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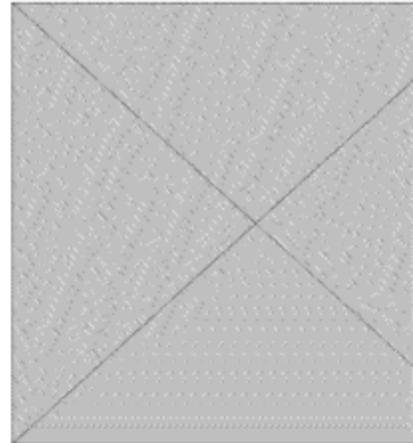
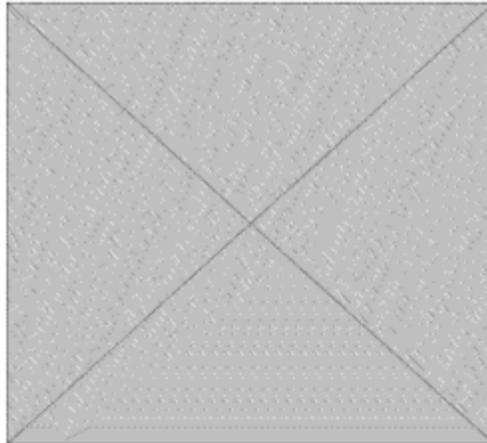
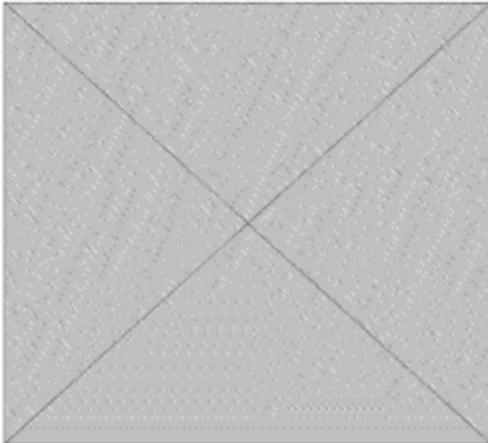
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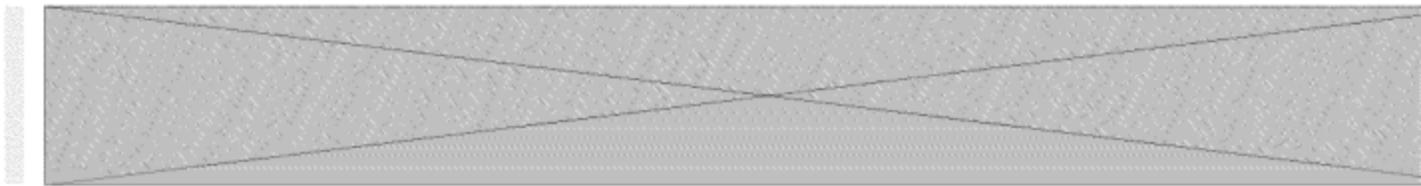
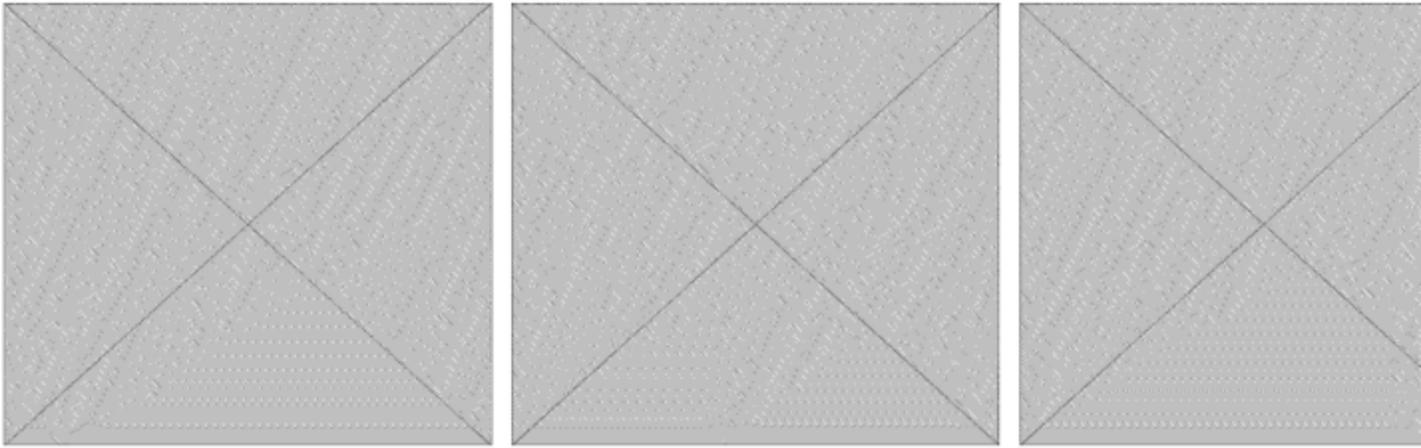
## The Most Incredible Kids' Tree House You'll Ever See? »

Steve and Jeri Wakefield had the idea nine years ago to build an elaborate tree house for their grandsons, Lincoln and Sullivan Scott, in their Dallas backyard. They hired architect and family friend James Curvan to craft a whimsical playhouse... [more »](#)



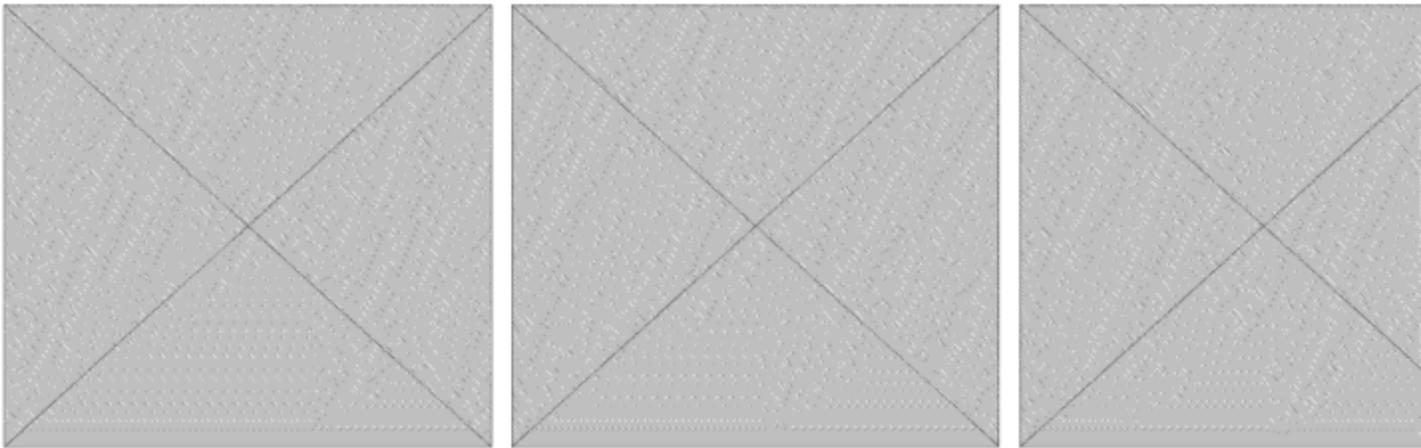
## Color Makes a Garden Dining Room Sing in Santa Fe »

Inspired by the vibrant colors of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, a couple decided to import deep orange and golden hues to their yard in Santa Fe, New Mexico. "This space was important to them, because the weather in Santa Fe is nice... [more »](#)



## **Kitchen of the Week: Tricolor Finishes Make for One Cool Kitchen »**

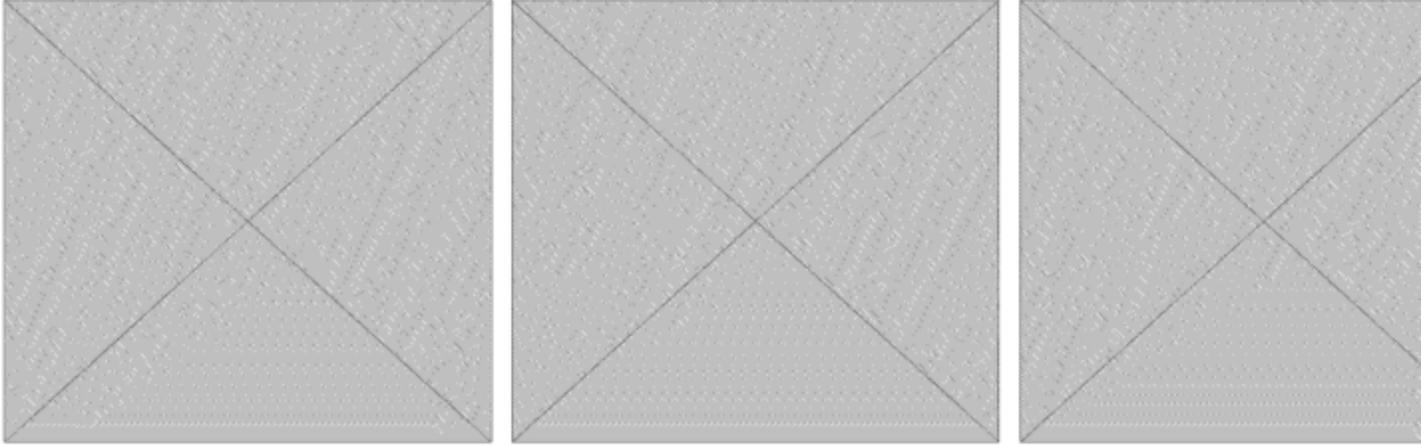
Purple, blue and green might sound at first more like colors for a tween girl's room than for a sophisticated California kitchen. But with just the right gray undertones and a classic mix of materials, this palette feels fresh, clean and even more »



