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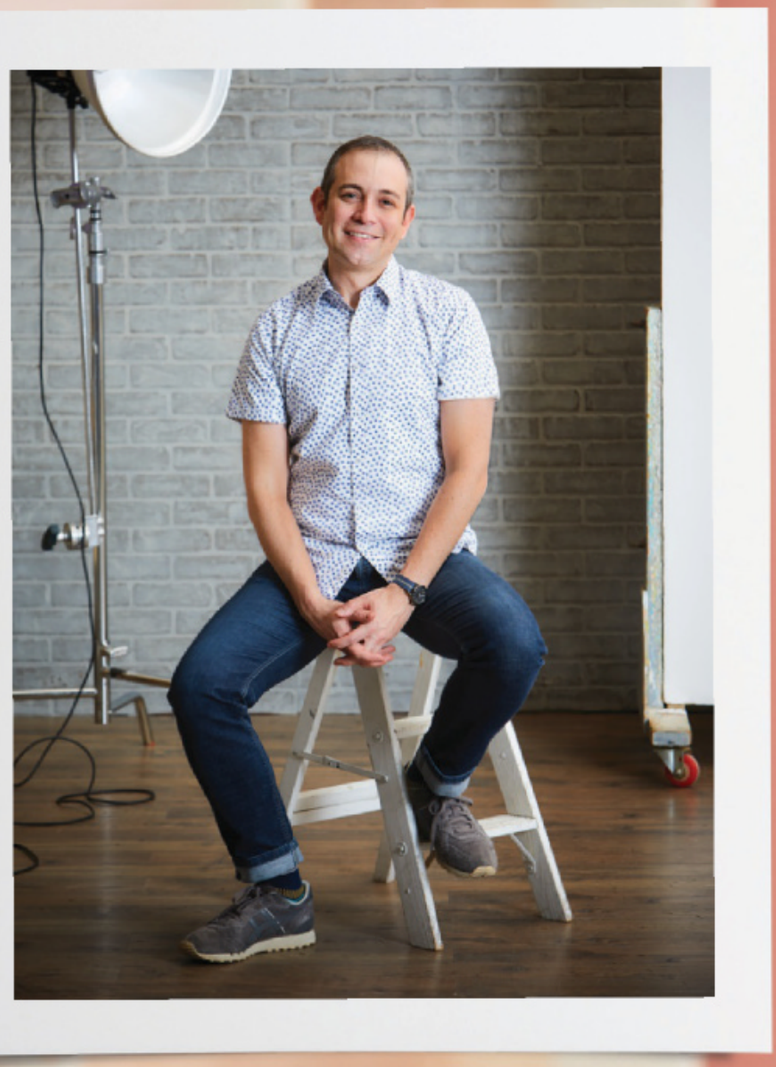

FROM THE EDITOR

If we'd been sitting near each other at the movies, you probably would have shushed me, too. Colin Firth, as King George VI in *The King's Speech*, sits down in Lionel Logue's studio for the first time—and suddenly he's in front of the most beautifully decrepit wall. I don't remember exactly what I said, but it was loud enough for half a dozen heads to turn and glare at me. (Go ahead, Google "The King's Speech Wall" and you'll see what I mean about this gorgeous wall.) I felt a similar thrill while we were photographing the six stunning projects that appear in "Statement Walls," *page 50*. Each of these designs would be a scene-stealer on film or in your own home. And the best part? You can finish them on a non-Hollywood budget in a weekend or less.

We've packed this issue with eye-catching ideas, including an adorable Easter tablescape ("A Tisket, a Tasket," *page 84*), easy mirror makeovers ("Magic Mirror, *page 28*), and a tropical-theme whole-house remodel ("One to Grow On," *page 58*). Whatever your style or decorating goal, you'll find ways to bring the wow factor to your next DIY project. And we promise not to shush any exclamations of wonder when your next dazzling creation is unveiled!

Brian

Brian Kramer
Editor, *Do It Yourself*™

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JUMP TO IT

Longer, warmer days are a welcome sign to wrap up indoor to-dos and start tackling outdoor projects.



OUTDOOR REFRESHERS

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SAVVY SEED STARTING

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SEASONAL SPRUCE-UP

Banish those winter blahs. This step-by-step guide to spring cleaning will make you—and your home—feel good indoors and out. *BHG.com/SpringCleaning*

WHAT TO DO WITH CHUNKY YARN

Add great texture to your home without extensive knitting or crochet skills. You'll want to reach out and touch these simple, supersize yarn projects.

PROJECTS **JODI HARRIS** PHOTOGRAPHS **NICOLAS GOURGUECHON**
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BOHO BASKET A loose-weave seagrass basket is easy to accent with simple stitches, *below.* Cut yarn to 18- to 24-inch lengths and thread through a large-eye plastic needle. Tie ends into a knot. Stitch through the basket in the pattern of your choice. Here, the yarn loops over the basket top. When done stitching, knot yarn in the basket interior and finish as desired, such as cinching the center of some embellishments. Accent with a pom-pom or tassel (find instructions at *BHG.com/DIYTassels*).







TO CREATE DIFFERENT LOOKS FOR YOUR POT, TRY VARIEGATED YARNS OR GO FOR A MONOCHROMATIC COLOR SCHEME. KEEP YOUR YARN IN PLACE WITH A FEW DABS OF HOT GLUE.

CRAFTED CONTAINER Super chunky twisted yarn jazzes up a basic flowerpot with texture and color, *above.* Cut yarn to the pot's circumference, adding 4 inches to the measurement. Using hot glue, secure the yarn around the pot's base, leaving 2-inch ends. Tie ends together and trim. Repeat in one or more colors to produce the desired look.

MAKE YOUR OWN DIY YARN NEEDLE USING DUCT TAPE. TIGHTLY WRAP THE TAPE AROUND THE END OF THE YARN AND THREAD THROUGH THE FABRIC.



WOVEN RUNNER A natural fiber table runner gets a style upgrade with a few rows of stitches, *this photo.* Cut yarn to the runner width plus 10 to 12 inches. Tie yarn to short end of the runner and weave through using desired stitch length. Finish at the other edge with a knot. Repeat with as many rows and colors as you like.



WANT TO GIVE YOUR ORB EVEN MORE TEXTURE? BEFORE YOU FINISH WRAPPING IT UP, THREAD BEADS ONTO THE YARN AS DESIRED FOR ANOTHER LAYER OF TACTILE INTEREST.

ORNAMENTAL ORBS Colorful balls of yarn are an easy way to roll some color and DIY attitude into a room, *above.* Instead of using an entire skein of yarn, simply cover a craft foam ball with a few quick tight loops of yarn and tuck the end piece under a few of the strands. This is the perfect project for making the most of leftovers.



CHUNKY BLANKET To create a tactile throw perfect for snuggling up, *left,* you can choose your adventure, including hand-knitting, arm-knitting, and old-fashioned knitting needles. We used hand-knitting, but check online tutorials to compare all your options. Purchase at least three skeins of super chunky (we used a jumbo-weight yarn) to create a lap blanket. Tip: If you are hand-knitting, make sure to have plenty of floor space to spread out while you work.





ROSY ACCENT Dress up a pillow, handbag, or jacket with a flower embellishment, *left.* Cut a cardboard template to the desired circumference. Make a small hole in the center of the template. Cut a long piece of yarn (several feet); thread through the hole and wrap around the template an odd number of times (11 here). Pull a 3-foot length of yarn through the center hole and tie off (this will be the back). Weave the yarn through the framework, starting at the center (A). Keep weaving to finish the entire circle, changing the yarn type as desired. Tie off ends at the back. For extra sparkle, pull through a short section of gold yarn at the circle center. Tie off on the back. On the front, separate the yarns to create the look of a flower stamen. Sew the finished rose on your desired piece for a flowery embellishment.



PLUSH PILLOW Use hand-knitting to create an oh-so-soft pillow, *left.* This cloudlike look required just a skein of soft faux-fur yarn and less than 30 minutes. Start by making a slipknot (A), leaving a 12-inch tail. Create a series of chain stitches (12 to 14) to build the base and connect to create a circle. From here, hand-knit by threading the yarn through the loops and building a cylinder to the length of your choice. Then weave the tail through the first row of stitches and cinch. Fill with a pillow form or fiberfill. Finish the open end by weaving through all the open loops, cinching and tying off. Consistent stitch sizes are key (it's easy to pull stitches out in case of mistakes). Fingers are the perfect measurement guide. Start the end with a tight slipknot, then make chain stitches that are two fingers in size.

DO IT BETTER

A PUFFY YARN LIKE THE CHENILLE USED FOR THIS CLOUD PILLOW IS EASY TO WORK WITH, PLUS ITS FULLNESS PREVENTS THE PILLOW FORM OR FIBERFILL FROM SHOWING THROUGH.



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ORGANIC ART Fun feather wall hangings, *this photo,* require only one knot type to make. Cut a 24-inch length of yarn and fold in half. Loop through a hardware ring and tie a lark's head knot (find how-tos online). Cut 24 pieces of the same yarn to 6 inches. Fold one of the pieces in half and connect to the center yarn with a lark's head knot; pull the ends to the left. Take a second yarn and repeat, pulling the ends to the right. Continue, alternating the sides. Once all 24 pieces are tied on, tighten knots. Tie off the original long center strings to secure. Trim into desired feather shape. Repeat to create additional feathers.

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MEET THE MAKER

EASY POTTERY

Turn air-dry and polymer clay into artisan keepsakes, stylish decor, and useful housewares with help from blogger Francesca Stone.

PROJECTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS **FRANCESCA STONE**
WORDS **CHELSEA EVERS**

TO CREATE A SEAMLESS POT, WRAP CLAY AROUND A CYLINDER AND USE THE WARMTH FROM YOUR FINGERTIPS TO SMOOTH CLAY ENDS TOGETHER.





FRANCESCA STONE HAS BEEN TURNING COMPLEX PROJECTS INTO EASY-TO-FOLLOW TUTORIALS ON HER BLOG *FALL FOR DIY* FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. FRANCESCA'S LOVE OF CRAFTS LED HER TO TRY HER HAND AT POTTERY AND THEN WRITE A BOOK, *EASY HOMEMADE POTTERY,* ABOUT CREATING STYLISH HOME DECOR PIECES FROM POLYMER AND AIR-DRY CLAY.

THE MAKER: **FRANCESCA STONE**

The blogger behind *Fall for DIY* shares her favorite tips and tricks for working with clay.

Q: What do you love about clay as a medium?

A: The best thing about clay is that it gives you a lot of space to fail. You can mess up and just easily start again with the same piece of clay—you can reshape it or add or take clay away as part of the process. You can smooth or texture, join pieces together, or add color in varnishes and finishes. The versatility of clay gives you so many ways to add personality to your designs.

Q: What do you want people to know about working with air-dry and polymer clay?

A: Air-dry clay is one amazing alternative [to fired clay] that you can use to create so many different projects right from your kitchen table. You don't need any tools to get started, just your hands and somewhere safe to keep the clay while it dries. Polymer clays are oil-based and hold up better against water. They do require baking, but they're safe to use in your home oven. Polymer clays are great for smaller projects; they're very easy to shape and mold in a variety of ways.

Q: What tools do you suggest to get started?

A: The most important tools are the surface you're working on and your finishing materials. You can also buy inexpensive tool sets, which include basic cutting and smoothing tools. I always work on a tile surface no matter the type of clay I'm using because it's sturdy and durable as well as nonstick, which is very important when working with clay.







HOMEMADE HOUSEWARES

1 Achieve a speckled look by crushing or blending dried clay, then sprinkling it on the surface of a fresh sheet of clay. An extruder easily forms uniform handles.

2 An unexpected ingredient gives these nesting plates their stoneware style—pepper! Rolled into a fresh white sheet of clay, it mimics reduction speckling caused by iron deposits in traditionally fired stoneware.

3 Created from two shades of clay rolled together, this moon banner is an easy beginner project. Just use a cookie cutter to cut shapes, then let dry and string together.





MAKE IT

SNAIL MAIL HOLDER

MATERIALS

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Two ½-inch-thick wood pieces
- Clay knife
- Crafts knife
- Parchment paper
- Damp sponge
- Two ¼-inch-thick wood pieces
- Circle cookie cutters in 4¼-inch, 3¾-inch, 3½-inch, 2½-inch, and 2-inch diameters
- Toothpicks
- Blending tool
- Fine sandpaper

Step 1 On a nonstick surface, roll clay out to ½ inch thick using the ½-inch wood pieces as a rolling guide. Measure, mark, and cut a 4×6-inch piece from the clay to make the base (A). Roll the scraps into a ball and set aside. Carefully transfer the rectangle to a piece of parchment paper and use a damp sponge to smooth the surface.

Step 2 To make the semicircle holders, roll clay to ¼ inch thick using the ¼-inch wood pieces as your rolling guide. Cut a circle from the clay using the 4¼-inch cookie cutter. Remove the circle from the cutter, and carefully cut it in half with a crafts knife (B). Return the unneeded half to the scraps and roll into a ball again. Repeat process to create four more semicircles using the remaining cookie cutters. Use the damp sponge to soften edges.

Step 3 Starting with the 2-inch semicircle, gently push a toothpick into the center of the straight edge. Cut the toothpick so just under ½ inch protrudes (C). Repeat with 2½-inch semicircle. For the 4¼-inch, 3¾-inch, and 3½-inch semicircles, use three toothpicks to create a more stable base for each (D).

Step 4 To attach the semicircles to the base, determine the middle of the long edge and make a mark. Push the toothpick on the smallest semicircle into the clay at the mark so the front edge of the semicircle is flush with the long edge of the rectangle. Use your finger or a blending tool to create a seamless surface .

Step 5 Measure ¾ inch from the first semicircle and halfway across the rectangle and insert the second semicircle. Repeat for the remaining three semicircles, aligning the center toothpick at the midpoint mark and blending the clay. The largest semicircle should line up with the back of the rectangle (E).

Step 6 Let the clay dry for 48 hours, then sand to refine the edges and create a smooth surface (F).

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COOL TOOLS

CRAFT ATTACK

Makers, creators, scrapbookers, knitters, and sewers know how important it is to have the right tool for the job.

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1. FISKARS BANNER CREATION SET Three banner templates and a hand punch make uniform shapes from cardstock, fabric, and more to produce party-ready pennant, spearhead, and swallowtail-shape banners. *$20; fiskars.com*

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3. HEAVY DUTY 6600C SEWING MACHINE This is the workhorse machine you want for sewing home decor and serious crafting. The metal frame houses a powerful motor and electronic features. Try 215 stitch applications and six one-step buttonhole styles. *$330; singer.com*





4. CENTER STAGE DESIGN WALL
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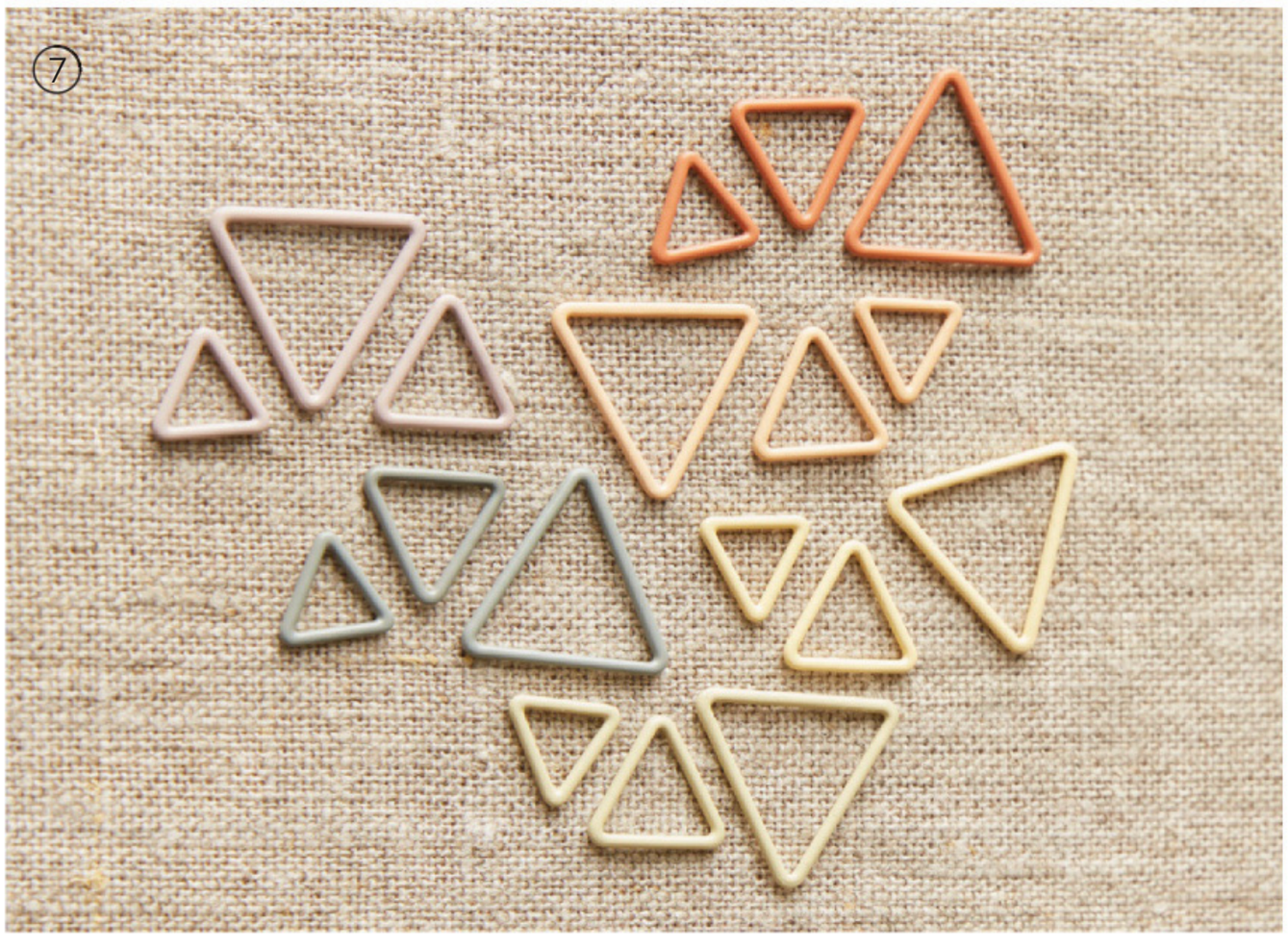
5. FISKARS SURECUT DELUXE CRAFT PAPER TRIMMER Make straight and precise cuts with a system that interlocks blade and rail. With the widest base on the market and a swing-out arm, it's ready to help with paper craft projects. $39; *amazon.com*



6. SCULPEY JEWELRY DESIGNS TEMPLATE PACK Gain consistency in your clay jewelry projects by using design templates. These six sheets of transparent templates made from a flexible material can be reused to make 64 shapes in different sizes. $5; *sculpey.com*



7. TRIANGLE STITCH MARKERS In a sea of knitting stitch markers, triangle-shape markers stick out—literally—from your work so it's easy to get the needle tip into the corner for transferring from one needle to the next. These work with needle sizes 0–13. $5; *cocoknits.com*



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8. SPRAYNBOND FABRIC STIFFENER SPRAY For fray-free easy cutting, pressing, and stitching, this spray stiffens fabric but washes out when the project is complete. This quick-drying nonaerosol spray requires no soaking time. **$10; *thermoweb.com***



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9. NEEDLE FELTING STARTER KIT Everything you need for a new hobby is right in the box: three color-coded felting needles, high-density needle felting foam block, 25 colors of wool roving and batting, core wool batting, plus detailed instructions. **$40; *greyfoxfelting.com***



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10. PRISMACOLOR HAND LETTERING ADVANCED SET This set for lettering artists comes with two turquoise graphite pencils and a kneaded rubber eraser, seven permanent illustration markers, and two dual-ended art markers. **$15; *dickblick.com***

11. TAPE MEASURE Clay, linen, storm, sea glass, mustard seed, and wild rose—all colors found in nature and in Cocoknits' line of plastic-free, stone-shape tape measures. This environmentally friendly option is made of PLA, a biodegradable plant fiber that's not water soluble. **$15; *cocoknits.com***

SEW EASY

JEWELRY WRAP

For a quick jaunt to the gym or a days-long trip, pack your jewelry safely in this clever wrap made from a fabric napkin.

