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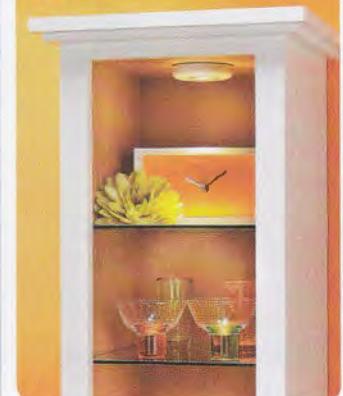
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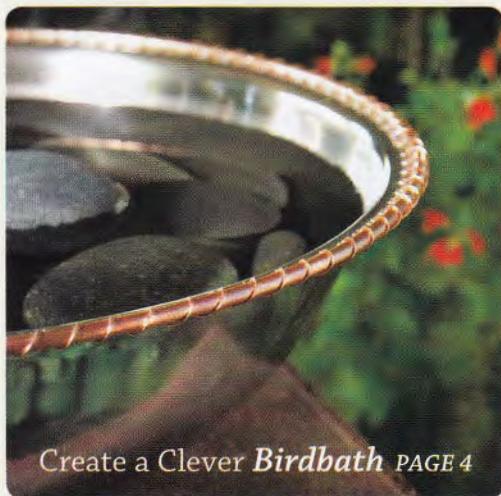
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# make it your own

This is the time of year to add decorative accents outside your home. Here, you'll find creative twists on the traditional birdbath, the charming fountain, and even the practical downspout. Each requires just a few easy-to-work-with materials and provides an attractive point of interest in your yard. After all, what's more appealing in summer than a little fresh water?

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# Easy Recipe for a **Mixing Bowl Birdbath**

Even birds like taking a swim during the summer, so give them a place to cool off with this birdbath. It looks great set apart on its own or surrounded by a vibrant garden. And you can build it in a day!

The basin of the birdbath is actually a large stainless steel mixing bowl that's dressed up with copper tubing and copper wire. It rests on a pedestal, which is built with landscape pavers and a larger concrete paver that's used as a cap. Details on all of these items are provided on page 50.

**Embellish the Basin.** Start by preparing the mixing bowl for its decorative copper edging. Place the bowl facedown on a scrap board, lay out marks 1" apart along the rim, and punch holes on and between all the marks (*Step 1*).

Next, bend a piece of copper tubing into a circle to match the circumference of the bowl. Give yourself about 4" extra at the end, and cut the tubing with wire cutters.

You can see how to attach the copper tubing to the bowl with copper wire in *Step 2*. You'll want to start near the end of the tubing, and leave a 6" tail of wire to tie off later. Be sure to insert the wire through the smooth side of each hole, so the soft copper won't catch. Pull the wire taut as you weave it since it needs to hold the tubing in place.

Go three quarters of the way around the bowl, and then stop to cut the tubing to length. When you've finished lashing it, twist the ends of the wire together, cut off any excess, and tuck the knot neatly under the rim of the bowl.

**Put It on a Pedestal.** Now you're ready to take the project outside. Make sure the area where you want to set up the birdbath is level, and then lay down eight landscape pavers to form the base of the pedestal. Build up the rest of the pedestal with eight layers made of four pavers each. You can create a random pattern like we did, or build a more formal column. Use a level frequently to make sure the bricks are lined up and lying flat. When you reach the top, add the paver cap and the basin.

Finally, when the birdbath is set up, fill the basin with stones and water. Then wait for your new summer guests to arrive.

STEP  
BY  
step

From Mixing Bowl  
to Birdbath Basin

1



Use an awl to punch holes around the rim of the bowl. The holes must be large enough for copper wire to fit through.

2



Thread the wire through one hole, wrap it around the copper tube, and pull it through the next hole (like sewing a whipstitch).

the structure isn't just attractive to birds — it also makes a nice focal point in a garden



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create a clever  
garden fountain  
for less than \$100



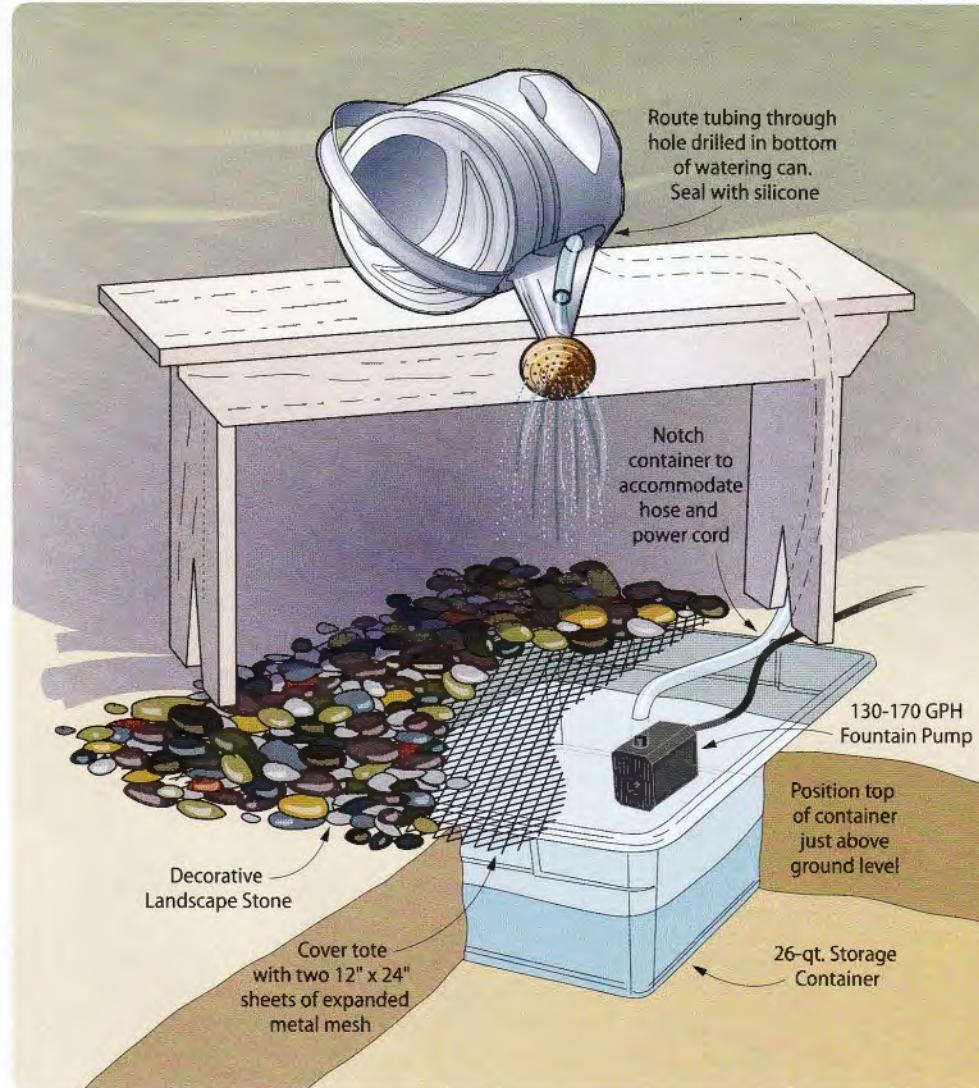
## Endless Fun from a Fountain Feature

This charming water feature adds surprising appeal to any yard. That's because the tipped-over watering can never runs out of water!

What's the secret? As you can see in the *Illustration* at right, this watering can is actually a fountain complete with a reservoir and a recirculating pump. Water pumps through a hidden hose up into the can and then sprinkles back down.

**Simple Supplies.** Gathering salvaged supplies allows you to make your fountain unique. Ours started with a cast-off watering can that was beat up but still held water. It sits on a rustic bench found at a garage sale.

With items like those in hand, all you need to create a fountain are a pump, tubing, a storage container, metal mesh, and decorative stones. You can find all of these supplies at any home center (*see page 50*).



To create your rustic fountain, bury a storage container, add a pump, and run a hose into an old watering can. Cover the tub with metal mesh and stones, and you're done!

Don't skimp when selecting a pump. We started with one rated at 60 gallons per hour (GPH), but it proved inadequate. Switching to an adjustable pump rated for 130-170 GPH allowed us to dial in the perfect flow.

**Easy Installation.** Setting up your fountain is simple. Start by finding a location that's fairly level and then positioning the bench.

Now you can dig a hole for the container. It should be just deep enough to position the rim slightly above ground level to keep soil out.

After burying the tub, drop in the pump, and then run the cord and water tubing out so they won't show.

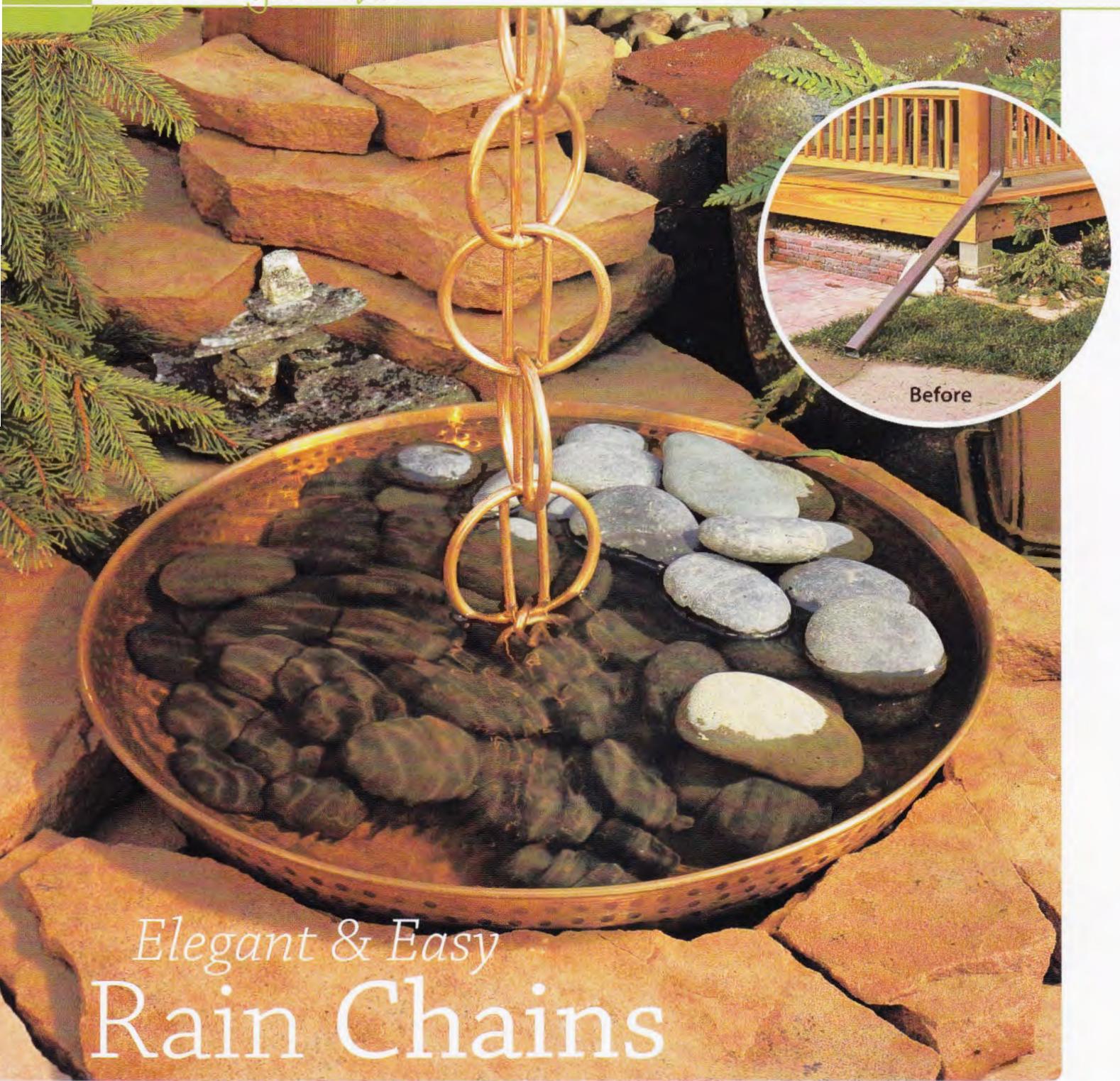
Drill a hole in the bottom of the watering can, and slip the tubing in.

**Time for a Test.** Before you finish everything up, fill the tub, plug in the pump, and check the flow of water from the sprinkler head. We ended up enlarging some of the holes with a drill bit to get the trickle we wanted.

When you're happy with the flow, seal the tubing to the can with a bit of clear silicone. Then tuck the tubing out of sight. Add the metal mesh and stones to hide the container.

As far as maintenance goes, you'll just add water on occasion (pour it through the rocks). Also clean out the container if the pump gets clogged.

