ inch again, press, and straight-stitch along edge. Transfer design, found at *BHG.com/PunchNeedle*, to reverse side of fabric. Place fabric in a large embroidery hoop and punch needle. Once complete, join ends with a French seam (A). Make cover secure but removable by using adhesive hook-and-loop strips to attach punched fabric to piece.







WRITE OF PASSAGE Greet your feet with this friendly rug, above. A small punch needle, embroidery floss, and a woven rug are all you need to tackle this simple script. Transfer pattern template, available at BHG.com/ PunchNeedle, to reverse side of rug with a pencil or acetone transfer method. Thread a 2.2-mm punch needle with embroidery floss and begin punching along design in a single row. Double the punches for a bold line, or vary the width for an inked look. The fabric is too bulky for embroidery hoops, so just hold the rug taut as you punch. Prevent snags

LOVE OUR PATTERNS? DOWNLOAD THEM AT BHG.COM/PUNCHNEEDLE. THEN USE ACETONE TO TRANSFER THE DESIGNS TO FABRIC. PRINT TEMPLATE WITH A LASER PRINTER AND PLACE FACEDOWN ON BACK OF FABRIC. USE HEAVY PRESSURE TO RUB THE BACK OF THE TEMPLATE WITH A PAPER TOWEL DAMPENED WITH ACETONE TO TRANSFER.





Decorate with what you love so your house reflects who you are, goes the design maxim. This colorful Utah home shows off its owners' cheery disposition through playful wallpaper, glamorous accents, and rainbows in almost every room.

WORDS SARAH WOLF HALVERSON PHOTOGRAPHS ADAM ALBRIGHT STYLING LACEY HOWARD

ASHLEY WILSON KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. AQUA BLUE KITCHEN CABINETS, A PINK REFRIGERATOR, TIGER-PRINT WALLPAPER, AND STAIR RISERS SWABBED WITH EVERY COLOR OF THE RAINBOW?

"People always ask me what I'm going to do when I sell the house, and the answer is, 'I don't care!" she says. "The beauty is that I get to have a house that's designed for our family rather than live in a beige house."

There's certainly nothing beige or blah about the Wilsons' two-story Victorian built in 1905 in Logan, Utah. Each wall and surface radiates with Ashley's signature girly-glam style, which combines happy vibes and statement wallpaper with modern light fixtures and glamorous gold accents. "What is my formula?" she asks. "I like white painted walls because that balances out the crazy colors. I do a lot of pink, and I like to add whimsical touches—lots of little animal accents, for instance. I love a good wallpaper, and rainbows are big for me. The colors and gradation are just so pleasing."

Clearly, Ashley is a big proponent of you doing you. That even extends to tackling projects herself when she can't find what she wants out and about. She and husband Preston have installed bookshelves, painted canvases, revamped countertops, and tiled walls, all to make the house suit their sunny style.

SOFT FOUNDATION Ashley's decorating plan often starts with a single element she adores, and she builds from it. For instance, the living room, left, started with the rug—"it was the very first thing we had in this house," she says. "It's a nice wool rug, and I love how the pattern includes pink." That meant she could pluck that tone from the rug for the tasseled curtains and repeat it on the large rainbow canvas she painted herself. A sofa in rich cognac leather is a more masculine choice than she normally makes, "but it grounds the other light accents," she says. It's also ultra comfy and durable.



TO COMPLEMENT THE COLORFUL STEPS, ASHLEY HUNG ART ON THE WALL IN SIMILAR COLORS, FROM PINK AT THE BOTTOM TO BLUE AT THE TOP. SHE FOUND ALL THE PIECES ON MINTED.COM.



PASTEL PALETTE The kitchen, *above*, previously was dreary and overcast, with oak cabinets, dark brown tile, and moody green walls. "I spent months painting it because it was so dark!" Ashley says. The walls and a few upper cabinets went white, the base cabinets are awash in dazzling aqua, the refrigerator blushes with rosy pink, and the tile countertops now mimic marble, *above*. Ashley tackled the paint job over time because "I didn't want to pull apart my whole kitchen and not be able to function," she says. "I did this area first, and two months later when I got up enough energy, I did another section."



PERFECT BACKDROP Preston, Ashley, and Don, age 5, smile from the steps of their Utah home, *above*. Once red from top to bottom, the stairs now beam with every (pastel) color of the rainbow. Ashley picked out the paint in just a few minutes by opting for three hues on the same color strip (pinks, yellows, greens, and blues) "so they all flow," she says. As soon as she posted the photos on her blog (*athomewithashley.com*), she was overwhelmed with readers' responses. Soon she got word that other people had painted their stair risers too. "All over the world there are rainbow stairs," Ashley says with awe. "This is my legacy!"

DO IT BETTER

"CAULK CAN SAVE ANY
PROJECT," ASHLEY WILSON
SAYS. SHE SPENT FIVE HOURS
APPLYING CAULK TO FILL
GAPS IN THE OLD, CREAKY
STAIRS. "IT TAKES A PROJECT
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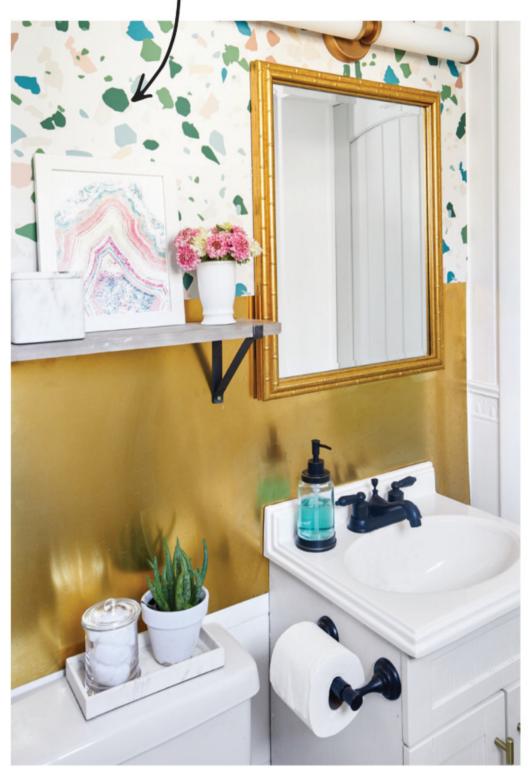
SIZED RIGHT The bed snugs against a low wall aflutter in a bird-pattern paper in the master bedroom, left. This paper, covering two walls, sparked the color scheme of pinks, golds, and teal blue. "I wanted the blue for my husband," Ashley says. "It was tricky to find a bed because we couldn't go too high in this room—this was the tallest bed we could have in this space." The bed is dressed in mostly white linens for a clean, hotellike retreat, with pink pillows for accents. Another set of built-in bookshelves and a window seat pile on even more coziness.

