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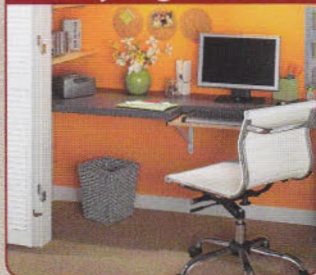
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from the editor

At *My Home My Style*, we want to show you how easy it is to transform your home so that it suits your life and your style. Look through this issue, and you'll see that we've gone through a few transformations of our own that we hope will make the magazine even easier to use.

New Organization. For starters, we've reorganized articles in the magazine. As you can see at right, many articles fall into categories that are flagged with colored bars. You'll find those same flags on the pages where the articles appear, as well as in the "Resources" section on page 50. That should make it easier to find the articles, as well as the supplies you need to complete them.

Simpler Steps. In the articles, we've worked to simplify the processes by breaking our instructions into fewer steps. We still give you all the information you need, but in a way that's informative without being intimidating.

Online Extras. When an article calls for more explanation than we can provide in the magazine, we'll offer extra information online. Just look for the "Online Extra!" symbol, and you'll know you can go to MyHomeMyStyle.com for additional steps, project plans, or tips that will help you make your home your own.

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One of the fastest, easiest ways to personalize your home is to start with off-the-shelf products and then customize them to make them your own. It's a great way to stretch your decorating dollars and have fun in the process. We'll help you make a window into a photo frame, craft a stepladder shelf, transform a thermos into a lamp, and add individual style to inexpensive glass vases.

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Make a Fun Window Sash Wall Frame

Family photos and artwork are very personal, so why settle for displaying them in generic off-the-shelf frames? Instead, spice things up by making a frame from something unusual, like the wooden window sash shown in the *Photo* at far right.

Select a Sash. Finding a window sash should be easy. You could get one at a salvage store or do what we did and use a new wood "barn sash" (*Product Spotlight, below*).

Age the Surface. Once you've selected your sash, you can paint it the color of your choice. Either brush the paint on, or mask off the glass and spray it.

To give your sash an aged look, do a little "distressing" (*Step 1, right*). After that, add a pair of hangers (*Step 2*).

Fit Your Frames. Now all you need to do is add your photo frames. This is the easiest part of all. We just used inexpensive clear acrylic frames from a discount store. They have magnets on the back, so you can display them on your fridge. All you need to do is put a strip of double-faced carpet tape or a bit of glue on the magnet, and then center the frame in the glass. Add your photos, and you're done!



Bargain-Priced Barn Sash

The secret ingredient in this project is a simple window known as a "barn sash" or "utility sash." It's just a plain wood sash with true divided lites (separate glass panes). Barn sashes are available in several sizes and with four or six lites. You'll find them in farm-supply stores, some home centers, and from online retailers (*see page 50*).



use colorful ribbon as a hanger to tie colors together

STEP
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From Window to Wall Display



Distress the sash after you paint by sanding in random areas. Then create scrapes and scratches with a razor blade.



Attach hangers to the back of the frame. Or change up the look by mounting decorative hooks to the top edge.



Stick on clear acrylic frames using glue or double-faced carpet tape, making sure the frames are centered. Then add art.





Step Up to New Shelving

Here's a quick, clever way to create simple shelving. Start with plain wooden stepladders, give them a coat of paint, and then attach pre-made melamine shelves.

Step Up the Style. Start by locating the ladders you want to use. You'll find traditional wooden stepladders in several sizes at hardware stores and through online retailers (but probably not in home centers). See page 50 for sources. We chose 2-foot-tall ladders, but you could go taller.

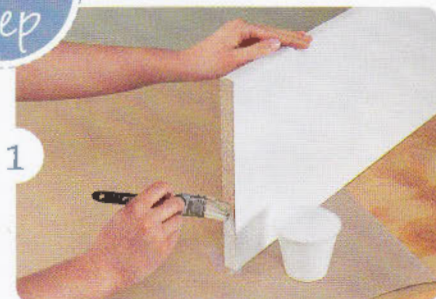
Add Some Color. To dress up your plain ladders, give them a coat of paint. You can brush the paint on, but spraying is faster. Either way, take a few minutes to mask off the metal with painter's tape for a professional look.

Slide in Shelves. Once the paint dries, you can add shelves. With our small ladders, 12"-wide shelves fit great. Just cut them to length, if needed, and then follow the steps in the *Photos* at right.



STEP BY step

Simple Steps Offer New Life for Ladders



1 Brush paint onto the ends of the shelves to hide the bare particleboard. See the "Quick Tip" (far right) for an easy technique.



2 Attach corner brackets to the top step of each ladder (one on each side) using screws that come with the brackets.



3 Mount the top shelf by turning each ladder upside down and screwing the corner brackets to the shelf.



4 Slide in the bottom shelf, and position it so the ends are even with the shelf above. This shelf can rest in place without screws.

[quick tip]

Sometimes when spray painting a project, you'll find areas that also need to be brushed. Instead of searching for a can of matching paint, simply spray some of your paint into a small container. Then you can apply it with a brush.



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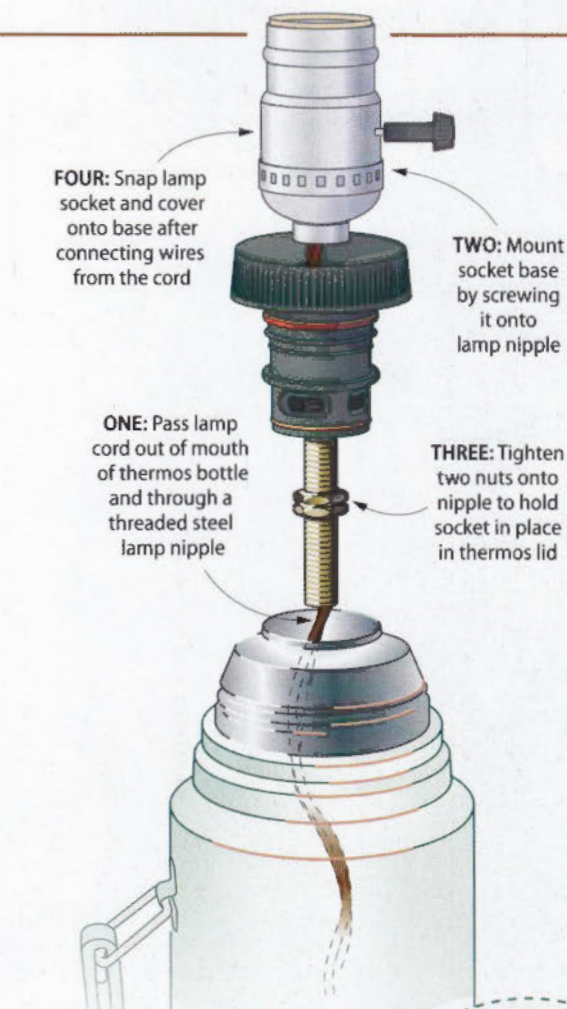
Whimsical Thermos Lamp

Switch on a unique style for a rustic room, an office, or a kid's bedroom by turning a thermos into a table lamp. You just need a suitable thermos, a lamp kit (see page 50), and a couple of hours to put it all together. The *Illustration* at right shows how.

Find the Right Thermos. When you choose a thermos, make sure it's an "unbreakable" or "vacuum bottle" model that has a liner made of metal, not glass.

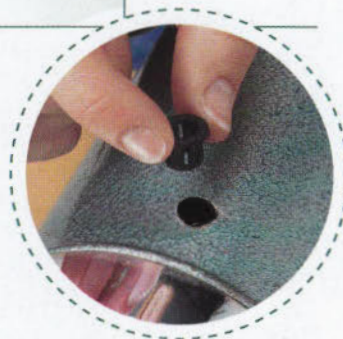
You can use a new thermos, or find one with the personality that comes with use. If the one you choose is more than a few years old, it may be insulated between the inner and outer layers with fine charcoal dust. To avoid a mess, work on the lamp outdoors or in the garage. Dump out any charcoal that you encounter.

Follow the Steps. Once you have your thermos and lamp kit, just follow the steps below and refer to the *Illustration* to drill out and wire your lamp. The lamp kit you buy will come with instructions that give more specific wiring details. Then top it off with a nice shade.



[quick tip]

Use a rubber or plastic grommet to protect the cord from the sharp edges of the hole in the thermos body. You'll find grommets like this in hardware stores.



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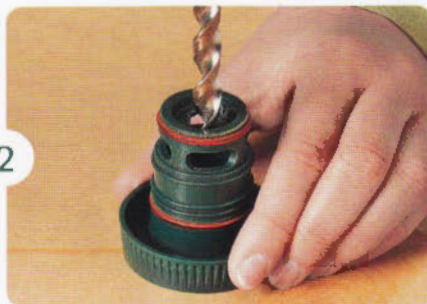
A Few Simple Steps Light it Right

1



Drill a hole in the back of the thermos for the cord to pass through. Make sure to drill through both the inner and outer layers.

2



Drill through the lid to mount the lamp socket. You may need an extra-long threaded nipple and a few locking nuts.

3



Pull the wires through the thermos, and then connect them to the socket following the provided instructions.

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Wraps Give New Style To Old Vases

You don't always have to spend money when you want to add new items to your decor. Sometimes you can create beautiful household accessories with items that you already have lying around.

Shop at Home. For proof, look at the beautiful wrapped vases in the *Photo* at left. They started out as a batch of plain cylindrical glass vases we found in a cupboard. If you don't have vases like these around your house, see page 50 for a source.

To give these vases new life, we wrapped them with simple, everyday items such as place mats, thin cork

panels, rope, and even cloth chair webbing—most of which we already had, as well.

Gather Your Gear. Once you have your items on hand, you'll be able to transform them in no time. Each technique only takes a few minutes.

For supplies, you'll just need a marker, scissors, and a hot glue gun. If you're working with fabrics, you may also want a product like Fray Check (available in fabric stores) to keep cut ends from unraveling.

Wrap It Up. With everything gathered, just follow the examples at right to wrap your vases.

A Dramatic Design Option

While looking for vase-wrap options, we found this old "segmented" wood place mat. Wrapped around a 4" x 14" vase, it makes a dramatic holder for a 3" candle.