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## *Elegant & Easy* Rain Chains

Rain chains have been used for centuries to carry water off the roofs of buildings. They're more elegant-looking than downspouts, and they even provide a pleasant sound of flowing water when carrying away the rain.

**A Simple System.** The way a rain chain works is simple. When water

empties out of the gutter, it clings to the chain and passes from link to link until it reaches the ground. A catch basin below the chain collects the water and lets it gently spill over to prevent erosion.

**Choose Your Chain.** You'll find a wide variety of rain chain and basin styles available online, so you can

create a setup that suits your home and your style (see page 50).

You'll find "link" models like the one we used, as well as "cup" style chains. You can also choose from brass, copper, or aluminum chains.

**Easy Installation.** You can see how a rain chain goes together in the illustration at right. The first thing to

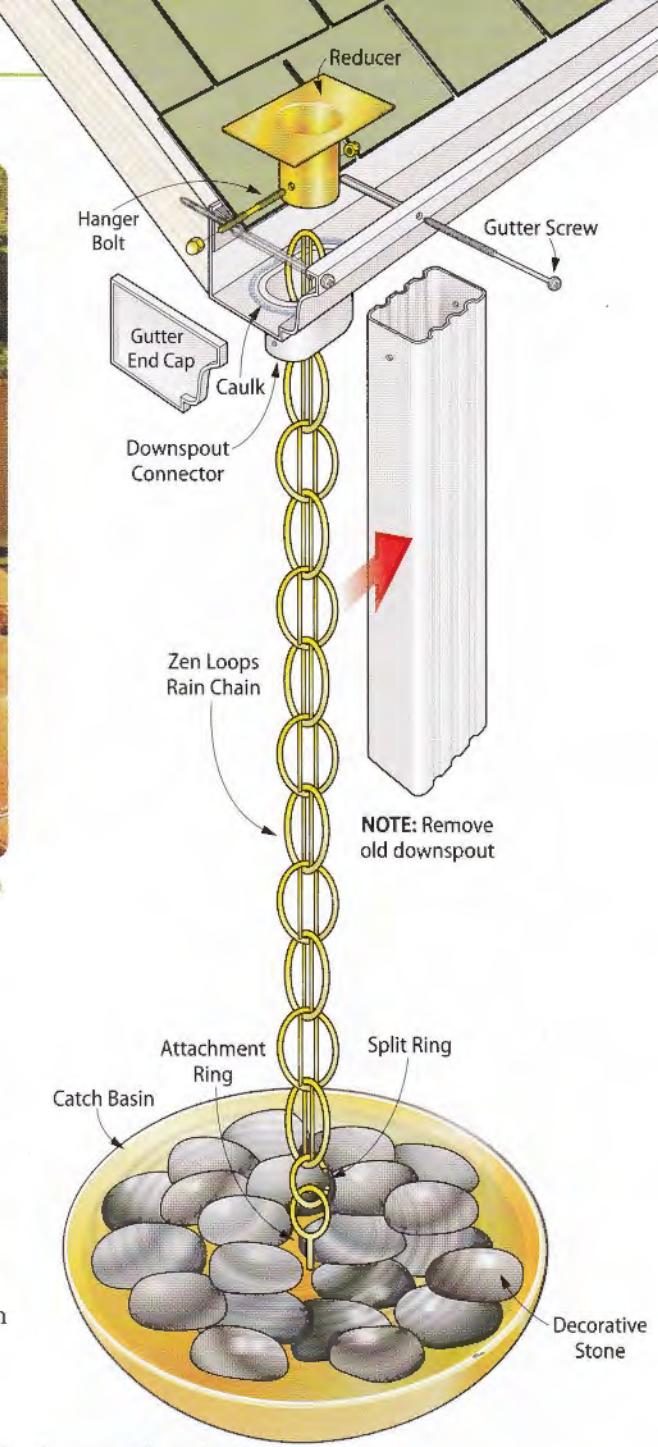


The pleasing sight and sound of water cascading down a rain chain into a basin at the bottom may actually make you look forward to a rainy day.

do is add an extra gutter screw or hanger to your existing gutter to help support the weight of the chain.

After that, you can install the chain. In the most basic chain setup, you simply hang the chain from a rod that lays over the opening in the gutter. To create better flow, though, it's a good idea to use a reducer. Install the reducer with a bit of caulk, and then you're all set to hang the chain and install the basin.

**Go Straight to the Basin.** With the chain in place, you need to position the catch basin. You want to make sure the basin is centered under the chain. A great way to do that is to use a plumb bob (or a heavy weight on a string) as shown in *Step 1*. Then you can create a base for the basin (*Step 2*) and connect the chain (*Step 3*).



### Create a Catch Basin to Wash Away the Rain

#### STEP BY step



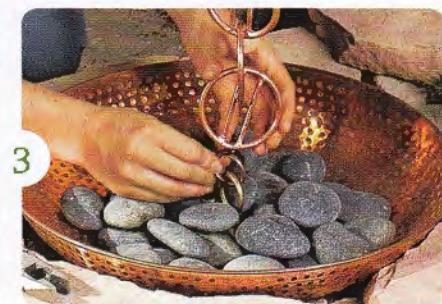
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**Position the basin** so the chain will hang straight. Place stones under the basin, and then cut the sod using a spade.



2

**Cover the bare spot** with plastic sheeting and gravel after removing the sod. Then arrange the stones on top of the gravel.



3

**Place the basin on the stones**, and tip it slightly away from the house. Cut the chain to length, and attach it to the ring.

# style spotlight

When you take on DIY projects and decor makeovers, you're rewarded with a home that's completely suited to your style. We'll show you how you can turn ordinary store-bought furnishings into personalized pieces by adding brackets. Then learn how to customize a room with a contemporary spin on classic Craftsman decor.

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# Make *Boring Furniture* Better with Brackets

Basic desks, tables, and bookshelves are staples in many homes. They can be purchased inexpensively, and although they serve their functions well, their low cost often comes at the expense of style. This lack of style is especially noticeable when you try to coordinate several of these furniture basics in the same room.

**Easy Embellishment.** Luckily, it's not hard to transform utilitarian pieces into a matching set that's worthy of notice. By attaching decorative brackets at the plain corners of your furniture, you can get custom-looking pieces in no time. Just check each piece of furniture to ensure that the corners form 90-degree angles and that there's enough surface area to attach the brackets.

**Style Switch.** The look that you can get for your furniture pieces will vary dramatically based on the bracket style you choose. To customize your project even further, you can paint the brackets before attaching them (*Step 1*). When you're happy with the look of the brackets, screw them into the corners of your furniture (*Step 2*). Be sure to pre-drill the holes to prevent splitting. Then touch up the screw heads with paint to complete the makeover.

### STEP BY step

#### Paint & Attach Brackets



1



2

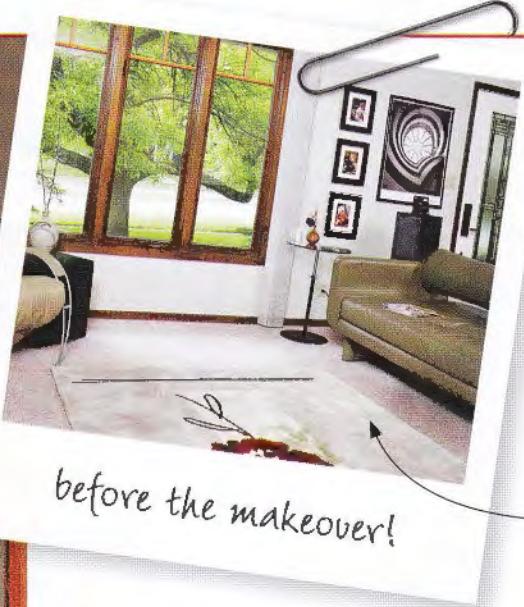
Spray paint the brackets in the color of your choice. Then drive screws through the bracket holes and into the furniture piece.

we also painted the desktop to match the brackets!



# style spotlight





this room  
was a great  
candidate  
for a brand  
new look!

## A Contemporary Twist on Craftsman Style

**T**oday's hectic lifestyles certainly make it easy to appreciate the value of simplicity. The best way to unwind is to get back to the basics and prioritize what's important to you — and that concept works for home decor, too.

**A Touch of Tradition.** Craftsman style is a design aesthetic based on the value of beautiful materials and high-quality craftsmanship. When you decorate a room with this style, you're creating a stripped-back space that lets each individual piece of furniture and decor shine. The result is a relaxing retreat that provides a welcome respite from a busy day.

The influences of Craftsman style began to be seen in the United States in the late 1800s. Craftsman style was embraced as a simple departure from the designs of the time. Further spurred on by furniture maker Gustav Stickley and his magazine, *The Craftsman*, the design movement enjoyed popularity with architects, designers, and homeowners for decades. The style's warm, simple look continues to inspire today's furniture and decor.

**Style for Any Space.** You don't have to live in a period Craftsman bungalow house to bring the look to your space. Any home can benefit from clean-lined furnishings and decor made from natural materials. In fact, the house that features the transformed, Craftsman-inspired living room at left was built in the 1970s.

**Make It Modern.** You'll notice that not every element in this room is a traditional Craftsman piece. Some of the furnishings, such as the sofa and the rug, have a distinctly modern feel. This just goes to show how easily Craftsman style can be updated to reflect contemporary design preferences. On the next few pages, we'll showcase some products and ideas to help you get the look.



## 1. Pick Pieces with Simple Styling

Craftsman style was originally appealing because of its clean lines and simplicity, and those traits are still valued today. One of the key ingredients of this style is the beauty of classic, well-made pieces.

**Classic Furnishings.** Many traditional Craftsman-style furnishings feature exposed joinery, which draws attention to their construction while also serving as ornamentation. The side table at left shows how adding furniture with this characteristic is an easy way to bring the Craftsman influence to a space.

**Timeless Motifs.** The patterns and motifs found on Craftsman decor are elegant and often drawn from nature. Since the decoration in Craftsman-inspired rooms is generally minimal, the patterns and motifs that are featured must earn their places. It's important to pick pieces that make a statement without taking away from the overall simplicity of the space.

## 2. Use Items Made of Organic Materials

When you're adding the Craftsman influence to a space, embrace natural materials. Filling the room with them will create a rich, inviting look.

**Natural Design.** Traditional Craftsman homes often feature wide wood trim and stone fireplaces. Since this room didn't have those features, we found a relatively easy solution that allowed us to add a natural-looking element: tile. Replacing the entryway's existing flooring with this tile, which has the appearance of stone, produced beautiful results.

Another way to bring in natural materials is to choose furnishings that feature them prominently. The clock in this room, for example, showcases the appeal of stained wood.



### 3. Incorporate Earthy Colors

Use your color palette to help you set the mood for the space. Craftsman-inspired rooms often feature earthy tones, which complement the wood and stone elements. These colors will also allow you to create the warm and inviting feel that Craftsman style is known for.

**Rich Inspiration.** Look to the outdoors to find colors that appeal to you. This approach will give you a wide range of base and accent colors to choose from. Forest green, burnt orange, and muted gold are examples of colors that are appropriate for a Craftsman-inspired space.

Earthy, neutral shades on the walls and largest furniture pieces serve as the base colors for this Craftsman-influenced living room. Then we layered on more dramatic (but still nature-inspired) colors to draw the eye around the room. For example, we brought attention to the front door by painting it a striking shade of red.

### 4. Switch It Up with Modern Flair

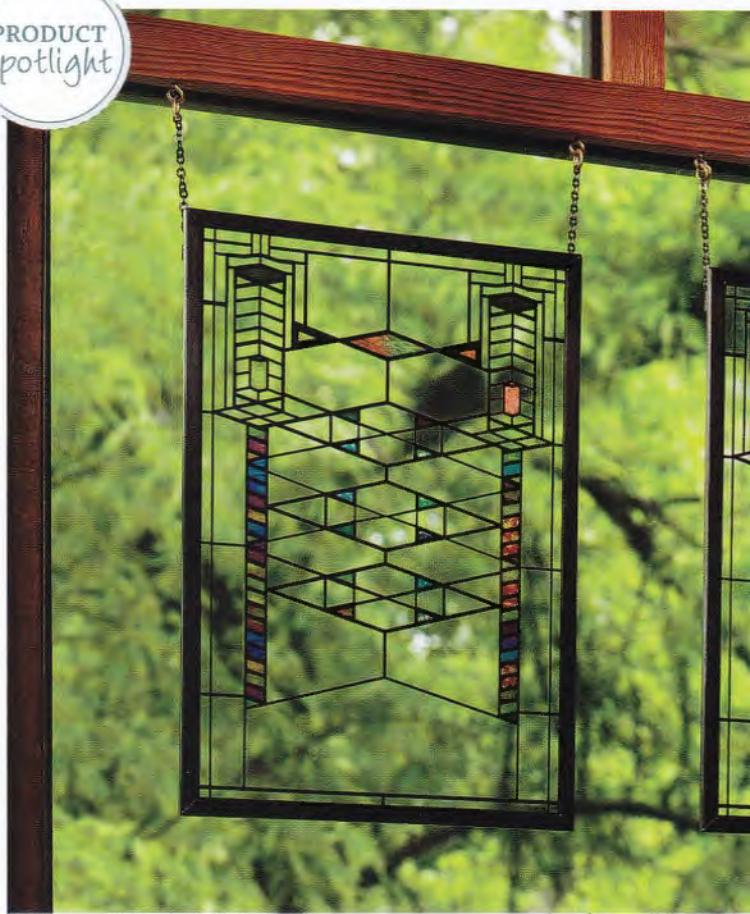
To make your Craftsman-inspired space feel contemporary, bend one of the “rules” of the previous elements. As long as you incorporate other principles of the style, its influence will still be recognizable.