PEEL-AND-STICK WALLPAPER IN A LARGE-SCALE TERRAZZO PATTERN CROWNS A THIN SHEET OF BRASS STRETCHED ON THE WALL BEHIND THE VANITY FOR AN INEXPENSIVE AND ATTRACTIVE BACKSPLASH OPTION.

OVER THE RAINBOW

This laundry room makes a run for the highlight of the home, right. With multicolor stripes painted on the floor, large subway tiles sheathing part of the wall, and boisterous wallpaper covering the rest, it creates quite the view when passing from kitchen to backyard. A brass finishing strip gleams where tiles and paper meet—a glamorous exclamation point.







SOFT SURROUNDINGS

Ashley claimed one of several sheds on the property as her very own spot for garden-related gear and activities, left and opposite. "The more I looked at this one, the more I could tell that someone put a lot of time into it," she says. It was already electrified, for instance, and it had a pea gravel floor. "This is the one space where I painted everything pink, even the trim and the electrical outlet." she says. The color wraps the space in cheer and charm.

FAST FIXES

A GARDENING

GETAWAY, AND

PART WITH A

Sometimes all you need is a makeover—rather than an overhaul—to refresh a room. Here are Ashley Wilson's go-tos for redoing a space on a small budget and tight timetable.

PAINT FOR JUST ABOUT ANYTHING

Never underestimate the perfecting power of paint! Ashley is fearless when it comes to painting anything, including tile and faucets. High-traffic areas need a little extra love to keep them looking new. Painted countertops, for example, got a few coats of polyurethane so they don't show as much wear and tear.

REMOVABLE WALLPAPER

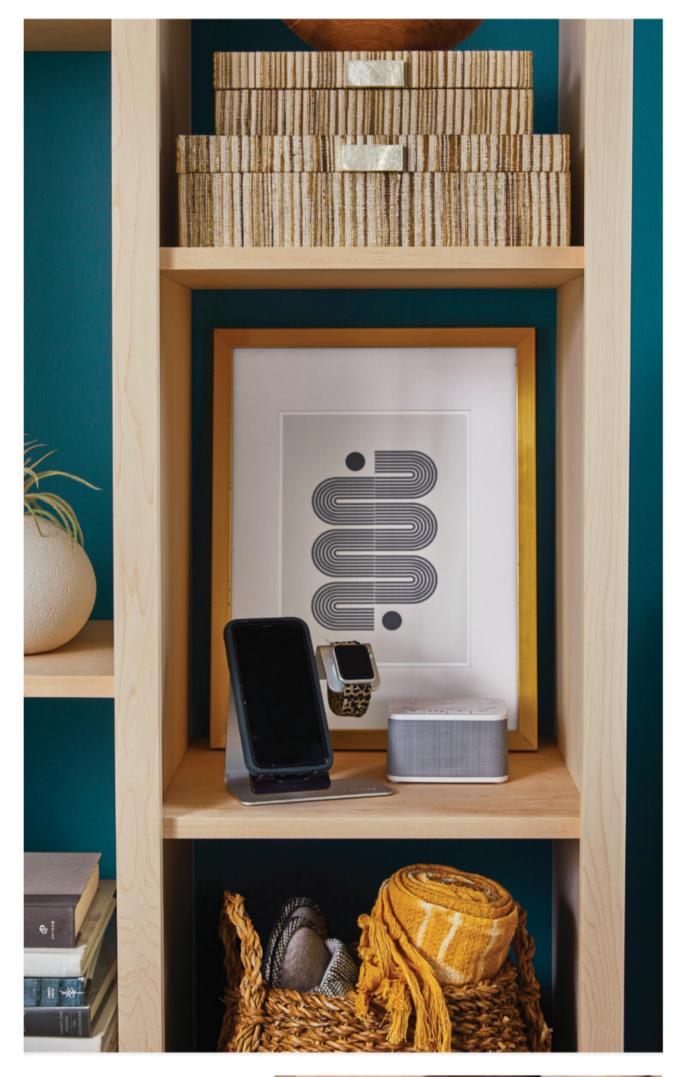
Subtracting paste from installing wallpaper means the paper can be easily applied in almost any room. Plus peel-and-stick paper can be moved or even removed if the mood strikes—or if something isn't right.

PEEL-AND-STICK TILE

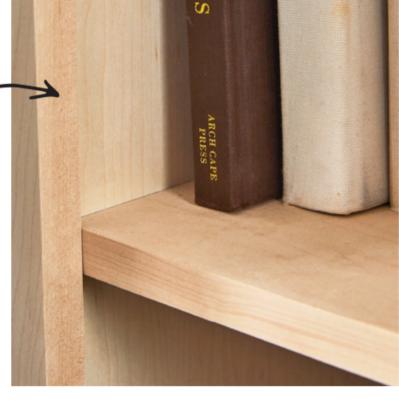
Another self-adhesive product in Ashley's armory, these tiles can be cut with scissors and stuck to almost any clean surface to hide dated elements and refresh a room. There are also peel-and-stick options for flooring.







THOUGH IT LOOKS COMPLICATED, THIS SHELF IS AN EASY BEGINNER PROJECT AND A GOOD INTRODUCTION TO USING A TABLE SAW AND NAIL GUN. RENT TOOLS IF STORAGE AND COST ARE CONCERNS.