## **My Houzz: A Lakeside Home in Vermont Spreads Its Wings »**

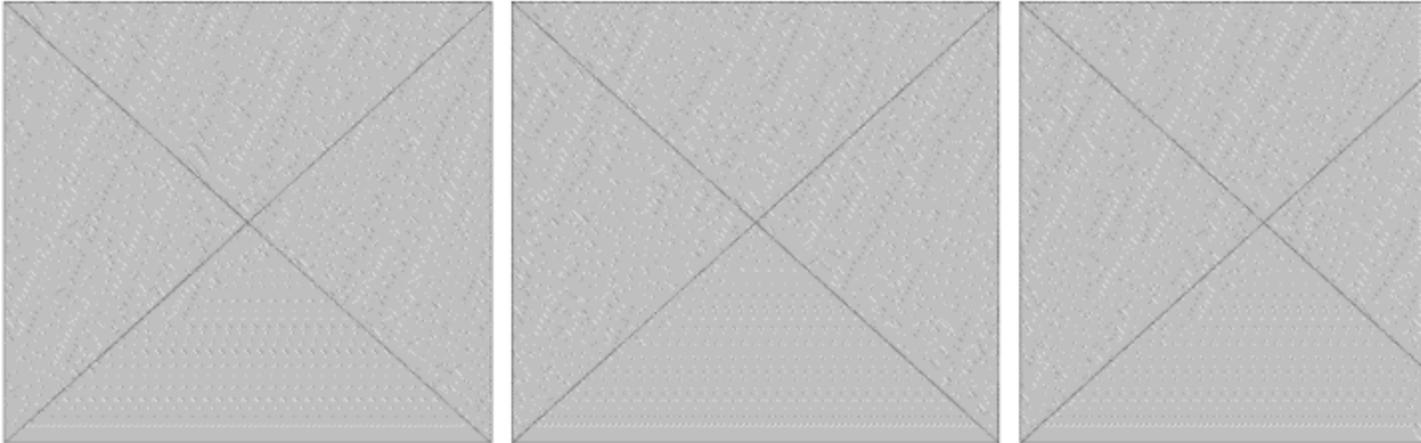
Erika Senft Miller knows that a cozy dream home doesn't happen overnight. "My design philosophy is to let things e

Moving into a home and growing into it as a family takes time," she says. A physical therapist, Erika put this philosophy into practice. [more »](#)



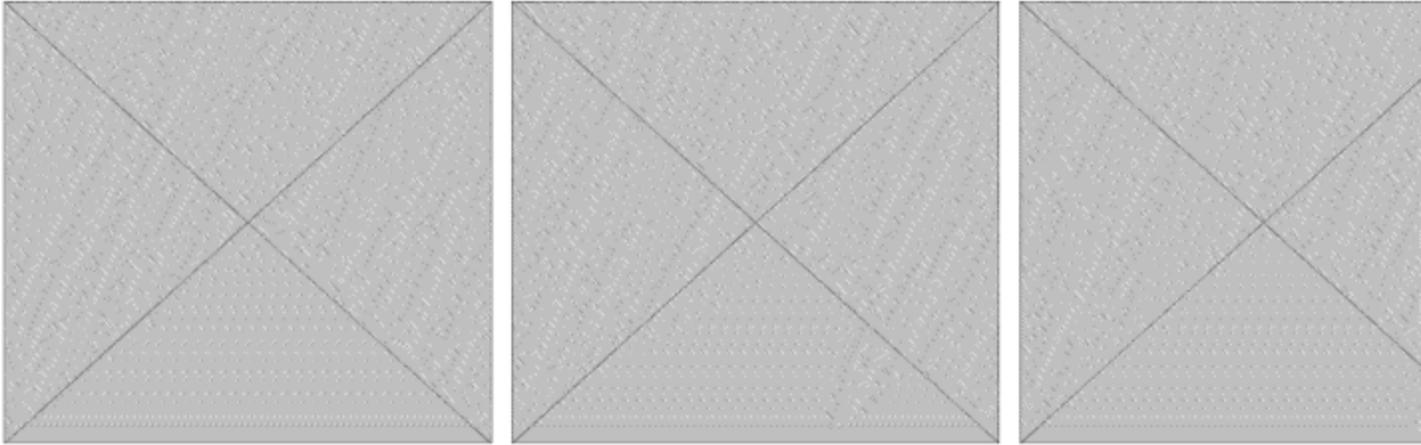
## When Architects Design Homes for Themselves »

While writing about 10 Must-Know Modern Homes, I realized that in a third of them the architect also served as client. The Gropius House, Eames House and Glass House (not to mention others, like the Frank Lloyd Wright home and the E. J. Flaherty House) are... [more »](#)



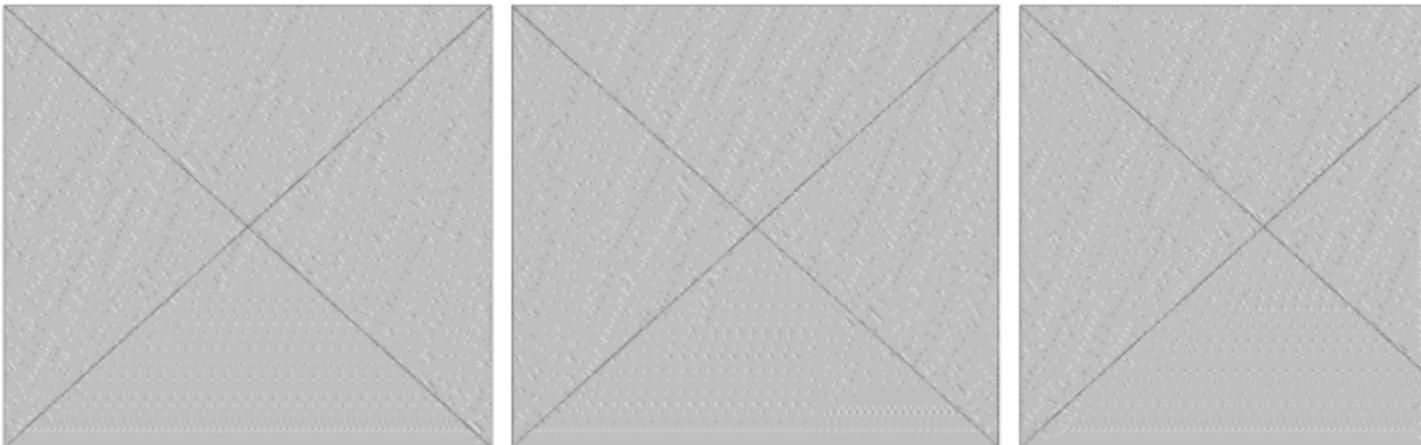
## Oh Say, Can You Believe These \$200 Star-Spangled Stairs? »

After quitting her city job and moving to a beach cottage in northwest Michigan to start a new life with her family, Erika Southwell was in no position to spend extra money. "We were living on savings and a prayer, literally," she says of the project. [more »](#)