**Contemporary Color.** One way to update the style is to pick a color for

the walls or decor that falls outside of the typical Craftsman palette. Choosing a lighter, brighter color or two will give your room a fresh twist.

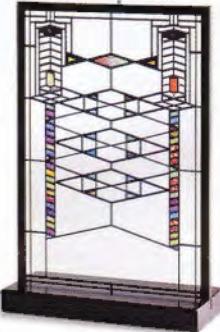
**Unexpected Additions.** You could also bring in more modern furniture or art to set off the style. Here, some of the homeowner’s furnishings serve

as departures from the ones you may expect in a Craftsman-style space. The sofa’s unique lines, for example, are a welcome contrast to the traditional Craftsman elements. The long bench has hints of Craftsman style, but with a contemporary combination of clear coat and paint.



### Gorgeous Art Glass

Frank Lloyd Wright's designs fit into the Craftsman aesthetic. These panels (*Resources, page 50*) are copies of art glass found in Wright's Robie House in Chicago. The panels can be displayed on chains or with the included stands. To make the panels work in our space, we cut their chains and attached the ends to hooks on the window.





# make floors fun with fabulous painted stripes

For your next paint project, consider using the floor as your creative canvas. You'll be amazed by how simple stripes can add personality to a nondescript wood floor.

It's no secret that rolling paint on walls is one of the easiest and most dramatic ways to transform a room. But another fun and inexpensive way to add pattern and a punch of color is by painting what's beneath your feet!

Paint can also rescue wood floors that have gotten dingy and worn over the years. Often, damaged floors aren't good candidates for staining and clear-coating, but they can certainly look striking when puttied and painted.

Thanks to the tough formulas of today's floor paints, you can expect excellent durability, too. We chose Dutch Boy Porch & Floor Latex Enamel for a scrubable and scuff-resistant finish. It's also self-priming and can be tinted to hundreds of colors.

**Super-Simple Stripes.** Our striped pattern lets you choose three colors that complement the rest of your room's decor. Some floorboards are left unpainted, so the beauty of the natural wood shines through. Since it's tougher to change floor paint than an area rug, you'll want to pick colors that you know you can live with.

This design is especially easy to replicate because it follows the direction of the floorboards. Each board gets entirely painted in one color, and the stripes are separated by the lines between boards. For additional design interest, we left wide and narrow stripes of unpainted wood between the consistent bands of painted stripes.





## Simple Steps to Get Stunning Stripes!

To replicate our striped pattern in your home, start by carefully measuring your floor. Then use graph paper to sketch a floor plan with those measurements. Be sure that the stripes run in the same direction as your floorboards—it makes taping and painting a breeze.

You may need to slightly adjust the stripes to make the pattern perfectly fit your room's dimensions. Sketch these changes on the floor plan, as it's much easier to make adjustments on paper than on the floor.

**Decision Time.** Half the fun of this project is deciding what colors to paint your floor! To help you imagine how various colors would look in your room before applying them to your floor, just paint scraps of wood cut the same

width as your floorboards with the shades of paint that you're considering (*Photo, above*).

**Prepare to Paint.** Like all paint jobs, floor painting requires some careful preparation to ensure that the finish will look great for years. Start by filling any noticeable gouges or chips with wood filler. Use a putty knife to press the filler into the damaged spots, and allow it to dry.

After that, lightly sand the entire floor with 150-grit sandpaper on a sanding block. Be sure to sand all the way up to the baseboards and into the corners. Next, vacuum the floor, and then wash it as shown in *Step 1*.

**Paint the Pattern.** Now you can mask and paint your first set of stripes (*Step 2*). Use a 2½" brush—it won't leave

small "dimples" in the glossy finish like a roller would. Start at one end of a masked stripe, and flow the paint on evenly. Be sure to keep a wet edge as you work, so the paint dries smoothly.

Once you've finished all the stripes of the first color, let the paint dry for about half an hour. Then carefully pull up the painter's tape. (If you leave the tape on too long, the paint will fully harden and cause chipping when the tape is removed.)

Now you can move to the next color. Sometimes you will need to mask on top of an already painted stripe, so allow at least four hours of drying time between color changes. That will ensure that the tape doesn't "pick up" the paint layer underneath. Repeat the process until you've painted all of the stripes in all three colors.

**Revive the Unpainted Wood.** At this point, your newly painted stripes look bright and shiny, but the plain wood stripes still look like they did at the project's start. To revive their appearance, protect them from wear, and give them the same high-gloss sheen as the painted stripes, brush a coat of clear gloss polyurethane on just the wood stripes. (The manufacturer advises against applying clear coat over this floor paint.)

To make sure the clear coat doesn't get on painted areas, mask off the outer edges of the wood boards, just like you did with the stripes. Brush on an even coat of polyurethane, and gently remove the tape once it has set up.

Let the floor dry for at least 48 hours to give the paint and clear coat time to achieve maximum hardness. Then move your furnishings back in, and enjoy a transformed room with personality to spare.



When masking a floorboard, just place the painter's tape next to the joint on either side of it. To help keep the tape straight, unroll a fairly long section before you position it on the floor. Then use a putty knife to firmly burnish the edges next to the floorboard you will paint.

## Prepare the Floor & Paint the Stripes



1

**Sand the entire floor,** and then scrub it with a solution of TSP Substitute. Let it dry at least 24 hours, so no moisture remains.



2

**Apply painter's tape** to mask all the stripes that will be your first color. Then brush paint in between two stripes.



3

**Mask off the next color** of stripes after the first ones have dried, and brush on another color. Repeat for each color.

**STEP  
BY  
step**





# *whole-family fun* from this **outdoor dining area**

Stylish outdoor furniture doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. This picnic table sets the tone for a perfect outdoor dining area, and it can be yours this weekend.

**O**ne of the best ways to spend a sunny summer day is outdoors with family and friends. And contrary to popular belief, doing so doesn't require a fancy deck or a tricked-out patio. In fact, all you really need is an open patch of grass—and something special that draws people to it.

**New-Look Picnic Table.** One of the best ways to add that "something special" is with a nice place to sit and eat. That's where our unique twist on the picnic table comes in. With its bench seating and slat-topped table, it gives a nod to traditional picnic table style. But this one has a great contemporary look that will make it the focal point of any outdoor gathering spot.

**Outfit the Area.** Of course, today's outdoor dining area should be more than just a place to eat. You also want people to relax and stay awhile.

Luckily, with all the great outdoor dining accessories available, that's easy to do. You can learn all about how we set up our space, starting on page 24.



this great grilling cart  
will complete your backyard  
retreat (see page 26)



### STEP BY step

#### Screws Make for One Sturdy Table



**Screws make this table assembly simple:** Use pocket screws to join the legs and aprons into U-shaped assemblies. Then screw on a rail with deck screws to reinforce the joints.



**Connect the U-shaped assemblies** to one another with pieces of aluminum angle that get screwed on. Finally, add the slats, using spacers to establish a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " gap between each one.

## Style in a Few Simple Steps: Build the Table & Benches

If you have any interest in building your own set of outdoor furniture, then this picnic table and bench set is the beginner project for you. The only tools you'll need to make it are a miter saw or a circular saw, a drill, and a pocket-hole jig (*Sidebar, below right*). All of the lumber parts are 2x4 and 1x4 boards, and the slats that create the tops of the table and benches are durable composite deck boards that will hold up in all kinds of weather (*see page 50*).

The table and benches are also made in exactly the same way: Only the dimensions of the parts are different. You can get all the information you'll need to build both pieces in the *Illustration* shown at right.

**Build the Bases.** As you can see in that *Illustration*, both the table and benches have bases that are made from four upside-down U-shaped assemblies. Each U-shaped assembly contains a 2x4 apron and two 2x4 legs that are joined by pocket screws (*Step 1, left*). Then 1x4 rails get screwed on to each assembly to further reinforce the joints between the apron and legs (*Step 2*).

At this point, each of these U-shaped assemblies is ready to be painted. We went with a simple white to contrast with the gray slats on the top. Then it's time to connect the four U-shaped assemblies to one another.

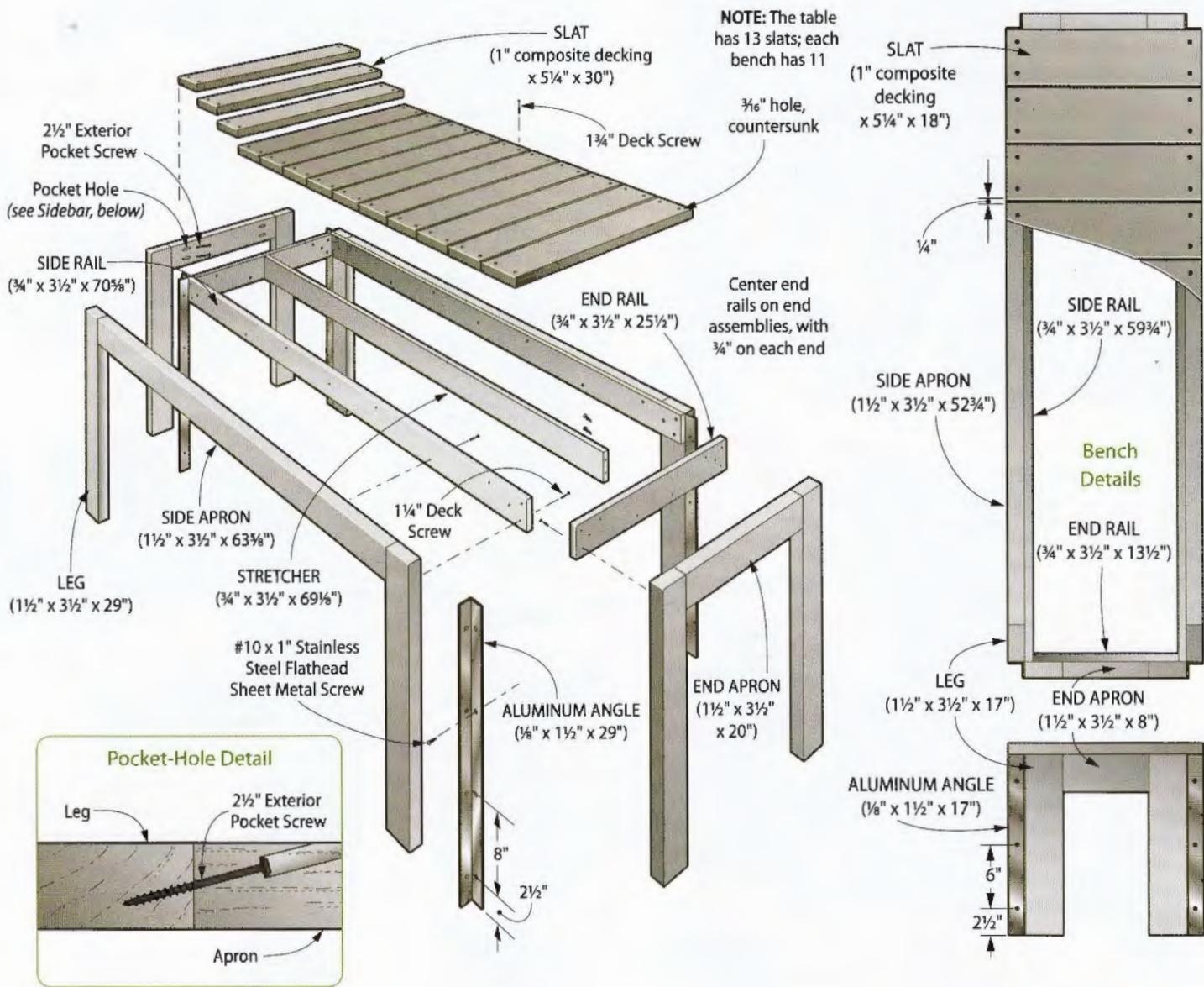
**Connect the Corners.** To accomplish that, we used pieces of aluminum angle from the home center. These soft pieces of metal can be cut with a miter saw and drilled just like wood. For a nice look, it's a good idea to buff the pieces smooth with a Scotch-Brite pad. We also sprayed ours with a clear finish, so they would hold up well outdoors.