You'll find similar place mats made of wood, stone, and a few other materials in home and craft stores. Just be sure that any mat you choose can tolerate the heat from the candle.

Vase Wrap Video!

See how easy it is to wrap a vase by watching our step-by-step video at MyHomeMyStyle.com



Cork Panels Go On Easy

Thin sheets of self-adhesive cork give a great look and are easy to apply. Cut the sheet to size, peel off the backing, and then wrap it around the vase.



Table Runners Get Glued On

Table runners are made from a variety of materials. Just cut the runner to length, and then adhere the ends.



Rope Looks Rustic

Rough rope looks great against glass. Adhere one end with hot glue, wrap the rope, and then glue on the other end.

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Stepping up the style of your home can be easy, even if you're not a natural decorator. On the following pages, we'll show you how to transform an entire room using dramatic metallic glazes and create country-style ambience with a modern spin. Finally, making your home look like the pages of a magazine is an attainable goal, not just wishful thinking.

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Metallic Glaze Masterpiece

Many artisans of centuries past worked with metals to create their masterpieces. They employed elaborate tools and skillful techniques to shape copper, bronze, silver, and gold into works that are as impressive today as when they were created.

Magical Metallic Glazes. Now imagine enjoying the same coveted qualities of those metals on any wall in your home. The tools are much simpler: a seamless paint roller, a cloth rag, painter's tape, and white chalk. Likewise, the skills needed can be acquired in minutes rather than years. And while you won't technically be working with metals, you will be using a collection of glazes that are formulated to simulate the shimmering color and texture of timeless precious metals (*Photos, left*).

Like all glazes, these are translucent, which simply means they allow the color underneath to show through. This also means that the base coat is just as integral to the finished appearance as the glazes. For this project, we chose Benjamin Moore's "Yukon Sky" for the base coat (*Resources, page 50*). This vivid blue-violet color, once washed in glaze, completes the illusion of metallic blocks.

Delightful Designs. The blocks are where the real artistry begins. By first determining the arrangement and sizes of the blocks on a scale drawing of your wall, and then transferring that design to the wall itself using chalk and painter's tape, you can easily create your own custom work of art. We'll walk you through the process step by step in photos and captions on the following pages.

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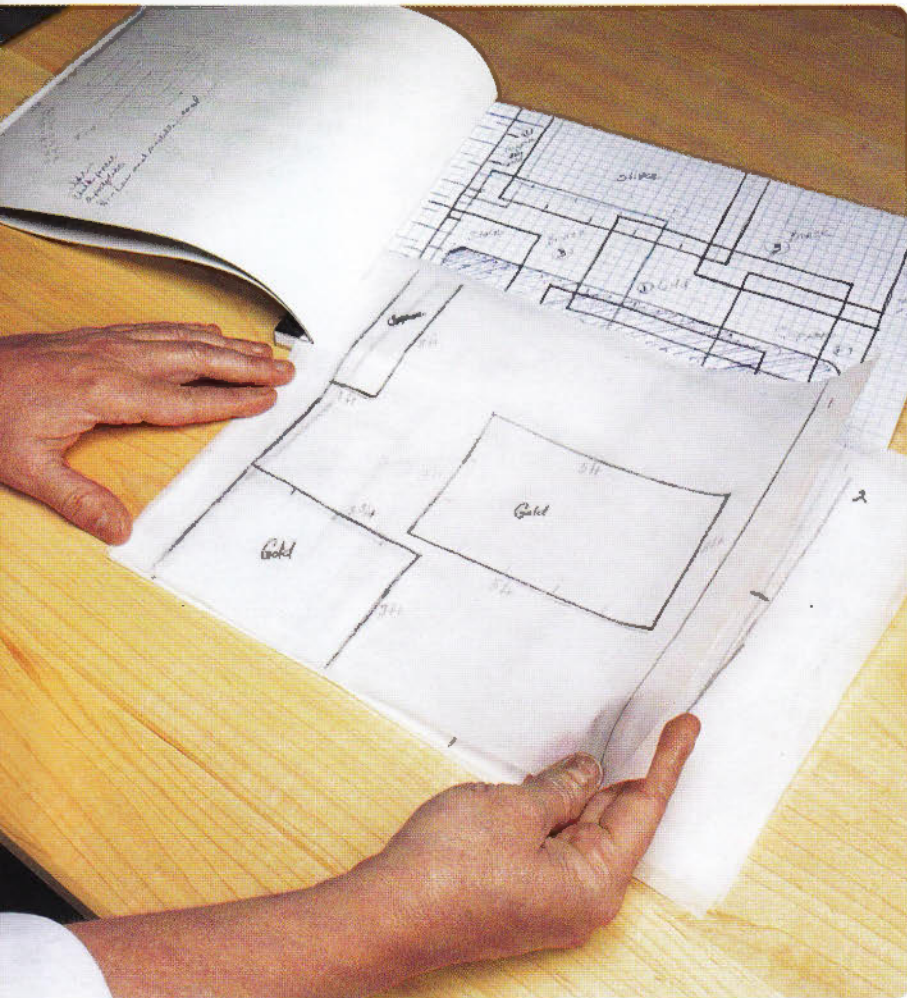
Roll metallic glazes over a base coat for a rich-looking effect.

Louise

Louise Ritchhart, assistant editor







Everything You Need to Know to Plan Your Design

Perhaps the most important step in creating this sumptuous accent wall is designing the layers of color blocks. You'll need to think about the two key elements that will make or break your project: the sizes of the blocks and the arrangement of the colors.

No Hard & Fast Rules. When sizing the blocks, just remember that bigger walls require bigger blocks to establish a pleasant sense of scale. The best way to find the proper balance for your wall is to first sketch your design on graph paper and tracing paper (*Photo, left*).

Layer Logically. Once you've drawn a design that you like, you can arrange the colors. It's important to think of the blocks as layers—with copper and bronze making up the first layer, gold being the next layer, and silver as the topmost layer. This allows the darker colors to show through the lighter ones where they overlap.

From there, simply transfer your final design to the wall (*Steps 1-3, below*), and then paint the color blocks following the steps in the photos and captions on the opposite page.

STEP BY step

Roll on the Base Coat — Then Lay out the Blocks



1 Prime the wall using tinted primer, and then add two layers of the complementary base coat. Let the paint dry for 24 hours.



2 Lightly outline the first layer of your design on the wall with white chalk. Use a level to keep the chalk lines straight.



3 Apply painter's tape along the chalk lines. Press the edges of the tape down firmly with a stir stick or similar tool.

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Applying Glaze

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Wipe off the chalk lines with a rag. Then apply a coat of glaze with a 6"-wide roller. Use a damp cloth to "rag off" just enough glaze to let the base coat show through.

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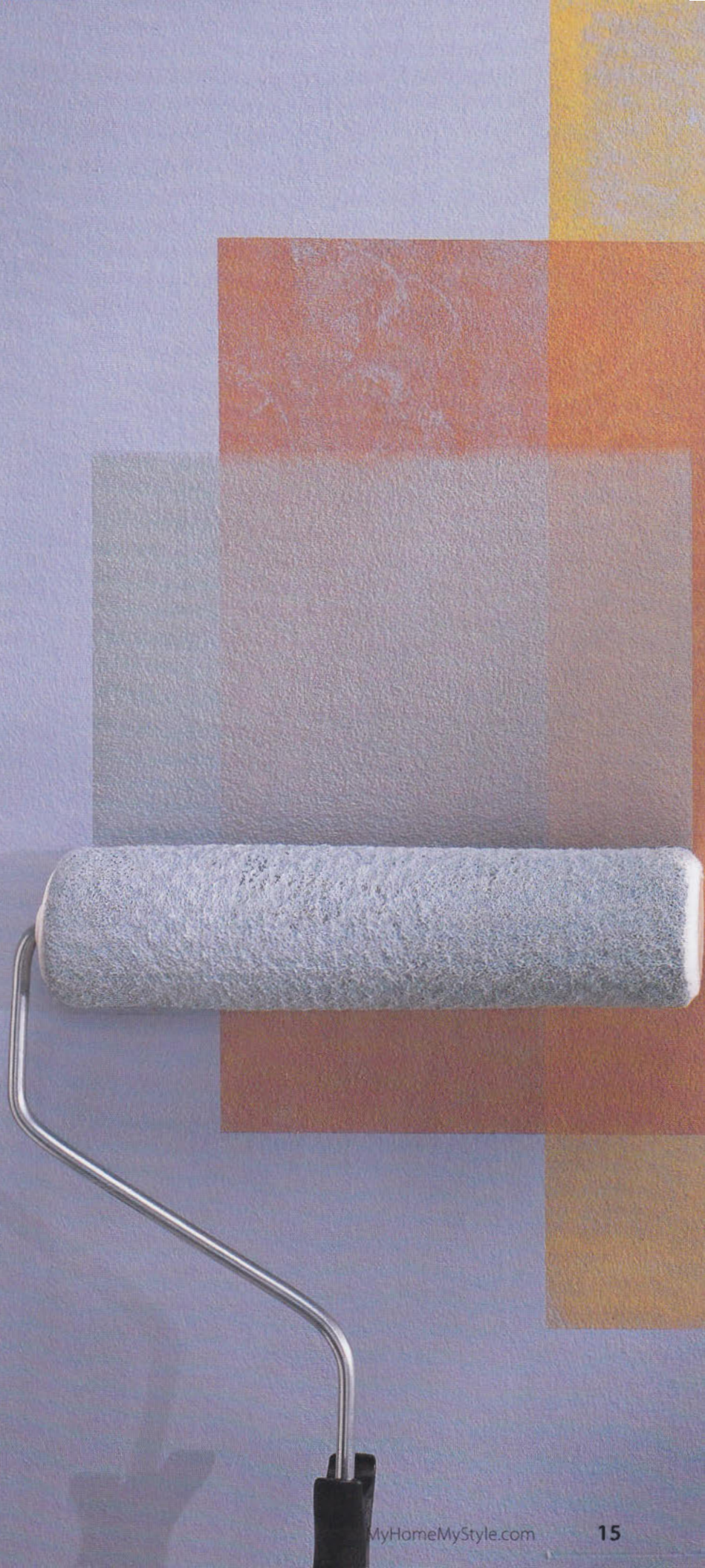


Let the glaze dry before removing the tape. Then add the next layer, using the roll-on, rag-off sequence. Use consistent pressure to ensure even coverage.