PROJECTS **LACEY HOWARD & KIM HUTCHISON**
PHOTOGRAPHS **MARTY BALDWIN & JACOB FOX** WORDS **LACEY HOWARD**



MAKE IT

JEWELRY WRAP

MATERIALS

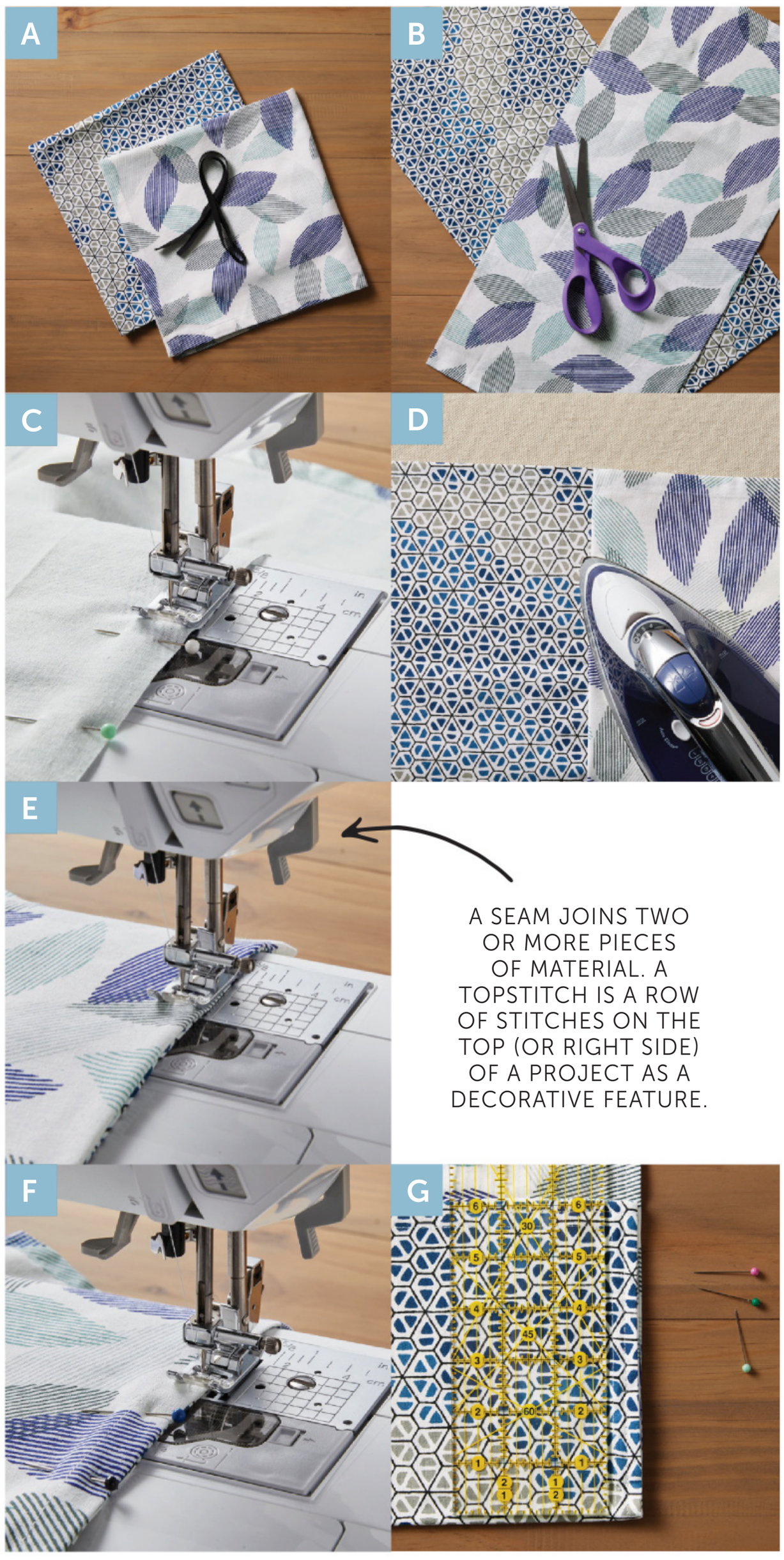
- 20×20-inch cotton napkin (We used two napkins for a mix of patterns [A]; you can also use ½ yard of a single fabric or two ½ yards for a mix of patterns.)
- Pins
- Thread
- Sewing machine
- Iron
- ¼-inch twill tape
- Fabric pencil

Step 1 Cut napkin(s) or fabric(s) into two 10×20-inch rectangles (B). Place right sides together, raw edges together. If using napkins, pin along raw edges and sew ½-inch seam (C). If not using napkins, sew around all four sides, leaving an opening to turn.

Step 2 If using napkins, open the two pieces on the seam and press flat (D). Fold along the seam until the two fabrics are wrong sides together. Press again. Topstitch along fold ½ inch from edge (E).

Step 3 For napkins, pin along three open sides (wrong sides of fabrics are together), then sew around all four sides with ¼-inch topstitch (F). For fabrics, turn right sides out and press, folding in and pinning edges of opening, then sew around all four sides with ¼-inch topstitch (F).

Step 4 If using two patterns or colors, determine which will be the inside and which the outside of your finished piece. With the inside pattern or color facing up, fold one short end of the rectangle up 6½ inches (G) to create the pocket. Pin the pocket along both sides.



A SEAM JOINS TWO OR MORE PIECES OF MATERIAL. A TOPSTITCH IS A ROW OF STITCHES ON THE TOP (OR RIGHT SIDE) OF A PROJECT AS A DECORATIVE FEATURE.

↦ *That's a wrap!* This project can also be a travel tote for reusable utensils: *BHG.com/UtensilWraps*

Step 5 Cut a 24-inch length of twill tape, fold in half, and insert it at the middle left-hand (or right-hand, if desired) side of the pinned pocket (H).

Step 6 Stitch the pinned sides of the pocket (I), securing the folded end of the twill tape in the stitching.

Step 7 To create individual compartments within the pocket, use a ruler and fabric pencil or fabric marker to measure and mark increments as desired (J). We created one 3½-inch-wide and three 1½-inch-wide compartments. After marking your compartments, sew a single line of stitches on each mark, leaving the top edge open (K).

Step 7 Insert jewelry into each compartment. Fold the top flap over the pocket and roll up, using twill tape to secure.



DO IT BETTER

BEFORE SEWING COMPARTMENTS INTO THE LARGE POCKET, CONSIDER WHICH PIECES OF JEWELRY YOU MOST OFTEN PACK FOR TRAVEL. PLAN YOUR WRAP'S COMPARTMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE SIZES.



THIS FABRIC MARKER FEATURES A BLUE MARK-B-GONE WATER-SOLUBLE PEN ON ONE END AND A PURPLE DISAPPEARING (WITHIN 24 HOURS) INK PEN ON THE OTHER.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 101.

WEEKEND PROJECT

glamIT UP

Trade in your traditional terra-cotta for planters made from geometric-pattern cement tiles.

WRITER AND PRODUCER **KATE CARTER FREDERICK** PHOTOGRAPHS **MARTY BALDWIN**

HIP TO BE SQUARE Firecracker flowers and pansies thrive in 8×8-inch and 6×6-inch planters. Cement tiles are weather-resistant and come in fun designs like the black-and-white Cambridge or Quarters III with a touch of blue, both from Cement Tile Shop.



MAKE IT

CEMENT TILE PLANTER

MATERIALS

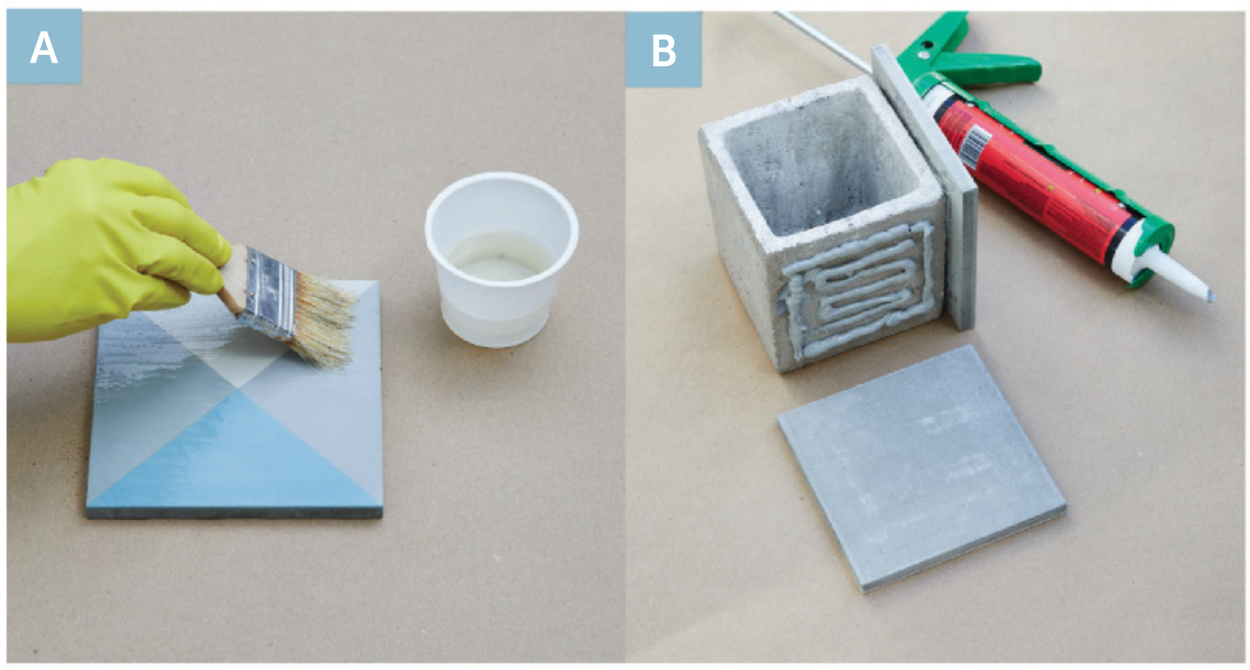
- Rubber gloves
- Paintbrush
- Penetrating sealer for stone and tile (We used Aqua Mix Sealer's Choice Gold.)
- Four 6×6-inch cement tiles
- 5×5-inch planter
- Advanced polymer construction adhesive
- Caulk gun
- Masking tape
- Putty knife or rubber scraper
- Grout (We used Fusion Pro Grout.)
- Sponge

Step 1 Wearing rubber gloves, brush penetrating sealer onto each tile (A); let dry. Repeat at least two more times, allowing sealer to dry between applications.

Step 2 Affix a tile to the planter by applying thick lines of construction adhesive on one side of the planter, and then press one tile in place (B). Repeat to add two more tiles, aligning and overlapping edges as desired. Let dry.

Step 3 Carefully lay the planter on its side to affix the fourth tile. Leave the planter in place until the adhesive has dried. Follow manufacturer directions for drying time.

Step 4 Mask the tile with tape to ensure neat edges, then use a putty knife or rubber scraper to press grout between the tiles and planter, including the top edge. Smooth the grout. Clean any stray grout off tile faces with a damp sponge.



DO IT BETTER

LOOK AT TILE SHOPS FOR INEXPENSIVE REMNANT CEMENT TILES MADE WITH PIGMENT PRESSED INTO LAYERED CEMENT. OR FIND SAMPLES ONLINE—LIKE THE PATTERNS SHOWN HERE—AT *CEMENTTILESHOP.COM*.



MODERN MAVEN Create square planters with style by giving simple concrete, metal, or resin square planters a cement-tile facelift. Cement tiles come in playful, graphic designs, as well as more-traditional patterns like fleur-de-lis. All the supplies you need, *above,* can be found at hardware stores. Select petite plants, such as pansies or succulents, that will thrive in smaller containers. Drill a drainage hole in the bottom of the container if needed before applying tiles. Extend the planter's life by overwintering it indoors out of freeze-thaw cycles.

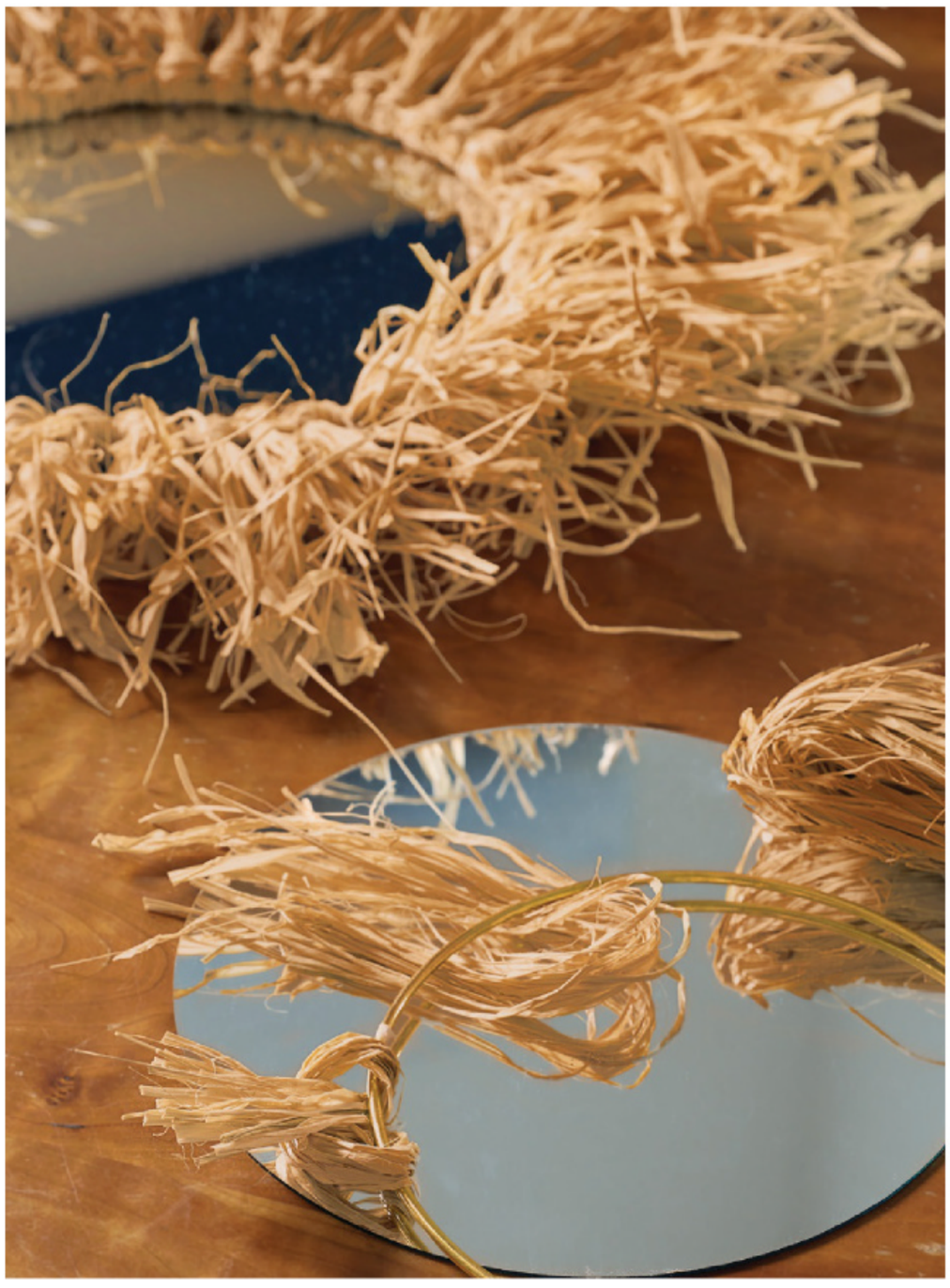
FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 101.

TRY IT

MAGIC MIRROR

Which is fairest of them all? Happily, there's more than one to pick from with these looking-glass transformations.

PROJECTS **JODI HARRIS** PHOTOGRAPHS **NICOLAS GOURGUECHON**
WORDS **PAMELA PORTER**



RESIST THE URGE TO TRIM RAFFIA ENDS IMPECCABLY. A LITTLE IMPERFECTION IS WHAT GIVES THIS PROJECT AUTHENTIC CHARM.



DO IT BETTER

PREFER A POP OF COLOR? NO PROBLEM! RAFFIA PAPER RIBBON COMES IN A HOST OF PALE OR VIBRANT HUES AND EVEN BLENDED COLORS. OR USE CRAFTS PAINT AND A SMALL PAINTBRUSH TO ADD SUBTLE COLOR TO NATURAL RAFFIA.

BOHO BEAUTY This easy-to-make raffia look is worth boasting about, *opposite* and *above.* Purchase natural raffia paper ribbon at a crafts store or online and cut strips to about 12 inches long. Gather seven or eight strips and fold in half. Place the folded end under a 12-inch wire floral hoop to form a 1-inch loop pointing toward the center of the hoop. Tie a lark's head knot by threading the loose ends of raffia over the wire hoop and through the loop then pulling ends up and back to the outside where they started. Repeat with more raffia strips around the entire hoop. For a hanger, use the hardware that came with the mirror or tie a loop of jute or wire to the hoop and tuck behind raffia knots. Use an adhesive, such as E6000, to secure the hoop to the top of a 12-inch mirror; let dry before hanging.