MAKE IT

VERTICAL WOOD SHELVES

MATERIALS

- 1-inch-thick birch plywood
- Table saw
- Fine sandpaper
- Nails
- Nail gun
- Wood filler
- Semigloss polyurethane
- Cordless drill
- Screws
- Wall anchors

Step 1 Measure and cut wood to size. Cut three vertical pieces 15×96 inches. (These instructions are for standard 8-foot ceilings; if your height is different, adjust the length.) Cut seven pieces measuring 15×15 inches and three face frames measuring $1\frac{1}{2}\times96$ inches (or your alternative height).

Step 2 Sand all pieces using fine sandpaper. Lay out left-side shelf components, placing three shelves to form four equal spaces. Install shelves by nailing from the outer sides of the vertical pieces.

Step 3 Lay out the other components, dividing into five equal distances. Nail through the center vertical support and the outside of the right-hand piece.

Step 4 Nail the face-frame pieces into place on the front of the vertical boards. Fill nail holes with wood filler; when dry, sand smooth.

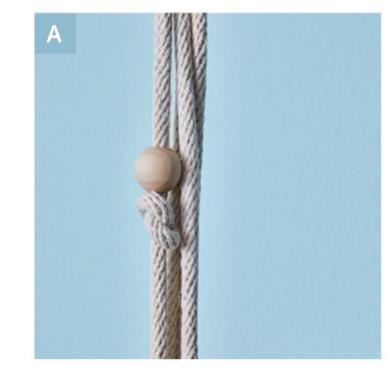
Step 5 Working in a protected, well-ventilated area, seal with polyurethane; let dry.

Step 6 Install by driving screws into the side wall and using wall anchors for the back wall; secure anchors to wall studs to support the weight of the shelf.

VERTICAL APPEAL Set amid the intense blue-green wall (Benjamin Moore Dollar Bill Green 2050-20), the natural wood shelving provides architectural interest and ample storage for books, art, plants, and other accessories, opposite and above left. Provide a light source by screwing a wall-mount fixture to the side of the unit. The yellow pillows and throws complement the warm brass of the fixture.



SWINGER A twist on macramé, this beaded hanging table clears floor space and tucks neatly beside your bed, above. To support the weight of the structure, make sure to hang it from a hook secured to the ceiling joists (use a stud finder to locate).



MAKE IT

BEADED BEDSIDE **TABLE**

- 1-inch-thick maple plywood (4x4-foot sheet)
- Saw
- Drill and ½-inch drill bit
- Fine sandpaper
- Clear polyurethane
- Paintbrush
- 5/16-inch-thick cotton rope: 50 feet for 8-foot ceiling height
- Masking tape
- Natural wood beads (we used 11/4" and 7/8" sizes)
- 18-gauge florists wire and wire cutters (optional)
- Ceiling hook that can hold up to 15 pounds

Step 1 Cut two plywood 15x24-inch shelves, and drill a hole 2 inches from each outer corner. Sand and top with clear polyurethane.

Step 2 Fold two 25-foot lengths of cotton rope in half; fashion a loop at the top for hanging the shelf.

Step 3 Wrap the four rope ends with masking tape. On one of the lengths thread a small wood bead 12 inches from the top; knot below (A). Repeat with the remaining ropes, spacing each bead 6 inches down from the previous.

Step 4 Draw ropes together another 6 inches down and tie together.

Step 5 Separate the ropes and start threading beads four small beads and one large bead, then eight small beads and a large bead. Add eight small beads and one large bead, then eight more small beads on each rope as shown. Tie knots to secure.

Step 6 Thread each rope through one shelf and tie a knot to secure. Thread two small, one large, and another two small beads on each of the ropes and tie knots below. Place second shelf and repeat knots.

Step 7 Finish the ropes by placing two small beads and a large bead, four small and a large, four small and a large. Finish with two small beads on each strand.

Step 8 Draw rope ends together and tie. Trim the tassel to desired length. If desired to better hold the form of the ropes, thread florists wire into the end of each rope and snip with wire cutters.

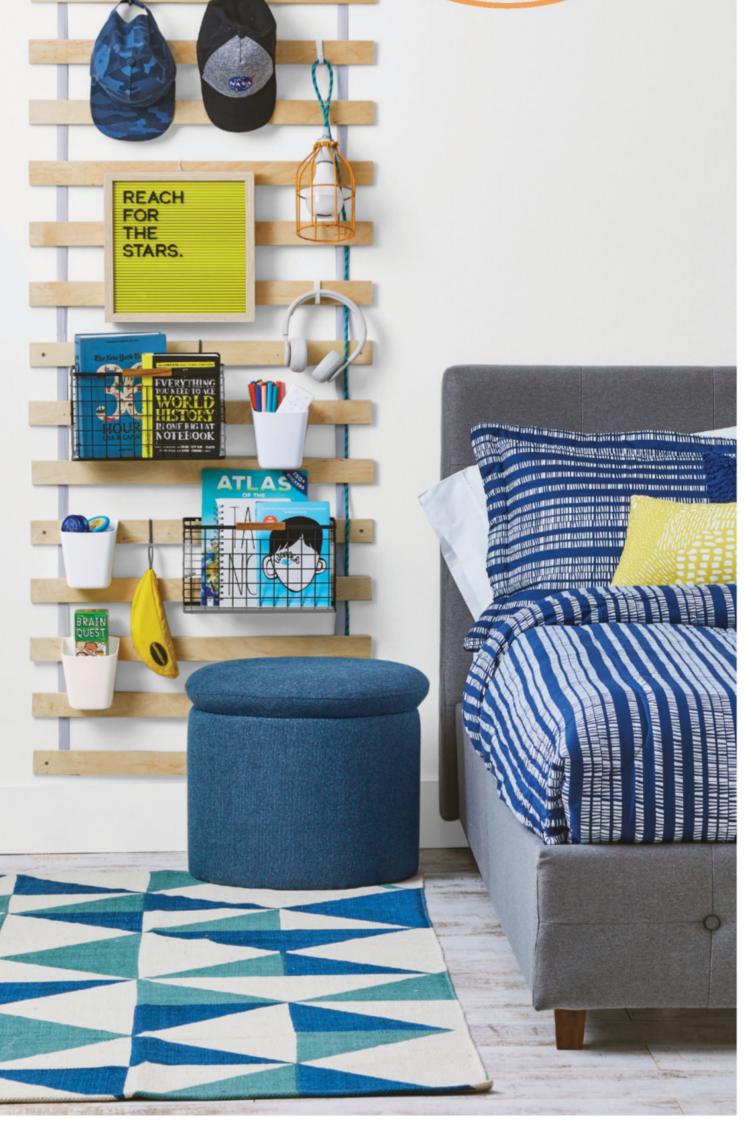
Step 9 Screw ceiling hook into joist, and loop rope onto hook to hang table.