Next, grab your drill, and pre-drill holes for screws in the aluminum angle. Then set up all four U-shaped assemblies next to each other, and put each piece of aluminum in place. Finally, transfer the holes from the aluminum onto the wood legs, and secure the aluminum with short screws (*Step 3*).

**Support the Center.** Since the table is larger than the benches, we added a center stretcher to it. This board is simply a 1x4 that gets secured with pocket screws.

**Slap Down the Slats.** All that's left is to add the slats to the top of each piece of furniture, which is easy to do. First, cut the slats to a consistent length. You can use a miter saw or a circular saw to quickly cut each board.

Now pre-drill holes in each slat, and then simply mount them to the base with screws. To establish a consistent gap between each slat, we used spacers made from  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-thick hardboard (*Step 4*).



## An Inside View of a Pocket-Hole Joint

If you're new to building projects with wood, one of the simplest ways to join two boards together is with a pocket-hole joint. Basically, a pocket hole is an angled hole that is drilled in a board. Driving a screw at an angle through that hole and into a board butted against it creates a rock-solid connection between the two.

To make a pocket-hole joint, you need a pocket-hole jig, a drill bit, and pocket screws. These are sold as a kit at many home centers. (Kreg is the most commonly available brand.)

To create the joint, just set the jig, and drill the hole or holes in one piece (Step 1). Then clamp the two pieces together where you want to join them, and drive the right-size screws through the holes and into the mating piece (Step 2).



**Drilling pocket holes** starts with clamping the jig to the edge of a board. You will set up this jig differently based on how thick the wood is, so read the instructions. Then simply drill the holes.



**Clamp the two boards** at the joint, and then drive in screws. These special blue pocket screws are for outdoor projects.

**TOOL close-up**



# Add Accessories to Your Outdoor Area for Even More Fun in the Sun!

When it comes to today's outdoor dining accessories, one thing is clear: Color is definitely in. This is true from the plates to the napkins to the outdoor fabrics used for furniture.

This colorful trend is especially appealing for our outdoor dining area. The subtle backdrop of the gray and white table—not to mention the lush green grass present underfoot—provided the perfect opportunity for all those colors to really pop!

**Perfect Place Settings.** On the table, we livened things up with plastic plates featuring a bright floral pattern, cloth napkins adorned with bold butterflies, and solid yellow chargers. We introduced even more color with a classic family "cocktail"—the Shirley Temple. A simple floral centerpiece in a small glass jar rounds things out nicely.

**Go Beyond the Table.** It's easy to carry that bright and cheery feeling to the rest of your outdoor oasis, too. For example, you can make the benches a little more comfortable (and colorful) with fabric cushions that are made for outdoor chairs. Load up a metal drink tub with ice and glass bottles full of different-colored sodas. Or bring in plant containers filled with bold, beautiful flowers.



## Create a Centerpiece.

Inexpensive outdoor lanterns make the space cozy even after the sun goes down. A floral centerpiece that consists of a couple of alliums in a small glass jar adds a nice touch without overpowering the table.



## Set the Table.

Bright colors are all the rage for outdoor table settings, and you'll find no shortage of options. Choose fun, festive patterns paired with simple solid colors.



## Bring Out Nature's Beauty.

Your local greenhouse or garden center can help in your quest for color, as well. Just fill big terra-cotta pots with an assortment of brightly colored annuals.



## Mix Up Some Fun!

Create a "cocktail" for the whole family with a classic Shirley Temple: Mix 3 oz. ginger ale, 3 oz. lemon-lime soda, and a splash of grenadine. Serve with maraschino cherries.



*get cooking*  
with this  
**great grilling  
cart**

Every cook needs a handy place to stash tools, and this useful grilling cart fills the bill. The cart has the same great look as the picnic table and benches (*page 22*) but is even easier to build. It features a large work surface and plenty of shelving to hold all your outdoor dining essentials.

**T**he base of this grilling cart is just a shelving unit that we picked up at the home center (*page 50*). The unit we found is twice as tall as this, so you can just use half of it—or make two handy outdoor carts! It's made from lightweight aluminum, so it won't rust outdoors. Added casters make it easy to move around.

We topped the unit off with the same composite deck board slats that you see on the table and benches. A couple of pieces of aluminum angle connect the slats to the rack.

**Create the Cart.** To make the cart, start by cutting the two pieces of aluminum angle to length. Mark where it gets attached to the shelving unit legs, and drill holes in both the

aluminum and legs. Connect the aluminum to the legs (*Step 1*).

Now add the slats. Cut them to length, and drill holes for screws. Set a slat in place, extend the holes down through the aluminum with a drill bit, and secure it with screws and nuts (*Step 2*). You can work your way across the top this way, using spacers to position the next slat before securing it in place.

The casters are made to fit this cart (*page 50*) and simply thread in place in the legs (*Step 3*).

**Multi-Use Cart.** We called this project a "grilling cart," but really it has all kinds of uses in your outdoor spaces. Use it as a workstation next to your grill, as a food prep station next to the table, or as a potting bench in your garden!



**The grilling cart** sits at the same height as most outdoor grills, which makes it an ideal surface for prepping food. Ample shelving underneath holds other outdoor dining supplies.

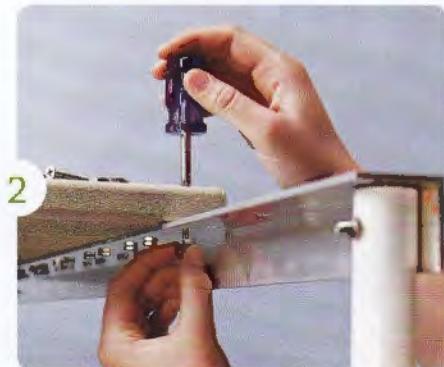
### STEP BY step

## Top off the Rack to Create a Cool Cart!



1

**Aluminum angle holds the slats** above the cart. Drill holes in the legs and angle, and attach them with nuts and bolts.



2

**Attach slats** by driving machine screws through holes in the aluminum angle. Secure them with nuts from beneath.



3

**Connect the casters** by inserting them into the openings in the bottom of the legs. They thread right into place.



# space-saving garage worktable & storage system

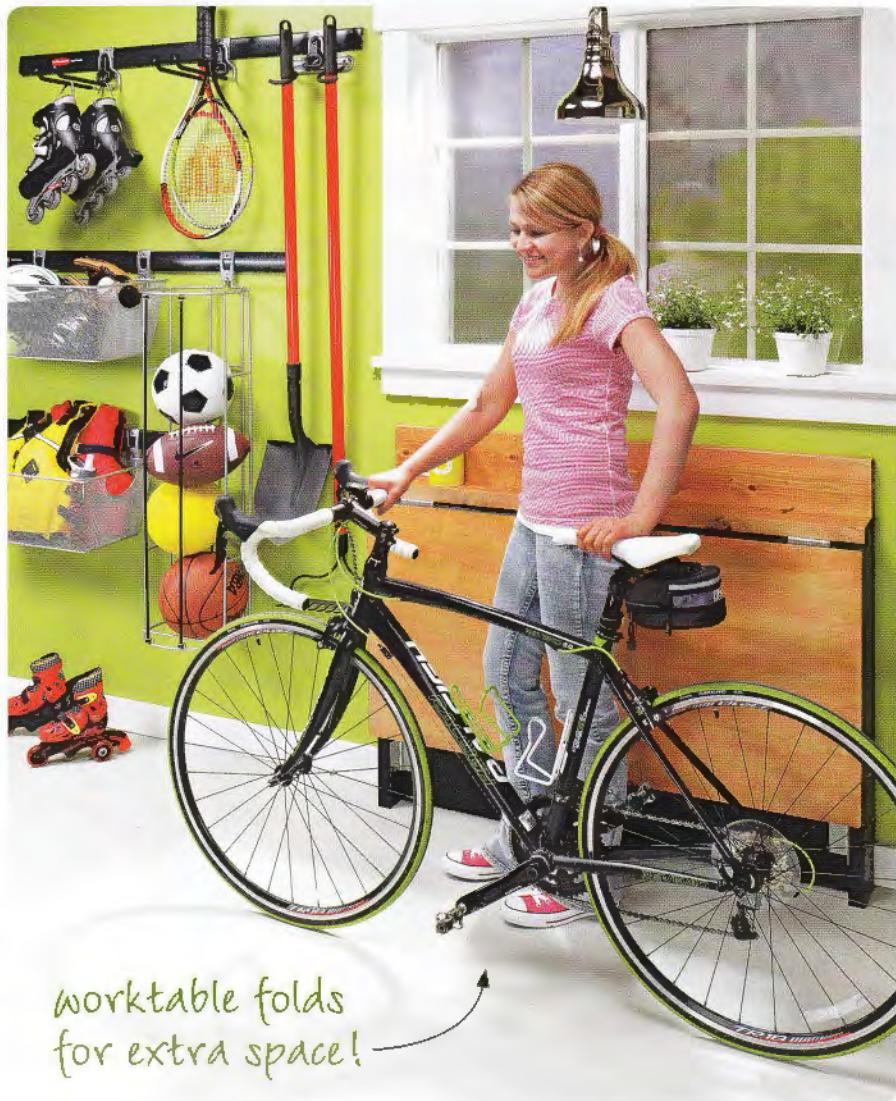
A work and storage center for your garage doesn't have to eat up much money or space! This easy-to-build table handles all of your DIY projects and folds out of the way when not in use.

For many homeowners, the garage is the go-to spot for completing DIY tasks, prepping gardening projects, and storing assorted gear and supplies. This work and storage center can help you do all of those things more efficiently.

If you're thinking your crowded garage doesn't have room to add features, however, you'll want to take a closer look at the *Photos*. The ample system can be contained within a few inches of one garage wall.

**Sturdy Worktable.** The key element of this system is the clever worktable. It features a spacious plywood tabletop that swings up on hinges and gets supported on both sides by swing-out panels (*Photo, left*). This design allows you to trade work space for clearance when you aren't in project mode (*Photo, right*). On page 30, you'll discover just how simple the worktable is to build.

**Much-Needed Storage.** Of course, your garage is also an essential storage space. So we surrounded the worktable with an affordable wall-mounted storage system that can organize everything you keep in your garage. The *Product Spotlight* on page 31 reveals the variety of track and hanger options available.





## A Hardworking Worktable That's Easy to Build!

The construction process for this worktable is so simple that you can have it up and running this weekend! It starts as a frame assembly that consists of two legs, a top ledge, and a backboard that attaches to your garage wall. Panels hinged to the insides of the legs swing out and serve as supports for the tabletop. That tabletop is hinged to the top ledge and swings down when you don't need to use it. You can see how it goes together in the *Illustration*.

**Before You Build.** You don't want the bottom edges of the support panels to scrape or jam when you swing them out, so before you begin, check to see if your garage floor is level (*Step 1*). If the floor slopes up away from the wall, you may need to shorten and raise the panels. Don't worry about a floor that slopes down slightly—levelers on the outside corners of the support panels will compensate for that.

Now go ahead and cut all the parts to size. The frame assembly is made with 2x6 boards, and the tabletop and support panels are plywood. Glue and screw two pieces of plywood together to create a sturdy tabletop.

After that, you'll want to apply oil finish to the faces of the tabletop and the top ledge, plus the whole backboard. You'll paint the unfinished edges of the tabletop and top ledge, as well as the legs and both support panels.

**Assembly & Installation.** When that's done, you can build the frame assembly (*Step 2*), and secure it to the wall (*Step 3*). If your garage wall has a footing that sticks out or trim that you'd like to leave intact, create a notch in each leg.

Finish up by installing hinges and the swinging components of the worktable (*Step 4*). Keep in mind that the support panels will have glides and levelers on their top and bottom corners. So, when positioning the hinges for the support panels, use spacers to raise the panels into their final positions.

**Handy Accessories & Storage.** That's all there is to the worktable. If you want to take your garage upgrade even further, check out the *Product Spotlight* on page 31 for an easy way to outfit the surrounding area with shelves, baskets, racks, and more.

### Build a Hinged Worktable

#### STEP BY step

1



**Check the floor** with a framing square. If it indicates that the floor slopes up (gap beside wall), you'll shorten and raise the support panels.

2



**Create the frame assembly** by screwing the top ledge to the backboard and then attaching the legs. You'll want to pre-drill the holes.