FIND LEATHER STRAPPING AT FABRICS STORES OR ONLINE. IF LEATHER ISN'T YOUR THING, CONSIDER GROSGRAIN RIBBON, METAL STRAPPING, ROPE, BRAIDED TWINE, SEAGRASS, OR A DECORATIVE COAT HOOK.

ACCENTUATE IT With just a touch of leather, you can dress up a plain mirror as a one-of-a-kind fashion statement, *above.* On the front of an 18-inch beveled mirror, mark where you want to drill a hole for the leather strap. To keep your drill bit from slipping on the mirror surface, create a guide by drilling a 1-inch hole through a scrap of 1×3 wood. Center the wood guide over your mark. Spray or drip a little water through the guide and onto the mirror. Holding the wood guide securely, use a 1-inch diamond bit to drill through the mirror. Keep the mirror surface wet as you drill to prevent the surface from heating up and cracking. Cut ¾-inch-wide leather strapping to desired length and thread through the hole. We looped our leather around twice, secured ends at the back using a staple gun, and wrapped jute string around the leather. Hang the mirror with the provided hardware (many come with a cleat on the back) and position the decorative leather strap upright. Secure the strap to the wall by pounding a small nail through the leather and into the wall.

BEDSIDE MANNER Fit a demilune table with a mirror accent into a tight space beside the bed, *this photo.* Use an 18-inch wood circle from a hardware store. Ask the store to cut the circle in half, or cut it yourself with a table saw. Stain and let dry. Seal with a clear poly acrylic spray. When dry, use shelf brackets to hang the semicircle. Measure and mark the table's diameter on the top of an 18-inch beveled mirror. Set the mirror on a straightedge table faceup with the mark slightly past the table's edge. Place a cork-back metal ruler along the marking. Following manufacturer instructions, add machine oil to a glass-cutting tool. Holding the ruler down firmly, run the cutting tool along the ruler's edge using even pressure. Once cut, separate the mirror's halves along the cut line by using your palm to tap the side of the mirror hanging over the table edge. Hang the mirror above the shelf with hanging hardware.





TO DOUBLE THIS TABLE'S REFLECTIVE POWER, SECURE THE OTHER HALF OF THE MIRROR TO THE TOP OF THE WOOD ROUND BEFORE HANGING.



MAKE AN IMPACT Large wall mirrors dazzle as eye-catching focal points, *this photo.* Make your own from a secondhand mirror found at a thrift shop. For this project, you'll want a mirror with a 3-inch or wider frame. We covered our thrifted mirror with a fun ocean surf fabric to make waves in a boy's room.

DO IT BETTER

IF WIELDING DECOUPAGE GLUE IS TOO MUCH MESS FOR YOU, UPHOLSTER THE FRAME INSTEAD. WRAP THE FRAME IN BATTING, THEN POSITION DESIRED FABRIC OVER THE BATTING, STAPLING TO SECURE AT THE BACK OF THE FRAME FOR A SOFTER LOOK.





IT'S A WRAP For a framed-mirror refresh, try a fabric decoupage technique, *left.* Remove the mirror from its frame and measure the length and width of each of the frame's four sides. Add 4 inches to each measurement, then cut four pieces from desired fabric. Using a crafts brush, apply decoupage medium to one long side of the frame (A). Place the fabric on top, smoothing with fingers to remove wrinkles. Apply decoupage glue to the edges of the frame and wrap fabric to the back, smoothing with fingers until flat. Repeat on the opposite side. To give the appearance of mitered corners, apply glue to the back of the fabric for one of the remaining sides. Adhere fabric to frame. At the corners, fold fabric under at a 45-degree angle and glue wrong sides together. Hand-press creased fabric to the corner of the frame, positioning fabric to cover inside and outside corners of the frame as you wrap it to the back. Repeat on remaining side. Let dry. Turn frame over and secure fabric to the frame back using decoupage medium, staples, or a combination of the two. When dry, turn the frame faceup and seal fabric by applying a coat of decoupage medium. Let dry. Reinstall the mirror, then hang or lean against the wall.

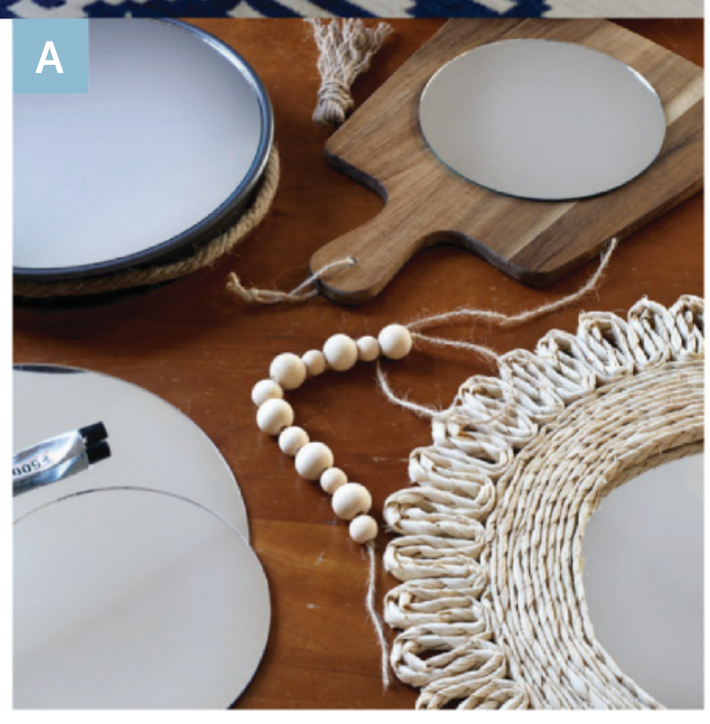


REFLECTIVE DISPLAY

Mix DIY mirror projects with other wall accents for an artistic collection, *left.* To add a mirror to a flea market find like a handled serving tray, cutting board, or round cake pan (A), wipe the surface clean then run a bead of adhesive around the back edge of a crafts store mirror and secure. Let adhesive dry. Add hangers to the back of the flea market find. To make a mirror frame from a place mat, snip the center of the place mat and pull the straw fiber to unravel it until the opening is an inch smaller in diameter than your mirror. Secure loose end with adhesive. Run a bead of adhesive around the front edge of a crafts store mirror and secure the place mat on top. Let adhesive dry. Thread wood beads onto jute string and tie as a hanger to the outer edge of the place mat (A).

DO IT BETTER

IF YOUR MIRROR DOESN'T REST PERFECTLY INTO THE LIP OF A CAKE PAN, CUT A WOOD BLOCK TO THE DEPTH OF THE PAN MINUS THE THICKNESS OF THE MIRROR AND GLUE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PAN. WHEN DRY, GLUE THE MIRROR ON TOP OF THE BLOCK SO IT SITS FLUSH WITH THE EDGE OF THE PAN.



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TO GIVE YOUR MIRROR A MORE REFINED LOOK, SAND SURFACE AND EDGES OF SHIMS USING LOW-GRIT SANDPAPER. WIPE CLEAN WITH A TACK CLOTH, THEN SEAL WITH CLEAR POLYURETHANE.

GRAND ENTRANCE A warm welcome in any space, this thrifty yet chic mirror flaunts high style on a budget. Purchase wood shims from a hardware store (we used about five dozen shims for our secondhand 2×3-foot mirror). Miter the thick sides of the shims using a table saw or miter box. Lay mirror right side up on a work surface. Dry-fit shims on the frame by positioning them flush with the interior edge of the frame in a herringbone-inspired pattern like ours, allowing the ends to overhang the exterior edge of the frame. Flip the direction of the shims halfway along each side. Measure and cut shims to fit at midpoints and at interior corners. Secure all shims using wood glue, and let dry. Run a circular saw around the exterior edges of the frame to trim the overhanging shims all at once so the ends match.

DIY Q&A

HANDY GIRL

Higher temps mean one thing: It's time to head outdoors! But spring can swing from warm and sunny to cool and rainy without notice. Prep for this seesaw season with these tips.

WORDS **KELLY ROBERSON** ILLUSTRATIONS **ANKE REGA**



HANDY GIRLFRIENDS,

Is it just me, or does winter feel like the longest season? I know it's not, but where I live, the snow and cold seem to dig in their heels starting in February. I'm ready to bid them both goodbye and welcome spring with wide-open arms. Join me on a few of these projects, won't you?

Handy Girl

HOUSEPLANTS: OUTDOORS OR NO?

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH GREEN IN SPRING, AND THAT INCLUDES MOVING MY INDOOR PLANTS OUTSIDE AS MUCH AS I CAN.

Take advantage of good weather by relocating your houseplants into the great outdoors. Be careful to put them in just the right spot to get the proper amount of shade or sun all day. In addition to finding the right light level, also pay attention to water, especially as the season switches from temperate spring to steamy summer. Here's a quick guide.

- **GIVE THEM SOME ADJUSTMENT TIME.** Spring temps can swing, and indoor plants don't necessarily like that. Move them out and in until things really warm up.
- **ADD A DOSE OF FERTILIZER.** Houseplants need replenishment of nutrients to thrive. Apply liquid fertilizer monthly per the packaging directions.
- **WATCH FOR BUGS.** Insects happen inside, and they happen outside too. Check your plants regularly.

THE INS AND OUTS OF OUTDOOR FABRIC

I love, love, love the ever-expanding range of outdoor fabrics. They're easy to find and easy to use, and many work as well inside as they do outside. But how do you find a pattern or color right for you? How do you know what you're getting? How do you take care of the fabric? Here's a guide.



TYPES

- More expensive, softer acrylic versions are solution-dyed, so the fibers are dyed before the yarn is created; they'll resist water but aren't waterproof.
- Less expensive acrylic or polyester versions are printed. They'll fade faster.
- Vinyl fabric is often coated in a color or pattern; it's very affordable but has limited use.

PRODUCTS

- Find water-resistant cushions, pillows, and curtains at plenty of online and brick-and-mortar stores. Some options may be special order so consider the lead time.
- Purchase outdoor fabric by the yard if you want to craft your own cushions, curtains, or pillows. You can find lots of options online and may be able to order from upholstery services in your area or from fabrics stores.

CARE

- In general, wash, but don't dry.
- Most outdoor fabric is water-resistant but not waterproof (see more about that on *page 38*). Water-resistant fabrics can be used on uncovered decks and patios, but cushions will need to be propped on their sides to dry after a good rain. Waterproof fabrics handle rainy climates or wet environments best but are not as soft to the touch. They typically come in fewer patterns.
- Clean spills promptly. Scrub mild soap and warm water into the stain and let dry thoroughly.
- The fabric composition determines the amount of fading. More acrylic in the fabric generally means more hours in the sun without a noticeable change (referred to as light hours).

60°F

That's how warm it should be overnight before you leave heat-seeking seedlings outside all night.

50°F–85°F

That's the best temperature range to paint your deck in the spring.

METAL FURNITURE SPRUCE-UP

THE BEST PART ABOUT COMFY OUTDOOR FURNITURE IS THAT IT GETS USED! THE WORST PART? THAT USE OFTEN LEADS TO DINGS AND SCRATCHES, WHICH CAN LEAD TO RUST OR DISREPAIR. QUICK FIXES ARE WELL WITHIN YOUR DIY WHEELHOUSE. HERE'S HOW TO FIX THOSE AREAS ON METAL FURNITURE.



- **SAND THE AFFECTED AREA. WIPE THOROUGHLY WITH A TACK CLOTH.**
- **SPRAY-PAINT WITH A MATCHING COLOR, FOLLOWING THE MANUFACTURER DIRECTIONS.**
- **LET DRY THOROUGHLY; REPEAT THE PAINTING IF NECESSARY.**

Water away

EVER BUY A PIECE OF CLOTHING THAT YOU THOUGHT WAS GOING TO KEEP OUT RAIN ONLY TO FIND YOURSELF SOAKED? ME TOO (FINDING OUT ON A HIKE IS NO FUN). WHEN IT COMES TO HOME IMPROVEMENT MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, SUSSING OUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WATER-RESISTANT AND WATERPROOF IS DOUBLY IMPORTANT. YOU DON'T WANT TO PURCHASE COVERS FOR YOUR SPENDY PORCH FURNITURE ONLY TO HAVE MOISTURE SEEP THROUGH (AND MOLD GROW).

Here's what these terms mean and how to know what to buy.

Waterproof

WHAT IT IS: FABRIC OR MATERIAL THAT IS TREATED TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE BARRIER TO WATER.
PROTECTION LEVEL: HIGHEST

Water-resistant

WHAT IT IS: FABRIC OR MATERIAL THAT IS WOVEN TO DETER WATER BUT NOT COMPLETELY REPEL IT.
PROTECTION LEVEL: MEDIUM

THE 3 Cs OF FIREPIT MAINTENANCE

1

CLEAN OUT
ANY LEAVES, BRANCHES, OR OTHER DEBRIS.

2

COVER
THE FIREPIT WITH A SNUG, SIZED-RIGHT, WEATHER-RESISTANT OPTION.

3

CUT OFF
THE GAS AND/OR POWER TO THE FIREPIT WHEN THE SEASON IS DONE, AND HOOK IT BACK UP WHEN YOU'RE READY IN SPRING.

Light the way, please

MY FAVORITE PARTY TRICK, INSIDE OR OUT? TWINKLE LIGHTS. THEY CAN'T BE BEAT.

I've upped my lighting game the past few years, especially when it comes to outdoor spaces. There are loads of light types and options. But a question that constantly plagues me: Can I install my indoor holiday tree lights outside once the weather warms?

The answer, of course, depends, and doesn't just apply to string lights. Here's how to figure out what's right for lights.

WHEN IT COMES TO BULBS AND FIXTURES, LOOK FOR THE UL RATING. TWO ARE APPROPRIATE FOR DIFFERENT SPACES OUTSIDE.

UL LISTED: DAMP LOCATIONS

("Suitable for Damp Locations")
If you have an enclosed outdoor area, like a shed, you can use these. But the spot has to be fully covered and stay dry.

UL LISTED: WET LOCATIONS

("Suitable for Wet Locations")
These are safe outdoors, everywhere, even where it gets wet.

In general, the light label on the fixture and bulb will guide you in the right direction—and you should follow it. If a bulb says it can be used both indoors and outdoors, go for it, but watch the temperature limitations (in case you have a dip in degrees with spring's arrival).

Getting into the garage. I love a well-organized garage. Want to give yours some springtime love? Check out these storage hacks: *BHG.com/GarageStorage*

Jumbo Rainbow Pillow by Lisa Ruble



Best-selling **HeatnBond Lite Iron-On Adhesive** makes fusible applique projects, like this colorful Jumbo Rainbow Pillow, easy to complete. Permanent edge-to-edge adhesive ensures a strong, sewable bond.

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MAKE-IT SPOT

Transform an underused closet into a compact zone where creativity can get to work.

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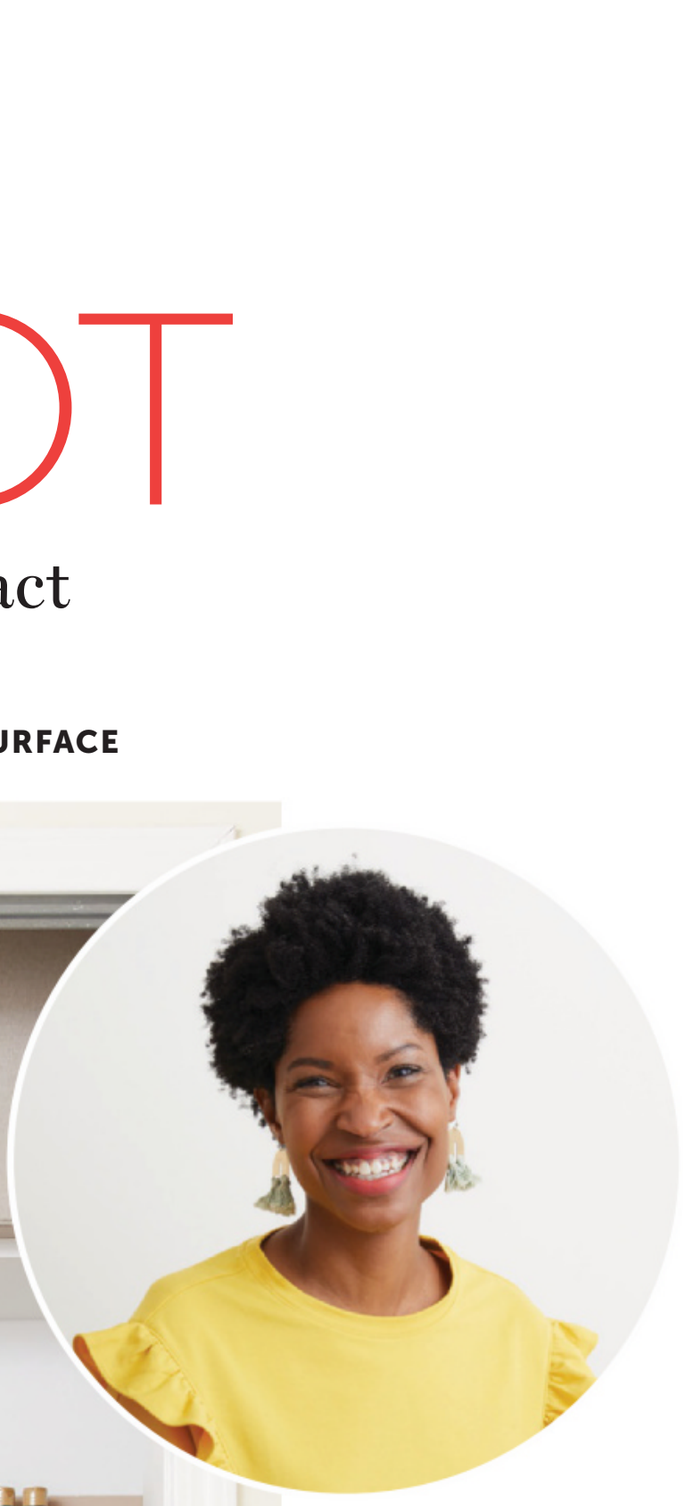

TIFFANY DELANGIE SHARES MORE DETAILS ABOUT HER CLOSET MAKEOVER ON HER BLOG, *PRETTYREALBLOG.COM.*

THE MISSION Turn a former dumping-ground guest room closet, *left,* into an organized crafting zone. Tiffany DeLangie needed a one-stop place for all her essentials. Her to-dos: Remove clutter and sort items she truly uses into like categories such as paint, sewing, and Cricut tools. Then Tiffany brought in removable wall organizers, baskets, bins, a bookshelf, and dresser for open and closed storage. With a designated place for each supply, everything stays organized. Mission accomplished!

Follow along on Instagram! @prettyrealblog



CONFIRM THE WEIGHT CAPACITY OF AN ADHESIVE-MOUNTED WALL ORGANIZER BEFORE INSTALLING TO ENSURE IT CAN HOLD DESIRED SUPPLIES.