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up the wall Perfect for a kid's room, this quick wall organization system, left and above, starts with IKEA's twin-size bed rail. Using a level, determine the best placement and height of the rail (it's a two-person job). Mark the top with pencil. Attach to the wall at the top and bottom with screw anchors and screws (drill pilot holes first), or drill directly into wall studs. Hang accessories from S hooks.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 102.



BACKYARD BLISS

Small-scale projects net a huge transformation in this young family's tiny townhouse backyard, providing the at-home lifestyle they've dreamed of.

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SAVING SPACE Homeowner Brittany Goldwyn Merth, above with husband Mike, designed an outdoor living space for their townhome. "DIY is a great way to go because most outdoor furniture pieces don't cater to smaller spaces." With limited floor space for furnishings and her beloved plants, Brittany turned to vertical options, opposite. "We hung painted clay pots along our deck posts to make more space for high-sun herbs and flowers," she says. "And I have at least seven hooks for hanging baskets and one plant that vines up a corner deck post. This helps fill in the space with greenery."

BRITTANY GOLDWYN MERTH'S HAPPY PLACE? HER OWN BACKYARD. DESPITE LIVING IN A TOWNHOME DEVELOPMENT WHERE shared walls and

neighbors within literal reach might make privacy seem unattainable, Brittany and her husband, Mike Merth, have made their 25×25-foot space into a mini retreat just beyond their Frederick, Maryland, back door.

With the help of Brittany's dad (a professional contractor), the couple created a whole lot of something out of nothing. "One of the first orders of business right when we moved in <code>\[\] in 2016 \[\] was building the second-story deck because there was just a sliding door to nowhere," she says. But that left an uneven patch of grass and mud below. So in the spring of 2018, Brittany, the blogger behind *By Brittany Goldwyn*, got to work designing a space worthy of spending time with her hubby and then-infant daughter, Ramona. The entire project included installing fencing around the couple's small plot and building an 8×12-foot deck at ground level, below the existing upper-level deck. Brittany built furnishings for the space and even a slatted screen to hide the air-conditioning unit.</code>

The result? Paradise. "We spend a lot of time out there," she says, "whether it's just hanging out after work or on the weekends or with a glass of wine after Ramona goes to bed." The outdoor living addition came at an opportune time. "I've also been spending a lot of time out on the deck since I've been working from home," Brittany says. "It's been a really nice change of pace from my makeshift office inside!"



LIVING LARGE Brittany wanted an easy-tomaintain space to "bring my houseplants for the summer, hang out after work, and let our daughter play," she says. When she looked for inspiration, the internet did not deliver. "A lot of the design ideas were for much larger spaces and wouldn't work scaled down to our backyard," she says. "Because of this, a lot of things were trial and error." She hopes her blog will "show people that you can create a beautiful, functional space even if you can't hire a professional landscaper or don't have a big yard."



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FUR-FAMILY AFFAIR Brittany furnished the space with retail finds—seating from an end-of-season sale at Target and an outdoor rug atop the gray composite decking. Blanche, one of the family felines, is a fan, above. "Our cats are indoor kitties, but we let them come out onto the deck with us while we are out there so they can sniff around, chase flies, and sunbathe," Brittany says.

SIMPLE BOX BUILD TOPPED WITH THREE CONCRETE PAVERS. SHE FINISHED THE BASE USING VARATHANE WOOD STAIN IN KONA AND MINWAX HELMSMAN SPAR URETHANE IN SATIN. "I DECIDED NOT TO SEAL THE PAVERS SO THEY ACT AS **COASTERS WHEN YOU SET** A DRINK ON THEM," SHE SAYS.



TABLE FOR TWO Brittany made the matching coffee and side tables, above. "I designed them with 2x2 pine for the bases and 12x12-inch concrete pavers for the tops," she says. "I needed a really slim coffee table to fit the space. The pavers were cheaper and easier than pouring a concrete top." The tables, she says, are small and narrow, "but they have been enough for us in the space," functioning as a surface for drinks and snacks, a plant stand, an ottoman, and extra seating when needed.



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THE BIG SCREEN Brittany built the L-shape screen, *above*, that masks the air-conditioning unit beside the deck using 2x4s as vertical posts and 1x4s as slats. The screen, stained to match the tables she built, sits on pavers rather than being anchored to the ground or fixed to the house "We can easily slide it out of the way if we need to access the unit," she says. Surrounded by plants, it hides in plain site. Visit Brittany's blog at *bybrittanygoldwyn.com* for step-by-step instructions on building the screen and the tables.



CORNER GARDEN

A pair of DIY raised beds (approximately 11 inches deep, 81 inches long, and 35 inches wide) produce cherry tomatoes, pickling cucumbers, and peppers in one sunny corner of the backyard, left. "I love plants and really want to instill that in my daughter as well," Brittany says, "so I love taking her out there to 'help' me plant, water, and pick things from the garden."

SMALL SMARTS

Blogger Brittany Goldwyn Merth inspires those of us with limited square footage with her space-smart ideas and projects. Her backyard is no exception. Here are a few keys to her small-space success.

MAKE IT EASY TO

MAINTAIN Composite deck boards promise to retain their finish and not show wear from weather as wood does. To keep the area around the deck free of weeds, "Mike and I dug up the grass and laid landscaping fabric and a simple black landscape edging to create a nice clean border," Brittany says. "I filled this with a pretty river rock that we got from a local nursery. I also added some basic concrete stepping-stones in a few sunny spots where I wanted to put potted plants."