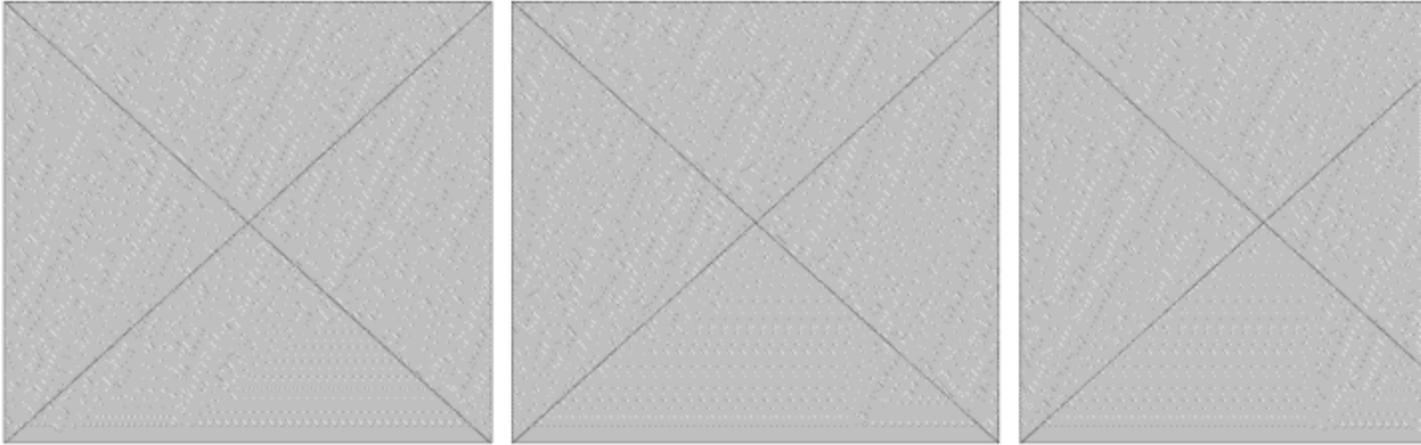
## **My Houzz: 38 Years of Renovations Help Artists Live Their Dream »**

In true form given their creative backgrounds, artists John Ballantyne and Liz Davidson have made their 1862 farmhouse a working canvas. The two moved to this rural setting in Quebec and bought their home intending to use the adjoining barns... more »



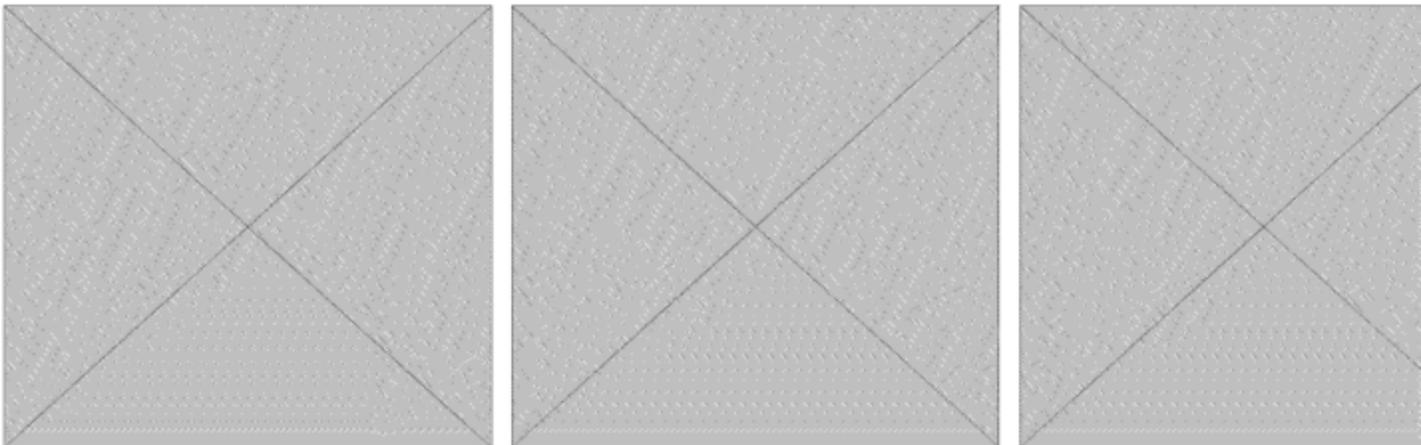
## **Architecture: How Details Can Make All the Difference »**

"God is in the details," a quote famously attributed to Mies van der Rohe, means that a design's idea must be thoroughly and consistently represented through the entire fabric of the design — down to its smallest details. I received a... more »



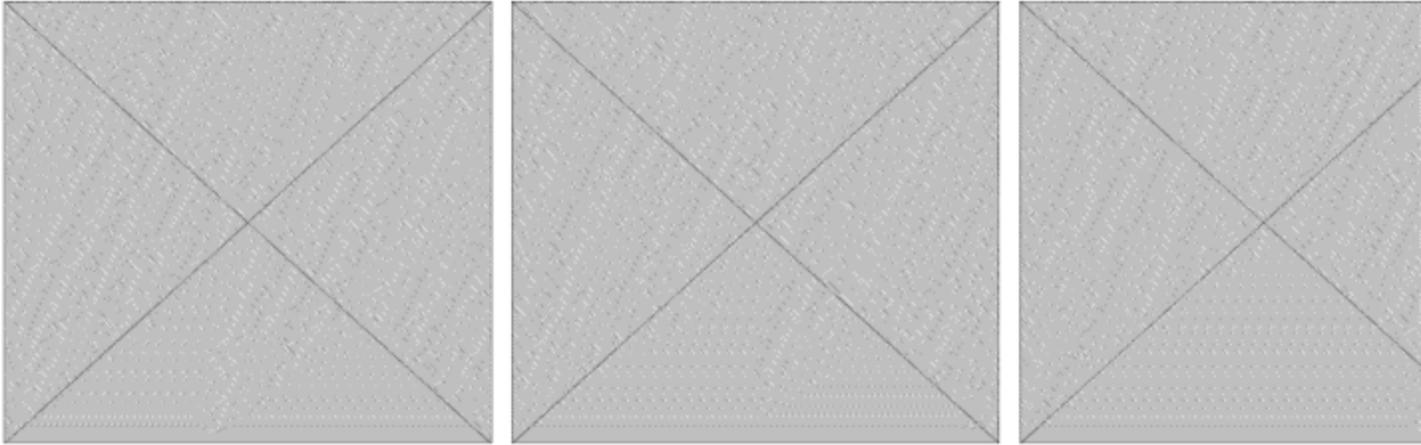
## **Trendy Themes Get a Last (Maybe?) Hurrah on Fantasy Easter Eggs »**

Still love the decorating looks that have filled trendy rooms in the past couple of years? Give them one more spin with a basket of themes so popular, they have been (over)done in just about every interior home application. Hey, even if you've seen them before... more »



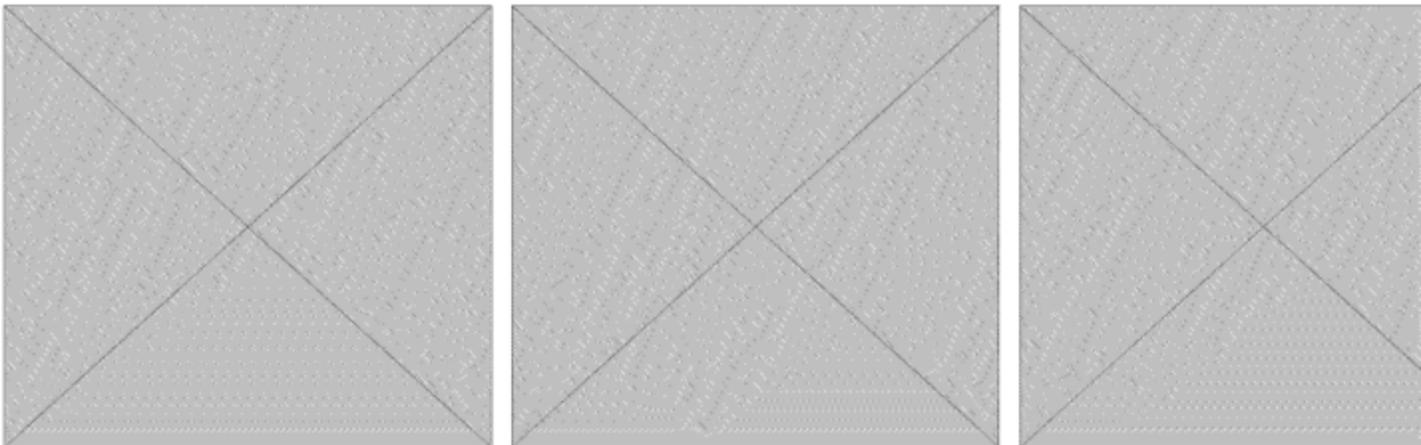
## **Get Wise to Size: How to Furnish an Outdoor Room, Small to Spacious »**

Whether you are looking to build an outdoor dream room or dress up an existing patio, plan ahead. A design with the perfect amount of square footage can make the difference between an elegant room and an awkward room. Don't waste your space planning... more »