3



As you paint on the final color, keep in mind that it will naturally appear darker where it overlaps other colors. Just focus on applying the paint evenly.







Put a Fresh, *Sophisticated* Spin on Country Style

Carving out a peaceful space at home often starts with getting back to our roots, and country style offers the perfect opportunity to do just that. A beautifully decorated farmhouse-style space provides a blend of personality and charm while serving as a reminder of a simpler lifestyle.

Customized Design. Everyone has a slightly different opinion about what the ideal country space should look like, and the beauty of the style is that all of those ideas can be right. When you decorate with a contemporary approach to the style, it's easy to personalize it to suit your home.

This bedroom is a great example of how country style lends itself to customization. Many pieces of the decor and furniture (*Resources, page 50*) involve DIY projects, which we'll show you how to do on the next few pages.

Add the Style Elements. Since country style is somewhat open to interpretation, it can be overwhelming to decide how to get the feel of a farmhouse in your home. Fortunately, there are a few elements that, when combined, provide the right atmosphere. We'll explain these elements and the techniques that you can use to bring the style to your space.

Simple Elements Create Country Style

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1. Farmhouse Finds

Add and modify old furniture pieces and charming decor to create a calming and completely customized space.



2. Rustic Surfaces

Capture timeworn style by choosing distressed finishes for the room's surfaces. It's easy to get the look!



3. Mix & Match Colors

Give the room a personal spin by picking a palette that suits your taste. Country style looks great with many color choices.



an antique tin makes a perfect wall planter!



1. Add & Transform Farmhouse Finds

Country style is especially appealing to DIYers because it offers the opportunity to put a personal stamp on outdated or worn furniture and decor. Look for an attractive mix of used pieces, and then add clever customizations.

Refreshed Furniture. One easy and dramatic way to personalize furniture pieces is to apply attractive textiles. You can re-cover a piece that's already upholstered, or add a custom cushion to a wood bench or chair. We decided to convert a rustic old trunk (*Before Photo, left*) into a cushioned bench.

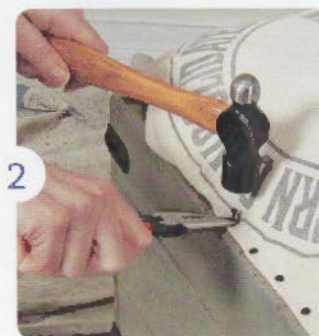
Simple Makeover. The grain sack that we used as a cushion cover adds even more country flair. The filler for the cushion is a pillow insert (*Step 1*), which is the perfect size for the trunk. If you can't find a pillow in the size you need, use foam or another filler material from the craft store. Then attach the cushion to the top of the bench with tacks or upholstery nails to complete the project (*Step 2*).

Make a Grain Sack Cushion

STEP BY step



Cover the pillow insert with the decorative grain sack. You may need to cut a small hole in the pillow first and remove some of the stuffing to slightly flatten the cushion.



Fold the sack's top edge over, so the cushion is the same length as the bench's top. Then attach the cushion by driving in tacks or upholstery nails around the edges of the piece.

2. Get Casual Style with Rustic Surfaces

You'll notice that country-style rooms often feature rustic elements and surfaces. Many of these features can be added to any home with a little creativity.

This bedroom already had wood floors that set the stage for even more rustic accents and furnishings. We brought the timeworn look to the walls by creating a weathered-board accent treatment. Anyone can recreate the project with ordinary pine boards, quarter-round molding, fasteners, and finishing supplies.

Prepare the Parts. First, make a plan for the boards' placement on your wall, and purchase the materials. The *Illustration* below shows the dimensions of the lumber and molding. You'll see that the vertical boards have the same thickness but varying widths. When the parts are cut to size, add a weathered paint treatment as shown in the *Photos* below.

Put It Together. Next, secure vertical boards to the wall with construction adhesive. Add the baseboard by driving nails through it and the vertical boards and into the studs.

Now you can lift the top rail in place and secure it to the studs with nails, too. Finally, attach the top cap and quarter-round molding.



Give the Wall Treatment a Weathered Finish

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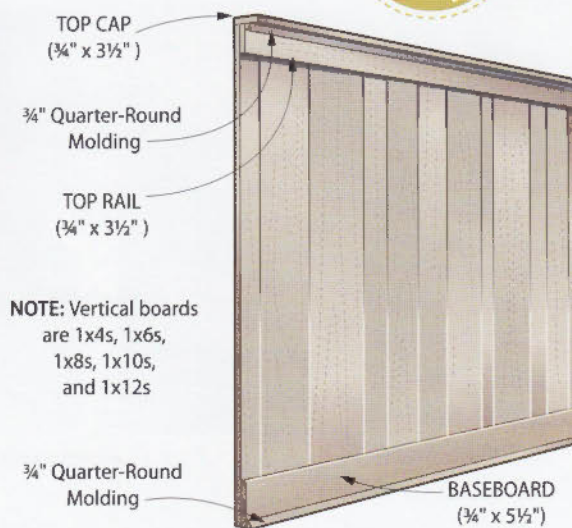
1 **Lightly apply paint** to each board. You'll need to work in small sections, since the coat of paint will begin to dry quickly.



2 **Rub in the paint** immediately after application. Add more paint, and continue to rub it in until the board is covered.



3 **Sand each board** after the paint is dry. This will even out the painted finish and allow more of the wood grain to show.



NOTE: Vertical boards are 1x4s, 1x6s, 1x8s, 1x10s, and 1x12s

3. Pick Your Palette with Mix & Match Colors

The color palette for a country-style space offers yet another huge opportunity for personalization. Since contemporary country decor can take on so many unique looks, almost any color scheme you like can be adapted to fit the style. Different palettes can create completely different moods but still capture country flair.

Cheerful & Bright. If you want to take a fresh, modern approach to the style, add a fun combination of colors that brighten up the space. The yellow tone that we used in this room, for example, offers an energized look that exudes charm. You could use a bright color like this yellow with other eye-catching tones, but we chose bedding that paired this color with steely gray for a modern edge.

Customize with Color. When you're looking for furniture to add to your country-style space, you may find a piece that has great lines but doesn't go with your color scheme. If that's the case, the piece is a perfect candidate for a paint transformation. The *Photos* below show how we gave a boring nightstand a bright new finish.

crisp white and vibrant yellow paint coordinate the colors



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Bring in Bright Colors with a Paint Transformation



1 **Scuff the piece's surface** with sandpaper to help the paint stick. Be sure to mask off hardware and areas you don't want to paint with painter's tape.



2 **Brush paint onto the piece.** Let the paint dry, and then apply more coats as needed. We didn't worry about brush strokes since we wanted a rustic look.





a timeworn wall accent sets the stage for cheerful bedding



before the makeover!

transform
a dreary closet
into a handy

hideaway office

With just a few quick changes, you can turn a neglected, nondescript closet into a convenient, organized office. We'll show you how to make this "disappearing" work space fit your budget, storage needs, and style.

For a home office to truly be useful, it needs to be both comfortable and efficient. It should boost your productivity by helping you stay organized, but also be attractive enough to make the time you spend there pleasant.

Unfortunately, in many homes it's challenging to find an area that can serve as a proper home office. But if you have an under-utilized closet somewhere, you're in luck. It isn't difficult or pricey to convert boring closet space into valuable office space, and we'll walk you through every step of the project.

Storage Galore. This "instant office" offers a variety of storage options, yet the relatively small space doesn't seem cramped. In lieu of the usual cabinets, desk sets, drawers, and bulletin boards,

we used creative arrangements of adjustable shelves, decorative boxes, and even cork trivets to meet organizational needs.

Another unique feature of our closet office is that it fits behind closed doors when it's not in use (*Photo, right*). A clever, custom-cut countertop with a slide-out keyboard tray helps save space.

DIY-Friendly. Don't worry if you haven't worked with cabinets before: These come pre-finished from the home center and are easy to install. It's also a snap to roll on a fresh, invigorating shade of paint and spruce up the floor with new carpet squares.

We'll show you more ideas on the following pages, and you can choose which ones to use in your own hideaway closet office.



Close It Up! When you'd like to shield your work from kids or guests, it just takes a moment to slide the closet doors shut and make the entire office disappear. When the doors are open, full-access hinges make them lay flat.



Planning Your New Office Space

A closet office requires wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling planning since you need to make good use of every square inch. Your closet will probably also require some specific adaptations. To see some of the products we used, check out *Resources* on page 50.

Predict Power Needs. Electrical outlets in closets are rare, so your first step may be to have an electrician route power to the space. This way, you'll have adequate outlets both above and below the work surface.

Be sure that your conversion plan also includes power for new lighting. The one stark lightbulb found in most closets won't cut it for your new office. We used track lighting above the door along with under-cabinet lights to fully illuminate the space.

1. PAINT THE WALLS

We rolled a fun citrus hue on the walls to add some cheer to those long work sessions at the computer.

2. CARPET THE FLOOR

Carpet squares are attractive, easy to install, and just as simple to replace if they get worn or stained.

3. MOUNT CABINETS

You can find attractive ready-made cabinets at your local home center.