CHOOSE SCALED-DOWN FURNISHINGS On

Brittany's list of must-haves for the deck was "a place to relax comfortably even though we couldn't fit a sectional," she says. Instead, she scored a love seat and pair of chairs at an end-of-season sale. The small-scale pieces fit the 8×12-foot deck without overwhelming it, partly due to their openweave sides that allow light to pass through.

ADD AMBIENCE String lights hung from the rafters of the upper-level deck give the lower living space a magical quality after the

sun sets. "I love how it feels at night when you plug in the hanging lights and sit on the deck surrounded by plants pretending like you aren't also surrounded by other houses!" she says.

UPGRADE OVER TIME

Brittany says her space continues to grow with new projects and ideas. "We've changed things as our needs have evolved like removing the baby swing and building a pebble play box for Ramona and removing the outdoor curtains and replacing them with roller solar shades when our budget allowed."







JUST A TRIM Deep blue boldly envelops Savannah Kokaliares' master bedroom, while monochromatic trimwork adds subtle sophistication, opposite and above. For this focal wall, Savannah used 4- and 5-inch-diameter round wood plaques and half-round polystyrene molding cut into $13\frac{1}{4}$ -, $18\frac{1}{4}$ -, and $28\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lengths. Using a level, she first marked the vertical center of the wall. To begin creating this fretwork-style design, she cut a 5-inch plaque in half, centering it on the center line at the ceiling and attaching it with a brad nailer. She then worked in square sections with 4-inch-diameter circles placed at a square's center and corners and 5-inch circles placed at the center of each side. The 181/4-inch lengths connect the circles horizontally and vertically, while the $13\frac{1}{4}$ and $28\frac{1}{2}$ inch lengths connect them diagonally. To prep for paint, fill all holes with wood filler using a putty knife. Then paint using an angled brush and a small roller.



SAVANNAH KOKALIARES (RIGHT) OF CLASSY CLUTTER AND MALLORY NIKOLAUS OF MN HOME AND MONARCH HOME GOODS BOTH LOVE A GOOD DIY. FRIENDS SINCE HIGH SCHOOL, THE **BLOGGERS HAVE SHARED** THEIR MUTUAL PASSION FOR CREATING—AND THEIR **CLEVER HOME PROJECTS—** WITH ONLINE READERS FOR OVER 10 YEARS, OFTEN LENDING A HAND AND MORAL SUPPORT TO ONE ANOTHER ALONG THE WAY. TO FOLLOW ALONG AS THEY IMPROVE THEIR HOMES ROOM-BY-ROOM— **SAVANNAH IN MESA, ARIZONA, AND MALLORY IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE— FOLLOW SAVANNAH AT** CLASSYCLUTTER .NET AND MALLORY AT MALLORYNIKOLAUS.COM.

PAINT LIKE SAVANNAH AND MALLORY

Q: You're no stranger to an accent wall. How do you know when a room calls for one?

A: Savannah: I love accent walls to create a focal point in the room or when I'm inspired by a print or an idea that would be too busy on all four walls.

Mallory: My favorite accent walls include Sharpie Paint Pen designs or using a wall mural to create a focal point.

What are some of your favorite paint techniques you've tried on walls?

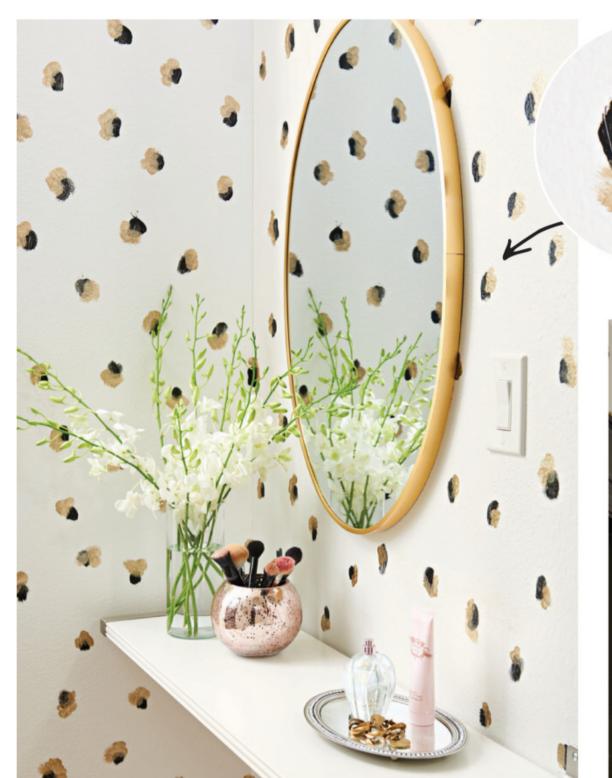
A: Savannah: Over the years I've done several striped or dash walls with paint that create such fun, interesting patterns—and it's cost effective.

Mallory: My favorite paint techniques include using flat/matte paint on the walls and semigloss paint on doors and trim to add subtle contrast and interest to a space.

What tools do you find yourself reaching for again and again for painted wall treatments?

A: Savannah: The paint edger is such a game changer. I'll admit that paint prep is not my favorite, and this tool is a painter's best friend!

Mallory: My go-to paint tool is the Wooster Shortcut paintbrush. I buy them in bulk and NEVER complete a project without one.



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STROKE OF GENIUS Inject fashion-inspired style into a small space—and get a wallpaper look for less—by hand-painting trendy, cheetah-inspired spots, *above*. Using 1-inch round crafts brushes, Mallory Nikolaus blotted dots of black latex paint randomly on the white walls in her dressing room. Once dry, she layered dabs of metallic gold paint over and next to the existing black spots.

DRAW THE LINE Grab a \$5 gold Sharpie oil-base paint marker and a straightedge to level up your white walls in less than an afternoon. In her kids' game room, below, Mallory drew a series of vertical, horizontal, and diagonal lines to create a geometric wall mural that goes up much more quickly than wallpaper. Use a long level to ensure your lines are straight and parallel with one another when necessary. A medium-tip paint marker shows up well while still maintaining a modern look.