HANDY DISPLAY Tiffany wanted easy access to frequently used supplies without damaging her walls. Using repositionable, adhesive-mounted products, she created an attractive wall system to sort items into categories and by color. Must-have tools can be hung within reach instead of tossed into a drawer. The shelf keeps papers at the ready. Command Large Caddy in Clear (set of two), $29; Command Medium Matte Black Hooks (set of two), $13; Command 21-inch Picture Ledge, $27; *amazon.com*

KEEP THINGS SORTED A mix of white trays tucked within a dresser drawer separates supplies by type. Room Essential Storage Trays, $2 per set in various sizes and counts; *target.com*



"ONCE YOU PURGE, YOU HAVE MORE ROOM TO WORK WITH. HAVING A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING MAKES IT EASIER TO PUT THINGS BACK WHERE THEY BELONG."

TIFFANY DELANGIE,
HOMEOWNER & DIY BLOGGER

DO IT BETTER

COLOR BLOCKING IS AN EFFECTIVE AND PRETTY WAY TO DEFINE SPACES. TIFFANY USED A CUSTOM PAINT HUE SIMILAR TO VALSPAR'S BLUSHING BRIDE TO VISUALLY SEPARATE THE BACK DISPLAY WALL FROM THE SIDES—AND ADD A FUN TOUCH OF COLOR.

BECAUSE TIFFANY'S KIDS ALSO LIKE TO CRAFT, SHE KEEPS KID-FRIENDLY ITEMS IN A ROTATING ART CADDY.

CORNER POWER Tiffany leveraged every inch of space in her guest room closet, sliding a hamper into the corner to hold tubes of paper upright, *above.* Gift bags hang from adhesive-mounted hooks, and the dresser top acts as a work surface. Tiffany took measurements of the closet's interior before purchasing furnishings and organizers to ensure everything fit the closet's depth.



ADD FUNCTIONALITY Tiffany liked how much fabric bins could hold but not their lack of structure. She solved this problem by cutting slits into two pieces of plastic corrugated board from crafts stores and assembling them into an X shape to create compartments, *left.* She also added a chalk label to identify contents. Hoonex Large Foldable Storage Bins in linen fabric with wood handles, two-pack, $30; *amazon.com*

BEST SELECTION Tiffany selected attractive storage materials like these clear canisters, *below*, to hold colorful ribbons, chalk, and twine. ComSaf Airtight Glass Storage Jars with Bamboo Lids, Set of 3, $28; *walmart.com*



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PHOTOGRAPHS **MARTY BALDWIN**

1. Make your own seed-starting soil blocks in seconds. Place moistened soil into the maker, and press the release to create one 3½-inch or four 1-inch plantable blocks, which prevent seedlings from becoming root-bound inside wasteful plastic trays. Plants form strong roots in loose soil blocks, so they will get off to a good start and suffer less transplant shock. **Soil Block Maker, $22; *fiskars.com***

2. This high-tech restaurant is for the birds. Keep an eye on your feathered friends through the Bird Buddy app and feeder. The app alerts you when a bird stops by for a meal and activates options of high-definition photos, microphone listening, identification, and logging of your digital collection of visitors. **My Bird Buddy Feeder, $200;** ***mybirdbuddy.com***

3. Pose your posies naturally in a stone flower frog. Each stone anchors your florals either in a vase or on a tray for a beautiful display. Various hole sizes accommodate both large and small blooms. **Round Stone Frog, $15;** ***bloomist.com***

4. Put your personal stamp on your wardrobe with wearable art as unique as you are. Talented artist Jen Hewett guides you through 13 fun block-printing projects. Patterns for clothing, bags, and more are included in this inspirational guide. ***Print, Pattern, Sew*****, $30;** ***roostbooks.com***

5. Create your own natural watercolors from earth pigments. Gum arabic, watercolor pans, and seven vibrant powders are included in the eco-friendly kit. **Natural Watercolor Kit, $40;** ***naturalearthpaint.com***

6. Grow a rainbow right outside your door. Sprout this dye garden seed set for plenty of dyestuff for your projects. How-to for both growing and using the pigmented plants is included. **Dye Garden Seeds Set, $44;** ***etsy.com/shop/kalikoco***



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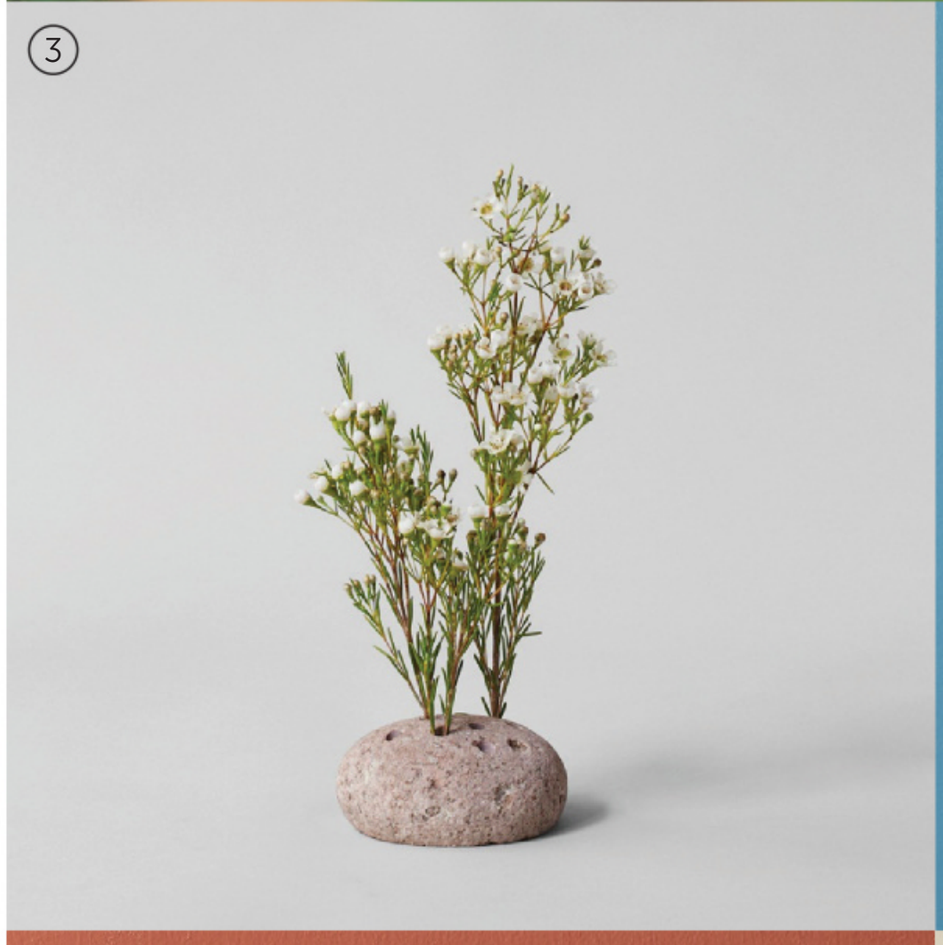

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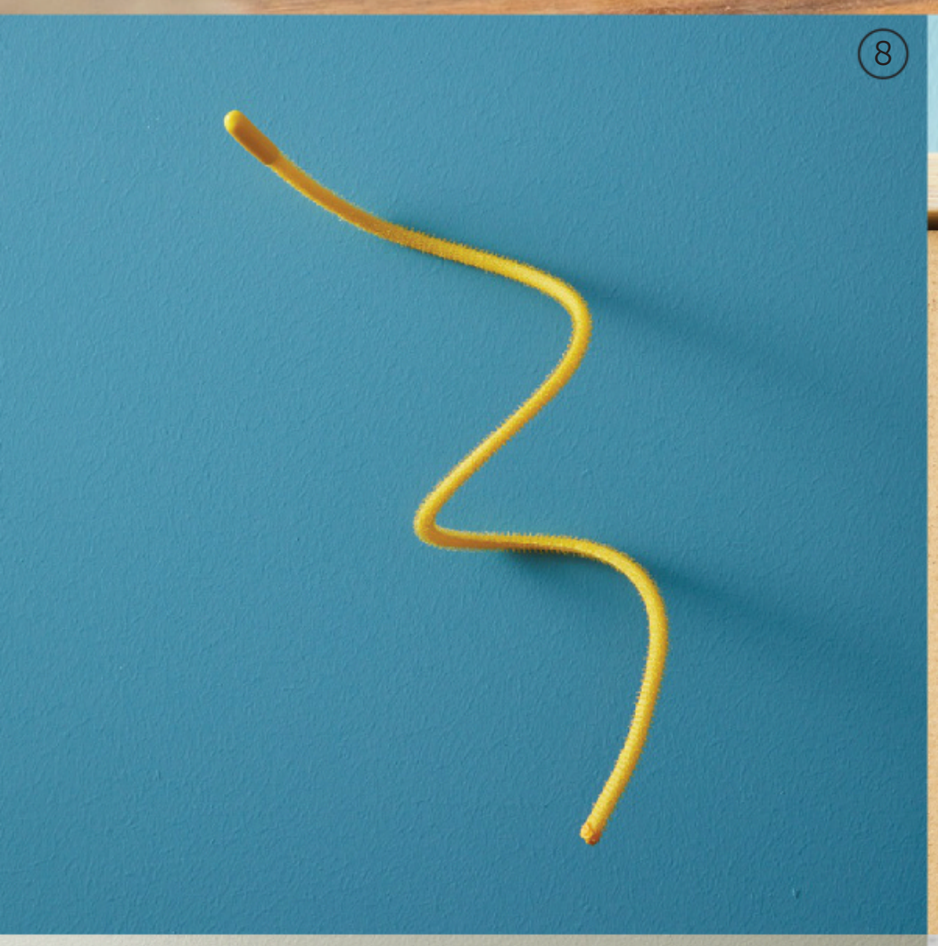
7. From twin to king, this bed will fit your needs. Just unscrew the wood frame to move, store, or resize. Kit includes four solid corners, two headboard clamps, and two center supports. It's available in six colors and three heights. **Box Frame Bed, from $225; *semiexact.com***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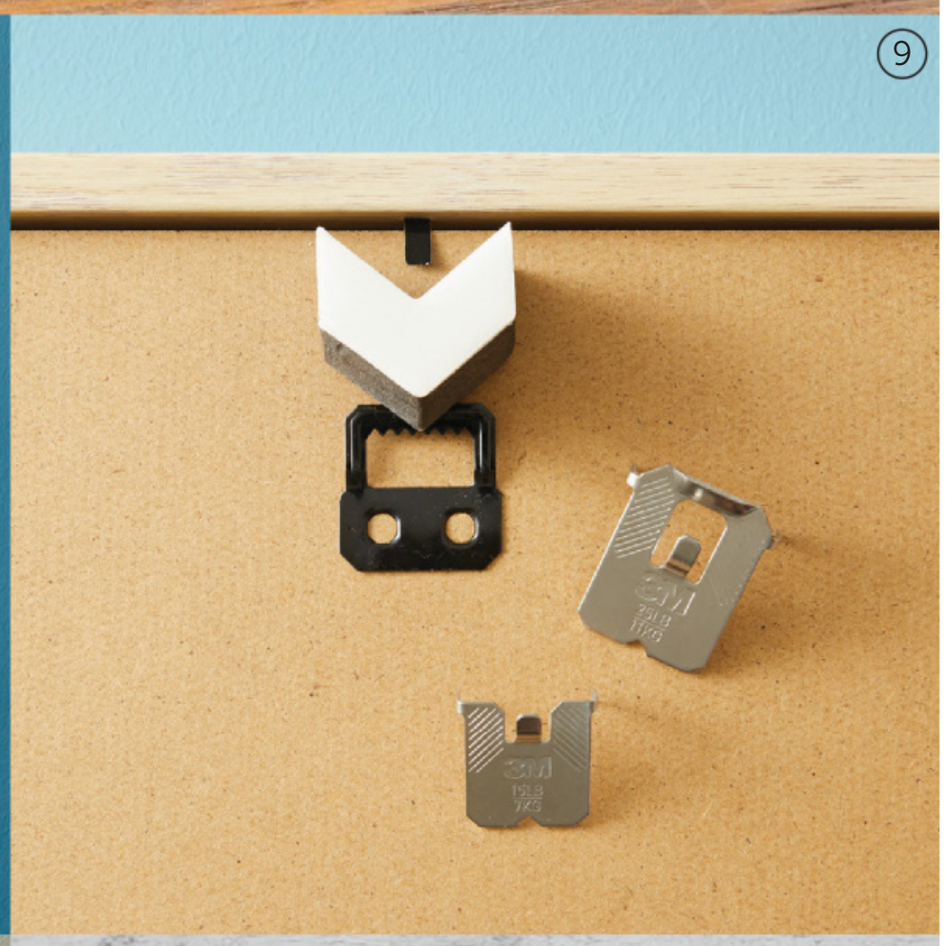
8. Clear sink clogs without taking apart the plumbing. The Drain Millipede's hundreds of micro hooks surround a slim steel core that snakes down drains and snags clogs. Keep caustic chemicals out of the water supply with this reusable rod. **Gold Drain Millipede, $7; *containerstore.com***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9. Adding art to your walls has never been easier. Claw drywall hangers install with a simple push and can hold 15–65 pounds. A peel-and-stick wall marking tool ensures perfect placement. **3M Claw Drywall Picture Hanger, $5; *3m.com***

10. This hot little number creates unique glass crafts. Just cut, position, and microwave your designs for a fused masterpiece in minutes. The kit includes glass cutter, glass, gloves, jewelry findings, and kiln. **Fuseworks Beginners Fusing Kit, $162; *diamondtechcrafts.com***



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11. Great things come in small packages. These handmade, 2½-inch square mini tools crafted from cherrywood are a compact way to keep helpful tips handy. Including needle gauges and stitch guides, these 35 pint-size cheat sheets can hang from a key chain or tuck into a bag to help you knit, weave, crotchet, and more! **Mix and Match Mini Tools, $8 each; *katrinkles.com***

12. Save time (and your back) by taking this handy tool for a spin. Attach to any electric drill and dig away. Sizes start at 2x7-inch for small plants and grass plugs. Larger augers are available for yard projects of all types. **Power Planter, from $20; *powerplanter.com***

13. With garden produce and a little time, you can enjoy fresh fermented pickles, kimchi, hot sauce, and more. Make new creations again and again with the tools and detailed instructions provided in the kits. **A variety of kits available, $40; *culturesforhealth.com***

14. Spring into action with an all-in-one outlet that can recharge devices up to 40 percent faster in a sleek and stylish design. Easily install the outlet in one of seven colors to match your home decor. **Tamper Resistant Ultra-Fast Plus Power Delivery USB Outlet, from $62; *legrand.us***

15. Safely reclaim lumber with this handy tool. The handheld metal detector finds screws, nails, and staples before your expensive tools do. Easily adjust the sensitivity to fit your needs. **Little Wizard II, $30; *rockler.com***

16. You'll dig these great gloves. Smart design makes their washable canvas comfortable while you work the soil, plus the fingertips are touchscreen compatible when you need to identify a plant before weeding it out. Whether you're watering or looking up a gardening tip, these workhorse gloves help you do it all. **Digz Utility Duck Canvas Gloves, $10; *amazon.com***



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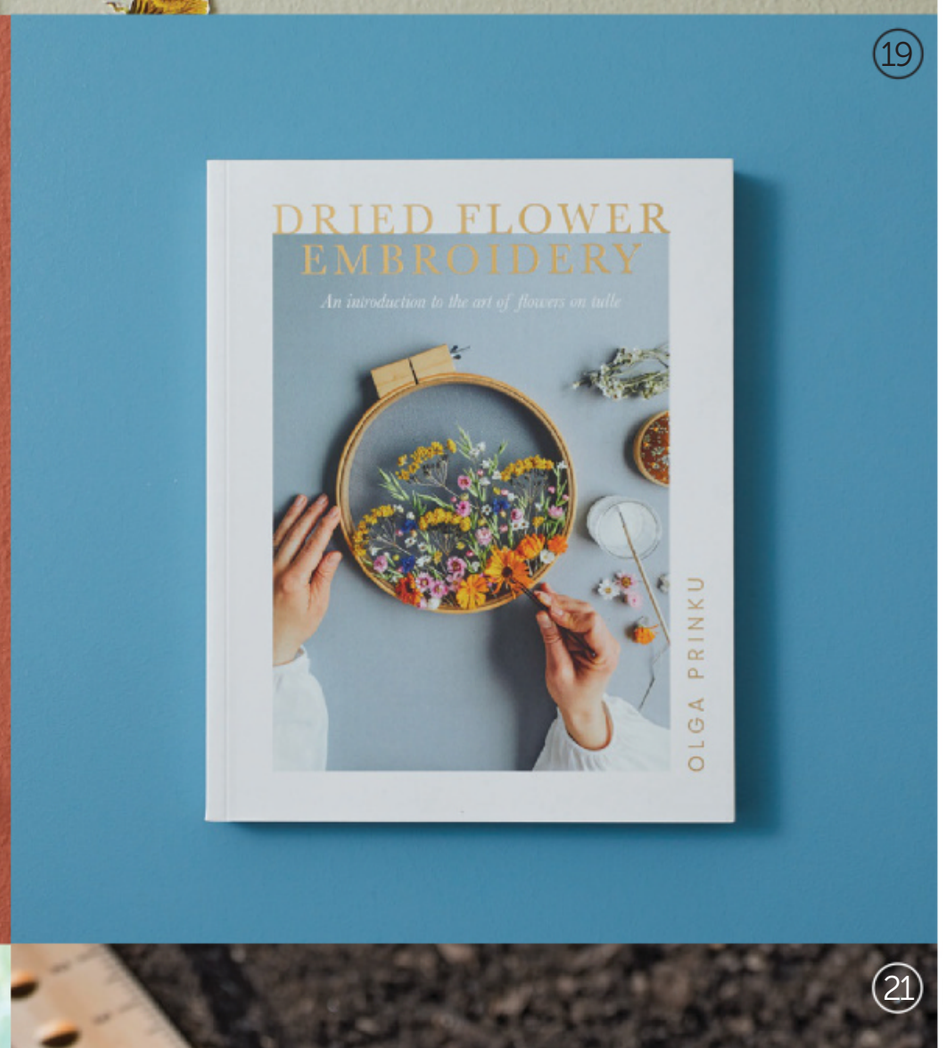





17. Moves like a paintbrush, cuts like a craft knife. The rotating blade head of Gyro-Cut easily trims around curves and small spaces to make perfect die cuts, stencils, and more. Replacement blades are available. **Gyro-Cut Craft Cutting Tool, $16; *stencilease.com***