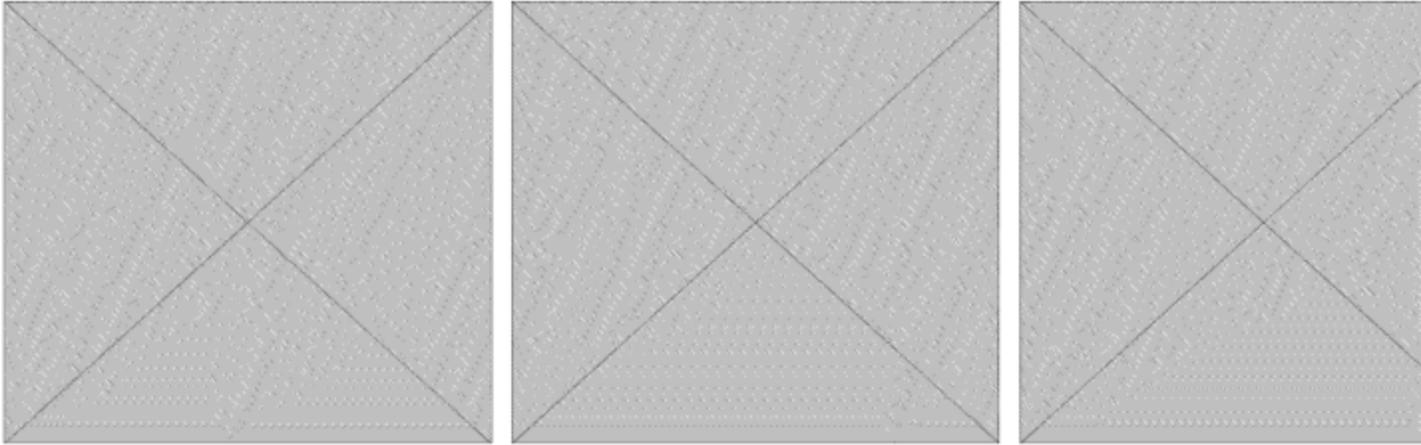
## Houzz Tour: Visionary Thinking Clicks With a San Francisco Entrepreneur »

Once you see this colorful and inspiring home, you won't believe me when I describe the state of the owner's former apartment. "Let me put it to you this way: When he moved out, he brought his sofa, one of his only pieces of furniture more »



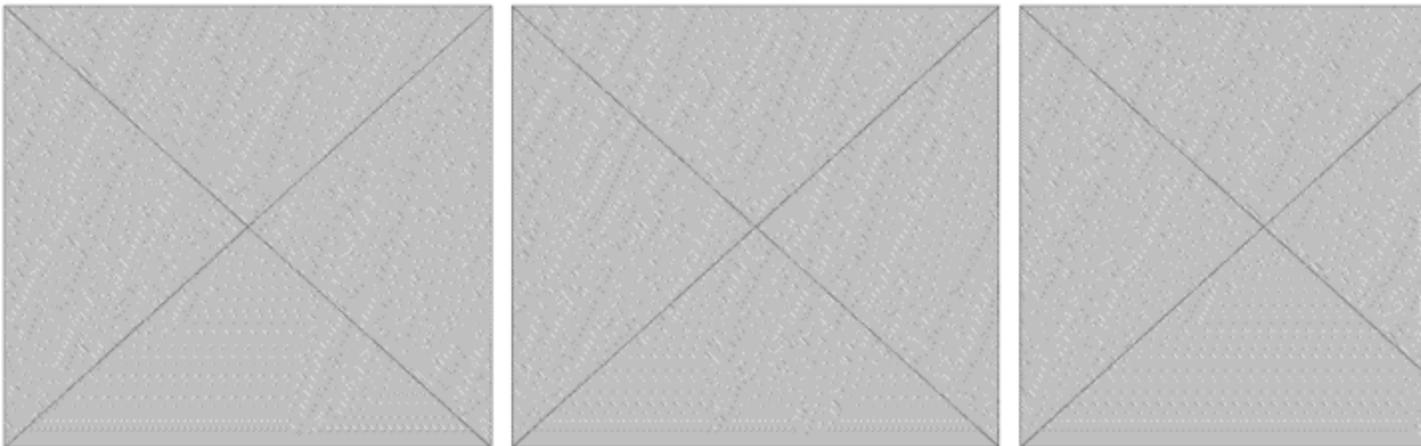
## 100 Contractor Tips to Read Before You Remodel »

The contractor-homeowner relationship can be complicated, but it's not hopeless — understanding the process can help you get the most out of your remodeling project. Take a look at the hints and suggestions I've picked up from my years more »



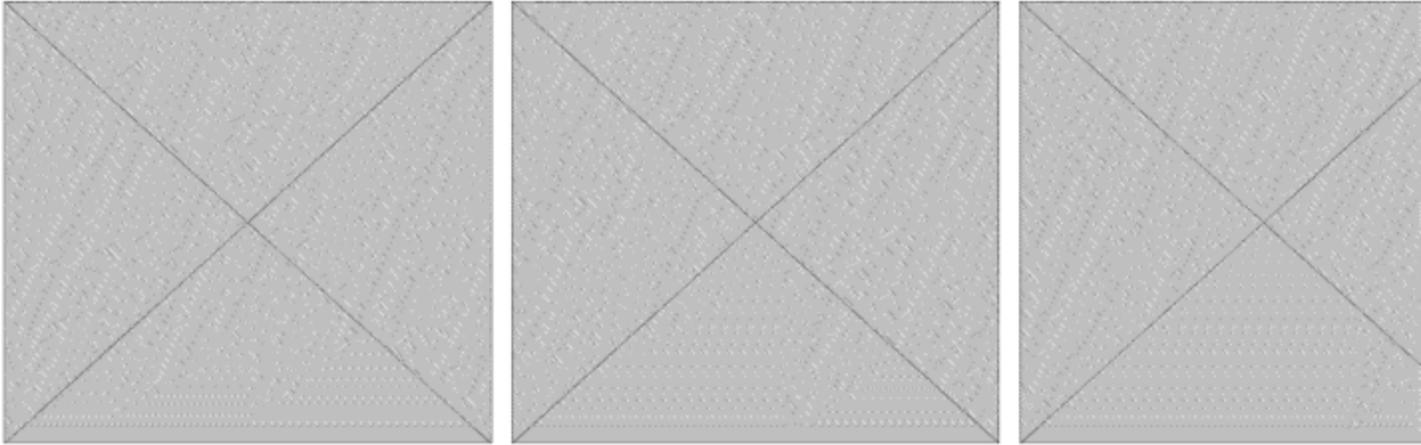
## Budget Decorator: 16 Fab Spring Updates for Very Little Green

With the sun shining, flowers blooming and gardens bounding to life, it's natural to crave a little spring update around your house. These doable paint projects, mini pick-me-ups and fresh ways of working with what you have will update your home... more »



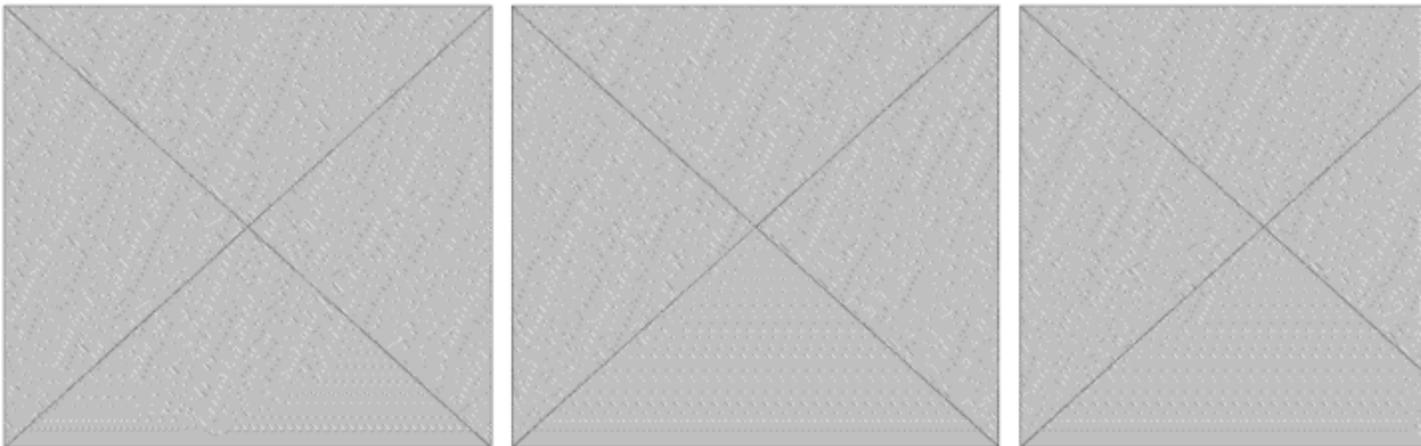
## My Houzz: Eclectic Repurposing Fits First-Time Homeowners in Utah »

Described as a "sort of mutt," this 1911 home in Salt Lake City was an ideal match for first-time homeowners and stepbrothers Ian Wade and David Kamp. The pair benefited from upgrades done by a previous homeowner, who had gutted and remodeled... more »