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GOING FREESTYLE With a 1-inch angle brush and a quart of paint, you can achieve an adventurous accent wall without breaking the bank. Before freehand-painting this high-contrast pattern in her son's bedroom, above, Savannah first mocked up a mix of dashes, dots, and zigzags in Photoshop. With a loose game plan, she got to work, starting at the top and working her way across and down the wall. To avoid drips and achieve varying color density, she loaded very little paint on her brush each time.



TORMING TABLES

One man's trash is another man's ... TV show? Yes, at least when it came to this former Waco, Texas, dilapidated farmhouse—polished into a true treasure by HGTV's Clint and Kelly Harp.

WORDS KATHRYN O'SHEA-EVANS PHOTOGRAPHS NATHAN SCHRODER STYLING LAUREN RAMIREZ



A TRUE FIXER UPPER Clint and Kelly Harp, above, and their kids—Holland, Camille, and Hudson—on the porch of the home they lived in for two years and now run as an Airbnb rental. They saved money by creating a short (rather than long) front porch and gave it more prominence by adding a top railing above using 2x6s and 2x4s, squaring the rounded edges.

SOMETIMES IT TAKES A VISIONARY TO FIND VALUE IN REFUSE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE RUBBISH IN QUESTION IS A TUMBLEDOWN HOUSE SO HAIR-RAISING THAT RATS AND SQUIRRELS HAVE TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN

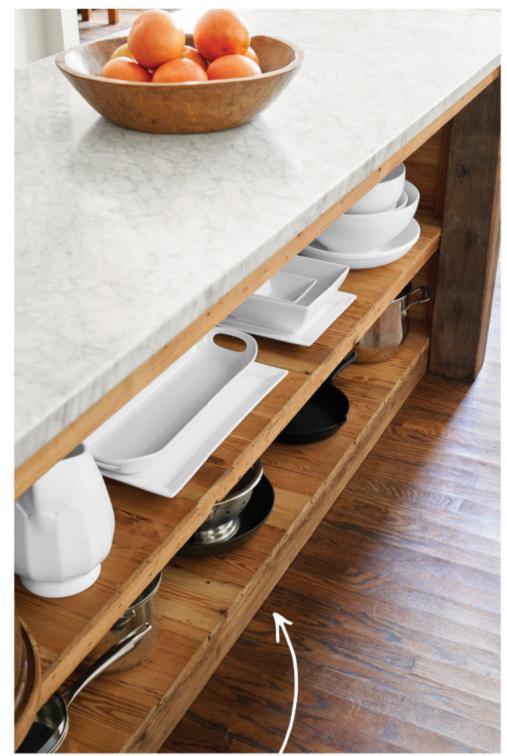
THE WALLS. Consider this Waco, Texas, abode, purchased for \$10,000 by Clint and Kelly Harp, who moved to town in 2011. "This two-story white farmhouse had turned basically into a crack house," says Clint, who spotted it across the street from a woodshop he'd been renting from Habitat for Humanity, where he was volunteering while Kelly was in grad school. "It looked like it was going to fall down."

With Kelly in school and Clint not finding much work as a carpenter, the couple was almost broke. They'd decided to fill up their gas tank one last time when a minor miracle occurred: Chip Gaines pulled up alongside them in his truck, long before HGTV was a glimmer in his eye. What a difference that tank of gas made. Clint began making furniture for the couple who would go on to host *Fixer Upper*. (Clint became a fixture on the show, and he and Kelly hosted their own show *Wood Work* for the DIY Network. Clint will soon be hosting his own show on the upcoming Magnolia Network, *Restoration Road*, with Clint Harp.)

When they decided to buy the eyesore and do a gut remodel, they discovered teamwork really does make the dream work: Chip and Joanna chose the house for an episode of their then brand-new show. "It was so infested with rats and junk we had to tear it all out," Clint says, who remembers filling three or four roll-off dumpsters with trash they pulled out of the home. Still, within weeks, the couples reworked it into the showpiece it is today (the Harp family lived there for over two years, and now rent it as an Airbnb property). "It's very scary to buy a property where everything has to be redone, but on the other hand, it's kind of better—you don't have as many surprises," Kelly says. The biggest bombshell? Just how beautifully it turned out.







WHEN BUILDING AN ISLAND, CLINT AND KELLY RECOMMEND LEAVING ONE SIDE OPEN TO AVOID THE HASSLE OF BUILDING DRAWERS AND DOORS. BONUS: EASY ACCESS TO TABLEWARE.

THRIFT SHOPPERS "We were on a major budget, and a great option is to get unfinished wooden cabinets and paint them," Kelly says of the kitchen cabinetry, left. "We went to a warehouse surplus store for our cabinets." Clint built the island from reclaimed pine and topped it with hard-wearing marble. "A piece of marble fits in both a Texas farmhouse or New York loft because it elevates the style," Clint says.



JOANNA GAINES GIFTED THE COUPLE THIS DISTRESSED **BLACK METAL GLASS** RACK, AVAILABLE ON MAGNOLIA'S WEBSITE.

-CLINT HARP, HOMEOWNER

DIP INTO DIY "I know a lot of people look at my stuff and think 'Oh, I can't make that, it's so complicated,' and I get it," Clint says. "The bigger point with DIY stuff is just to try it." He recommends dipping a toe in DIY waters by buying a cheap coffee table and making a new wood top for it. The dining table, right, can be found at Clint and Kelly's company Harp Design Co. (harpdesignco .com). The couple installed a tall row of 12-inch-deep cabinetry along one kitchen wall, far right, to serve as pantry and china cabinet.