18. Create gorgeous woodburned art with only a marker and heat. Use the foam brush or felt tip to stencil or freehand a design, then apply heat and watch a beautiful finish appear. The marker works on wood, cardboard, fabric, and more. **Scorch Marker Pro, $21; *scorchmarker.com***

19. Mix up your crafting with a whole new medium. This inspiring book walks you through growing, preserving, and creating art with plants. Whether wearables or wall hangings, these 16 projects add a fun new dimension to a traditional craft. ***Dried Flower Embroidery*, $23; *amazon.com***

20. Keep cords clean and tidy with a subtle self-adhesive tool that puts things under wraps. **The Cord Wrapper, $25 for two; *thecordwrapper.com***

21. Perfectly placed plants and seeds are the root of an organized garden. Place this seed spacer on the row and follow the guide printed on the durable wood ruler. A dibbler is included. **Intervale Seed and Plant Spacing Ruler, $22; *gardeners.com***

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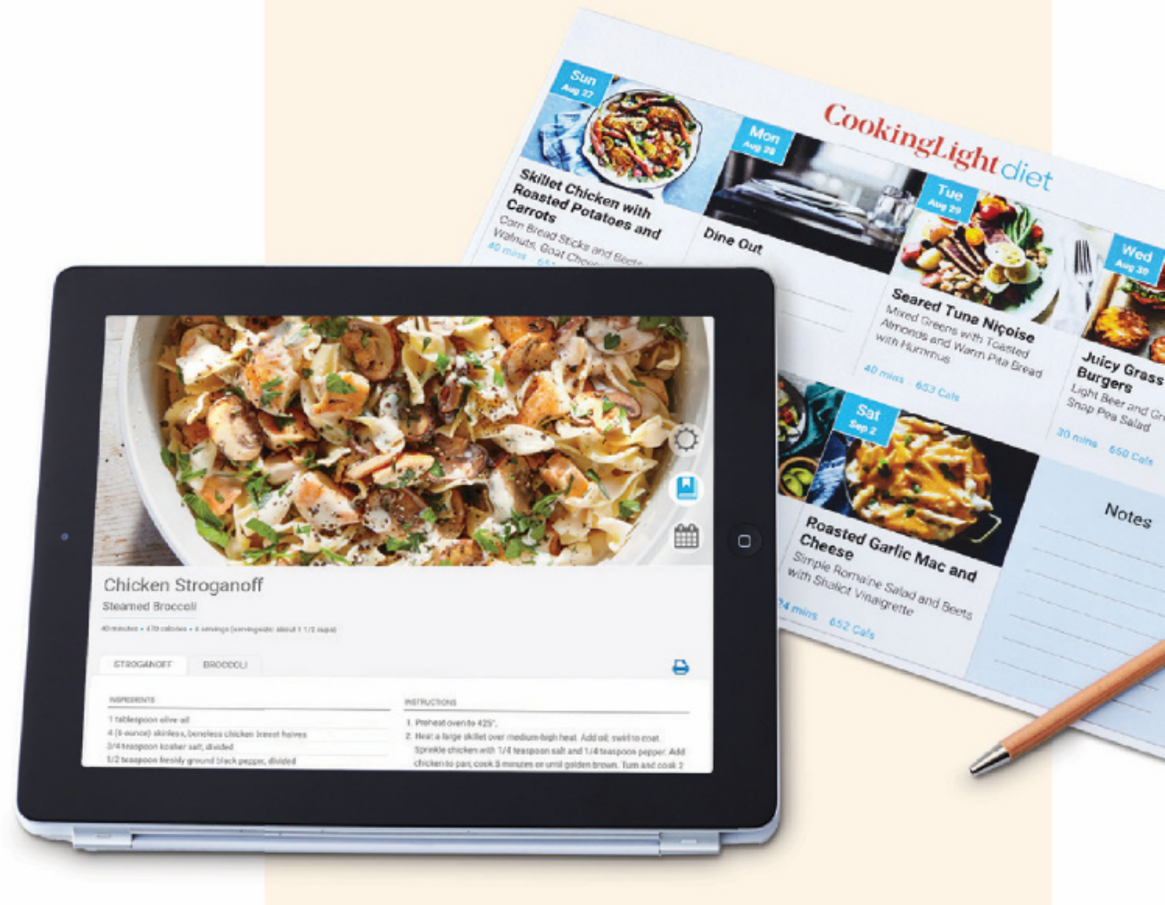



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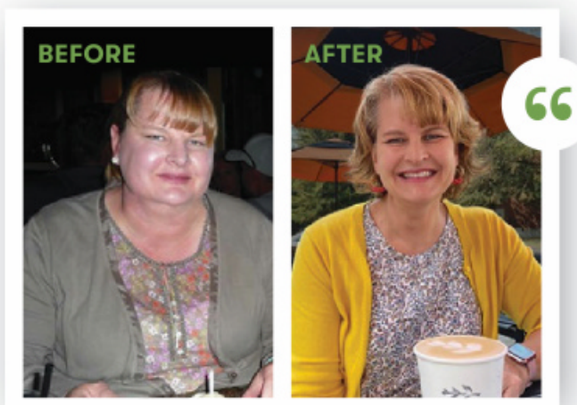

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WALLS

Bigger can be better in your decor. These bold treatments are great for turning blank walls into knockout focal points.

PROJECTS **JENI WRIGHT**
PHOTOGRAPHS **MARTY BALDWIN**
WORDS **MARIA V. CHARBONNEAUX**



ALL AFLUTTER Bring a butterfly to life with supersize string art (ours is about 50 inches wide), *opposite* and *above.* Using an overhead projector (rent one online or see if your local library has one to check out), trace the pattern onto the wall with a pencil. Following the outlines, drill holes about 1 inch apart and then gently tap a brad nail into each hole. Tie one end of your yarn onto a nail. Hook the yarn around a nail opposite from the starting nail, and then loop it around the nail adjacent to the first nail, repeating until each section is filled. Experiment with different looping patterns and techniques and colors or yarn weights to fill the various inner sections. Tie off yarn ends and tuck them into the design to hide them. (See tracing pattern and more wing tips on *page 100.*)

FRAME OF MIND A monochrome frame collection is a modern take on classic molding, *this photo.* Apply eggshell paint on the walls then, for interest, use the same color in semigloss on the frames and baseboard. Make sure frames are level before securing them in four spots with nails placed at an angle.

FOR A TEMPORARY, RENTER-FRIENDLY METHOD, HANG WITH COMMAND ADHESIVE STRIPS.

IF YOU'RE HESITANT TO HOT-GLUE SPOONS TO YOUR DRYWALL, ATTACH A PAINTED PLYWOOD SHEET TO THE WALL, AND ADHERE THEM TO THE WOOD INSTEAD.



SERVE IT UP When arranged in a grid, humble wood spoons take on a playful abstract look, *above.* Draw a grid on your wall with sections about 2 inches longer and wider than the length of your longest spoon. (We used six spoons per each 17-inch square section; our total display is 51 inches square.) Evenly space the spoons in each section, alternating placement. Hot glue is best for hanging. The glue will peel off the spoons, but plan to repair drywall with spackling compound and new paint.



CANVAS THE AREA Layer canvases in multiple sizes and colors for dimensional art, *above.* Map out your design first to determine ideal sizes, colors, and placement using kraft paper. Once you know the desired sizes, assemble four wood stretcher bars and staple at each corner. Cut a piece of artist canvas (available on a roll) about 6 inches larger than the width and height of your frame. Center the frame on the canvas, wrap the canvas around the stretchers, pull it taut, and staple to the back to secure. Add color by mixing three parts paint (from a sample pot) to one part water. Lightly brush a first coat on the canvas, avoiding the perimeter and embracing any brush marks. Repeat with a second light coat of full-strength paint, allowing some of the watered-down first coat to show through in spots; let dry. Secure the frames to one another by screwing from the top in places that will be covered or from the back. Hot-glue the top frames if necessary to avoid visible attachments.

LEARN THE ROPES Make a nautical headboard for a grown-up sleep space using rope and wood hooks, *this photo.* To make the hooks, cut a ¾-inch-diameter dowel into sixteen 1½-inch lengths. Use wood glue to adhere a 2-inch-diameter wood craft disc to one end of each length. Drill a pilot hole in the center of each dowel and screw one end of the dowel screw into the pilot hole. For a full-size bed, draw a 60-inch square grid on the wall with 12-inch-square sections. Use drywall anchors to secure the hooks to the wall. Drape four 20-foot lengths of ½-inch cotton rope over each of the hooks along the top row in equal portions so the center point of each 20-foot-length is hanging from the dowel. Tie a single knot using the left-hand tail from the first hook and the right-hand tail from the hook to its right, making sure the knot is positioned slightly above the level of the top hook on the left-hand side. Loop and twist the remaining tail from the first hook around the top hook on the left side. Then tie a knot with the left tail from the first knot. This knot should be vertically in line with the top left hook and halfway between the first and second hooks on the left side. Continue in this manner until you reach bottom. Trim rope ends. (Do not install in a room where a child may sleep or play.)



CLIMB THE WALLS Give your entertaining space a reason to celebrate with a collage of paper fan medallions to highlight a bar cart, dessert table, or buffet, *this photo.* Select decorative paper in a variety of coordinating solids and prints. Lay out your arrangement on the floor first, and then take a picture to help you re-create it on the wall. We placed darker medallions at the bottom and lighter ones at the top for a gradient effect.

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FAN OUT To construct a fan, *above,* fold a sheet of paper accordion style the long way. Pinch the folded paper at the center and fold in half. Using hot-glue, adhere the inside folds to one another. Repeat the process two or three times to create the remaining fans to complete circle. Hot-glue outer folds to connect the fans in a medallion.

DO IT BETTER

A FAN MADE FROM A RECTANGULAR SHEET OF PAPER PRODUCES ONE-THIRD OF A MEDALLION, WHILE ONE MADE FROM A SQUARE WILL BECOME HALF A MEDALLION. MAKING MULTIPLE MEDALLIONS? THEN BUY COORDINATING PACKS OF SCRAPBOOK PAPERS RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL PAPERS TO SAVE MONEY.



LAYERED LOOK To hang paper fan medallions on the wall, use tacks in spots that will be covered, *above.* Hot-glue the top medallions to the base layer as needed when you can't pin them to the wall. Fans made from striped paper will create medallions with a cool bull's-eye look, while allover patterns resemble confetti. Make smaller fans by cutting sheets in half before folding.


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one TO GROW on

A young couple spent two years renovating this Florida house, and the lessons they learned will last a lifetime.

WORDS **SARAH HALVERSON** PHOTOGRAPHS **HECTOR SANCHEZ** STYLING **KENDRA SURFACE**

JENNA AND LUCAS LEBLANC HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF THE FIRST HOUSE THEY RENOVATED TOGETHER—DESPITE LIVING IN THE TAMPA, FLORIDA, HOME WHILE THEY worked. Eventually, they remade every inch. They tore out overgrown landscaping in favor of a low-maintenance patio, replaced floor tile with wood-look laminate, took the kitchen down to the studs and rebuilt it, and constructed their own furniture, including a lofted bunk bed and cushioned window seat.

They transformed a house with almost zero character into a perfect getaway that they now manage as a tropical-theme vacation rental. "I wanted each room to have its own personality," Jenna says, "but I wanted to keep the overall theme consistent. It was definitely the most fun I've ever had designing a home. I took more risks and went bold with color."

The house also afforded the newlyweds lots of opportunities to hone their DIY skills. Jenna had remodeled houses before, but Lucas had never picked up a power tool.

"Lucas always had an interest in redoing houses," Jenna says. "This one was the first chance for him to get his hands dirty."

With each passing project, their confidence and competence grew. Now, Lucas and Jenna renovate homes full-time, chronicling their adventures at *blog.jennasuedesign.com*.

"It's fun to look back and see how much we've learned and grown," Jenna says. "It taught us a lot, and the types of projects we're taking on now are happening because we learned from doing this house. There's a lot of relief and a lot of pride in it."

1 Overgrown grass and mismatched tile made the original backyard unappealing. Lucas and Jenna LeBlanc "pretty much redid everything there," Jenna says. Now the home has an outdoor room complete with seating. **2** New shutters and window frames painted bold black gave the house character. **3** Jenna rehabbed the concrete patio with a medallion stencil, white concrete paint, three layers of sealer, and more than 27 hours of labor.

↦ Get Jenna's tips for this stenciled patio look: *BHG.com/StencilPatio*

A LIGHTWEIGHT POLYURETHANE MEDALLION VISUALLY ANCHORS THE CHANDELIER AT THE CEILING. THE EXTRA BIT OF ORNAMENTATION ADDS CHARACTER TO THE LIVING ROOM.



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"THIS REDO WAS ALL ABOUT ADDING UNIQUE TOUCHES AND FEATURES TO EACH ROOM TO GIVE VISITORS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE."

JENNA LEBLANC, HOMEOWNER

4 A mural lavishes the living room with a sweeping "outdoor" vista, which Lucas and Jenna applied in seven panels. **5** Polyurethane molding (four ornate corners and matching connectors) frame the mural and hide the trimmed edges. **6** A handmade cypress bench that Lucas and Jenna crafted from a log stands in as a console table/bench inside the front door. **7** "I had a vision in my head before I started the living room," Jenna says, "and the mural and green velvet couch were the two main components." **8** The LeBlancs installed an oversize beaded chandelier in the dining room to give the space presence. New pink velvet chairs (a steal on Amazon) gather around an older table, which Jenna found on Craigslist and painted white. **9** The framed art is a city map that Jenna designed herself (find more of her work at *jennasuedesign.com*). She split the map into six segments, had a local print shop put them on paper, framed them, and hung them so the grouping reads as one big-impact piece.

BEFORE PHOTOS BY **JENNA LEBLANC**



10 Lucas and Jenna took the kitchen down to the studs. No plumbing or appliances moved to save on remodeling costs. **11** The new cabinets came from IKEA. “We painted them green and added custom toe-kicks and door panels to make the cabinets look custom and high-end,” Jenna says. IKEA butcher-block counters finish the look.

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"THE HOUSE WAS JUST A BORING BOX, BUT THE BONES WERE GOOD AND WE KNEW WE COULD RENOVATE. A BLANK CANVAS IS NICE BECAUSE WE COULD COMPLETELY ADD OUR OWN STYLE TO IT."

JENNA LEBLANC, HOMEOWNER



LUCAS AND JENNA BUILT A CUSTOM COVER FOR THE VENTILATION HOOD OUT OF PLYWOOD AND APPLIED GRASS-CLOTH WALLCOVERING TO THE SURFACE FOR A SHOT OF TEXTURE.



12 Elongated subway tile in various shades of white climb from the counter to the ceiling; it's a low-maintenance, easy-clean choice for a busy rental home. **13** Four open shelves mounted on both sides of the sink replaced wall cabinets. They hold oft-used items (bowls, cutting boards, glasses) within easy reach. **14** Jenna nabbed the island (really, a table) from Letgo (*we.letgo.com*), painted it black, and installed 4-inch casters to raise it to counter height. Now it's a mobile prep space and an in-kitchen spot to sit.



15 Jenna downplayed the "horrible textured walls" in the master bedroom by swathing them with floor-to-ceiling velvet curtains in rich green. The bamboo shades are blackout, which vacationers love.

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16 This breezy blue bathroom was added to the master bedroom; Jenna and Lucas carved out space for it from the closets.
17 The new watery blue tile was a bit of a splurge but added a touch of color in a nod to the nearby bay.
18 A shallow wood board caps the tile and doubles as a ledge for vases and toiletries.
19 Inexpensive birch frames set off dreamy artwork, while the brass fixtures add a touch of elegance.

DO IT BETTER

SOMETIMES A SMALL (BUT MEMORABLE) ELEMENT CAN INSPIRE AN ENTIRE ROOM. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MASTER BATH. THE BRASS SWAN FAUCET SPARKED JENNA'S JOY—AND A BUNCH OF IDEAS FOR THE SPACE.

DO IT BETTER

JENNA IS A MASTER AT MATCHING ANTIQUE FINDS WITH RETAIL PURCHASES, WHICH GIVES ROOMS AN EXTRA DOSE OF CHARACTER. VINTAGE TRUNKS ARE FAVORITES; THEY REPEAT THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE.





JENNA HUNTED HIGH AND LOW FOR A CUSTOM SIGN AND FINALLY FOUND A SOURCE ON AMAZON FOR ABOUT $250. THIS LED SIGN DOESN'T HEAT UP LIKE CONVENTIONAL NEON.

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20 The brass pineapple sconces were the starting point for the kid-friendly bedroom. "I wanted it to be a rain forest, jungle, safari-type of room," Jenna says, "and I knew it would be the designated kids' room, so I wanted to go more youthful in here." **21** A narrow space off the living room turned into a tropical hangout with additional sleeping space. Lucas and Jenna built a bunk bed into the wall, lofting it to free up floor space underneath. The sofa folds out into a queen-size mattress. **22** This room's wild wall of greenery is made from faux-fern fence panels from Afloral. The artificial greenery is mounted to mesh backing, which is then screwed into the wall. Jenna stuck in random leaves for variation.





HIRE A PRO OR DIY?

The LeBlancs' vacation rental is full of projects they tackled themselves, but they brought in pros too. Here's when to DIY and when to look to experts.

1 **MONEY VS. TIME** Projects cost money and time. If you are short on time, consider hiring out basics like laying tile so you can do projects you want to customize. Now that the couple have a toddler, they find themselves prioritizing time more.

2 **SPECIALTY WORK** For jobs involving tricky electrical work or plumbing, hire it done. But for a project you have a specific vision for, take it on. "I can be a perfectionist, so the only way to get the results I want and not pay a fortune is to do it myself," Jenna says.

3 **SHOP AROUND** Interior designers have access to sources for the trade. But you often can find a similar look online without hiring a pro. Retail websites like Overstock, Wayfair, Amazon, and Lowe's sell the same products at slightly different prices, so it's worth checking the competition for sales and discounts. Jenna will also hop on eBay before buying "to see if someone is selling a version of something I want," she says.

4 **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES** There's not a project in their Tampa rental house that Jenna and Lucas wish they had farmed out—even the time-consuming patio stenciling versus installing more expensive tile. "I have learned new things and grown from all of them," she says.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 101.

STYLISH SHACK Working in the yard is a lot more convenient when your tools and supplies are stored nearby. Inspired by the space-saving size of a sentry box, this compact storage unit, *this photo,* is made from standard lumber found at your local home improvement store. You can customize the basic design to fit your space.

shedFIX

Add much-needed storage for backyard essentials. This small-space build can be completed in a weekend.

PROJECTS + PHOTOGRAPHS **GAP PHOTOS** WORDS **MARIA V. CHARBONNEAUX**



USE OUR CUTTING LIST ON *PAGE 74* AS A REFERENCE. BE AWARE THAT WOOD PLANKS CAN VARY IN WIDTHS, WHICH MAY AFFECT THE OTHER MEASUREMENTS.