3

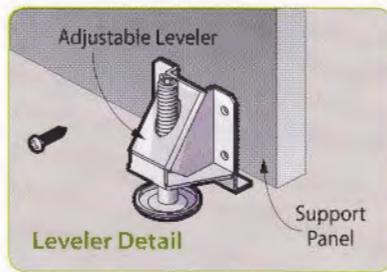
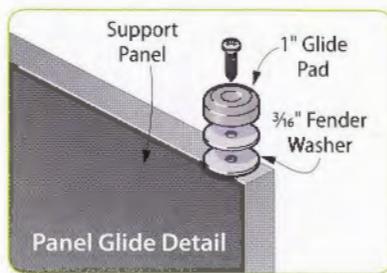
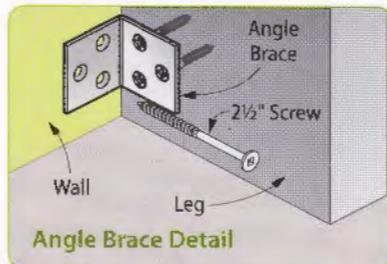
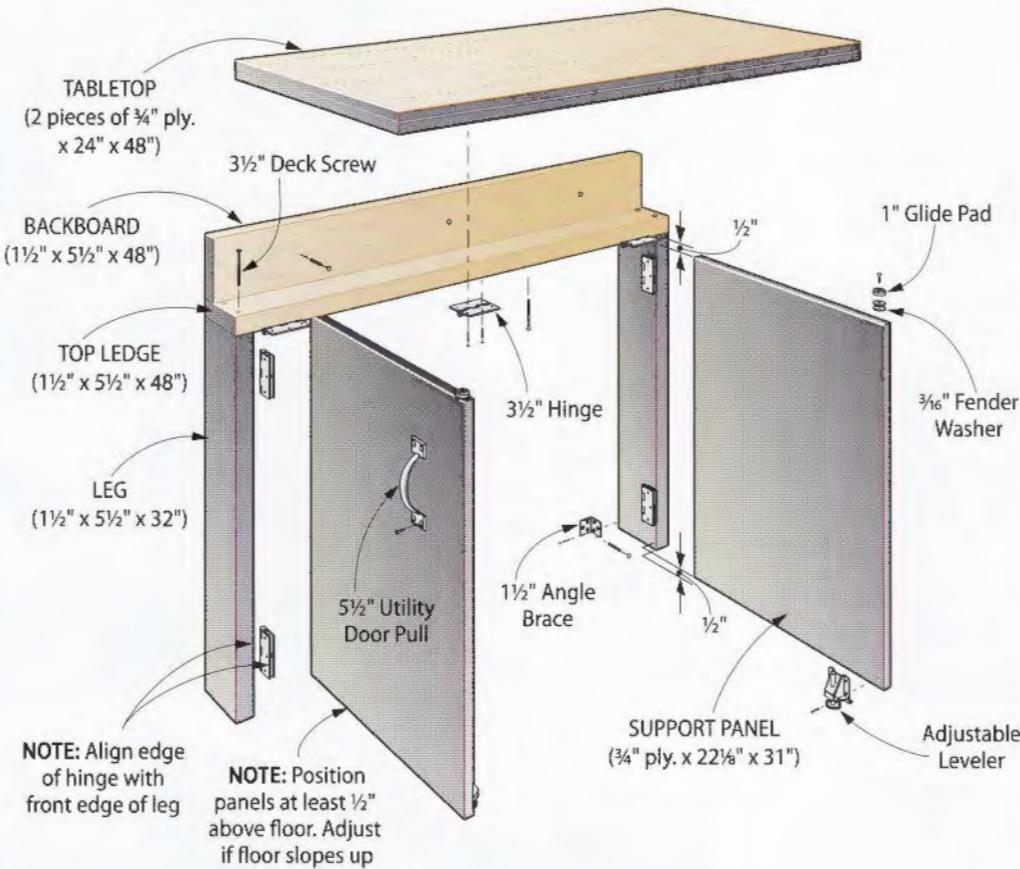


**Secure the frame assembly** to the wall by driving screws through the backboard and into studs. Stabilize the legs with angle braces.

4



**Attach hinges** for the support panels and tabletop. Secure the support panels first, so you can use them while attaching the tabletop.



## Get Organized with the Rubbermaid FastTrack System

### PRODUCT spotlight



With the **Utility Hook** (a) and **Hose Hook** (b), you'll have places for power cords and hoses. **Multi-Purpose Hooks** (c) hold anything from ladders to shovels, while the **2-Handle Hook** (d) is designed for tools with long handles. The **Compact Hook** (e) is ideal for a cordless drill. You can keep balls for all your favorite sports in the **Vertical Ball Rack** (f). And hang landscaping equipment on the **Power Tool Holder** (g). Remaining items can be organized in a **Mesh Basket** (h) or on **Shelves** (i). Note that everything simply snaps onto the track. Just imagine all the ways the FastTrack system could be adapted to suit your needs!

# *low-cost,* stylish & simple **corner shelves**

This great-looking corner shelf unit offers an elegant storage solution for flat-screen televisions, electronic components, and other household items. Plus, it will barely make a dent in a room's usable footprint.

**T**raditional shelf units and TV cabinets take up lots of space in a room—often more than is necessary. Our sleek, space-saving shelf unit tucks away into an unused corner but still holds plenty of equipment and decorative items. It's simple to build, too, from common home center materials like stairway handrails and plywood.

**Clean, Contemporary Design.** The corner shelf unit's modern simplicity makes building it a snap, and there are infinite ways you can finish it with paint or stain to suit your room's decor. Also, the dimensions of our corner shelf unit can easily be modified so it can slip into smaller spaces.

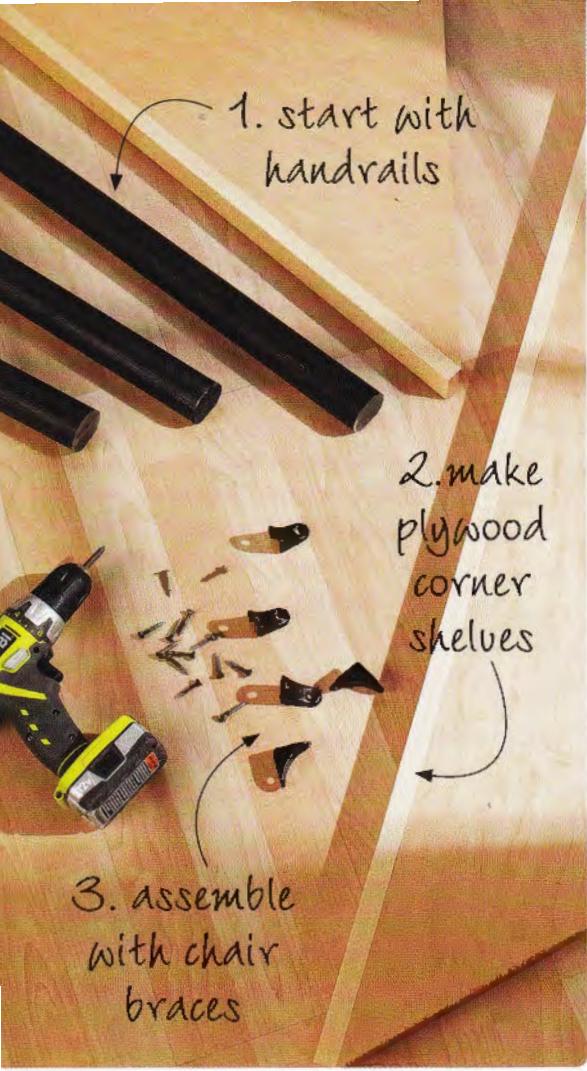
**Easy & Inexpensive.** The streamlined supply list helps make this multi-purpose shelf unit budget-friendly, as well: Building materials and finishes cost less than \$200. It's just five triangle-shaped shelves cut from plywood and three vertical rails made from oak handrails. The shelves have solid wood edging glued on the fronts and get attached to the rails with chair braces.

This is a great starter project for DIYers with limited building experience. We'll walk you through the process step-by-step on the next few pages.





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## Three Simple Parts Create a Stunning Corner Shelf System

It's amazing that such an elegant piece of furniture gets assembled from just a few simple materials. Building it is straightforward, too. The first parts you'll want to make are the shelves.

It's easiest to cut the shelves from 2' x 8' pieces of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood, so have your 4' x 8' sheet ripped in half lengthwise at the home center or use a circular saw to cut it yourself. The *Shelf Layout* below shows the shelves' dimensions and how to position them on the 2' x 8' sheets.

**Glue on the Edging.** Solid maple edging gets glued on the fronts of the shelves to give them a beefier look, cover the plywood edges, and make them stronger. You'll want to glue the edging on the shelves before they're cut out. That way, you can use pipe clamps to secure the edging while the glue dries.

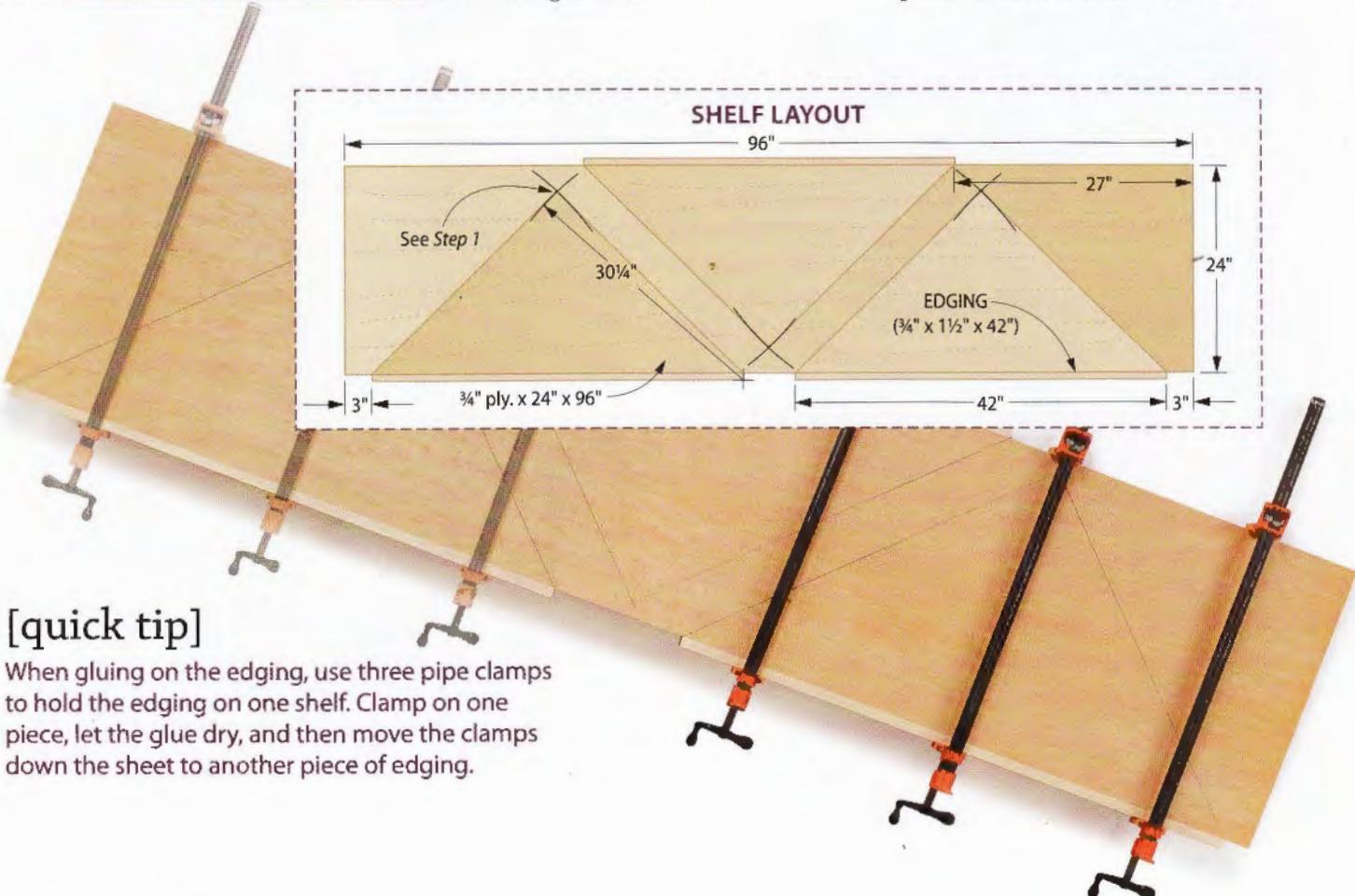
Make sure that the top edge of each edging strip is perfectly flush with the top of the shelf as you tighten the clamps. Promptly wipe off any squeeze-out with a rag.

There's a clever way to avoid having to buy numerous clamps to use for gluing on the edging. Check out the *Quick Tip* below to simplify the gluing steps.