4. BRING IN A COUNTER

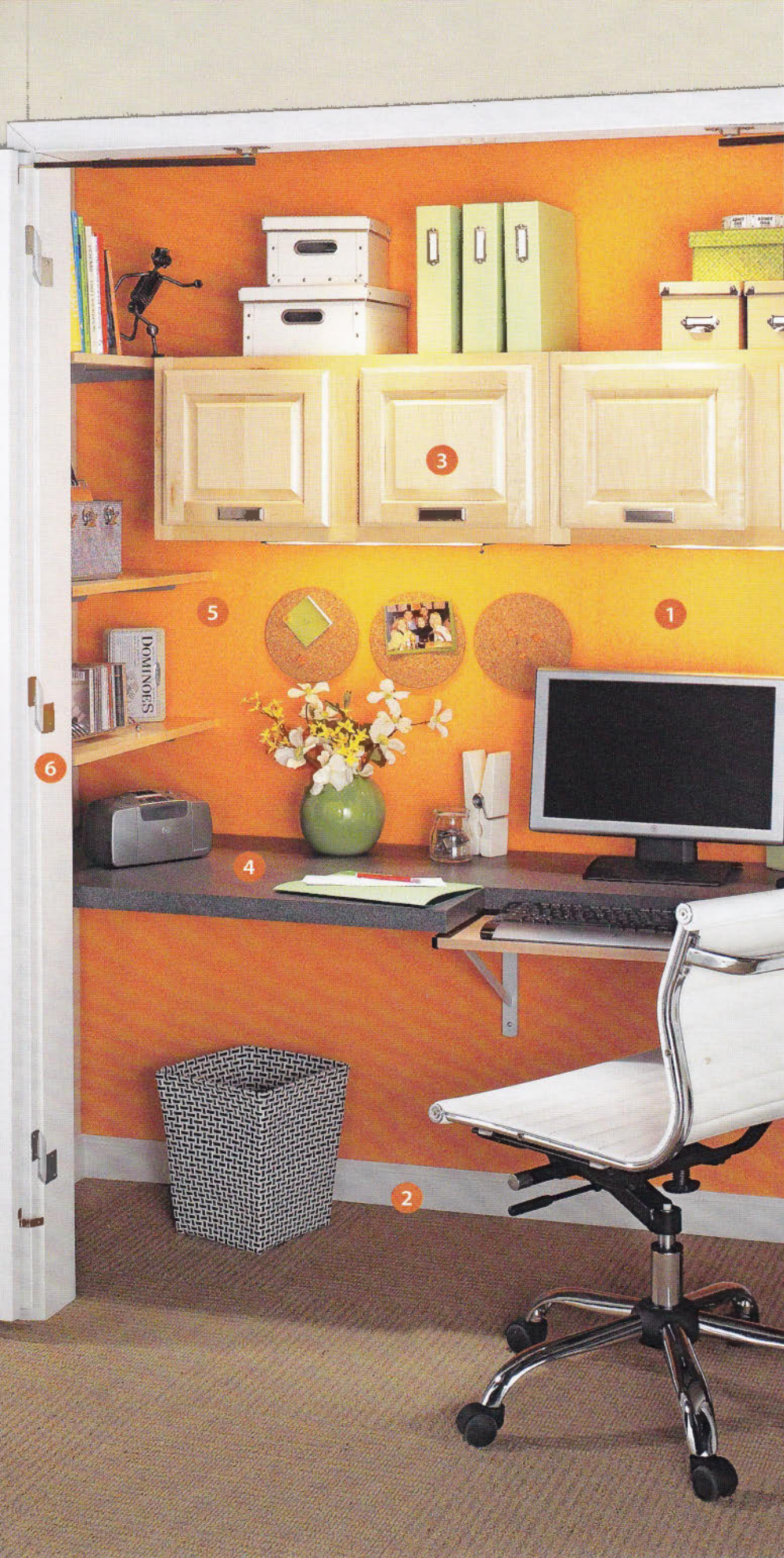
Order a laminate countertop with a "bump-in" for the chair to tuck into.

5. ADD SHELVES

Mount the shelves on wall standards, so they can be adjusted as needed.

6. UPGRADE THE DOOR HINGES

Full-access hinges allow the bi-fold doors to pivot completely out of the way and sit flat against the walls.



Put It All Together to Create an Awesome Office!



Enclosed Storage

Work spaces need ample enclosed storage for tucking away everything from ledgers to office supplies. These pre-finished maple cabinets might have been intended for a kitchen, but they work beautifully in an office area. They're available in stock sizes at a reasonable price.



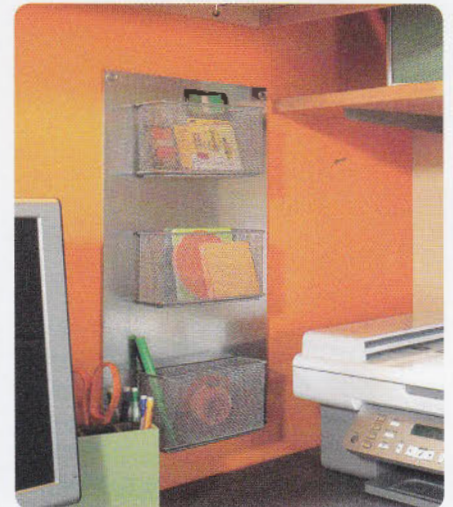
Drawers

We slid a rolling file cart under the counter to provide a home for hanging files. It also has a second drawer and a narrow shelf for additional storage. The cart's melamine surface blends nicely with the cabinets and is easy to wipe clean with a damp cloth.



Keyboard Tray

The "bump-in" cut into the countertop sacrifices some work space, but a slide-out keyboard tray adds it back in. We made this one from a 12"-wide maple board and then mounted it with keyboard tray slides. When it's time to work, just place the keyboard onto it.



Baskets & Shelves

Our metal "basket backer" is simply a sheet of galvanized metal glued to a piece of 1/4"-thick plywood. Then magnetic baskets can stick right on. Ready-made shelves, standards, and adjustable support brackets came from the home center.



create *4* simple, stylish storage solutions for your kitchen!

Cure kitchen clutter with these four do-it-yourself projects that are as fun as they are functional. Each stylish solution is a snap to put together in a matter of minutes.

It doesn't matter if your kitchen is new or old, large or small, classic or modern: It probably presents the same storage challenges as every other kitchen. These include cluttered cabinets, crowded counters, and jumbled refrigerator doors.

Thankfully, the solutions to these problems don't have to be pricey storage products from the store. With a little ingenuity, you can corral the clutter and take back control of your kitchen—often with materials you already own. (Or see page 50 for the items that we used.)

Storage + Style. The best part is, these solutions are more than just places to stash stuff. They're stylish, too. Most people don't think "style" when they ponder storing knives or putting magnets on the refrigerator, but these functional items can also serve as decor.

To help you cut through the mess in your own kitchen, here are our four solutions to some of the most common kitchen storage problems.

4 Easy Answers for Kitchen Storage



1 These "catch-all" knife blocks are just vases packed tightly with bamboo skewers.



2 Pot and pan storage is simple with this organizer made from plywood and dowels.



3 Keep spices right on the cabinet door with magnetic tins mounted to a steel sheet.



4 An art gallery on the fridge? It's easy using basic photo frames with magnets attached.

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catch-all knife blocks

As your knife collection grows, you may end up with a mismatched set of knives that won't all fit in a standard knife block (*Before Photo*). The solution is to embrace the mismatched knives with a stylish knife storage system that makes their differences look good!

As you can see, these clever knife blocks are nothing more than vases packed tightly with bamboo skewers. By sliding knives into the spaces between the skewers, these "blocks" will hold any and every knife you want to store.

Cutting Tips & Tricks. It's important to choose vases with straight walls for this project. And you may need to cut the skewers to fit the height of your vase. To do this, place the skewers in the vase, and mark a line where you want to cut them (*Step 1*). Now wrap a bundle at a time with electrical tape on the cut line (*Step 2*), and use a handsaw to cut each bundle of skewers to length to fit inside the vase (*Step 3*). Then put the skewers in the vases.



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Mark, Wrap & Cut Your Way to a Custom Knife Block





adjustable cookware organizer

Pots, pans, and other cookware often get stacked on top of one another in lower cabinets. This makes it impossible to get what you need without making a racket.

Luckily, you can organize the entire space with about \$20 worth of plywood and dowels. As you can see, storing pots and pans doesn't get much simpler than this. The base is two pieces of plywood with a series of holes drilled in them. The holes accept dowels that let you put baking sheets, pots, and pans in vertically, so you can easily slide out what you need, when you need it!

Easy Assembly. Just cut the base pieces to the sizes you need to fit inside either a lower cabinet or a deep kitchen drawer. Then lay out holes every 2" using a framing square (Step 1, right). Also cut the dowels to

the lengths you want. (We made ours 6" and 12" long.)

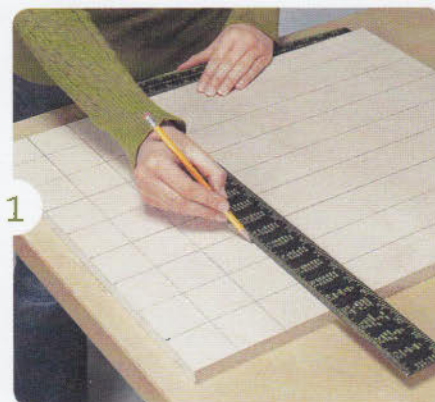
Now drill the holes in the bases for dowels. To ensure straight holes, we used a handheld drill equipped with

a portable drill guide for this (Step 2). (See page 47 for more on this drill guide.) To prevent jagged edges on the backsides of the holes, just be sure to drill over a scrap piece of plywood.



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Lay out & Drill This Simple Organizer



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magnetic spice rack

Some cabinets are crammed with spices so tightly that you can never find the one you're looking for—without pulling half the spices out of the cabinet (*Before Photo*). Simplify the spice search by putting a magnetic rack filled with your favorite spices right on the cabinet door.

Metal & Magnets. You can start with a plain piece of sheet metal, or order a cool piece of punched steel like we did (*see page 50*). Then pick up some magnetic-bottomed spice canisters, and fill them with your favorite spices.

To give the steel a smooth, clean appearance, just rub it with a Scotch-Brite pad (*Step 1*), wipe away any dust, and spray on a clear coat finish (*Step 2*). Now you're ready to hang the steel on your cabinet door.

Raise the Rack. For a dramatic look, we set this steel spice rack slightly off the door with spacers made from $\frac{1}{4}$ " nylon bushings. We applied the bushings to the back of the sheet of steel with hot glue. Then we positioned the sheet on the cabinet door, drilled pilot holes (*Step 3*), and drove small screws through the steel and bushings and into the door.



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Clean & Seal the Steel, Then Mount the Rack



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refrigerator photo gallery

If you have a magnetic refrigerator, you know that photos and magnets can clutter the door and make for one big mess. Instead of removing these treasured memories, simply organize them in a more stylish way.

For a proper gallery, you'll need to "frame" your artwork. We chose these silver frames, but you can use whatever types of frames you want. We started by disassembling each store-bought frame so that just the outer frame portion was left (*Step 1*).