HANDY PERCH
Secured to supports mounted to the frame and walls about 16 inches from the ground, this shelf, *left,* can serve as a seat, a makeshift potting bench, or a spot for your watering can and garden boots. If you prefer more shelf space than hanging options, consider adding a second shelf near the top, which would be ideal for storing small pots, sprinklers, soil amendments, hand tools, or other items.







CEDAR OR TREATED LEGS ELEVATE THE SHED BOTH IN FORM AND FUNCTION. ATTACH THE DOOR WITH HEAVY-DUTY OUTDOOR GATE T HINGES.

ALL IN THE DETAILS Outfitted with a sturdy latch, a door made from tongue-and-groove cedar siding ensures everything inside the shed stays dry, *above left.* Add a padlock, if desired, for security purposes. Paint the inside and outside surfaces with exterior primer and paint, *opposite.* For maximum protection, seal with spar urethane or an outdoor sealer. Add hooks to the interior so you can hang drying herbs, trowels, spades, garden forks, gloves, and other items. Pin envelopes filled with seeds collected in the fall to the door supports on the inside, *above,* so they're ready to go during planting season.



SIX-INCH CEDAR LAP SIDING COMES IN MANY LENGTHS AND IS A GREAT OPTION FOR SHED SHINGLES. CEDAR WILL GRAY NATURALLY OVER TIME, SO SEAL IT IF YOU WANT TO PRESERVE ITS WOOD TONE.



MAKE IT

SMALL-SPACE SHED

MATERIALS

- 8-foot 4-inch tongue-and-groove cedar siding (need 26)
- 8-foot 1x2s (need 13)
- ¾-inch-thick 2x4 plywood sheet (need 1)
- 6-foot treated or cedar 4x4s (need 4)
- 6-foot treated or cedar 1x8 (need 1)
- 6-foot treated 1x12 (need 1)
- 6-foot cedar lap siding (need 4 at 6-inch width)
- Miter saw or circular saw
- Hammer and nails or pneumatic nailer
- Carpenter's square
- Jigsaw
- Speed square
- Straightedge
- Drill/driver
- 2-inch exterior screws
- 1-inch exterior screws
- Wood filler
- Exterior stain-blocking primer
- Exterior paint
- Wood shims
- Door T hinges (need 2)
- Door barrel bolt latch



Step 1 To build the shed back, refer to the Cut List, *page 74,* and cut the back boards (A), two vertical supports (B), two horizontal back supports (C), the back center support (D), and 12 triangular braces (E). Use a miter saw and circular saw to make the cuts. Set aside tongue-and-groove siding scraps for a later step.

Step 2 Build a frame for the back by arranging the back horizontal supports (C) at the ends of the vertical supports (B) with all parts standing on their edges. Using a hammer and nails or pneumatic nailer, fasten the horizontal supports to the ends of the vertical supports. Nail the center support (D) in place 30 inches from the bottom. Lay the tongue-and-groove back boards (A) on the frame (photo a), flush at the bottom with the tongue of one edge board overhanging the vertical support. Check that the assembly is square with a carpenter's square and nail the boards to the frame (photo b). Using a jigsaw, trim the overhanging back boards so they're flush with the vertical supports at each edge. Flip over the back and nail four braces (E) to the frame corners (photo c).



Step 3 To build the sides, cut 10 side boards (F), four vertical supports (B), four side horizontal supports (G), and two side center supports (H). Using half the parts for each side and in the same manner as when building the back, nail together the frames. Apply the side boards by centering them on the frames. Trim the overhanging boards along each edge, flip the sides, and nail the remaining corner braces in place.

Step 4 For the door, cut eight door boards (I), door vertical supports (J), door horizontal supports (K), and door diagonal supports (L). Arrange the door boards facing down on the floor with the ends flush. Position one vertical support flat on the door panel, centered top to bottom, ¼ inch from one edge, and nail it in place. Add the horizontal supports, squaring them to the vertical support, and then add the remaining vertical support. Referring to the diagram, measure and trim the diagonal supports to fit, using a miter saw, and nail them in place. Trim the door boards to be flush with the vertical supports.

Step 5 Use a speed square (photo d) to mark a 45-degree angle from a top corner of each leg (M), and cut using a miter or circular saw.

Step 6 To cut the gable angles on the back, use a speed square and straightedge to mark 45-degree cut lines starting 3½ inches above the top corners of the back frame and continuing to the top edge of the back panel. Cut using a jigsaw (photo e). The two angled cuts do not form a point.

Step 7 Position the back against one leg with the outer surfaces of the back and leg flush and the angled slope of the gable aligned with the angled end (the toe) of the leg. Drive 2-inch exterior screws through the vertical supports into the leg (photo f). The leg should extend below the wall 8½ inches. Repeat on opposite side with a second leg.

Step 8 Position the side walls with their top edges aligned with the bottom (the heel) of the angled leg cut. Drive screws through the vertical supports into the legs (photo g). In the same fashion, attach the front legs to the sides.

Step 9 Cut the shelf apron (N) and screw to the rear faces of the two front legs with the top edge 16 inches from the bottom of the legs. The apron supports the front edge of the shelf and adds side-to-side stability to the shed.

Step 10 To create the roof gables, cut the short roof rafters (O) and long roof rafters (P). Screw each long rafter to a short rafter, aligning the top edge of the short rafter with the end of the long rafter so the roof will be the same length on each side. Nail one pair of assembled rafters to the fronts of the front legs (photo h) with the top rafter edges and angled leg tops flush. Make sure the legs are 24½ inches apart and that the rafter ends extend equally beyond the legs at both sides. Nail the second rafter set in place at the rear. Cut the roof ridges (Q) and position them between the rafters at the peak. Drive screws through the rafters and into the ridges. Cut the door header (R) and fasten it to the backs of the front rafters so it sits between the legs. Cut the drip cap (S) and nail it to the door header with the bottom edges flush.

Step 11 Cut the rear shelf support (T) and side shelf supports (U). Screw the supports to the back and sides with their top edges level with the top edge of the shelf apron. Cut the shelf panels (V, W) and jigsaw notches at the corners to fit around the legs and vertical supports. The front panel should overhang the shelf apron. Screw the shelf panels to the supports and apron at a 45-degree angle. Cut the apron trim (X) and screw it to the bottom edge of the apron.

Step 12 Using the tongue-and-groove board scraps remaining from the wall construction, fill the gable above the doorway, measuring and cutting with a miter saw set at a 45-degree angle.

Step 13 Cut the shingles (Y). Starting from the bottom and working your way to the top, nail the shingles to the rafters with the thin edges at the top, overlapping the boards as you go. Finish with the ridge cap (Z).

Step 14 Prepare the shed for primer and paint per manufacturer directions. Fill all nail and screw holes with wood filler. Let dry, and sand. Prime all interior and exterior surfaces (excluding the shingles) with a stain-blocking primer to hide knots. When dry, apply two coats of paint to all primed surfaces, allowing dry time between coats.

Step 15 Once the finish dries, wedge the door in the opening with wood shims, leaving even gaps at the top and sides. Screw the hinges and barrel bolt to the door and legs. Remove shims.



CUT LIST

KEY	#	PART	MATERIAL	LENGTH
A	8	BACK BOARDS	1×4 TONGUE-AND-GROOVE PINE WALL PLANK	72 INCHES
B	6	VERTICAL SUPPORTS	1×2	58½ INCHES
C,O,R,X	6	BACK HORIZONTAL SUPPORTS, SHORT ROOF RAFTERS, DOOR HEADER, APRON TRIM	1×2	24½ INCHES
D,T	2	BACK CENTER SUPPORT, REAR SHELF SUPPORT	1×2	23 INCHES
E	12	TRIANGULAR CORNER BRACES	¾-INCH PLYWOOD	5×5 INCHES
F,I	18	SIDE AND DOOR BOARDS	1×4 TONGUE-AND-GROOVE PINE WALL PLANK	60 INCHES
G	4	SIDE HORIZONTAL SUPPORTS	1×2	14 INCHES
H,U	4	SIDE CENTER SUPPORTS, SIDE SHELF SUPPORTS	1×2	12½ INCHES
J	2	DOOR VERTICAL SUPPORTS	1×2	56 INCHES
K	3	DOOR HORIZONTAL SUPPORTS	1×2	21¼ INCHES
L	2	DOOR DIAGONAL SUPPORTS	1×2	36 INCHES
M	4	LEGS	TREATED 4×4	72 INCHES
N	1	SHELF APRON	TREATED 1×8	27 INCHES
P	2	LONG ROOF RAFTERS	1×2	26 INCHES
Q	2	ROOF RIDGES	1×2	21 INCHES
S	1	DRIP CAP	¾-INCH QUARTER ROUND	24½ INCHES
V	1	SHELF FRONT PANEL	1×8	30 INCHES
W	1	SHELF REAR PANEL	1×12	30 INCHES
Y	12	SHINGLES	6-INCH CEDAR LAP SIDING	23¾ INCHES
Z	1	RIDGE CAP	CEDAR RIDGE CAP FOR ROOF	25 INCHES

ILLUSTRATION, CUT LIST, AND INSTRUCTIONS REFLECT MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN THE U.S. AND DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM PHOTOGRAPHS.

ILLUSTRATION **CHRISTOPHER MILLS**



STAND FIRM

A mini shed can hold tools, gear like cushions and entertainment supplies, or even act as a secluded space to take a seat. However you use your shed, secure it the ground to keep it from tipping. Consider these options.

ANCHOR IT Secure the posts on existing concrete using heavy-duty post base hardware and anchors. Some bases feature a standoff that slightly elevates the posts from the ground to help prevent rot.

POUR FOOTINGS For a shed placed on the ground, one option is to dig and pour concrete footings, setting anchors on the wet concrete. Attach the legs using post brackets after the footings have fully cured. Another option: Using 8-foot treated 4×4s for the legs, dig 30-inch-deep holes with a posthole auger, then pour 6 inches of gravel in the bottom of each hole. Tip the shed up, sliding the legs into the holes. The gravel allows you to shimmy the shed around to get it plumb. Then backfill the holes with dirt, tamping it as you fill.

GROUND IT For a less permanent solution, use screwlike ground anchors meant for pergolas to anchor this freestanding unit. You can find pergola anchoring kits online.

FLEXIBLE DESIGN This mini garden shed can be used in multiple ways thanks to its easy to attach—and remove—hinged door design. Here, we removed the door, *left,* so the shelf can be converted into cozy covered seating.



embracing

SMALL STEPS

Taking on home projects as their budget allows lets an Oregon couple create a cozy bungalow—and build a life.

WORDS **SARAH EGGE** PHOTOGRAPHS **ADAM ALBRIGHT** STYLING **NATALIE DAYTON**



NOT EVERYONE HAS A PHOTO OF A PILE OF USED RAZOR BLADES ON THEIR INSTAGRAM STORIES, BUT JORDAN WOODARD DOES. WHEN SHE AND HUSBAND NICK WERE redoing their 1920s bathroom, they removed the original built-in metal medicine cabinet. Her dad, a home builder, suggested she look for a slot in the bottom corner. "He said people used to drop old blades through it, and they would just collect in the wall cavity," Jordan says. "I looked and said, 'Oh my gosh, Nick, there's a slot!'" Sure enough, when they pulled out the cabinet, Jordan got her pic.

Jordan has chronicled the icky Befores through the pretty Afters as they DIY their Portland, Oregon, bungalow. An interior designer, Jordan posts projects, shares ideas, and seeks advice online for their petite home. Like when she wanted to replace the hardware on the original vanity in the bathroom but didn't know what to do about holes from pulls that had been screwed in diagonally. "A designer friend told me to just embrace them and make them decorative," she says. Now, small brass plugs fill the extra holes, and the refurbished teak cabinet shines anew.

Giving the house sparkle and personality was the couple's main ambition. It was in good structural shape, so they focused on enhancing its features like improving light fixtures and painting kitchen cabinets while they saved for the bathroom redo.

"We kept a spreadsheet so we knew how much we were spending," Jordan says. "The house is a great representation of living within your means. By not having a big space to tackle, we could save for other things like exploring the West Coast."

1 Nick and Jordan Woodard and their friendly Labradoodle, Beau, love their fenced-in yard. They stacked the cedar boards horizontally with nickel gaps to add visual interest to the small space. **2** A pullout sofa bed and a coffee table with a top that lifts to table height give extra function to the living room. Jordan also squeezed in a bar by adding wineglass racks to a shelf and tucking a tiered table underneath.

3 The bungalow was owned by the same family for almost 100 years and still had the original solid-wood kitchen cabinets. Nick and Jordan refreshed them with vintage-inspired aqua paint.

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4 Jordan was eager to get house projects finished before daughter Lucy arrived. Fortunately, the kitchen only needed a cosmetic facelift. A vintage-style small fridge fits snugly under the 1920s upper cabinets. **5** The previous owners installed the bamboo countertops, but Jordan is not a fan because they stain easily. "The moral of the story is to save up more money and put in quartz," she says.



6 This section of countertop turned into a coffee bar after the couple added an outlet and shelves for all the sundries. **7** The brackets started out chrome, but Jordan wanted them to look like the brass cabinet hardware. She used Rub 'n Buff, a wax with metallic powder pigment, to get the desired look.

THE CABINETS WERE PAINTED A VIVID BLUE-GREEN. "I LIKED THE IDEA OF THEM BEING A COLOR," JORDAN SAYS, "BUT I WANTED A COLOR THAT FIT THE HOME'S ERA. THIS MUTED GREEN FEELS MORE VINTAGE."

8 When Lucy arrived, this art arrangement was waiting for her. Jordan shops for inexpensive artwork online. “I have a ton of it that I swap out continually, so it’s rare for me to spend a lot of money,” she says. **9** In any display—on the wall or shelves or tabletop—Jordan says it’s important to add a bit of greenery for layers of color, texture, and pattern.



10 Floating display shelves for books and artwork consume no floor space in the 7×9-foot nursery. **11** A vintage-style wall sconce provides just the right amount of light for reading bedtime stories. **12** The refrigerator's water line runs through the back of the nursery closet, so Jordan worked around it with a built-in shelf and ready-made pieces. She measured the closet's dimensions, then clicked through drawer options online to find units in a size she could stack. She and Nick built a maple plywood frame around the drawers to make a countertop and shelves.



"IN A SMALL SPACE, YOU COLLECT THINGS THAT MEAN MORE BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF BUYING A LOT."

JORDAN WOODARD, HOMEOWNER



13 Jordan and Nick tackled this wall of their 1920s bathroom themselves but hired a plumber to redo the toilet and shower. "This is our only bathroom, so we had pros do that part because they could do it fast," she says. **14** After removing the original medicine cabinet (and pile of razor blades), they filled the hole with a drywall patch and wired in new sconces. **15** The bathroom didn't originally include a fan, so "the vanity's old wood was stinky," Jordan says. They wanted to keep the teak piece so they hand-sanded it, cleaned it with Murphy Oil Soap, and applied teak oil. A final coat of Howard Feed-N-Wax took care of any residual odor. **16** New brass hardware plays off the brass sconces and towel hook.



17 Jordan painted the walls white throughout the house to make the rooms feel larger. But in their small bedroom, she wanted a bit of a cozier feel and painted the walls Silver Plate by Sherwin-Williams. **18** To gain as much storage as possible, the couple chose a storage bed and matching C-shape side tables so they can access the underbed drawers from either side.



19 A module storage system in the laundry area off the back entrance is über-customizable, Jordan says. "That area is also our drop zone for mail and where we file papers. It's the pantry, and it's also a utility room for storing batteries and cleaning products," she says. "Every six months or so, we move the parts around to see if we can crank out any more function." **20** Jordan and Nick spent about $100 on the wall cabinets and maple plywood counter to make the laundry area even handier.



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a TISKET, a TASKET

DIP-DYE BASKETS Elevate chipwood baskets with a color splash, *this photo.* Mix a dye bath in a large tub (see color formulas at *ritdye.com*), and soak the basket 10–20 minutes, or paint the dye onto the sections you wish to color.

Weave these easy and affordable decorations into a pretty pastel celebration.

PROJECTS **KIM HUTCHISON** PHOTOGRAPHS **BLAINE MOATS** WORDS **WENDY HELFENBAUM**



DO IT BETTER

NO SPECIAL KITS ARE NEEDED TO CREATE VIBRANT EASTER EGGS. JUST LOOK IN YOUR PANTRY AND DESK DRAWER FOR THE SUPPLIES TO GET THIS LOOK.

WOVEN IN Step up traditional dyed hard-boiled eggs with a lattice look, *above.* Apply vertical and horizontal lines of ⅛-inch graphic art tape or thick rubber bands to cooled eggs. Submerge in ½ cup hot water, 1 teaspoon vinegar, and 15–20 drops of food coloring for five minutes. Remove eggs with tongs, allow them to dry on a rack, and take off tape. Dye them again using only 10 drops of food coloring, soaking three to four minutes. Let dry.

STAMP IT Upgrade plain cloth napkins, *right,* with a stamped crosshatch pattern. Wrap assorted rubber bands horizontally around a 3×3-inch wood block to make the stamp. Mask outside edges and the center of napkin with painters tape. Apply fabric paint to rubber bands and press onto one napkin corner. Add paint, rotate stamp 90 degrees, and press over first stamp marks. Repeat until you finish the border. Remove tape and let dry.

MAKE PLACE MATS FROM CANE WEBBING. FRAY EDGES OF A 13×18-INCH PIECE OF CANING (SOLD AT *CANEANDBASKET.COM*). USING AN EMBROIDERY NEEDLE, WEAVE FOUR COLUMNS OF YARN AN INCH FROM THE EDGE FOR A FINISHING TOUCH.



RAISE THEM UP Lift your colorful creations high in custom egg holders crafted from cane webbing, *left.* Cut a 3×5½-inch strip of fine 7/16-inch mesh cane (find it at *caneandbasket.com*). Fray top edges by removing an inch of horizontal weave. Roll into a cylinder, overlapping edges by a half inch. Secure with hot glue and a utility clip. Remove clip once glue is dry.