### Make the Shelves & Rails.

After all of the edging strips have been applied, you can cut out the plywood triangles as shown in *Steps 1-3* on page 35. Then cut the three handrails to length to make the rails that will support the shelves.

This is a good time to sand every surface—first with 120-grit sandpaper and then with 220-grit sandpaper—and wipe off the dust with a tack cloth. Now brush a thin, even coat of satin paint on all of the rails. When it's

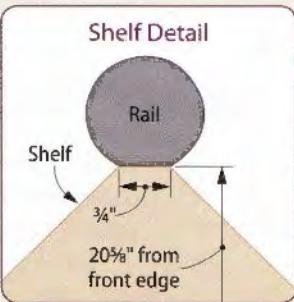
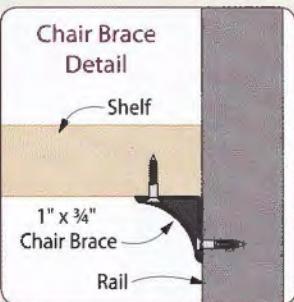
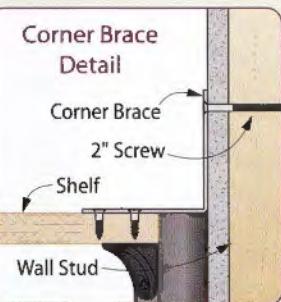
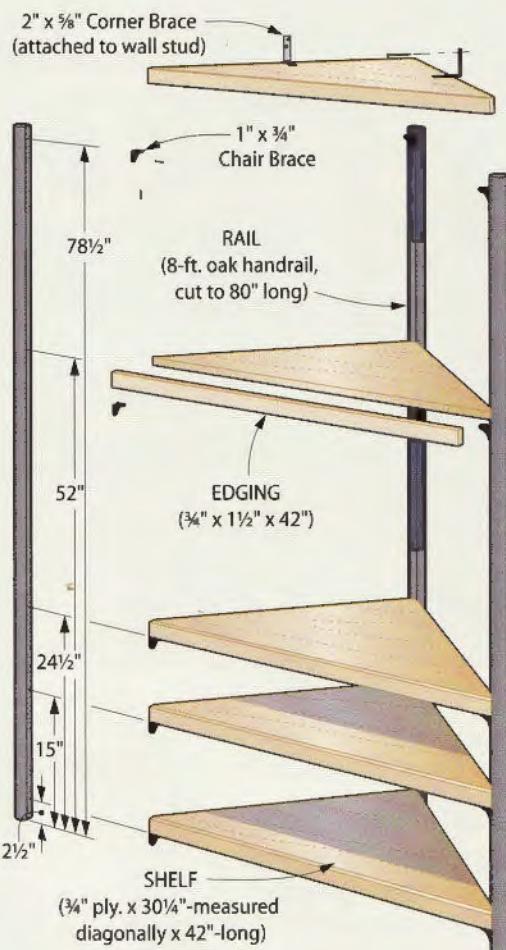


dry, apply a second coat for good coverage. Apply two coats of clear polyurethane to the shelves for durability.

**Position the Braces.** Sturdy metal chair braces connect the shelves to the rails and let you position the shelves exactly where you want them. You can follow our suggested brace placement (*Diagram, right*), or adjust the shelves' heights to fit your own A/V components.

For a customized fit, measure the television and other equipment that you plan to place on the shelves. Adjust the brace placement as necessary, so there's one to two inches of space above each component. You might also want to consider the heights of other items you'd like to store on the corner unit such as CDs.

Now that you've decided on the height of each shelf, it's time to mark the desired locations of the braces' screw holes on the rails and pre-drill the holes. On the next page, you'll find tips for doing this easily and accurately.



## Lay Out & Cut the Plywood Shelves



**To find the center-back point,** measure 30 1/4" from the front corners of the edging and "swing an arc" by marking two short curving pencil lines that intersect.



**Mark the intersection point,** and then use a straightedge to draw lines from that point to the back corners of the edging where it joins with the shelf.



**Carefully cut on those lines** using a jigsaw with a fine-toothed wood blade. Be sure to saw from the back of the shelf toward the front for a clean-cut edge.

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## Assembling the Corner Shelf Is Simple & Quick!

It's easy to attach the unit's shelves to the rails with chair braces, but take your time and work carefully. When you're marking where the braces will get attached to the rails, the locations must be the same on each rail. That way, the shelves will sit level and the unit will be stable when finished. The easiest way to accomplish this: Mark all three rails simultaneously using a square (Step 1).

**Brace Business.** If you would like your braces to be a different color than their factory finish, this is the time to spray on two light coats of satin enamel and let them dry. (We painted our brass-colored braces black.) Then attach the braces to the rails (Step 2).

To assemble the shelf unit, start by placing all of the pieces on a soft surface on the floor. Now attach the top and bottom shelves to all three rails by screwing on the braces (Step 3). Then attach the center shelves in the same manner. With a helper's assistance, carefully stand the unit up and position it in a corner of the room.

**Safety First.** A corner unit holding a television and other A/V equipment can get pretty heavy, and shelves in general invite young children to climb, so you'll want to make sure that yours can't accidentally tip over. Simply attach an L-shaped corner brace to the top of the unit and to a wall stud for added safety and stability.

### STEP BY step

#### Mark Shelf Locations & Assemble Shelves



1 Use a carpenter's square to mark the locations of the braces' screw holes on all three rails at the same time.



2 Pre-drill the screw holes, and then attach the braces to the rails. Be sure all of the braces are positioned squarely.



3 Screw the braces to the shelves last. Placing wood scraps under the bottom shelf will help hold it in position.

## Style Notes: Color-Coordinated Corner Shelf

At first glance, you might not think that a simple shelf unit could add much pizzazz to a room's decor. But look at how our clean-lined corner unit creates a stylish focal point in this contemporary setting and ties a number of design elements together. The deep plum shade of **wall paint (a)** enhances the corner unit's maple and black tones and helps the white capri-style floral **window panels (b)** "pop" off the wall. A concentric trio of **round mirrors (c)** framed in black plays off the dark, linear rails of the **corner shelf unit (d)**. To keep the bold plum walls from overpowering the space, we selected a soothing **taupe-colored sofa (e)** and also painted a matching taupe hue on an adjacent **accent wall (f)**. Finally, to add dashes of cheer that still coordinate with the corner shelf unit, we hung a modern piece of **canvas wall art (g)** in shades of tan and black and placed a mix of striking floral accents in a floor vase next to the unit.



### Design Option: Perfectly Petite

If you'd like to build a smaller version of our versatile corner shelf, just scale down the measurements. The shelves of this more petite unit measure 30" wide and the rails are 72" tall. It would look great in a bathroom, bedroom, or study. It's also a perfect candidate for a natural, warmer finish like the cherry stain shown at left.

This smaller unit goes together just like the featured unit. Once you see how easy it is, you'll probably discover lots of overlooked corners in your home that could benefit from attractive corner storage!

have some fun and fold towels into triangles



# refresh your kitchen with a **cabinet** face-lift

Forget waiting for months and spending a fortune to transform your kitchen. We'll show you a few fast, inexpensive ways to revive it.

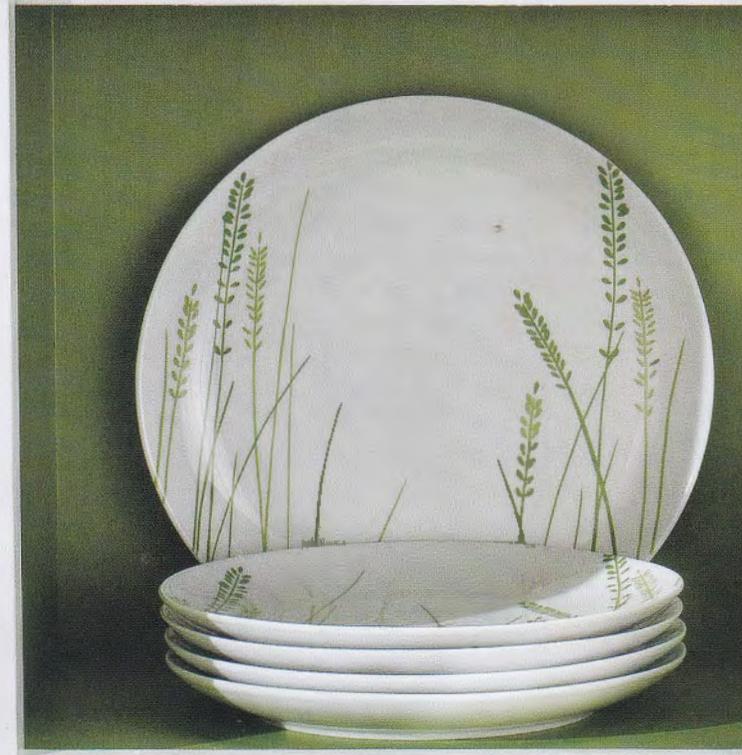
**F**ew upgrades can change the way homeowners feel about their homes quite like a kitchen renovation.

If a kitchen's problems are mostly cosmetic, however, a full remodel may not be worth the cost. And budget concerns aside, many families aren't in a position to go without a fully functioning kitchen while they wait on an extensive renovation.

**New Look with Less Hassle.** With this makeover, you won't need the deep pockets—or extreme patience—that are often required for a remodel. We'll show you how to transform your kitchen simply by removing your upper cabinets' doors and giving the cabinets a fresh face with new trim and paint.

It's truly remarkable to see the difference these projects have on basic, boring cabinets like the one shown at left. On the following pages, we'll explain the steps for getting a refreshed look (*right*) for your own cabinets. Plus, we'll show you how your kitchen's new style is completely customizable when you change the trim, paint, and accessories.

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## Transform Bland & Dated Cabinets with Simple Projects

The cabinets that we transformed were structurally sound—they just didn't offer the kitchen much when it came to style. If the same is true for your cabinets, then they're good candidates for the project.

Before you begin, visit the home center to select trim. You may find that you like the look of just one row of trim to dress up the top edges of the cabinets. To create an even more dramatic look, you could build up an additional top layer to "cap" the cabinets like we did. You can also pick out coordinating trim to go around the bottom edges of the cabinets for a polished look.

**Create Open Storage.** Once you've selected your supplies, remove the cabinet doors. You could remove all of the doors or just a few depending on your kitchen's layout and your storage needs. (See page 42 to learn more about making the most of open cabinet storage.) Then prepare the cabinets using the steps in the *Box* below.

**Cut & Attach Trim.** Next, you're ready to add trim to the tops of the cabinets. You'll cut each piece slightly longer than needed, and then mark your miter cut (*Step 1*). A power miter saw provides the quickest way to cut the pieces, but a hand saw and miter box would also work. Then nail the first trim piece in place.

You'll want to apply paintable caulk to the end of each trim piece before attaching the next one with nails (*Steps 2 and 3*). Continue cutting the trim pieces and attaching them.

After adding the trim to the face, you can cap it with flat trim (*Step 4*). Use the same basic procedure to add trim to the bottom edges of the cabinets if desired.

**Prime & Paint.** When you're done adding trim, sand it and the surrounding area (*Step 5*). Next, coat the whole cabinet with oil-based primer (*Step 6*). Once the primer dries, apply thin coats of high-quality oil-based paint. Oil-based paint can withstand the heat and moisture of a kitchen better than latex paint. Be sure to sand the cabinets lightly between each coat. Finally, apply a polyurethane topcoat for added protection.

### Prepped for Perfection

To get a professional-looking painted finish, you'll need to get ready for the project with the following steps:

- **Clean the cabinets** with TSP Substitute from the home center.
- **Fill the hinge holes**, plus any scratches and dents on the cabinets, with wood filler.
- **Sand all surfaces** thoroughly to ensure a smooth surface for primer.



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## Add Trim & Paint for a Cabinet Transformation



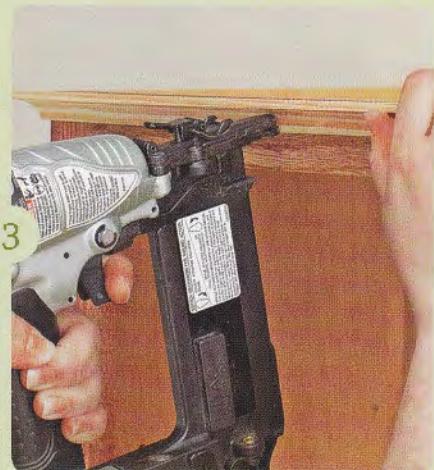
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Cut the trim pieces slightly longer than needed. Fit the trim against the cabinets and mark the miters (inset). Then cut the pieces to their final lengths (above).



2

Apply paintable caulk to the trim pieces as you attach them. The caulk will help fill in gaps for a seamless look.