Frame the Photos. Next, you need to get the frames to stick to the fridge. We mixed up a batch of 10-minute epoxy and stuck rare-earth magnets to the frame corners (*Step 2*). Rare-earth magnets give you plenty of strength in a small package.

Now all that's left is sticking up the frames and filling them with your favorite photos! We used more rare-earth magnets to hold the photos inside the frames.



Frames & Magnets Make a Great Gallery

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*stylish shelving &
serving solutions create a*
dream family room

Struggling to find a space for your whole family to enjoy? Divide one large room into three entertaining areas that everyone will love with these simple home-built projects!

3 great zones make for One Fun Family Room!

If you have a designated “family room,” you know it’s a great space for your family to relax. But many family rooms face a common dilemma: Although they provide a whole lot of space, that area is often wide-open, poorly planned, and used in an inefficient way.

A Better Family Room. Whether you have an existing family room or are interested in creating one in your home, there’s an easy way to prevent this problem. The secret is to take all that great space and divide it up into “zones.” That way, your whole family can enjoy the space together.

Three Great Spaces. That’s exactly the mission we had in mind for this family room. As you can see, each zone is defined by a simple DIY project: a serving center for snacks, a shelving system for electronics, and a game table for playing cards or board games. Although each zone is unique, they work together to unite the room as one cohesive, stylish space.

Read on for in-depth descriptions and instructions of these great “zoning” ideas for your family room. You can also go online to MyHomeMyStyle.com for complete plans for each project.

zone 1: serving center

Who says you have to go to the kitchen to get a snack? With this simple serving center project, you can bring the convenience of the kitchen right to the family room!

With its generous countertop, ample shelving, and built-in refrigerator, the center has everything you need for entertaining both family and guests. Stainless steel stools accent the functional center in style.

The construction of the serving center is quite similar to the shelving system shown at right. You’ll find the basics on page 36 and complete plans at MyHomeMyStyle.com.





zone 2: entertainment area

No family room is complete without an area for watching movies and playing video games. This wall of shelves fills that role without turning the entire room into a home theater.

We'll walk you through the shelf construction on page 36. Then you can add your own custom touches, like an articulating arm that lets you watch TV from anywhere in the room (*below*).



zone 3: game room

Board games and cards will always be family favorites, so your family room deserves a space for those, too. Here, we made the game boards part of the decor by drilling holes in the corners and hanging them on nails. When you want to play, just take one down and put it on the table (*below*).

Speaking of that table, you don't have to spend big bucks on a custom one. We'll show you how we reclaimed an existing dining room table with paint and faux leather on page 38.





make a stylish Shelving System

The key component to this family room is the shelving system that anchors the entertainment zone. The design of this system is actually quite simple. It's just four "columns" that get attached to the wall. Then, shelves mounted between each pair of columns complete the system (*Illustration, right*). You can build as many or as few columns as you'd like to fill out the wall in your own family room.

Build the Columns. Each column is made up of two particleboard sides, front and back pieces made of 1x2 poplar, and a piece of decorative fluted molding that goes on the face (*see page 51*). To make them, cut all five of these parts for each column to the same length. Then you can get to work assembling each column.

To do this, you'll want to sandwich the front and back pieces between the

STEP BY step

Add Columns & Shelves to Create Simple Storage



1 **Position each column back** using a level. Attach each one to the wall with four 2½" drywall screws and wall anchors.



2 **Now simply slide the column** in place over the column back piece. Make sure it sits flat and square against the wall.



3 **Secure the column** to the column back piece by driving three 1¼" screws into the wall-mounted board from each side.

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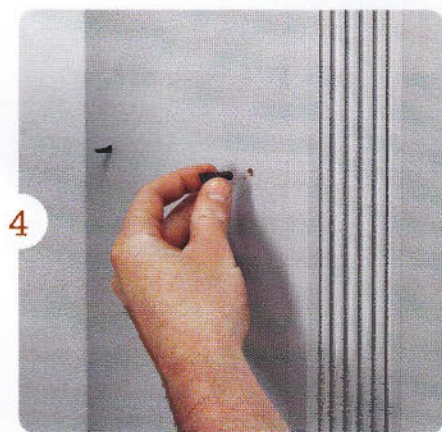
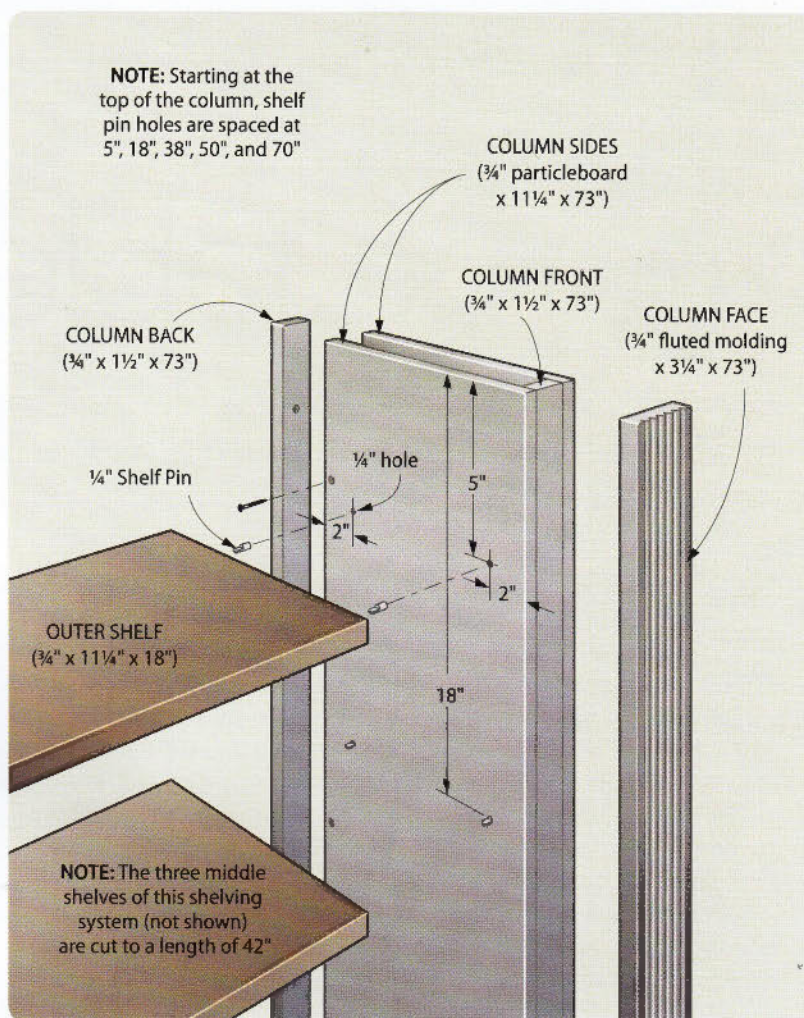
Find plans for the shelving
and serving center at
MyHomeMyStyle.com

sides. The front piece gets glued and nailed on, but you'll want to put the back piece in place temporarily with just a few screws and no glue. Later on, this back piece will get removed and attached to the wall to provide a sturdy mounting point for each column (see Steps 1 and 2, below).

Once this basic assembly is complete, center the fluted molding face on the front of each column, and glue and nail it in place. Then fill all the nail holes with wood filler, and paint the columns.

Make the Shelves. As for the shelves, each one is made from a 1x12 poplar board. All we did with these shelves was cut them to length, sand them smooth, and finish them with "Java" gel stain and satin polyurethane for a dark, sophisticated look.

Install on the Wall. Once the parts are prepared, the sequence of steps below will walk you through the process of installing your shelving unit on the wall.



4 **Drill $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes for shelf pins** using a simple template (*Quick Tip, right*). Then slip the shelf pins into the holes.



5 **Finish up by adding the shelves** above each set of four shelf pins. These shelves will just drop right into place.



[quick tip]

A template aligns the shelf pin holes easily. It's a 1x4 with a block at the top and holes drilled at the locations shown above. You just position the template and then drill.

whole-family fun with a salvaged game table

What started as a scratched-up old dining table became a favorite gathering spot in our new family room. See the simple steps below to transform your own table in just a few hours!

As you can see in the *Before Photo* below, this old dining room table had seen better days. It was once a place where the family gathered for their evening meals. But over the years, a few run-ins with kids and the family pets meant that the best place for this old piece was likely the trash heap.

Despite the wear and tear, we thought this table still showed some promise. The base had an interesting design and was pretty solid. It just needed a little TLC to bring it back into a usable condition.

Great Game Table. In fact, we saw potential in this relic as a game table to round out our fun family activity center. After a good cleaning, a few fresh coats of spray paint for the base,

and a bold new surface for the top, it fit that role quite nicely.

Fun, Funky Top. We've worked with a lot of different materials for tabletops, but for this project, we decided to try something a little different: faux leather. The faux leather we chose (*Resources, page 50*) has a color and texture that goes well with the rest of the family room. Plus, it's durable, waterproof, heat-resistant, and easy to clean.

Start to finish, transforming this old clunker of a dining room table into an eye-catching game table just took a couple of hours. If you have your own table that's in need of a makeover (or find one at a salvage store), the steps in the process are surprisingly simple.



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even a
beat-up old
table can
get new life
with a little
creativity!

STEP BY step

Start the Transformation with Paint & Glue



1 **Spray painting this table** requires three simple steps: primer, a dark brown base coat (above), and a satin clear coat.



2 **Roll contact cement** onto the tabletop and underside of the faux leather. Be sure to sand the top first to ensure good adhesion.



Then Lay Down the (Faux) Leather



3 Cover the table with Kraft paper (or cardboard). Then lay on the faux leather, and carefully slide out the paper.



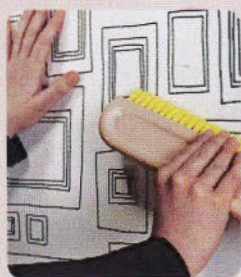
4 Smooth down the faux leather, first by hand, and then with a smoothing tool used for countertops called a J-roller.



5 Trim off the excess faux leather. We used a utility knife blade without the handle because it gave us more control.

When you think of home makeovers, you may imagine elaborate and fussy projects that require a big time commitment. But we'll show you how simple projects can produce impressive results, too. This easy yet dramatic entryway makeover, which includes adding stylish wallpaper, a wall frame made of molding, and charming coat hooks, is a perfect example.