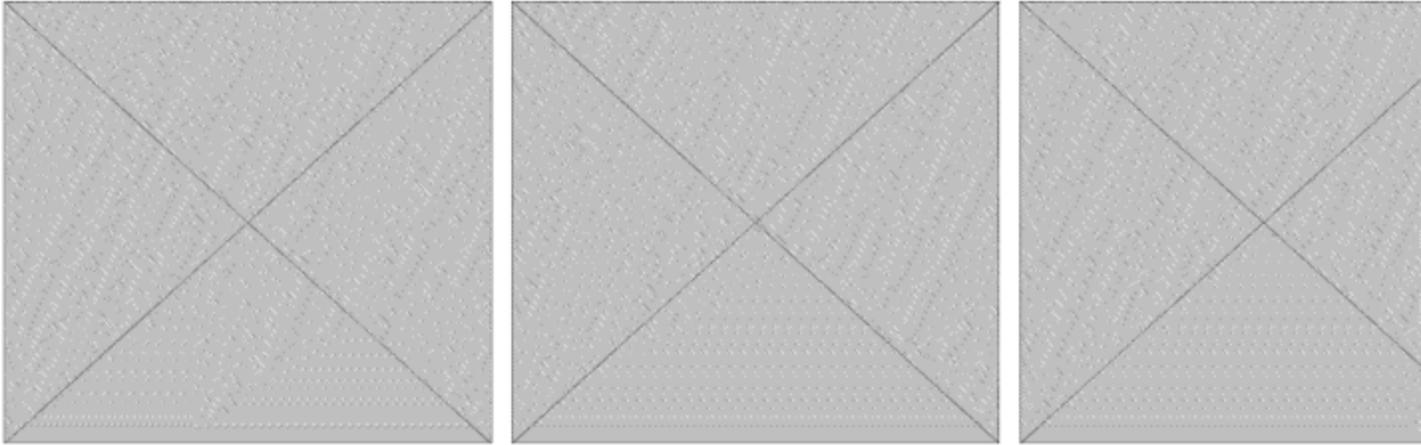
## Make an Upholstered Headboard You Can Change on a Whim

"Functional" might as well be my middle name. I usually create furnishings and accessories that serve more than one purpose, or that can be easily changed out for a different look. After way too much fussing over a complicated jigsaw headboard... more »



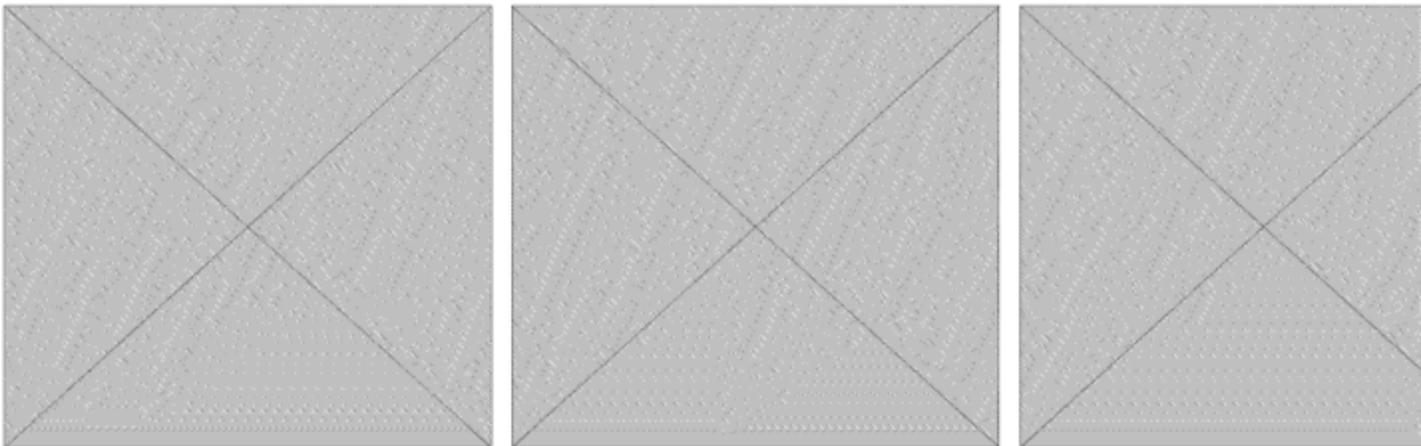
## Meet 4 Basic Types of Home Photographers »

The Houzz community has a wide range of services and service providers, many united in the need for quality photos showcasing their built projects. There are many ways to photograph a home and many photographers to work with. many factors... more »



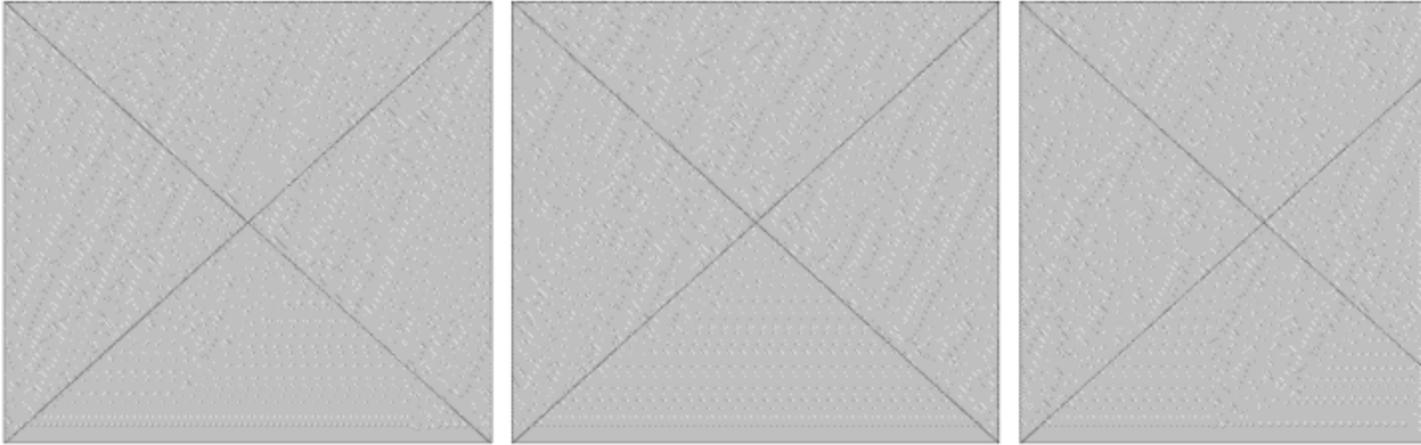
## Guest Picks: 20 Magnets With Staying Power »

Nowadays you can find magnets that look amazing and have super strength. And there are more places than ever to find them; not only is there magnetic paint that lets you turn a wall into a magnetic surface, but it's also possible to have magnets on stainless steel... more »



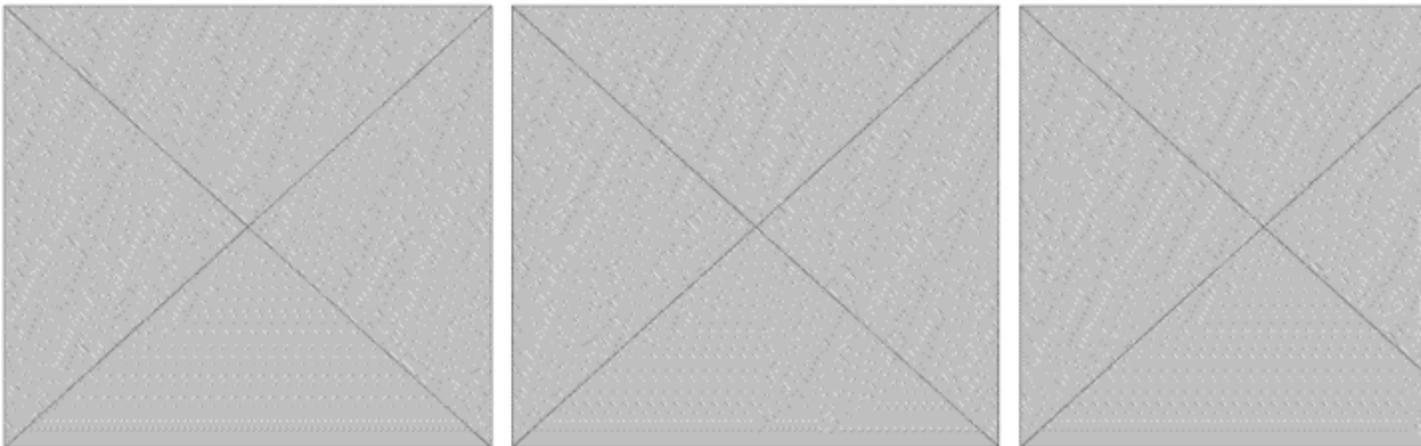
## 20 Ways to Create a Chartreuse Splash in the Landscape »

Design-savvy gardeners know that chartreuse can be combined with pretty much anything, and the range of plant options is growing every year. Here are some ways to use old favorites, new cultivars and bold accents to give garden space a chartreuse splash... more »