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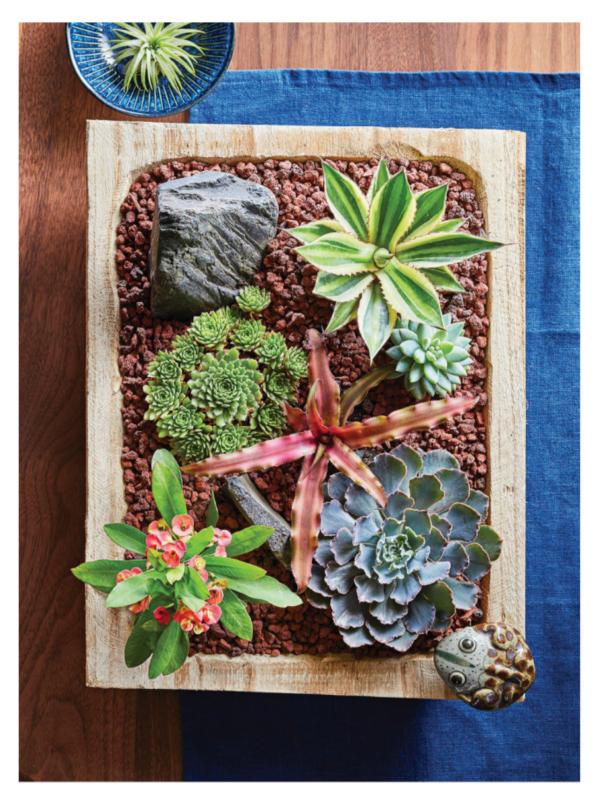
WEIGHTY ISSUES "When we moved into that house, having a claw-foot tub was the most luxurious thing I could think of," says Kelly, who calls it sculpture for the bathroom. "I was very committed to it being real cast iron and not acrylic." She searched and searched to find one within budget and found the freestanding versus built-in tub option to be the most budget-conscious after all. "It was a whole package, including plumbing, and ended up being cost effective when you consider all the plumbing pieces and tile that you're not needing to pay someone for," she says. (Just be sure your floors can handle the weight of a cast-iron tub.)











LIVING ARTWORK A wood trough housing an intricate and striking arrangement of succulents becomes a piece of art thanks to thoughtful composition and choice of vegetation, above. Shown clockwise from top right: Agave 'Quadricolor', Echeveria 'Estrella', earth star, Echeveria 'Blue Curls', desert rose, and Sempervivum.





miniature Landscape Playing with proportions when choosing garden elements can create a statement piece that mimics a realistic landscape. The height of the variegated Ming aralia juxtaposed against the large rock in this stone-filled bowl, *above*, nods to a lone tree rooted next to a boulder. Placing the arrangement atop a stack of offset tiles adds height, color, and visual movement.



BABY BONSAI

Carefully trimmed to expose its branch structure, this bonsai ficus set in spike moss resembles a sprawling tree growing out of the grass. The ficus does not require much water, but the moss needs misting a couple of times a week.

PLANTS FOR DISH GARDENS

Put a little thought behind your dish garden picks and you'll have a stunning arrangement that lasts!

BASIC NEEDS Make sure the plants you combine share similar requirements for water, humidity, and light exposure.

VARIETY VIEWS For interest, choose plants that vary in height, texture, shape, and color.

LOW RIDERS Stick with succulents and cacti for a garden of all low plants.

GROWTH PLAN Give the plants plenty of room to grow so you don't have to repot after a few months.

Check the tags to see plant size information before buying.

A few of our faves to mix and match:

BLOOMING PLANTS

Kalanchoe, begonia, mini cyclamen, African violets

TRAILING AND LEAFY PLANTS

Ivy, parallel peperomia, pitcher plant, water lettuce, variegated spoonleaf peperomia

UPRIGHT PLANTS

Norfolk pine, papyrus, sansevieria, ficus, umbrella plant, Calathea vittata, false aralia, variegated Ming aralia

MOSS

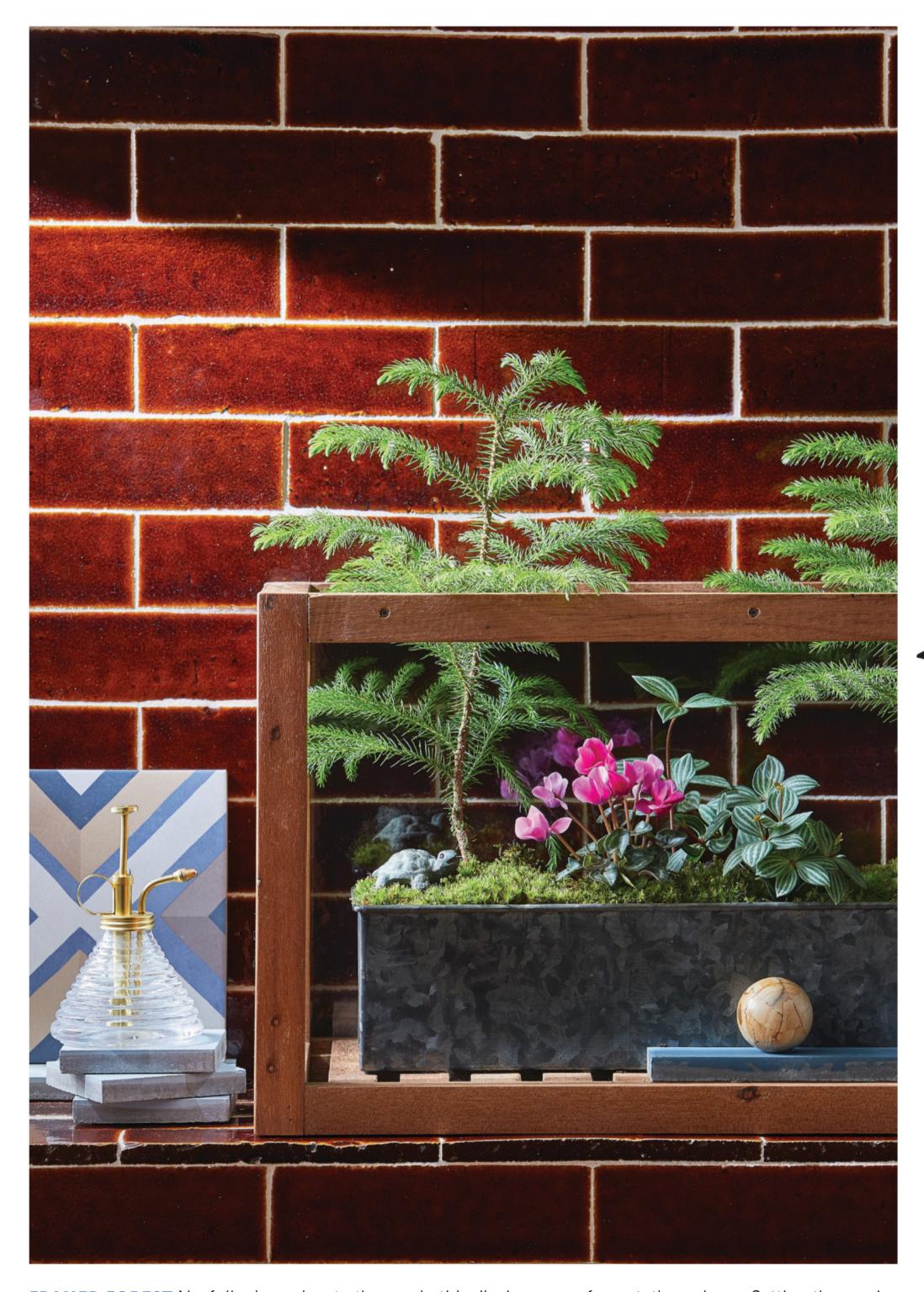
Cushion moss, Selaginella (spike moss), Dicranum scoparium (broom forkmoss), reindeer moss