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Learn the Easy Way to Make an Elegant Wall Frame PAGE 43

3 Simple Steps to Get an Inviting Entryway

Entryways present a challenge for nearly every homeowner: They're the most logical places to hang coats, but they also have to be organized and provide an inviting first impression for guests. It's especially tricky to make your entryway look presentable when you have an open floor plan, or if you just don't have the space or budget for the typical bench, shelf, and coat rack setup.

Luckily, this set of easy projects will give you a defined entryway organization area—and it only requires a blank wall. The trick is to create a wall frame with molding and wallpaper that provides a designated spot for storage. The frame visually separates the place where you'll hang coats and accessories and makes everything look tidy.

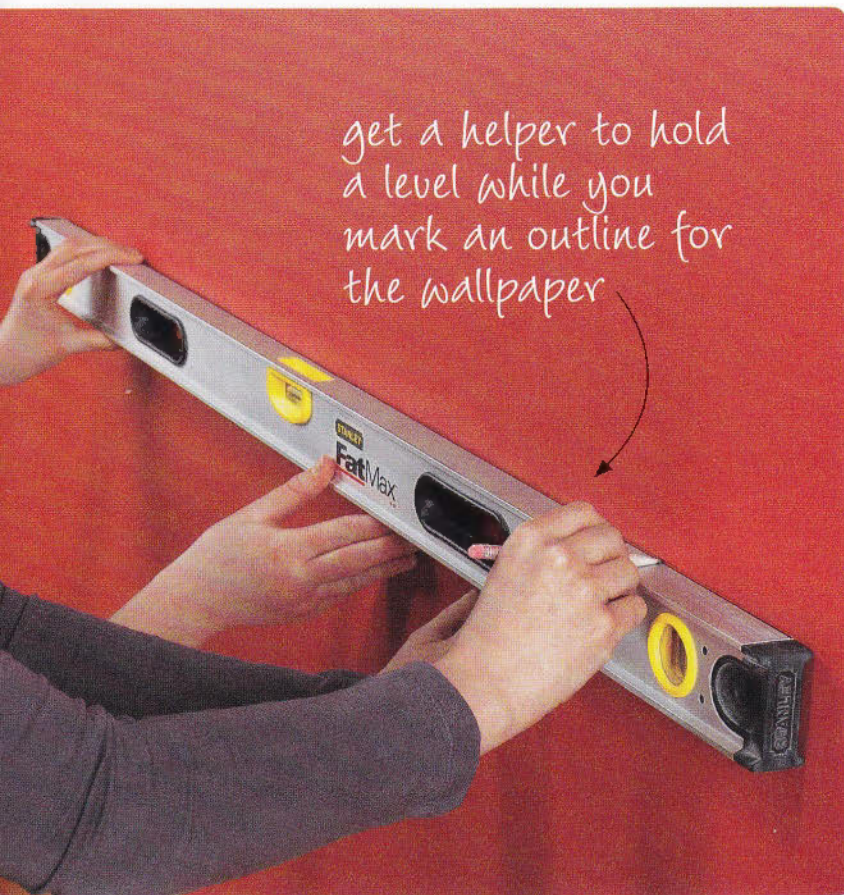
Pop of Pattern. The first step is to choose wallpaper that will be featured inside the molding, which essentially becomes artwork for your entryway. Since wallpaper has had a surge in popularity in recent years, you're sure to find a pattern that will fit the style of your space.

Molding Magic. Once you've applied the wallpaper, you'll frame it with molding from the home center. You can choose from many styles and sizes and then paint or stain the one you select to match the entryway's existing trim or other elements in the room.

If the thought of cutting molding is intimidating, don't worry. A simple and inexpensive handsaw and miter box will get the job done. Plus, we'll show you a no-miter alternative that allows you to make a wall frame using just 90-degree cuts.

Store in Style. When the wall frame is complete, you can add even more custom touches by hanging fun coat hooks. One of the most enjoyable parts of this makeover is finding accessories that make the space your own. Read on to learn how to make a wall frame that will put a personal spin on your entryway.





Quick Projects Offer A Brand-New Look!

This entryway makeover truly lends itself to customization. We used high-impact wallpaper and bright paint (*Resources, page 50*) to make a bold statement, but you could just as easily create a traditional look for your entryway by choosing different materials.

Make an Outline. Before you attach the wallpaper, molding, and hooks, you'll need to determine the size of your wall frame. We chose a width that was equal to three times the width of the wallpaper roll. That way, we only had to cut the wallpaper pieces to length.

After you've decided on the dimensions, use a level to help you mark an outline (*Photo, left*). Keep in mind that you'll apply the inside edges of the molding pieces along this outline.

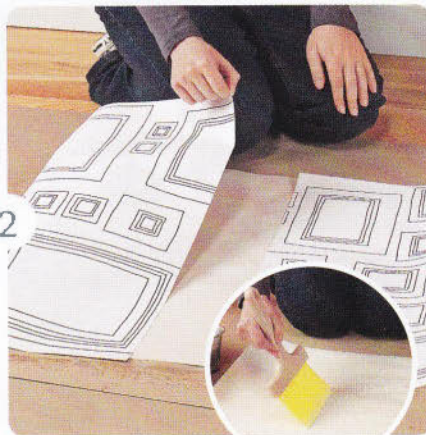
Add Easy Style. Now follow the steps to complete the transformation. As you can see in the *Photos*, adding wallpaper and molding is a simple way to create a dramatic new look. When those projects are complete, just hang some interesting hooks (*Photo, far right*).

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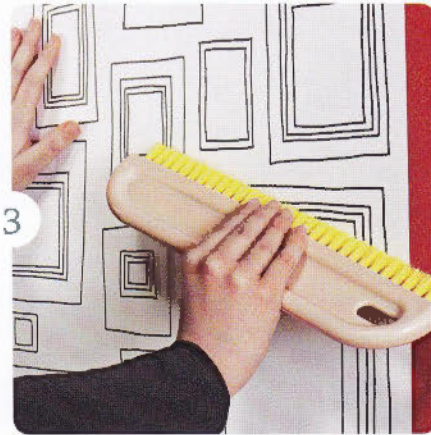
Cut, Paste & Hang for an Easy Wallpaper Accent



1 Cut pieces of wallpaper to length with a utility knife. Make sure the patterns on the wallpaper pieces line up (if the wallpaper style calls for it).



2 Apply or activate the paste according to the manufacturer's instructions. Then fold the paper's ends inward, and leave it for a few minutes.



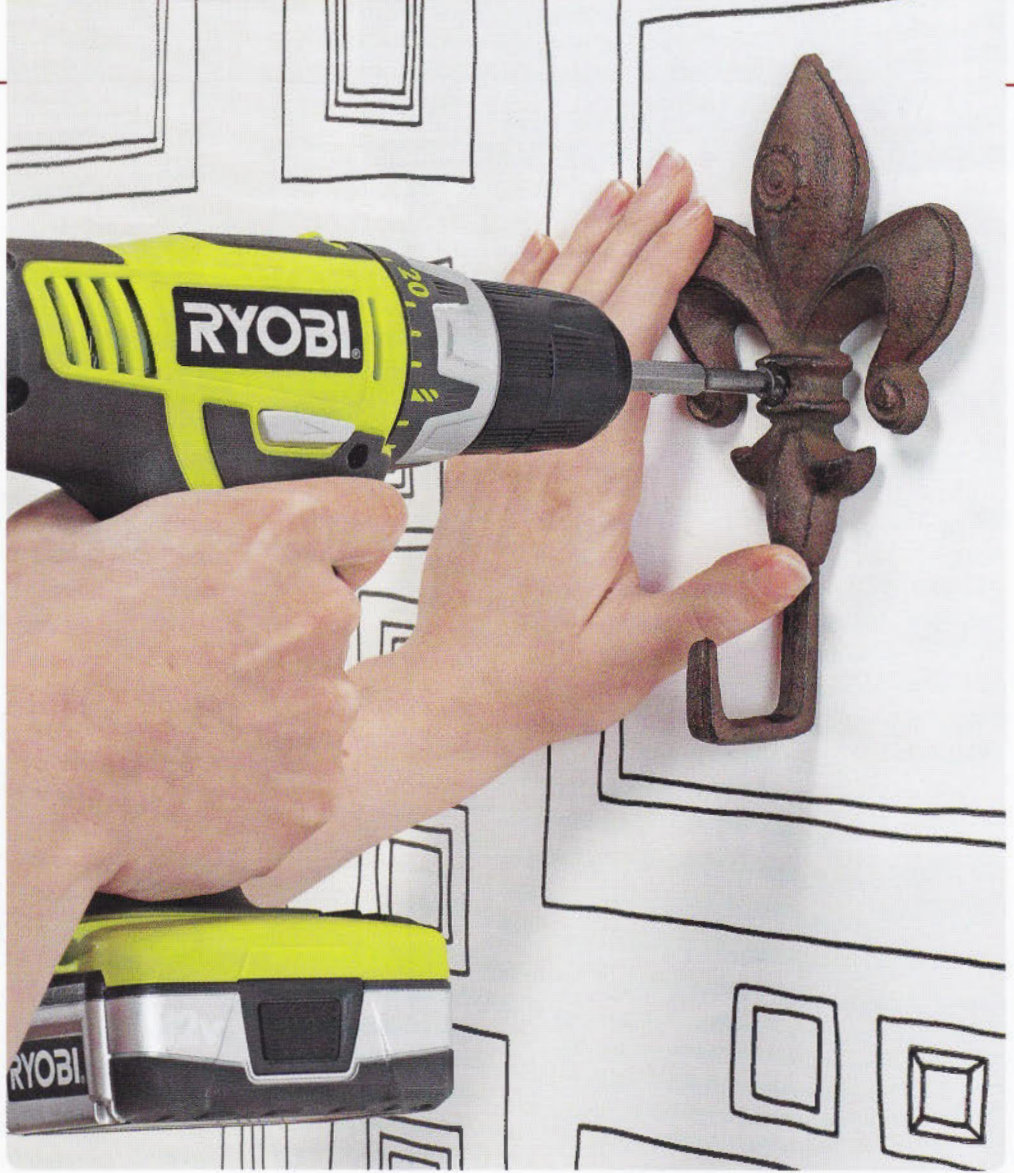
3 Hang a piece of wallpaper inside the drawn outline, and use a smoothing tool to remove air bubbles. Continue adding wallpaper pieces until the area is filled.

the wallpaper's
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accents the
eclectic hook
collection! →



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If you don't want to tackle mitered joints, just make 90-degree cuts on the molding pieces and attach decorative corner blocks.