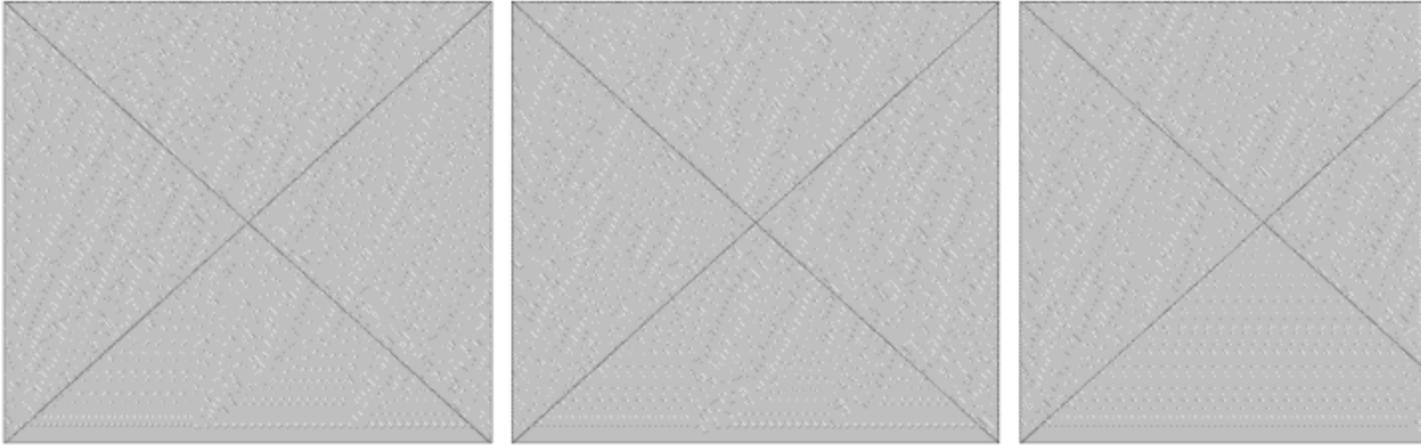
## Houzz Tour: An Eclectic London Townhouse Cleans Up »

Faced with a neon blue upstairs and a dilapidated downstairs, design writer Kate Watson-Smyth surprisingly still saw charm in this poorly renovated 1860 Victorian townhouse. Set in London's charming Crouch End neighborhood, the house had... more »



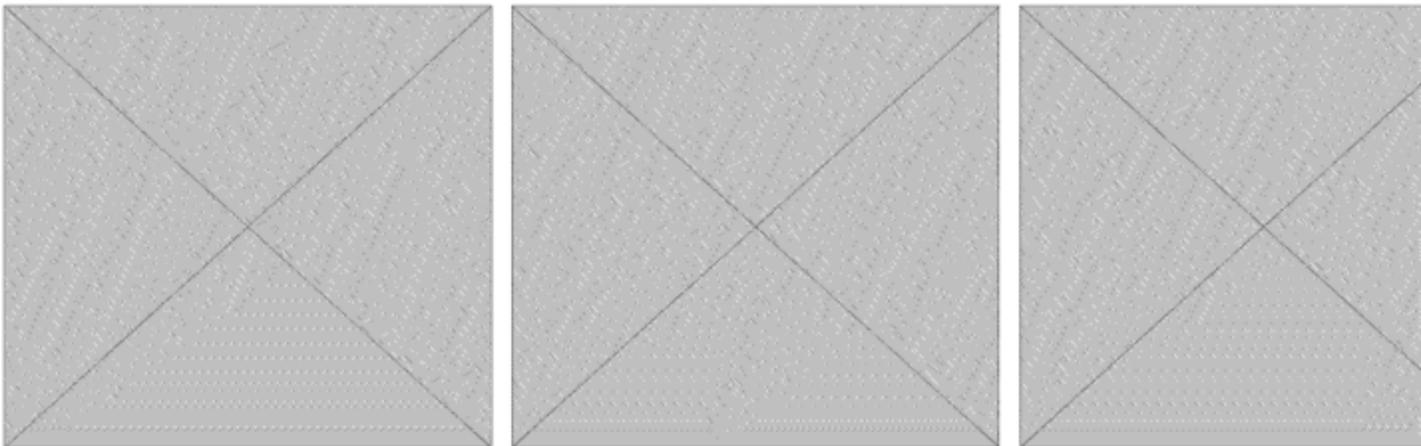
## Sail Through Special Occasions With a Ready, Gracious Home »

It's easy (and not very pleasant) to get caught unprepared when guests stop by, or to have nothing to bring to a wedding housewarming. But with a little extra effort now, you can sail through all of your spring and summer occasions with a... more »



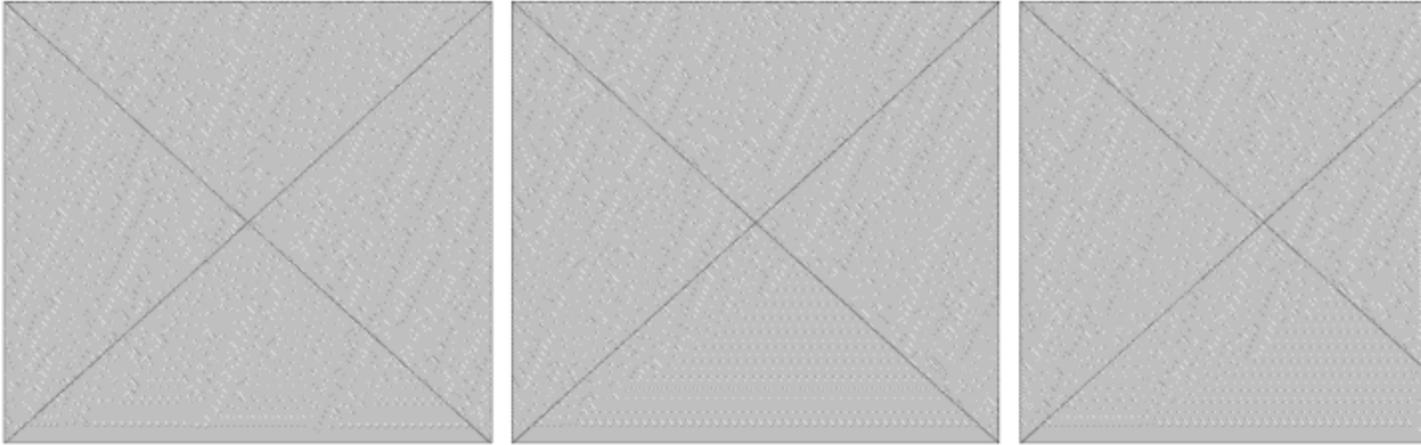
## Guest Picks: Put Together a Posh Playroom »

My baby daughter is only 3 months old, but I'm already thinking about a playspace for her as she gets older and starts to crawl and walk. Playrooms can be a challenge — kiddie items can be, well, ugly, and trying to corral toys with function more »



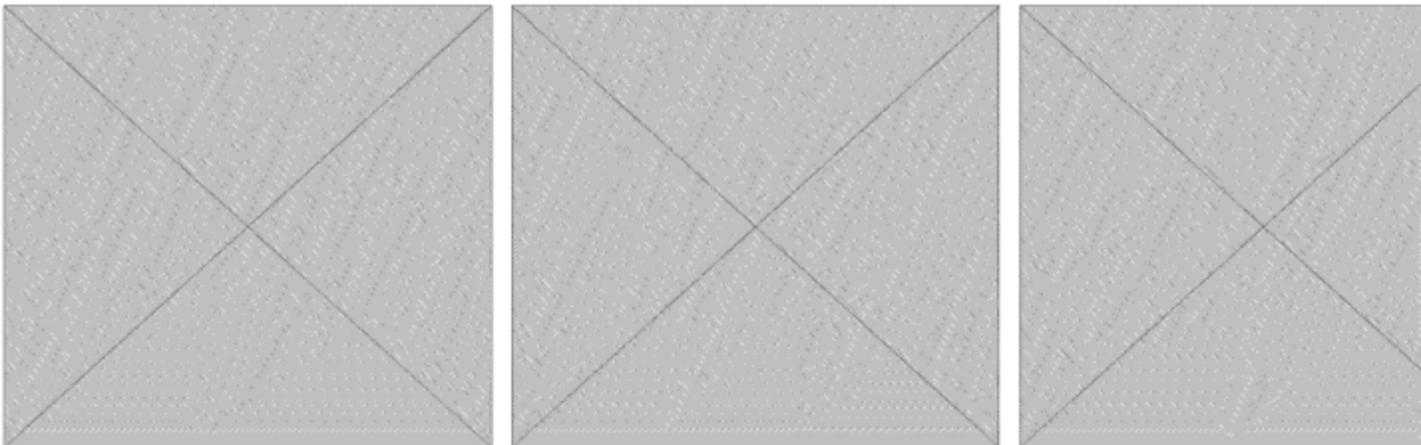
## Uncover Your Junk's Hidden Decorating Potential — Scads of Ideas »

There is so much to be said for using old stuff instead of heading to the store every time the mood to decorate strikes. It's environmentally friendly and much easier on the pocketbook. But do-gooding aside, homes that incorporate old...