MAKE IT

PAPER FAVOR BASKET

MATERIALS

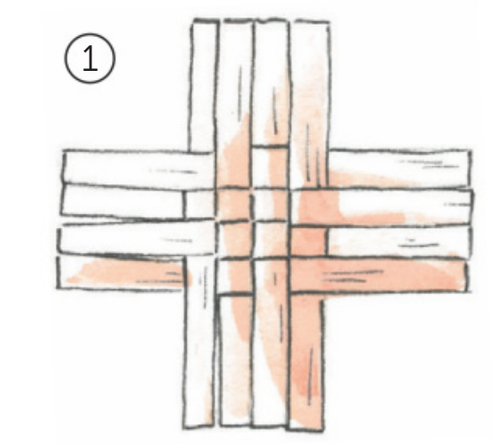
- 2 sheets of heavyweight 12×12-inch scrapbook paper
- Glue pen

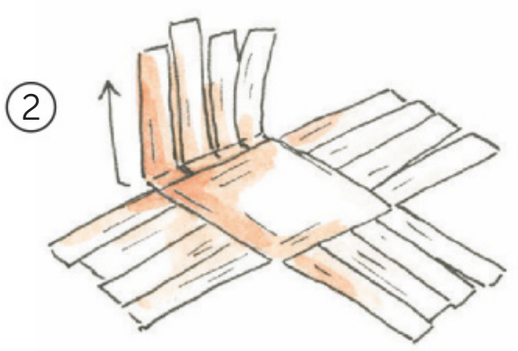
Step 1 Cut fifteen 1×12-inch strips of scrapbook paper. To make the body of the basket, place four strips side by side and weave four strips in the opposite direction to form a plus shape (1). Glue layers together.

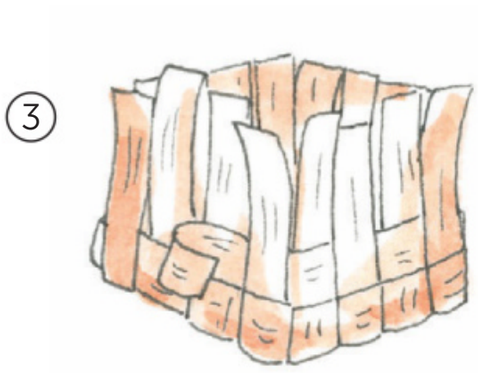
Step 2 Strengthen the base by cutting a 4×4-inch square of paper and placing it on the woven center. Using a ruler, fold strips over the center square and crease at the edge (2), so they stand upright.

Step 3 Glue together two of the remaining seven strips of paper end to end; trim to 17 inches. Repeat with four more strips (You'll have three 1×17-inch strips total.) Starting at the base, weave one 17-inch strip horizontally through the upright strips (3). Use the glue pen (or hot glue) to adhere the ends where they overlap; trim excess. Repeat with remaining strips, working up the basket in alternating pattern. Fold excess from vertical strips over the top horizontal strip; glue to the inside. To form handle, glue the ends of the remaining 1×12-inch strip to the inside of the basket.









SWEET STUFF Fill these charming paper baskets, *left*, with treats, dyed eggs, or knitted creations to act as a centerpiece, then hand them out as take-home favors after the feast.

Add to it! To make a rounded version of this basket, plus more Easter projects, see: *BHG.com/EasterProjects*

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GEORGE.
VENT SYSTEM



Wash. Dry. Fold.

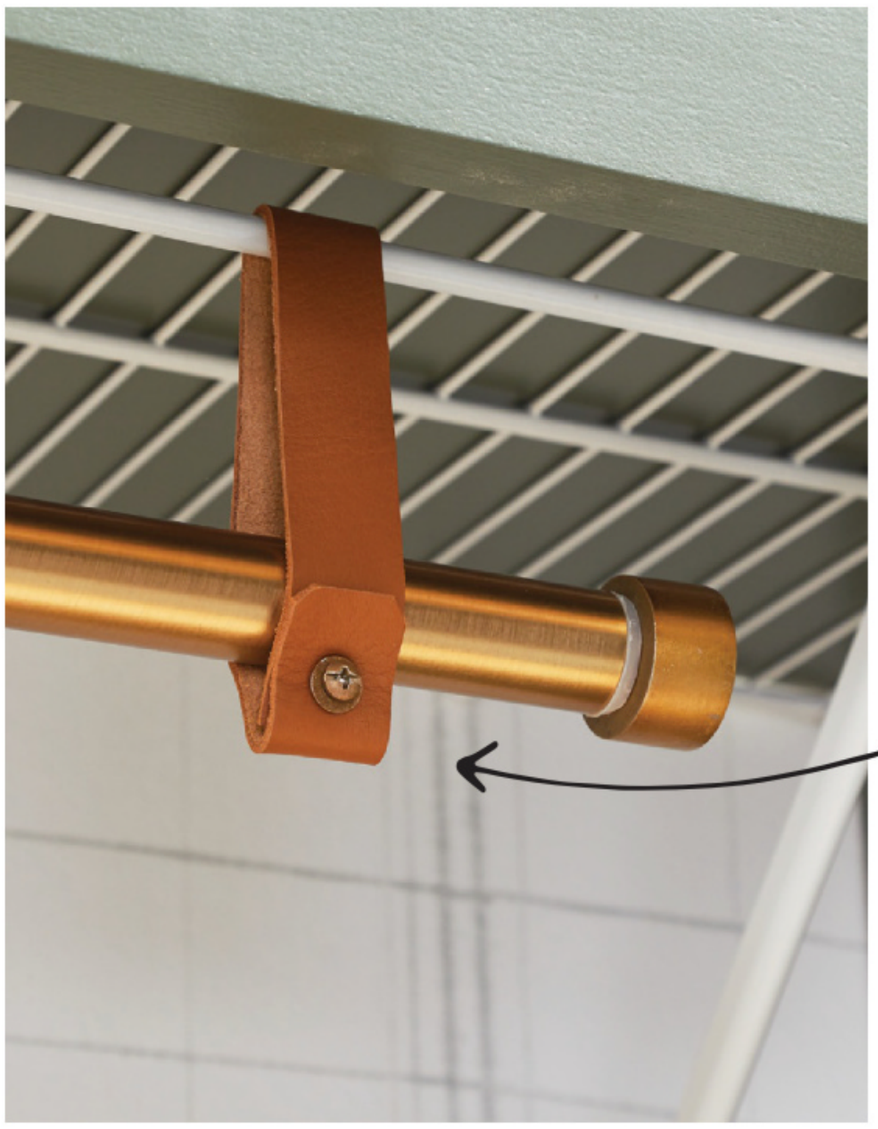
Convert a closet into a laundry space that tucks away behind attractive folding doors. Out of sight—and out of mind!

PROJECTS **KATE MALO**
PHOTOGRAPHS **MARTY BALDWIN**
WORDS **LACEY HOWARD**

LOADS OF STYLE A hardworking laundry room doesn't have to be devoid of decor and buried in the basement. Bring this household necessity to the main level—or wherever is most convenient—by making over a closet. Vinyl peel-and-stick floor tiles, an off-the-rack countertop, fun wallpaper, and smart storage lend your machines stylish yet durable surroundings. Basic bifold doors allow for venting and are customizable with simple trimwork. Ensure there's space around the machines to meet manufacturer's guidelines for dissipating heat. Other considerations: A closet near a bathroom will have easier access to plumbing lines, and added insulation will help dampen noise.



A GRID OF STAIN-REMOVAL TIPS IS ELEVATED TO ARTWORK WHEN FRAMED AND HUNG ON THE WALL.



A NARROW STRIP OF LEATHER (WE FOUND THIS ONE ON ETSY, BUT YOU COULD UPCYCLE AN OLD BELT) HOLDS A DRAPERY ROD FOR HANGING CLOTHES.





ORGANIZED & CUSTOMIZED Wall-hung bins and shelves, *opposite,* hold stain fighters and tools at the ready on a side wall. Wire shelving, *top left,* goes undercover when topped with a piece of painted wood and a narrow face frame covering the front edge of the wire installation. A plastic tray, *above left,* keeps drips and spills from soaking into a basket. Paint a basic storage tower (we used Sherwin-Williams Pewter Green) and add shelf liner to create a custom countertop storage unit, *above.*



A BUTCHER-BLOCK COUNTERTOP INSTALLED ATOP THE FRONT-LOAD MACHINES OFFERS AMPLE SPACE FOR FOLDING, IRONING, AND MORE.



DO IT BETTER

HIRE AN ELECTRICIAN TO INSTALL AT LEAST ONE ELECTRICAL OUTLET ABOVE THE COUNTERTOP TO MAKE USING AN IRON, STEAMER, OR OTHER SMALL APPLIANCE EASY. BECAUSE WATER IS NEARBY, BE SURE THE OUTLETS ARE GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER RATHER THAN STANDARD.



PRESS CONFERENCE A narrow cart, *above left,* wheels into a sliver of space between the washer and the wall. When its contents are needed, simply roll it out into the room, *above,* and access the iron, ironing board, and extra cleaning supplies.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO GE APPLIANCES AND YORK WALLCOVERINGS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Inexpensive, off-the-rack bifold closet doors are easy to find at home improvement stores and then upgraded with architectural detail, *this photo.* Use 1x4 lumber to achieve the look of panels. Secure the boards using an air nailer and finish nails or construction adhesive. Caulk any gaps, paint the doors, and install hardware.

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PEEL-AND-STICK VINYL TILE CAN BE INSTALLED OVER CONCRETE, VINYL, WOOD, OR SUBFLOORING FOR HIGH-STYLE, LOW-COMMITMENT FLOOR DECOR.



FRONT ROW *seat*

A dash of farmhouse and a pinch of modern give distinctive flavor to a simply constructed entry bench.

PROJECTS **JOHN KNIGHT** PHOTOGRAPHS **JASON DONNELLY** WORDS **LACEY HOWARD**



SCREWS ARE INSET THEN COVERED BY PIECES OF WOOD DOWEL PAINTED BLACK TO GIVE THE BENCH THE LOOK OF CLASSIC PEG CONSTRUCTION.

WELCOME HOME This entry space brings home a modern farmhouse aesthetic with a vintage truck tailgate and a rustic basket with cotton bolls as art, *opposite*. A modern metal-and-wood coatrack and a bench handcrafted from builder-grade lumber (see how-to, *page 96*) create a drop zone.

DO IT BETTER

ADD WAINSCOTING THE EASY WAY BY NAILING 1×4 BOARDS VERTICALLY EVERY 16 INCHES TO THE LOWER PORTION OF THE WALL. HORIZONTAL TRIM AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM FINISHES THE LOOK. PAINT IT ALL A CRISP WHITE.

LEAVE THE WALL EXPOSED BUT PAINTED TO MATCH THE SURROUNDING TRIM. THERE'S NO NEED TO ADD CENTER PANELS BETWEEN THE VERTICAL BOARDS.

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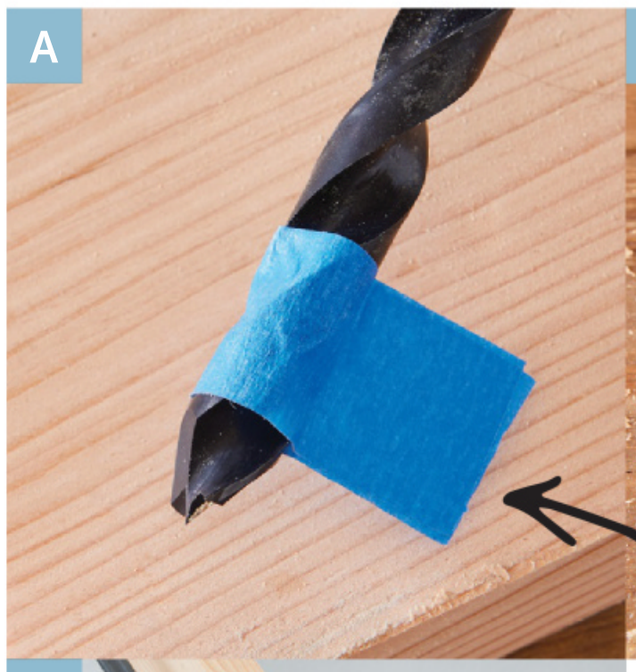
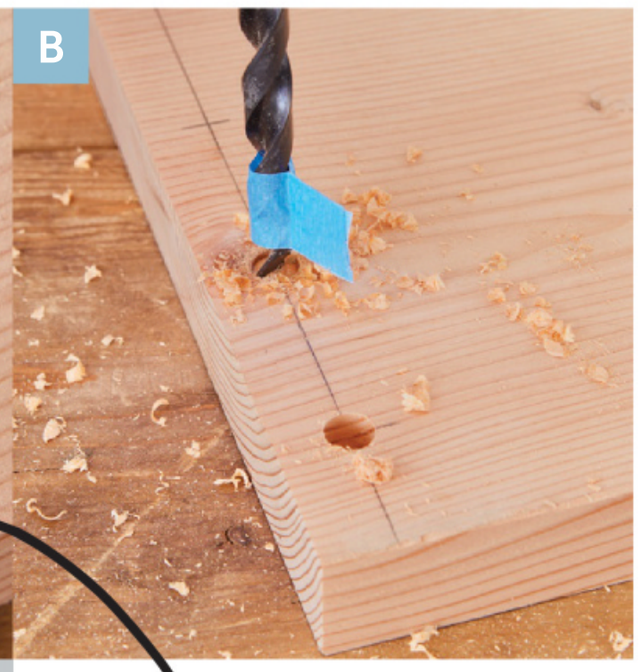
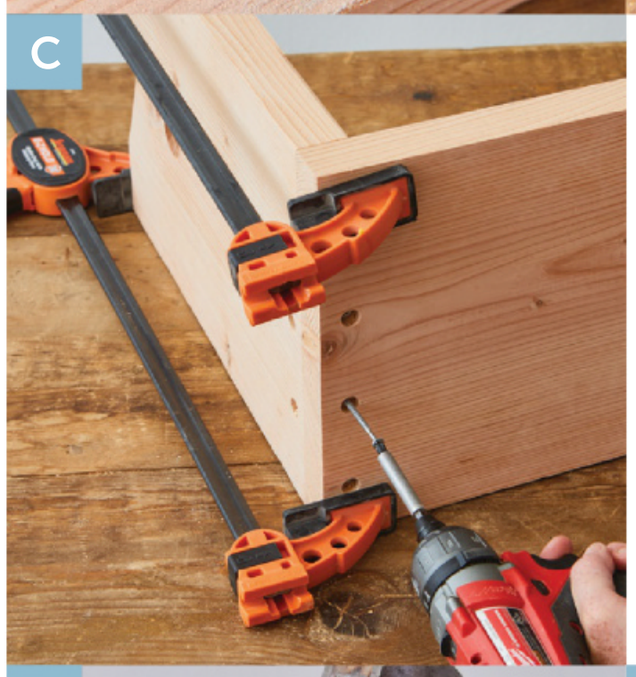
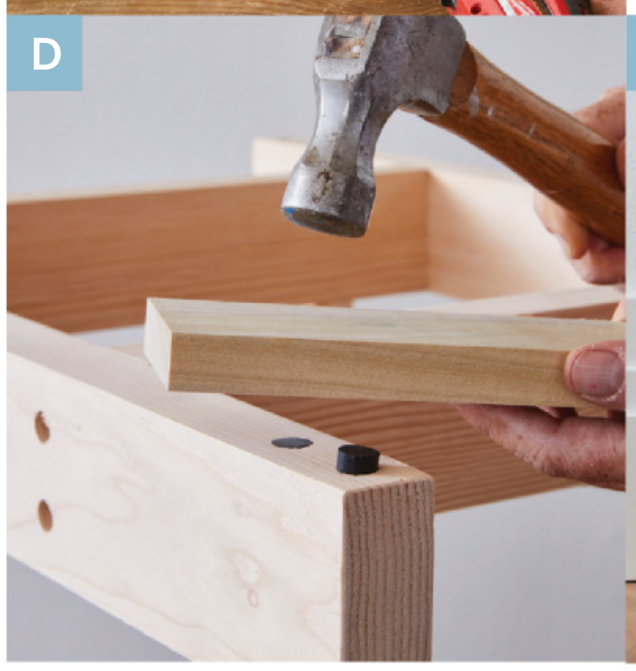
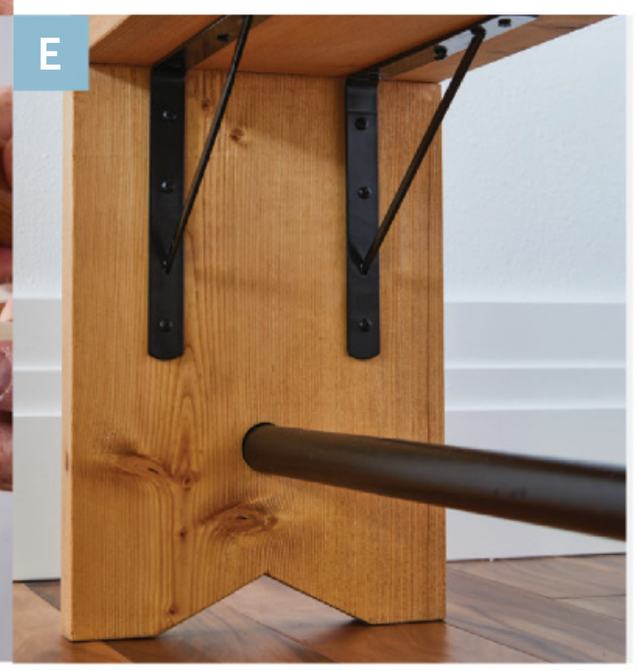






USE PAINTERS TAPE ON YOUR DRILL BIT TO MARK THE DEPTH YOU SHOULD DRILL FOR THE ¼-INCH DOWEL PIECES THAT WILL COVER SCREWHEADS ON THE BENCH TOP AND THE DECORATIVE HOLES ON THE LEGS.





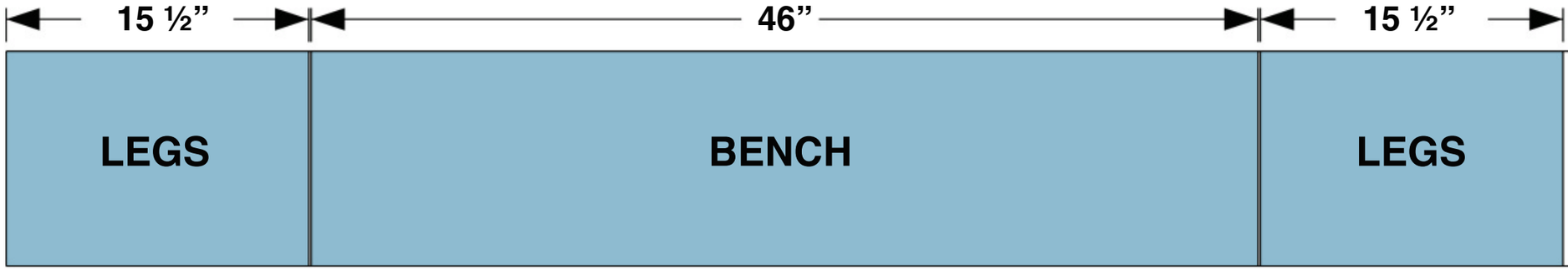
MAKE IT

ENTRY BENCH

MATERIALS

- 8-foot 2×12 Douglas fir framing board
- Table saw
- Miter saw or circular saw
- Drill
- 7/64-inch and ½-inch wood drill bits
- 1⅜-inch Forstner bit
- Jigsaw
- Wood glue
- Clamps
- Framing square
- #8×2½-inch wood screws (need eight)
- Orbital palm sander
- 120-grit sandpaper
- ½×36-inch round wood dowel
- Matte black spray paint (We used Rust-Oleum Matte Farmhouse Black.)
- Hammer
- Danish oil (We used Watco in Dark Walnut.)
- Rags
- Latex gloves
- 10×8-inch black medium-duty shelf bracket (need four) (We used Home Depot #030699142873.)
- #10×½-inch Phillips panhead screws (need 24 if shelf brackets do not come with screws)
- Heavy-duty cleanser and rubber gloves
- 1×48-inch black iron pipe
- 1-inch black iron pipe cap (need two)
- Spray sealer

Step 1 Cut the following pieces from the 2×12 framing board: two legs (15½ inches long), one top (46 inches long). To give the 2×12 lumber a modern, square shape, we used a table saw to rip off the rounded edges of the cut pieces. Cut one edge off



all the pieces and then cut the opposite edge, making sure all the boards are 1½×11 inches.