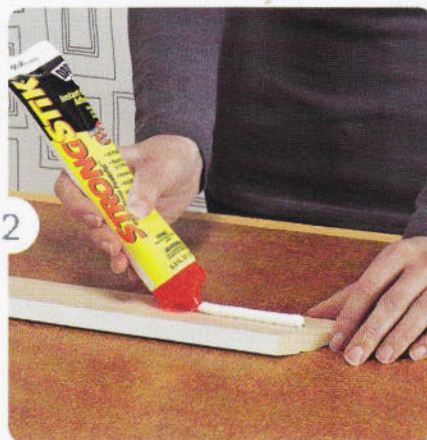


STEP BY step

Define the Entryway with a Wall Frame



1 Pin the molding into a miter box, and use the handsaw to make 45-degree cuts. Then test-fit the pieces against each other, and make adjustments as needed.



2 Before you attach the molding, paint or stain the pieces as desired (ours came pre-finished). Next, apply construction adhesive, and press each piece in place.



3 Drive finish nails through the molding and into the wall studs for added security. Finally, fill the nail holes and any small gaps between pieces with wood filler.

High-style decor and accessories often come with dauntingly high prices. Wouldn't you rather save some cash, customize design details, and prove that you can do it yourself? We'll show you how to create a cool magazine rack for less than \$40 and a set of three candle trays for approximately \$30.

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Using a
Precision
Drill Guide
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Trendy 8-Rung Rack for Magazines

W as the magazine you're reading buried on a coffee table earlier today, or might it be tomorrow? We'd hate for you to consider magazines "clutter." That's why we came up with this wall-mounted rack. It's the perfect place to keep the latest issues of all your favorite publications.

Practical & Decorative. This rack offers much more than storage, though. Its unique look lets it double as a trendy piece of wall decor for a living room, bathroom, or bedroom. You can stain or paint the wood however you choose and position the magazine "hangers" in whatever formation suits your space.

Materials Offer Style. Much of the magazine rack's sleek style comes from the simplicity of the design and the selection of materials (*Photo, above*). A couple of off-the-shelf boards form a vertical post. Aluminum rods stick through holes drilled in the post to support magazines. And sturdy hardware mounts the assembly to the wall. The juxtaposition of stained wood, metal rods, and exposed hardware provides a nice balance between contemporary and industrial styles. Turn the page for more details.





Easy to Build In Just One Day!

This magazine rack has a simple design for a streamlined look. You'll find that works to your advantage when you make one of your own.

Spine of the Rack. The vertical post is the primary component of the rack. The other pieces basically just slide into holes drilled in the post, as shown in the *Illustration*. After completing *Steps 1* and *2* below, you can stain or paint the wood to coordinate with your decor.

Magazine Hangers. As you see in the *Photos*, magazines hang on rods sticking out of the post. These are lengths of aluminum that you can buy at the home center. Polish the metal with a Scotch-Brite pad, and then follow *Steps 3* through *5* to prepare the magazine hangers.

Nuts & Bolts. Finally, three pieces of hardware at each end of the post allow you to mount the rack a couple of inches away from the wall (*Step 6*). When you're ready to hang the completed rack, drive screws through the holes in the flanges into a wall stud or anchors.

mix up the look by alternating the mounting positions of the rods!

STEP BY step

Quick Glue-up, Foolproof Drilling & Easy Assembly



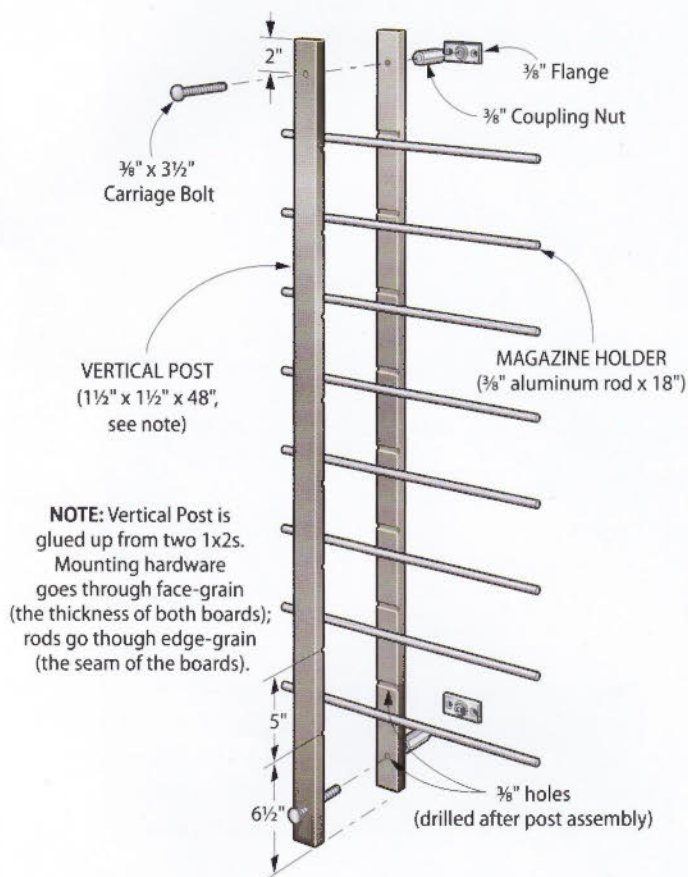
To create the vertical post, start with two 48"-long poplar 1x2s. Apply some glue, sandwich the boards, and use clamps to hold them tightly together.



Drill 3/8" holes straight into the post using a drill guide (*page 47*). A sacrificial board beneath the post gives you material to drill into and prevents tearout.



Cut four 36"-long aluminum rods in half using a hacksaw, so you have eight 18"-long sections. Wrapping tape around a rod is a good way to indicate where to cut.



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Since you have to work fast once the epoxy is on, use tape to mark the alignment of each rod. It will also collect the squeeze-out.



TOOL TECHNIQUE: Using a Precision Drill Guide

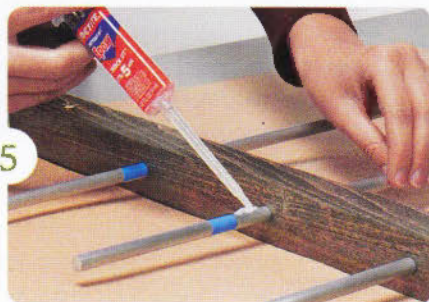
With mounting hardware and long rods extending through this magazine rack, it's critical that the holes be perfectly straight. And drilling straight holes into a board with a handheld drill isn't easy.

Fortunately, you can get dead-on results using an inexpensive drill guide (*Resources, page 50*).

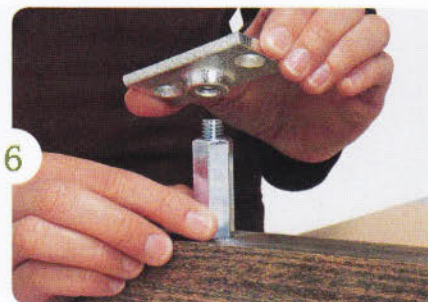
Just chuck your bit into the drill guide and the guide into your drill. If your workpiece is narrow (like the magazine rack post), place support blocks on either side of it to stabilize the base of the guide. Make sure the guide is set to hold the tool and drill bit at a 90° angle, and then you can drill as usual (*Step 2, page 46*).



The rods need a coat of clear lacquer. Drill holes in a scrap board to hold them vertically. Once the lacquer dries, flip the rods to catch the tips that were hidden.



Apply a dab of epoxy to hold each rod in place in the post. Refer to the *Quick Tip*, above. Work one rod at a time, so you can pull off the tape before the epoxy dries.



Now for the mounting hardware: Slip a carriage bolt into each end of the post, and screw on a coupling nut and a flange. The flanges must be perpendicular to the post.



Candle Centerpiece with Classic Appeal

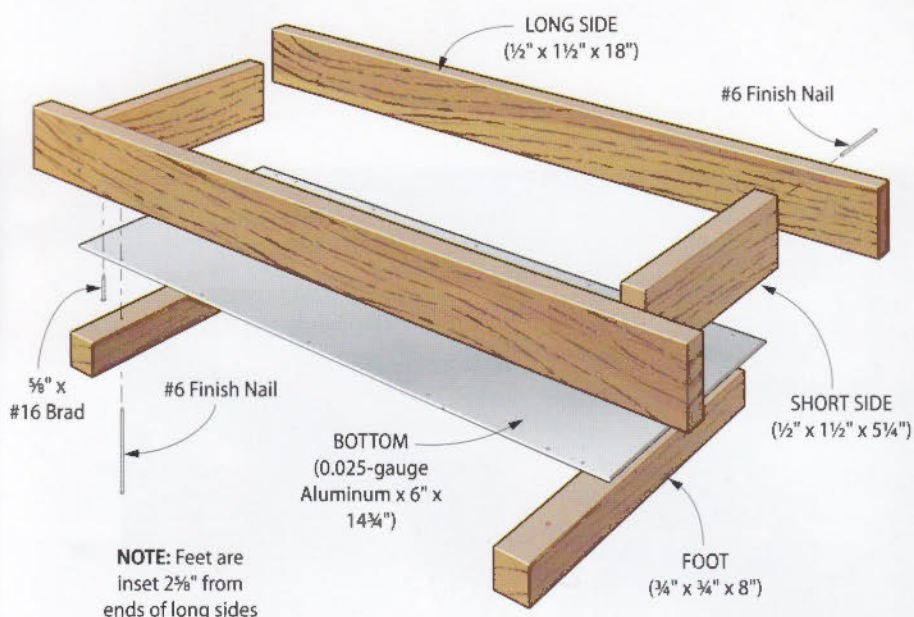
Flickering candles instantly give any room a cozy ambience, especially when they're displayed inside an attractive container. This timeless wood candle tray offers the perfect way to add a lot of style to your table without spending a lot of money. It's a fun, quick, and easy afternoon project for experienced DIYers and beginners alike.