3

Secure the trim pieces to the cabinets with nails. You can make this process go faster by using an air-powered nail gun.



4

Add a cap to the top of the trim for an even more dramatic makeover. Drive nails down through the cap to attach it.



5

Sand all the trim after attaching the final pieces. Use a small block of wood wrapped with sandpaper to sand details.



6

Prime the cabinets, and allow them to dry. Then apply oil-based paint, sanding between coats. Finally, apply a clear coat.

# Create an Attractive Open Cabinet Display

By removing the cabinet doors, you're making a big contribution to your kitchen's style potential. Opening up the cabinets will give you a shelving area that you can transform and accessorize to suit your needs. Here are just a few ideas that you can use as inspiration when you create a new look for your own kitchen cabinets.

**Bright Ideas.** Set off your cabinet display with lighting. We didn't even need to call an electrician to add these lights—they're battery-operated LEDs. Just be sure that these lights are placed within reach.



**Refreshed Interior.** Don't forget the insides of the cabinets. For a simple look, just paint the interiors. You can use the same color as the outsides of the cabinets, or try a complementary color to add interest. We took our interior treatment a step further by painting stripes in different colors. Painter's tape allowed us to get clean, straight lines. We chose paint colors that matched the dinnerware and serving pieces that we were planning to display.

**Stylish Display.** Open cabinet displays are best kept neat and simple. Save your nicest dinnerware and serving pieces for the open cabinets, and store mismatched or utilitarian pieces in cabinets that keep their doors. You should also try to group your sets of stemware and coordinating dinnerware for convenience and to create an attractive, cohesive arrangement.

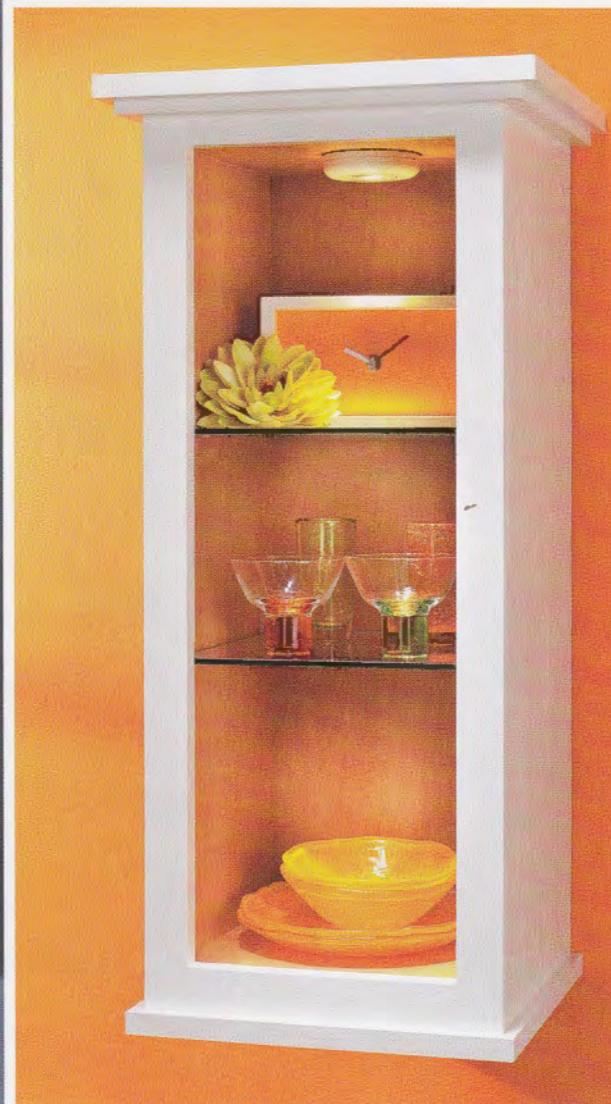


## Personalize Your Cabinets' Look

The design possibilities for your kitchen are endless. Here are a couple of options for switching up the style of the open cabinets. You'll notice that both of the cabinets on this page feature tempered glass shelves. We ordered custom-sized pieces of glass from a local glass shop and swapped them for the cabinets' wood shelves.

**Custom Classic.** To get a traditional look, you can attach charming patterned trim to the tops and bottoms of the cabinets (*left*). We painted the interior to match the exterior, which gives the whole cabinet a fresh and classic appearance.

**Fun & Modern.** If you want to keep things simple, you can add flat boards to your cabinets (*below*). This approach will give them a clean-lined look that's perfect for a contemporary kitchen. We left the interior of this option unpainted since the warmth of the wood complements the orange accessories.



# dollar-wise design

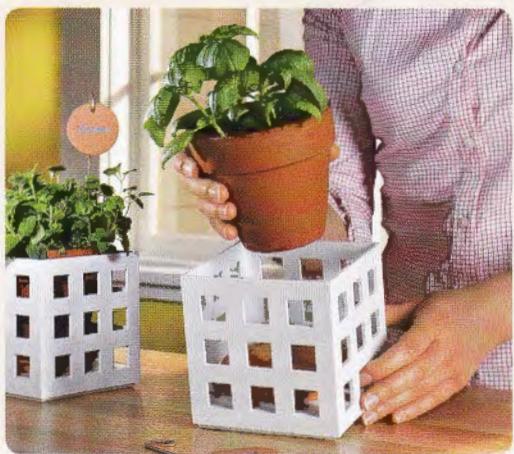
Giving style to often overlooked items—that's the goal in this issue's "Dollar-Wise Design."

In the kitchen or office, for example, the addition of fabric turns boring bulletin boards into something beautiful. Then, make a basic herb garden an attractive room accessory with pretty potted plant surrounds.

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Use Fun Fabric to Brighten  
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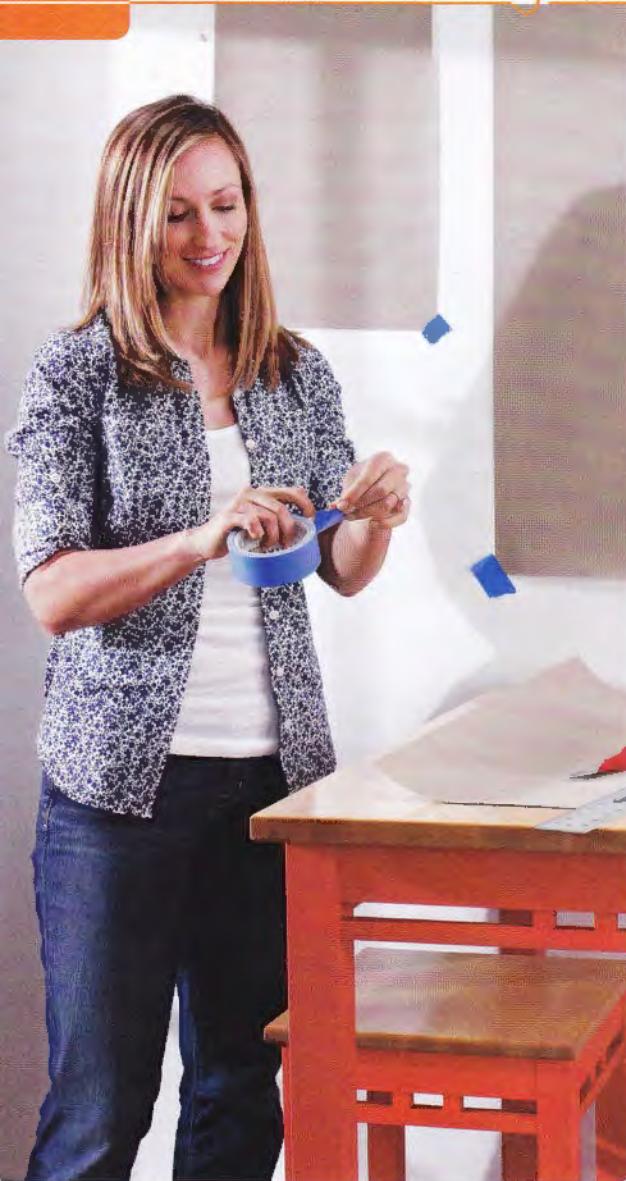
## Build Bright, Beautiful **Bulletin Boards**

Who says a bulletin board has to be boring? With a little bit of fabric and a few clever add-ons, you can transform an ordinary wall organization system into a stylish piece of wall art!

That was the idea behind the kitchen wall decoration you see at right. It could have been one big, bland piece of cork board. Dividing it up into a few different-shaped panels that are wrapped in colorful fabric, however, totally changes the look and feel of the room. This concept would work just as well in an office, a bedroom, or anywhere else in your home where you could use a bulletin board and a splash of color.

**Inexpensive Materials & Simple Steps.** The secret to building these bulletin boards is to start with an inexpensive sheet good known as "Homassote." It's a soundproofing material that's readily available in most areas (page 51). Once you cut out your panels, wrap them in cool, colorful fabric of your choosing and then accessorize as desired. We'll show you how on page 46.





## Turn Basic Boards into Wonderful Wall Art

It really doesn't take much to create a bulletin board that doubles as a work of art. The panels themselves are cut from sheets of an inexpensive soundproofing material (page 51). This soft material cuts easily and accepts staples and pushpins with little effort. You can use almost any fabric you want to cover your panels.

**Plan Your Wall.** In fact, you'll probably put the most effort into planning the arrangement of panels for your space. To simplify that process, we cut out pieces of brown Kraft paper and taped them to the wall until we found a configuration that we liked (*Photo, left*). This also made it easier to mount the panels later on (*Staff Insight, below*).

**Cut & Wrap the Panels.** Once you have your wall layout planned, cut out the panels with a jigsaw (*Step 1*). If your cuts are a little off, you can sand them smooth. Then cut the fabric, staple it tightly around each panel (*Step 2*), and trim the excess. Finally, mount sawtooth hangers on the back of each panel (*Step 3*), and hang the panels from nails on the wall.



**staff insight:** After laying out the wall pattern with paper (*left*), measure and drive in nails so that they'll align with the hangers on each panel.

*Megan  
Megan Steenson, graphic designer*

### STEP BY step

#### From Boards to Wall-Ready in Minutes!

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**Cut the panels** with a jigsaw. You can sand any imperfections smooth after cutting if needed.

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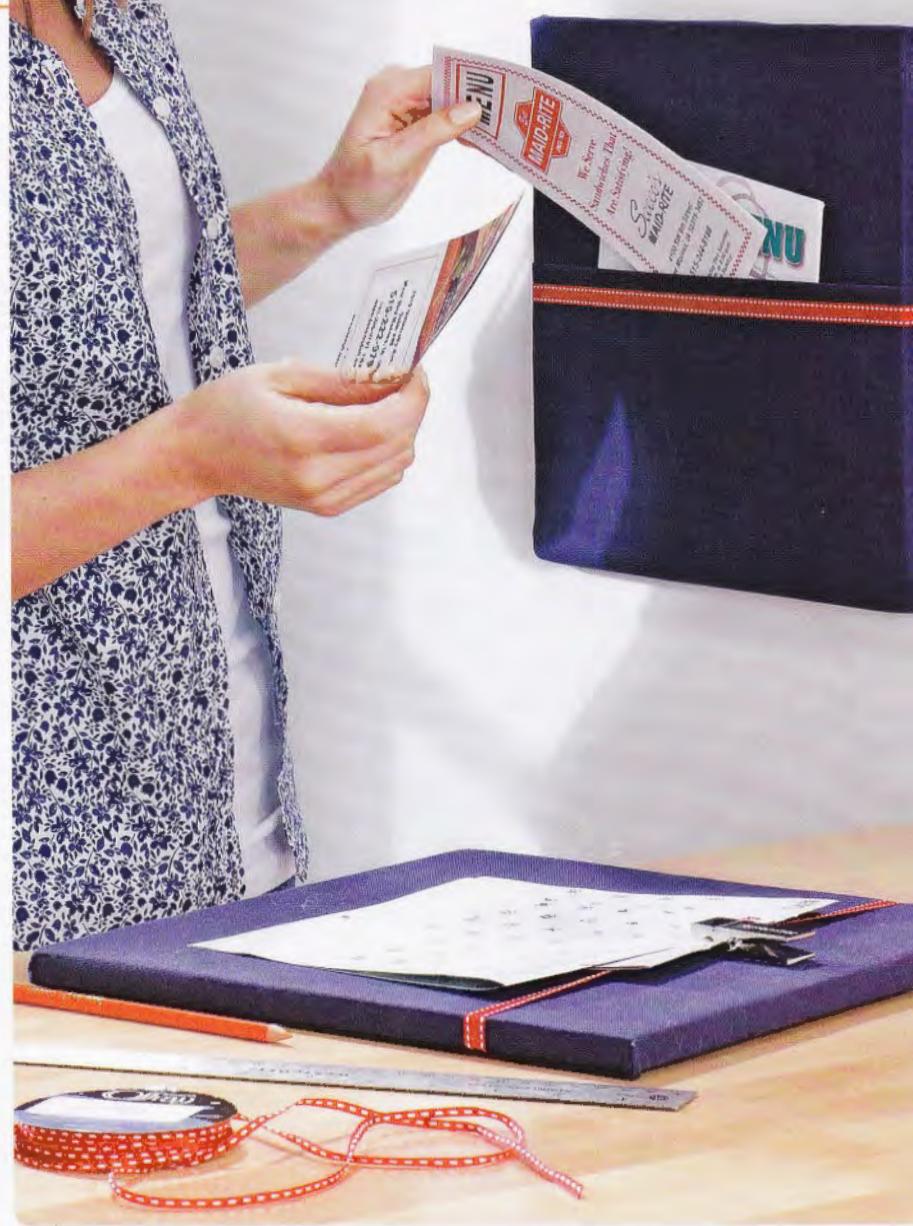


**Trim the fabric** so it will wrap around each panel, pull it tightly around the edges, and staple it in place.

3



**Attach sawtooth hangers** to each panel to create a simple method for mounting it to the wall.



## Add Interest with Simple Accessories

Stapling on fabric is a nice touch, but you can make these bulletin boards even more interesting and useful with a few simple additions.