Step 2 Mark a line ¾ inches in from each short end of the bench top. Mark positions for four holes along the line: two holes 1½ inches in from either end and the remaining two holes 2⅝ inches from the first two holes. See diagram, *below.* Using the 7/64-inch bit, drill pilot holes through the center of these marks. Keep your drill bit as straight as possible. Drill holes for the dowel plugs in the same spot with the ½-inch drill bit. TIP: Wrap a piece of blue painters tape ⅜ inch from the tip of the drill bit so you don't drill too deep (A). Drill ⅜-inch-deep holes at the marked spots (B).

Step 3 On the side of each leg piece, mark a line ¾ inches down from the top edge. Mark three holes along the line: two holes 2¾ inches in from either side and the remaining hole 5½ inches from either side. See diagram, *right.* Drill ⅜-inch-deep holes for the dowel plugs with the ½-inch drill bit. The plug holes on the legs are only cosmetic, so no pilot holes for screws are needed.

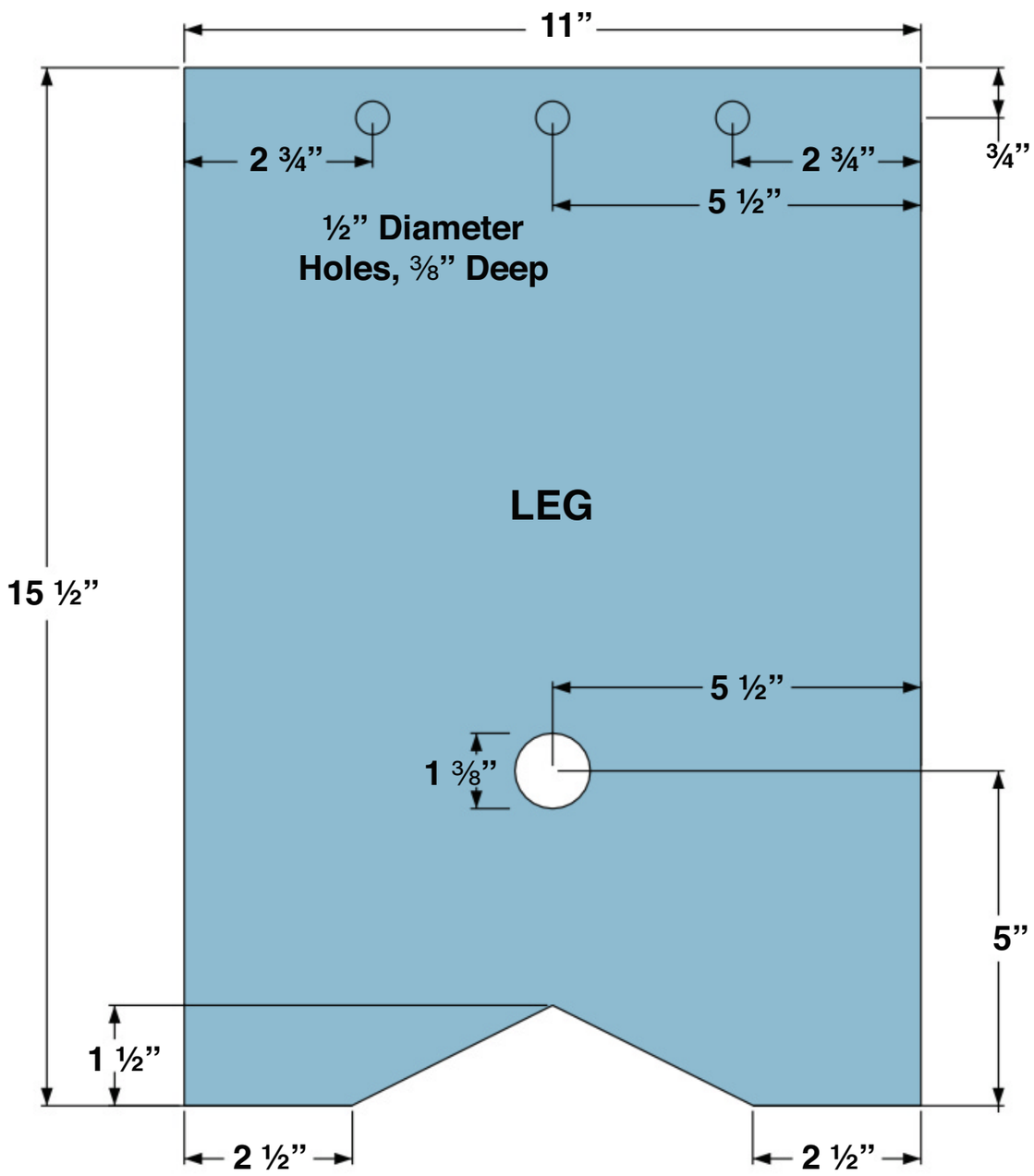
Step 4 Use a 1⅜-inch Forstner bit to drill a hole 5 inches from the bottom edge of each leg and 5½ inches from either side. See diagram, *right.* TIP: To make sure your holes are lined up, clamp leg pieces together, making sure all edges are flush. Drill through one and into the second. Remove the first leg and continue drilling the hole through the second leg. Use a jigsaw to carefully cut a wedge in the bottom edge of each leg. See diagram, *right.*

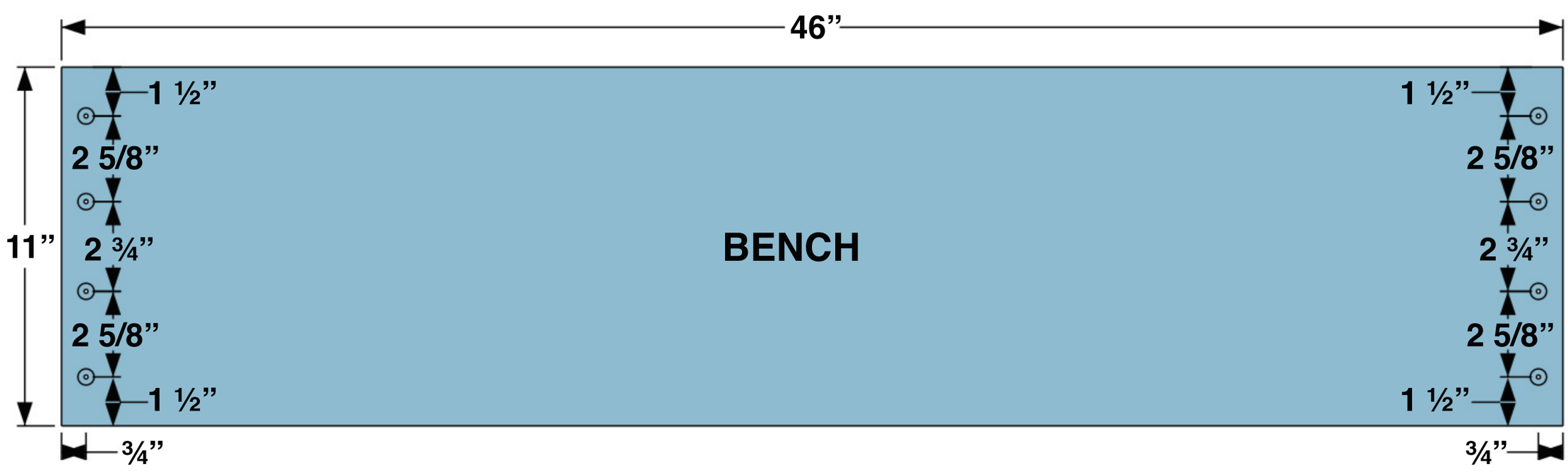
Step 5 Glue and clamp a leg to the top piece, making sure all edges are flush and the plug holes on both pieces are facing out. Check for square and with the 7/64-inch drill bit, continue the pilot hole into the top edge of the leg piece, being careful to drill as straight as possible. Drive 2½-inch screws through the pilot holes to connect the pieces (C). Repeat with second leg. Sand all surfaces and joints smooth.

Step 6 Cut ¼-inch-long plugs from the ½-inch dowel. You will need 14. Spray-paint one end of each plug black and let dry. Dab a small amount of glue on the unpainted end of the dowels and twist into a hole. Gently tap the dowels flush using a hammer and scrap piece of wood (D). Be careful to not set the dowel deeper than the surface.

Step 7 Wipe a coat of Danish oil onto the entire bench. Allow to dry for 5 minutes and then wipe off anywhere the oil pooled. Repeat for second coat. Flip the bench upside down and attach two shelf brackets at each end (E). Note: Our brackets did not come with screws so we needed 24 #10 panhead screws; we painted the screwheads black.

Step 8 Clean the pipe and caps with cleanser, then spray with a sealer to prevent rust. Thread the pipe through the holes in each leg and attach the pipe caps.





ENTRY OPTIONS

We are big fans of benches—large, small, upholstered, and wood. We love them all! Here are four of our faves from past issues for additional DIY-seat ideas.



1 MIDCENTURY MOD A beautiful slab of wood is put on display when elevated by simple metal hairpin legs. Finish the wood as desired. Simply screw legs to bottom of wood to create a seat worthy of your home's front entry.



2 SUZANI WRAPPED Create an upholstered bench using an embroidered suzani-look fabric. Cut plywood to size, then add layers (cut to size of plywood) of high-density foam, upholstery batting, and quilt batting. Cut enough muslin to cover the layers and staple to the underside of the plywood. Repeat with upholstery fabric. Add legs or casters.



3 SET OFF WITH A SMILE Craft this bench from a 2×12 board. Using a table or miter saw, cut a top to your desired length (ours is 44 inches) and two 14½-inch legs. Secure the legs on the underside of the top with 2×2 cleats. To put a "smile" on the bench, print letters and tape them to the bench surface. With a small bit, drill through the paper to make shallow, evenly spaced holes outlining each letter. Finish with a coat of clear polyurethane.



4 SOFT LANDING Add a cushion to a wood bench with this so-smart solution: Fasten a pair of skinny belts to hold the cushion in place. Swap the cushion as often as desired or remove it for a different look.

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PROJECTS UNDER $20

MAKE IT!

Find inspiration and how-to for thrifty DIY projects featured in this issue.

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CHUNKY YARN IS PERFECT FOR FLUFFY POM-POMS AND TASSELS. SEE *PAGE 7,* AND HOW-TO, *BELOW*.

ACCESSORIZE IT!

Here's how to make two of our favorite yarn flourishes.

PLUSH POM-POMS Take these add-ons to the next level with supersize yarn, *inset.* Cut two equal cardboard circles to the desired size. Cut a smaller hole in the center to make a doughnut shape, then cut out a small slice. Stack the doughnuts on top of each other so the slices line up, and wrap the yarn around the center of the doughnut starting from the slice. The more wraps around the cutouts, the fluffier the pom-pom. Slip sharp scissors between the two doughnuts and cut around to make the fringe. Once you have cut around the doughnut, cut the yarn leaving a tail that you can tie off. Cut a strand of yarn long enough to wrap around the center and tightly wind the yarn between the two doughnut shapes, then tie it off 2-3 times. Pull out the cardboard doughnuts. Fluff fringe into a pom-pom and trim as needed. See pom-pom tips at *BHG.com/YarnPoms.*

TASSEL Wrap yarn around cardboard cut to the desired tassel length, *right.* To create the tie-on, slip a piece of yarn through the top using a yarn needle. Slip the wrapped yarn off the cardboard and wrap a piece of yarn about 1 inch down to create the top; tie off. Cut the bottom loops to create the fringe.



BUTTERFLY TRACING PATTERN

FILL IT IN!



SEE THIS BUTTERFLY IN FULL COLOR ON *PAGES 50–51.*

Use a projector to cast this butterfly pattern onto your wall to desired scale. Then, following the directions on *page 51,* pencil in the outline to determine placement of brad nails. To re-create our look, fill in the lower wing's light purple teardrops by tying yarn to a nail at the narrow end of each shape then looping on a nail on the opposite, wide side of the teardrop. Next loop yarn around the nail to the right of the starting nail, and then around nail to left of the opposite nail; continue until teardrop is full. To fill orange sections, tie yarn at narrowest point of each shape, wrap it around a nail opposite the first one, loop around the starting nail again, then wrap it around a nail adjacent to the opposite nail. Repeat until the first nail is full, and then move to the adjacent one. Repeat until design is complete. Follow the same steps with remaining colors and sections.



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[V] Product Line Varies The product selection changes frequently on the retailer website.

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Frames—Hobby Lobby; *hobbylobby.com* [V] and thrift stores. **Green pots**—Goode Greenhouses; *goodegreenhouses.com.* **Round bag with strap**—Target Stores; *target.com* [V].

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Yarn for colorful orbs Lion Brand Wool-Ease Thick & Quick Yarn—Michaels; *michaels.com.* **Thin blush yarn for rose** Lion Brand Hue + Me, **thick blush yarn for rose** K+C Knit and Crochet Arctic Yarn, **foam craft ball**—Jo-Ann Stores; *joann.com.* **Gold yarn in center of rose** La Mia Boho yarn—Hobium; *hobiumyarns.com.* **Chunky yarn for lap blanket** LB collection Yooge Yarn—Lion Brand Yarn; *lionbrand.com.*

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Puffy yarn for pillow LB collection Go for Faux Yooge Yarn—Lion Brand Yarn; *lionbrand.com.* **Variegated and brown yarns for wall hanging** Lion Brand Wool-Ease Thick & Quick Yarn—Michaels; *michaels.com.* **Brass hardware for wall hanging** Bobeey Chunky Purses Snap Hooks—Amazon; *amazon.com* [V].

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Raffia Creatrill Natural Raffia Paper Ribbon—Amazon; *amazon.com* [V].

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Round mirror Anyhi Beveled Frameless Round Wall Mirror, 18-inch Circle Mirror for Bathroom, Entryways, Living Room, **drill bit** Dunchaty Diamond Drill Bit, 10 pcs. Glass Diamond Hole Saw Set Extractor Remover, **strap for hanging** Tofl Leather Strap Medium Brown, **decorative nail**—Amazon; *amazon.com* [V].

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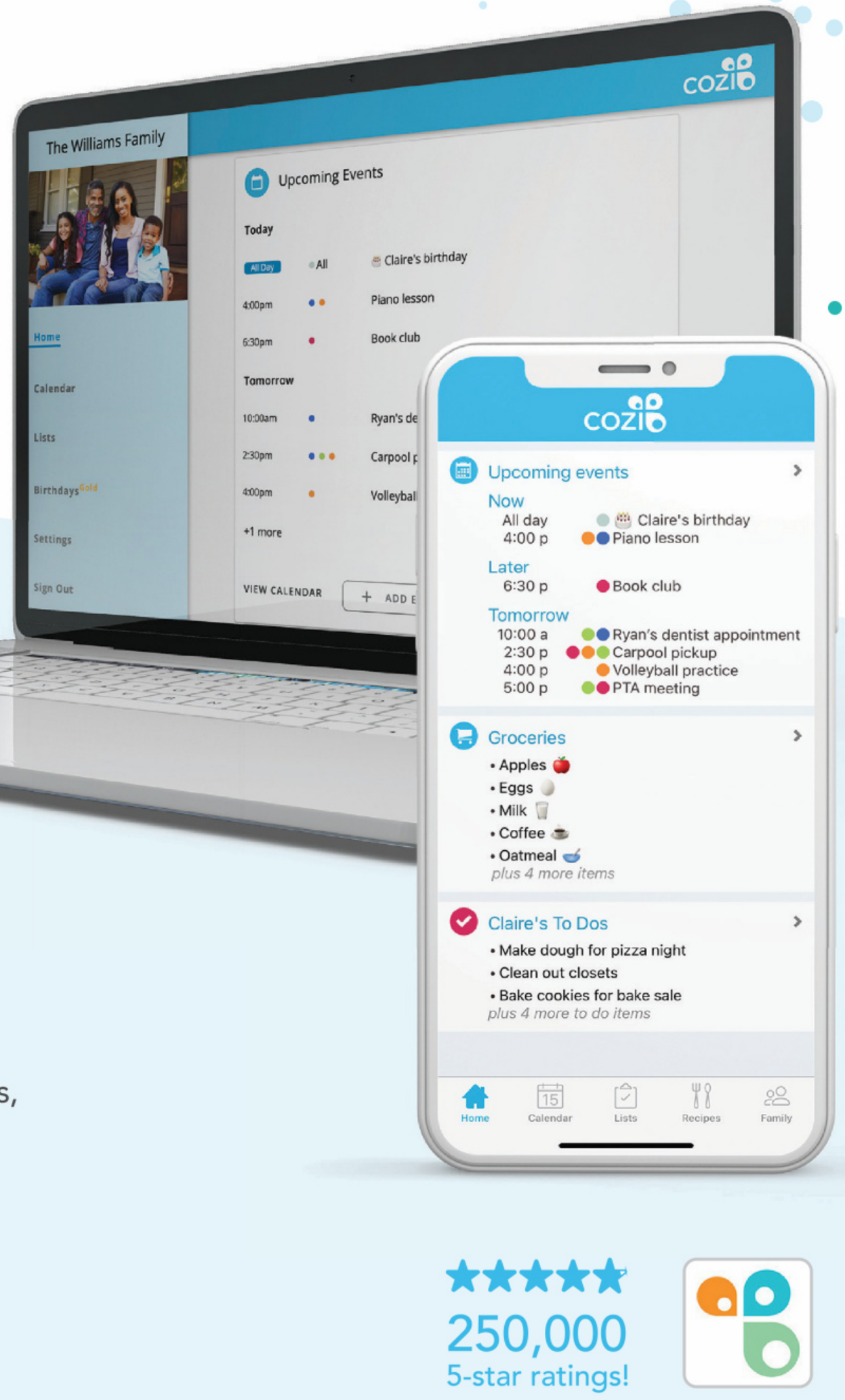

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