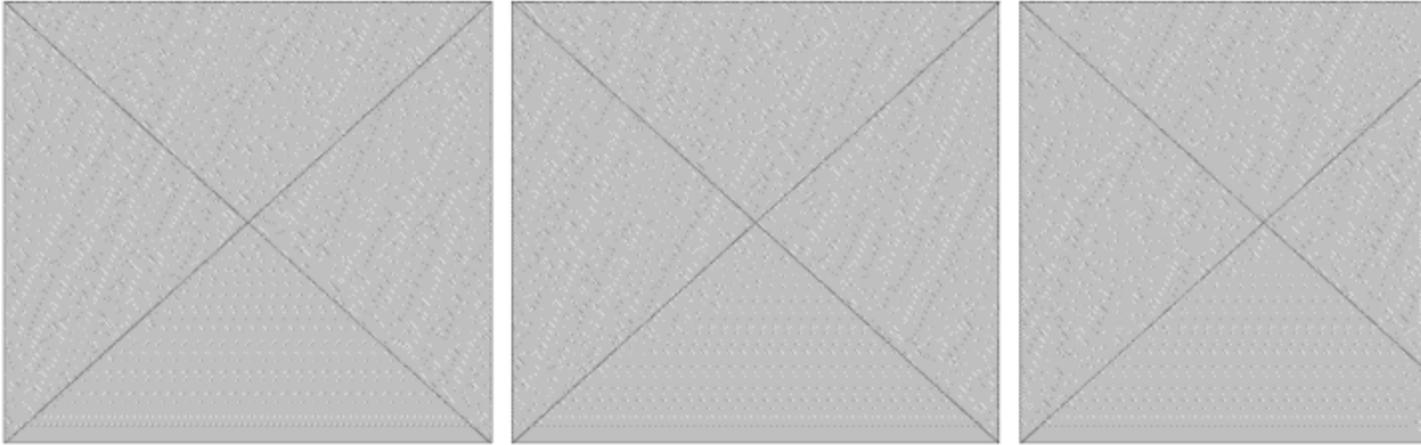
## Asian Style Banishes Boredom in a Bachelor's Bedroom Makeover »

When the single man who lives here was making a fresh start, he had a bed, a cabinet and a lot of beige walls. He was drawn to color and Asian style but didn't know where to go from there. "He needed a room that would be soothing and relaxing like... more »



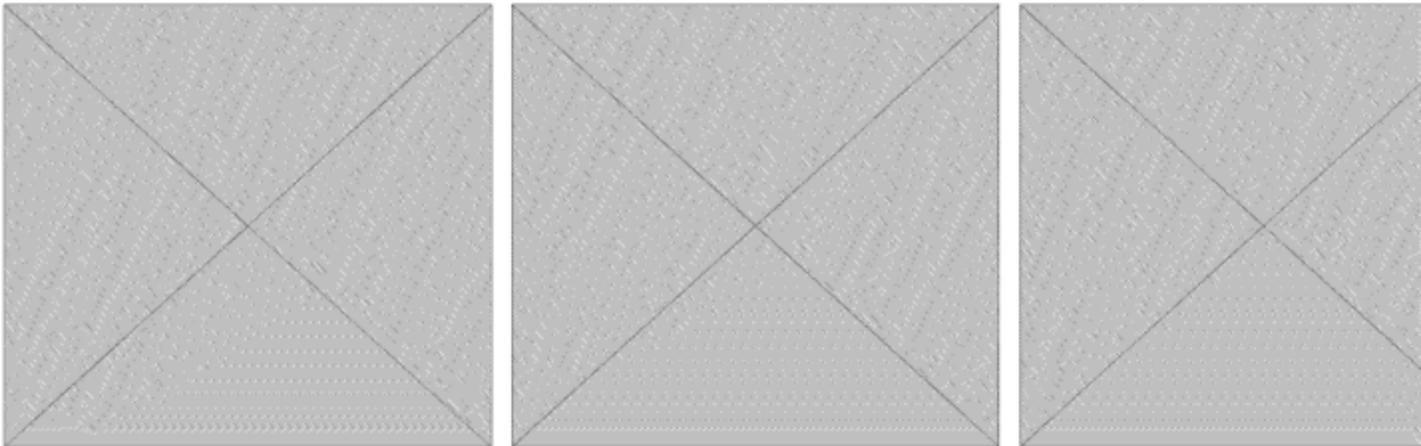
## Guest Picks: 20 Gray and White Bedroom Finds for Both Sexes »

I've been contemplating updating the master bedroom to something a bit more subdued and mature. I love how calm gray is and how it complements silver and white quite well. The interesting aspects of a gray and white room can come together via... more »



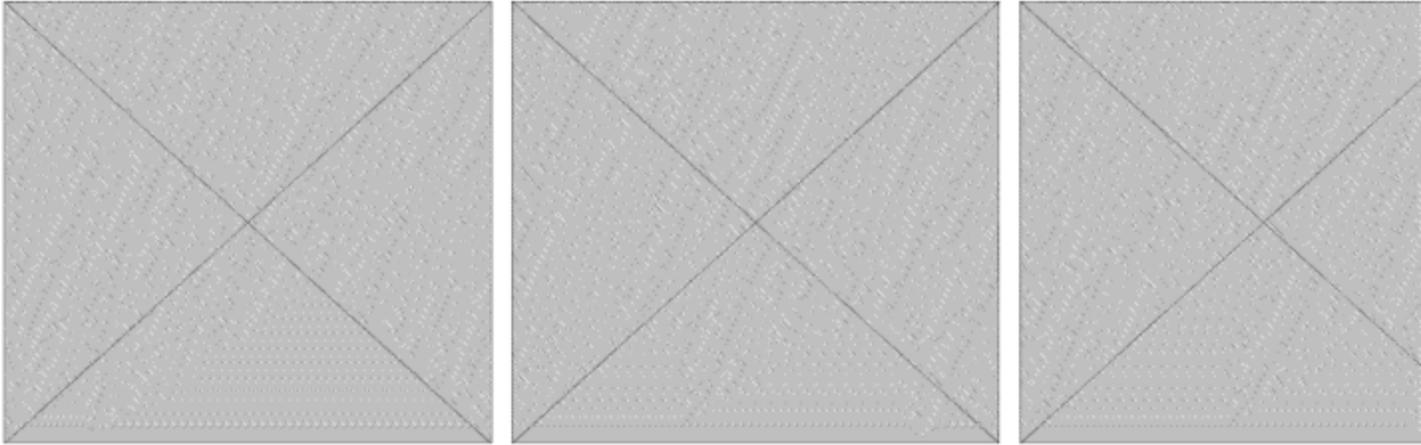
## Summer Crops: How to Grow Strawberries »

Ripe and juicy strawberries are one of nature's sweetest treats. They're also one of the easiest and most versatile a to a garden, providing flowers in spring, fruit in spring and summer, and ornamental green leaves for most of the...



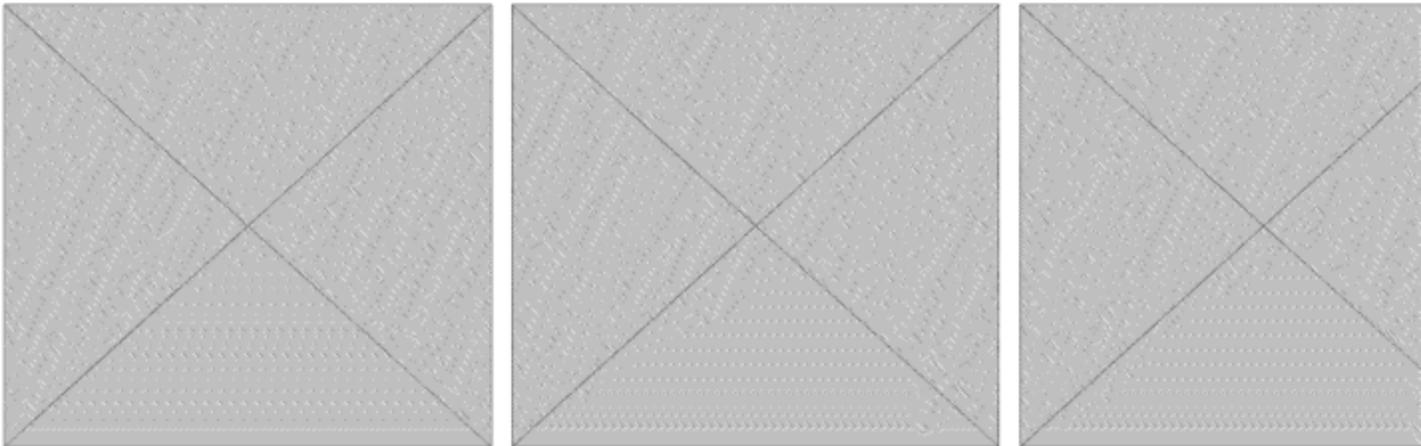
## 9 Pendant Lights With Origami Allure »