**Pick a Pocket.** Adding a pocket to a panel doesn't require any sewing. You can see how it's done at right.

**Fun Flowers.** These pretty daisies in test tube-style vases create a fun wall accent. To duplicate the look, mount the test tubes with hot-melt glue. Then pull ribbon tightly around each tube, add silver pushpins, and secure the ribbon ends with more hot glue.

**Set the Table.** This fun table setting is easy to make! It's just a square canvas, a round canvas, and a set of silverware all held together with hot-melt glue.

### STEP BY step



To add a pocket to a panel, leave excess fabric at the bottom. Then create a fold in that fabric before you wrap and staple it around the panel.

# Pump Up Style with These Plant Surrounds

**P**lants add a calming touch of the outdoors to any living space, whether they're pretty flowers on the dining room table or fresh herbs in the kitchen. When it comes to displaying these plants, though, there's often not a lot you can do besides putting them in a pot or vase.

**Dramatic Plant Displays.** These simple potted plant surrounds will make your home's plants more than just plants: They'll turn them into stylish room accessories that are sure to catch the eye, whether you create small surrounds for your kitchen (*right*) or larger ones for your living room. And they're a lot less expensive than the designer pots found at many home and garden centers.

**Simple Surrounds.** The plant surrounds are also easy to build. We started with a unique sheet material that has  $\frac{3}{4}$ " square openings in it (*see page 51*) and a  $\frac{3}{4}$ "-thick cedar board. A little construction adhesive, a jigsaw, a few finish nails, paint, and painter's tape are the only other supplies you'll need to complete this project.

**Cut & Assemble.** The first step in making these surrounds is to measure the pots you want to put inside them. For our fresh herb surrounds at right, for example, we made two smaller surrounds for single 4" pots and a longer one that holds three pots. You'll also need to account for the saucers that will get placed beneath the pots.

With measurements in hand, you can cut out the sheet goods and cedar using a jigsaw (*Step 1*). Now paint the sides. Attach two of the sides to the base with construction adhesive and nails (*Step 2*), and glue and tape on the other two sides (*Step 3*). Finish up by setting the potted plants in place.



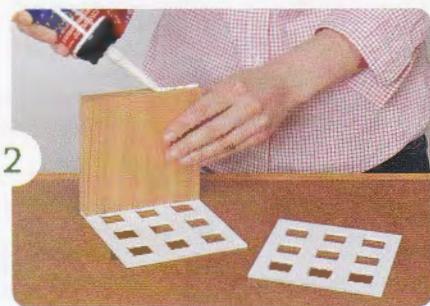
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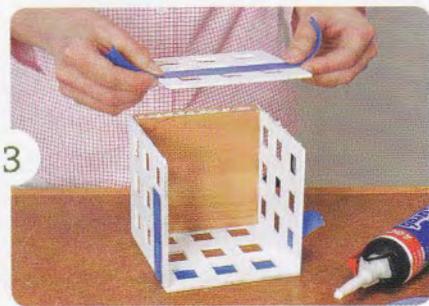


## Stylish Surrounds Made Simple

Cut out the surround parts using a jigsaw. For the sheet material, simply cut along the edges of the squares to get straight lines.



**2**  
Apply construction adhesive to opposite edges of the cedar base, and then nail two of the sides to them.



**3**  
Put more adhesive on the exposed sides and base edges, and add the last two sides. Tape holds the parts together while they dry.

### Herb Garden Markers

If you really want to ramp up the style of your kitchen herb garden, complement these stylish surrounds with terra-cotta herb garden markers. Hundreds of different herb names are available on either a circle or oval marker, and each one comes with a brass stake. Turn to page 51 for ordering information.



#### PRODUCT spotlight

## make it your own

### Mixing Bowl Birdbath, page 4

Carlisle 20-quart Stainless Steel

Mixing Bowl #601420, Instaware.com, 888-465-8817

6'-long Piece of ¼" Copper Tubing;  
5'-long Piece of 18-gauge Copper Wire;  
(40) 7½" x 3½" x 2¾" Concrete Landscape  
Pavers; (1) 16" x 16" Concrete Landscape  
Paver, purchased at The Home Depot

### Fun Fountain Feature, page 6

Smartpond 130-170 GPH Fountain Pump #248380; Smartpond ½" Vinyl Pump Tubing #63082; (2) Expanded ½" x 12" x 24" Metal Mesh Sheets #168753; 26-Quart Plastic Tote #84720; Clear Silicone #119235, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937

Decorative River Rocks, purchased locally

### Rain Chains, page 8

Zen Loops Copper Rain Chain (sold by the foot) #6886; Rain Chain Installation Kit #RCR-1; Hammered Copper Dish with Loop #3145-A, RainChains.com, 888-480-7246

Flat Limestone; Gravel; Plastic Sheet, purchased locally

## style spotlight

### Bracket Embellishments, page 10

Rubbermaid 6" Bronze Celtic Scroll Bracket #FG4C6803BRNZ; Rust-Oleum Painter's Touch "Navy Blue" Multi-Purpose Gloss Spray Paint, purchased at The Home Depot

"Powell Buff" Paint #HC-35, BenjaminMoore.com, 800-344-0400

Decorative Wall Medallions Art #13245239; Porcelain Floral Vase in Blue and White #12994559; Blue Floral Porcelain Footed Serve Bowl #200090203; Smith and Hawken Boxwood Bundle #13025008; Votive Candle in Hammered Metal Bowl #065151781; Restyle Red Tandem Scooter Framed Art, purchased at Target

Furniture; Other Accessories, purchased locally

### Updated Craftsman Style, page 12

"Country Redwood" Paint (door) #BM RME-23, BenjaminMoore.com, 800-344-0400

Arcturus Porcelain Floor Tile #698945, TileShop.com, 888-398-6595



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Robie House Stained Glass #5330;  
Tabletop Sprite with Scepter #5129;  
Theater Curtain Throw #5515, ShopWright.org, 877-848-3559

Frank Lloyd Wright Coonley Triptych Framed Poster #66554, ArtInstituteShop.org, 888-301-9612

Sofa; Rug; Other Accessories, purchased locally

Stainless Steel Flat-head Sheet Metal Screws, purchased at The Home Depot

Kreg Pocket-Hole Jig; 2½" Exterior Pocket Screws, purchased at Lowe's

Pop Orange Flower Plates #167226, CrateAndBarrel.com, 800-967-6696

Solid Yellow Chargers; Polka Dot Straws; Butterfly Napkins, purchased at World Market

Plastic Drinkware; White Metal Tub; Silverware Caddy, purchased at Target

Outdoor Lanterns, purchased at Marshalls

"Buttercup" Outdoor Fabric (cushions) #884H, OutdoorFabricsDirect.com, 877-489-5906

## paint power

### Painted Floor, page 16

"Lake Champlain" Porch & Floor Gloss Paint #18-B-4; "Great Lakes" Porch & Floor Gloss Paint #17-B-3; "Dipped In Honey" Porch & Floor Gloss Paint #DT08, DutchBoy.com, 800-828-5669 | purchased at True Value Hardware

TSP Substitute; Scotch Blue Painter's Tape, purchased at True Value Hardware

## features

### Outdoor Dining Area, page 20

(6) 12'-long Veranda Solid Deckboards in Gray; (9) 10'-long 2x4 Boards; (5) 10'-long 1x4 Boards; (2) ½" x 1½" x 96" Pieces of Aluminum Angle; 1¾" Deck Screws; 1¼" Deck Screws; #10 x 1"

## Grilling Cart, page 26

(2) 12'-long Veranda Solid Deckboards in Gray; ¼"-20 Stainless Steel Flat-head Machine Screws, 1½" long; ¼"-20 Nuts; ⅛" x 1½" x 96" Piece of Aluminum Angle, purchased at The Home Depot

Real Organized 74" x 48" x 18" Steel Freestanding Shelving Unit in White #71236 (makes 2 carts); Real Organized Casters (1 pack of 4 per cart you make), purchased at Lowe's

## Garage Work Center, page 28

(2) ¾" x 24" x 48" Sheets of Birch Plywood; (2) 8'-long 2x6 Fir Boards; (7) 3½" Butt/Mortise Hinges #308896;

# resources

**Allen + Roth Nickel Pendant Light** #351053, purchased at Lowe's  
 (2 out of a pack of 4) **Heavy-Duty Lifting Levelers** #81239, Rockler.com, 800-279-4441  
 (2) **1½" Angle Braces**; (2 out of a pack of 8) **1" Glide Round Pads**; (6) **¾" Fender Washers**; (2) **5½" Utility Door Pulls**, purchased at True Value Hardware  
 (4) **48" FastTrack Rails**; **Utility Hook**; **Hose Hook**; **Multi-Purpose Hook**; **2-Handle Hook**; **Compact Hook**; **Vertical Ball Rack**; **Power Tool Holder**; **24" Mesh Basket**; (2) **4' x 16" Wire Shelves**; (2) **4' x 16" Multi-Purpose Shelves**; (3) **47½" Shelf Uprights**; (12) **16" Shelf Brackets**, Rubbermaid.com, 866-271-9249 | many FastTrack items are also available at home centers  
**Assorted Room Essentials Storage Bins**, Target.com, 800-591-3869  
**"Perennial" Paint** (wall) #405, BenjaminMoore.com, 800-344-0400

**Corner Shelf System**, page 32  
 (1) **Sheet of ¼" Birch Plywood**; (3) **8' Oak Handrails**; (15) **1" x ¾" Chair Braces**; (5) **1" x 2" x 48" Oak Boards**; (2) **2½" x ¾" Corner Braces**, purchased at Lowe's  
**Capri Window Panel in White**; **Round Mirrors Framed in Black** (set of 3); **Blanc/Ivoire I Printed Canvas Wall Art**, BedBathAndBeyond.com, 800-462-3966  
**Lampshade**, purchased at Target

## easy makeover

**Cabinet Face-lift**, page 38  
**"Grasslands" Paint** (wall and cabinet interior, page 39) #502; **"Sycamore Tree" Paint** (cabinet interior, page 39) #539; **"Vanilla Milkshake" Paint** (all cabinet exteriors and design option interior, page 43) #2141-70; **"Philipsburg Blue" Paint** (wall, page 43) #HC-159; **"Citrus Orange" Paint** (wall, page 43) #2016-20, BenjaminMoore.com, 800-344-0400  
**1½" x 1½" Pine Cove Moulding** #927090; **2¾" x 7½" Pine Moulding** #163597; **2¼" x 1½" Solid Pine Moulding** #927287, purchased at The Home Depot  
**Whitewood Chair Rail Moulding** #161624; **Raw Whitewood Ornament** #214385; **Utilitech Battery-Operated LED Light** (pack of 2) #163154; **Valspar Interior/Exterior Bonding Primer** #46620, Lowes.com, 800-445-6937

**Pitcher**; **Frosted Glasses**, purchased at World Market

**The Cellar Dinnerware Grass 4-Piece Place Setting** #529486, Macys.com, 800-289-6229

**Yellow Bowl**, purchased at Gordmans  
**Other Accessories**, purchased locally

## dollar-wise design

**Bulletin Boards**, page 44

**½" Homasote Soundproofing Panel**, Homasote.com, 800-257-9491

**Unikko Fabric in Red/Pink**, KiiitosMarimekko.com, 800-527-0624

**Navy Blue Fabric**; **Ribbon**, purchased at Jo-Ann Fabrics & Crafts

**Clock**, purchased at Target

**White Canvas Frames**, purchased at Michaels



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bored with bulletin boards? fabric and fun accessories make these look like wall art!



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