Custom Style. When you make your own decor, you're in control of how it looks. For starters, you can decide what size your tray will be. Choose from a dramatic three-candle centerpiece (*Photo, above*) or a versatile one-candle tray (*Sidebar, page 49*). You can also customize the project's finish since the trays look great painted or stained. Once

the tray is complete, you'll just add candles and your choice of fun filler material—we used coffee beans.

Inexpensive Supplies. This project only requires a few parts. The sides are made from “hobby” wood (we chose oak), and the feet are made from $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood that's sold near the molding at the home center. The bottom is made from a piece of aluminum that just gets cut to length. The parts are connected with wood glue, finish nails, and brads, and then the nail holes get filled with wood filler.

Before you begin assembling the candle tray, you'll need to cut all of the wood parts to length. Then follow the instructions on the next page to prepare the rest of the parts and build the project.



[quick tip]

To prevent the wood parts from splitting, pre-drill holes for the fasteners. You can get perfectly sized nail holes by using one of the nails as a drill bit. Just snip off the head of the nail, put the nail in the drill's chuck, and drill the holes like you would with a regular drill bit.



Single-Candle Design Option

This centerpiece project is easy to adapt into an attractive single-candle tray. The only part dimensions that change when you build this version are the lengths of the long sides, which you'll cut to 9", and the aluminum bottom, which you'll cut to $5\frac{3}{4}$ ".

In addition to changing the size, you can customize the project's finish. We built the tray shown below from maple, used a clear finish, and painted the feet black. The centerpiece on page 48 was finished with two different colors of stain on the sides and feet.



Simple Techniques Create a Centerpiece

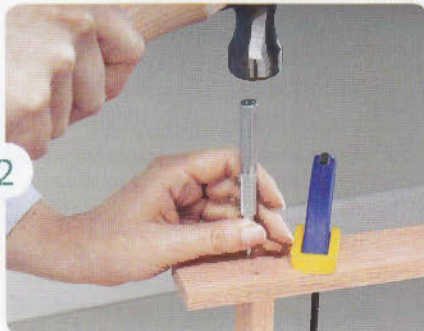
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Score the aluminum, and then bend it over the edge of your work surface until it snaps.

2



Apply glue to the sides, clamp them in place, and drive in finish nails. Then countersink the nails with a nail set (*above*), and paint or stain the wood parts.

3



Drive brads through the aluminum and into the bottom edges of the sides. Then attach the feet (*above*), countersink the nails, and fill all the holes with wood filler.

make it your own

Window Sash Frame (page 4)

16" x 20" Wood Barn Sash, purchased at a local farm supply store

Stepladder Shelving (page 6)

Babcock Wood 2' Step Ladder #11084, AceHardware.com, 866-290-5334

Real Organized 12" x 73" White Melamine Shelf Board #108041; **2½" Corner Brace** #315689, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937

Semi-Gloss White Spray Paint, purchased locally

Thermos Lamp (page 8)

Vintage Stanley Aladdin Vacuum Bottle, purchased locally

Portfolio Make-A-Lamp 3-Way Socket Kit #59667, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937

Lampshade, purchased at Target

Wrapped Glass Vases (page 10)

Glass Cylinder Vases (3" x 9", 4" x 14", 5" x 12"), WholesaleFloral.com, 877-569-4583

Vase Wrap Materials, purchased locally

style spotlight

Metallic Glaze (page 12)

"Yukon Sky" Eggshell Paint (base coat) #1439; **Studio Finishes Metallic Glaze in "Gold"** #62010, **"Copper"** #62040, **"Silver"** #62020, and **"Bronze"** #62030 (color blocks), BenjaminMoore.com, 800-344-0400

Country Style (page 16)

"Carrington Beige" Paint (walls) #HC-93; **"Willow Creek" Paint** (rustic wall treatment) #1468, BenjaminMoore.com, 800-344-0400

DwellStudio Mandala Coverlet and Sham #11927693; **DwellStudio Yellow Rosettes Decorative Pillow** #11927677, Target.com, 800-591-3869

Accent Table, purchased at Target

Cotton-Twill Fringed Pillow Cover; **16" x 24" Lumbar Pillow Insert**, purchased at Pottery Barn

Paintbrush Ticking Flannel Bedding, GarnetHill.com, 800-870-3513

Scroll Platinum Wool Hooked Rug, DashAndAlbert.com, 800-658-5035

Cut Tacks #58217, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937



Wire Baskets; Herb Container, purchased at a local antique/salvage store: FoundThingsDSM.com, 515-265-8624

Bed; Trunk; Other Accessories, purchased locally

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Home Office (page 22)

Custom Plastic Laminate Countertop; **30" Wall Cabinets; Shelf Standards; Shelves; Support Brackets for Work Surface**; **12" Keyboard Drawer Slide**, purchased at Lowe's

20" Carpet Squares, Flor.com, 866-281-3567

Full-Access Bi-Fold Door Hinges, JohnsonHardware.com, 800-837-5664

Cork Trivets; Magnetic Baskets, purchased at Bed Bath & Beyond

Manhattan Office Chair; Mobile File Cabinet, purchased at Target

"Fruity Cocktail" Paint (back wall) #147; **"Monroe Bisque" Paint** (side walls) #HC-26, BenjaminMoore.com, 800-334-0400

Kitchen Organizers (page 26)

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KNIFE BLOCKS

Assorted Glass Vases, purchased at Michaels and Hobby Lobby

Bamboo Skewers, purchased at a local grocery store

POTS & PANS ORGANIZER

½" x 24" x 24" Pine Plywood Panels; **⅝" x 48" Poplar Dowels**, purchased at The Home Depot

MAGNETIC SPICE RACK

Cold Rolled Steel Perforated Sheet with Staggered 0.125" Round Perfs and 0.187" Center Spacing (0.024" x 12" x 24"), purchased through Amazon.com

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Magnetic Spice Tins, purchased at World Market

(4) $\frac{1}{4}$ " **Nylon Bushings**; (4) $\frac{3}{4}$ " **Roundhead Screws**, purchased at a local hardware store

REFRIGERATOR ART GALLERY

Room Essentials Silver Frames (5x7 and 8x10), purchased at Target

$\frac{3}{8}$ " **Rare Earth Magnets** #99K32.03, LeeValley.com, 800-871-8158

Family Activity Center (page 32) & Game Table (page 38)

Poplar 1x2s; **Poplar 1x12s**; $\frac{3}{4}$ " **MDF Sheets**; **Assorted Screws and Hardware**, purchased at Lowe's

$\frac{3}{4}$ " x 12" x 8' **Particleboard Shelving** #1386; **EverTrue 8' Primed Composite Casing** #15225; **M-D Building Products 72" Silver Stair Edging** #89178, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937

Black $\frac{1}{4}$ " Pin Supports #22781, Rockler.com, 800-279-4441

Vizio 32" LED HDTV #XVT323SV; **Blu-Ray Player with Wireless Internet Apps** #VBR220; **5.1 Surround Sound Home Theater with Wireless Subwoofer** #VHT510, Vizio.com, 888-849-4623

Sherwood Netboxx Digital Audio Receiver #R-904N, SherwoodUSA.com, 800-962-3203

Bell'O Articulating Arm Wall Mount #7848, Bello.com, 732-972-1333

Spin 24" Counter Stools #422282, CrateAndBarrel.com, 800-967-6696

Tampa Stripe Giclee Pendant Chandelier #G9447-K3495; **Tampa Stripe Giclee Shade Arc Floor Lamp** #H5361-K3535, LampsPlus.com, 800-782-1967

Flats & Cords Carpet Squares in Vanilla #008-211021, Flor.com, 866-281-3567

Faux Leather in Alabaster #170840, FakeFauxFurFabric.com, 800-590-5844

Uptown Parson Dining Chairs in Chocolate Brown #12244827; **Library Vintage Book Board Games**, Target.com, 800-591-3869

"Revere Pewter" Paint (wall) #HC-172; **"Rockport Gray" Paint** (shelving units) #HC-105, BenjaminMoore.com, 800-344-0400

"Java" Gel Stain (shelves), GeneralFinishes.com, 800-783-6050

"Brown" Camouflage Paint with Fusion Technology (table); **Crystal Clear Satin Acrylic**, Krylon.com, 800-457-9566

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Entryway (page 40)

"Rosy Apple" Paint #2006-30, BenjaminMoore.com, 800-344-0400

Frames: Black and White Wallpaper #52050, GrahamBrown.com, 800-554-0887

Premium Wallpaper Paste #53314; **Wallpapering Tool Application Kit** #245877, purchased at Lowe's

EverTrue 7' Composite Casing #278338; **EverTrue 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Raw Whitewood Rosette Corner Block** #107553; **Stanley Deluxe Miter Box with Saw** #48795; **Dap StrongStik Instant Grab Adhesive** #248691, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937

Chairs; Hooks; Accessories, purchased locally

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Magazine Rack (page 44)

(4) $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 36" **Round Aluminum Rods** #49380; (2) **4' Poplar 1x2s**; **Loctite**

Instant Mix Epoxy #1365868, purchased at The Home Depot

General Accudrill Precision Drill Guide #100349264, HomeDepot.com, 800-466-3337

(2) $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " **Carriage Bolts** #69520; $\frac{3}{8}$ " **Rod Coupling Nuts** (pack of 2) #142074; (2) $\frac{3}{8}$ " **Galvanized Flanges** #301689, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937

"Classic Black" PolyShades Satin Stain, Minwax.com, 800-523-9299

Logan Armless Bonded Leather Chair in Green #434503; **"Amapola, Barcelona" Wall Art by Shirley Novak** #426832, WorldMarket.com, 877-967-5362

Tall White Vases, purchased at Gordmans

Candle Centerpiece (page 48)

6" x 18" Aluminum Sheet #44737; **$\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 x 2 Red Oak Board** #1189, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937

Candles, purchased at Michaels



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Transform a basement or an extra room into a space for all of your family activities — from TV watching to snack serving to game playing. It's surprisingly simple and budget-friendly, too!