They're sculptural, they're elegant and they're beautiful. I've seen these origami-inspired lights popping up all over th lately, and I think they are here to stay. Like some of the modern icons of the 20th century (think Nelson lights),... m



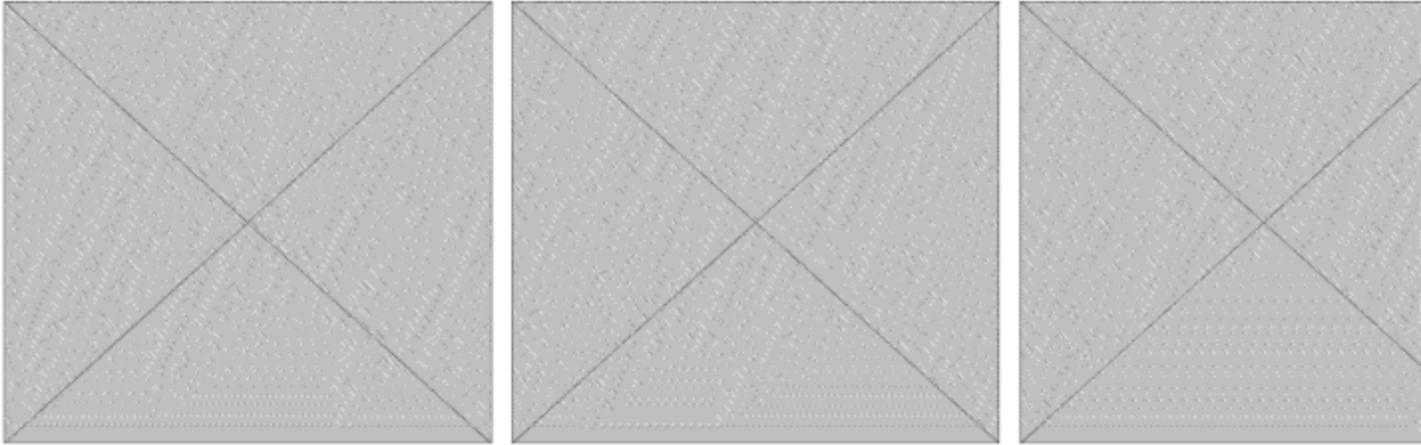
## 5 Exotic Rose Colors for a Beautifully Different Garden »

I know we all love our pink, red, yellow and white roses, but sometimes it's fun to step outside of the norm and go a bolder with color — or a little funkier. How about some lavender, peach or caramel, or roses with a hint of black?...



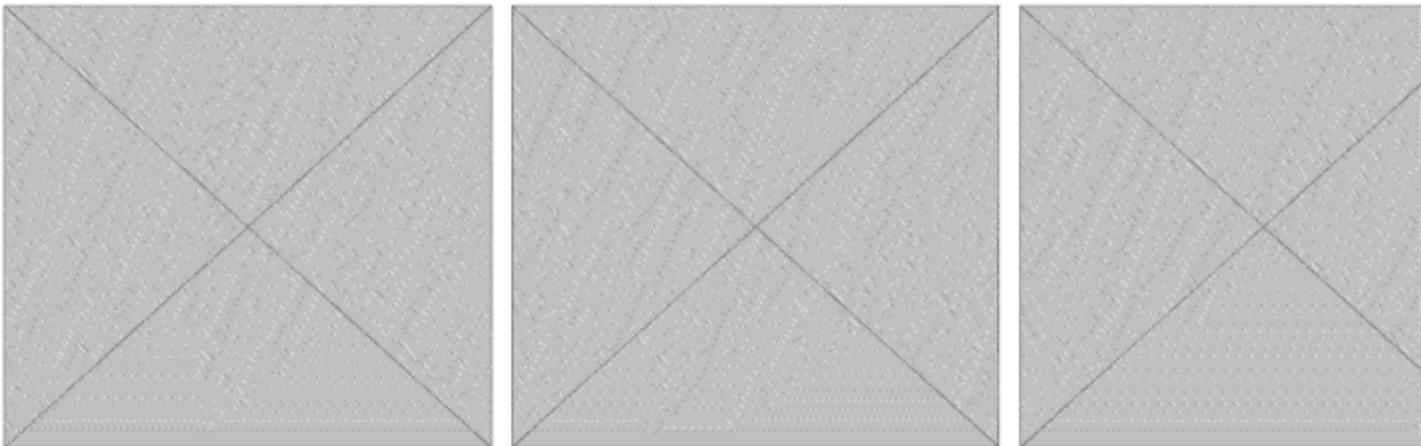
## Jumbled Style Goes Vintage Chic in a D.C. Bathroom Makeover

Under this bathroom's previous painted subway tile, purple vinyl floors and dark red walls lurked a mishmash of electrical and plumbing problems, and a rotted joist under the toilet. With the help of local professionals, Megan Adams and her team made the space more »



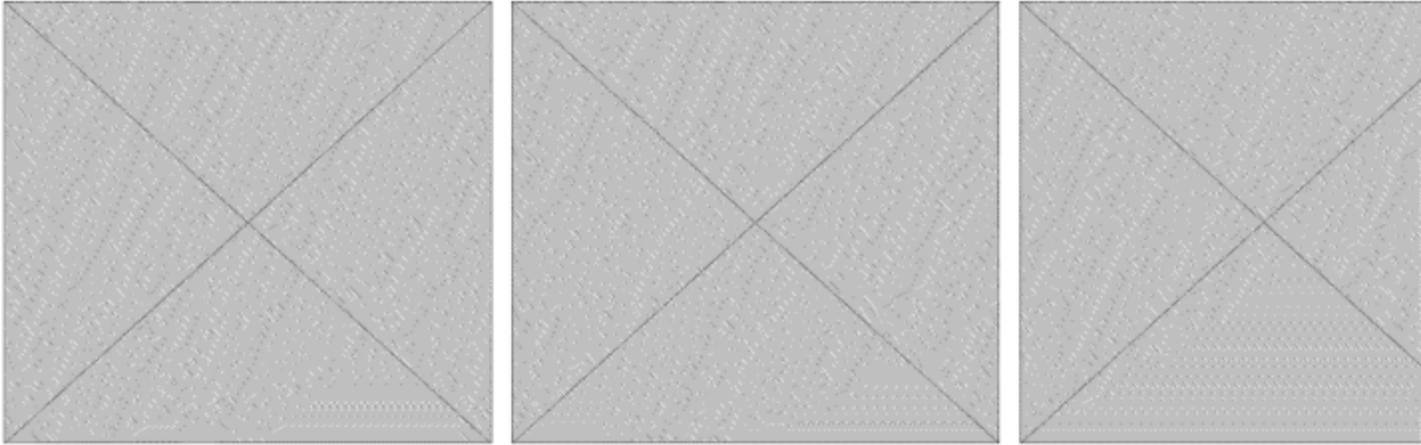
## Ring In Lighting Style With a Bell Jar Lantern »

There's a good reason the bell jar lantern has such an elegant, timeless quality that works so well in many different  
With roots in medieval and Renaissance designs, this lantern has evolved into a classic fixture that has suited differ  
more »



## Guest Picks: 20 Teapots With Unusual Flavor »

I recently began drinking tea, and after just a short time, I find myself excited to walk into the kitchen every morning  
make a cup. The only thing missing from this routine is a teapot. While having one certainly isn't necessary, I would  
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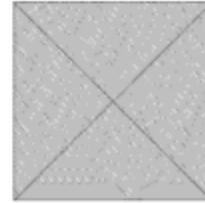


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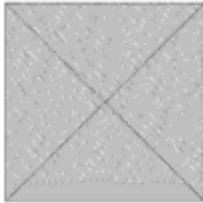
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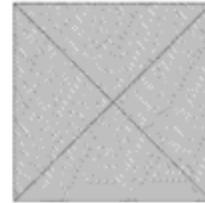
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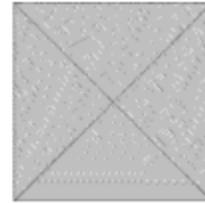
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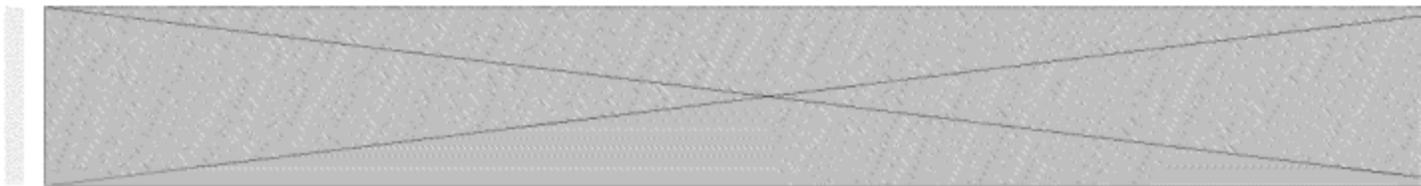
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