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Sempervivum, Agave 'Quadricolor', Echeveria 'Estrella', desert rose, pink blush aloe, lithops, prickly pear cactus







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FRAMED FOREST Norfolk pines elevate the eye in this display case of vegetation, *above*. Setting the garden container within an open-sided wood crate adds dimension and frames the tiny trees teamed with cushion moss, mini cyclamen, and parallel peperomia.

RESOURCES

SHOPPING GUIDE

Here's where to find building materials, furnishings, and accessories shown in *Do It Yourself*TM magazine. We cannot guarantee the availability of items or services.

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bedbathandbeyond.com.

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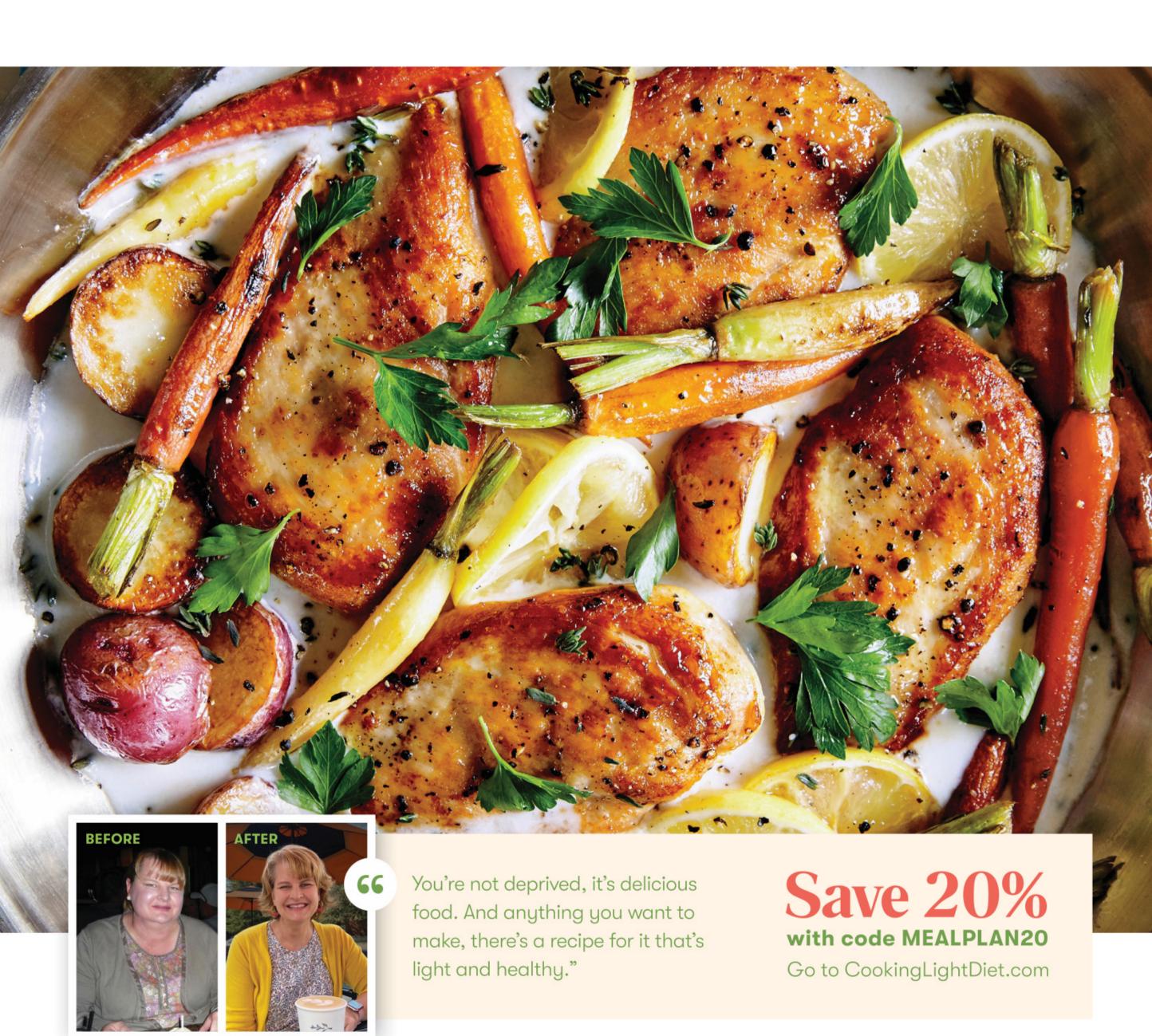
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