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## This week on Houzz



### Houzz Love

As some of you may already know, Houzz was born in 2009 out of our frustration remodeling our home. It started as a small project, connecting us and other homeowners from our kids' school with local professionals in the San Francisco Area. But our project quickly took on a life of its own, reaching professionals and homeowners across the country and around the world.

Together with you, we've created the largest community dedicated to home remodeling and design online. We've built Houzz with love, and we appreciate the love and support we get from you every day. That small number of professionals in the Bay Area is now an incredibly diverse group of more than 180,000 in the U.S. and around the world. That small group of homeowners is now 14 million monthly Houzzers, and we keep growing every day.

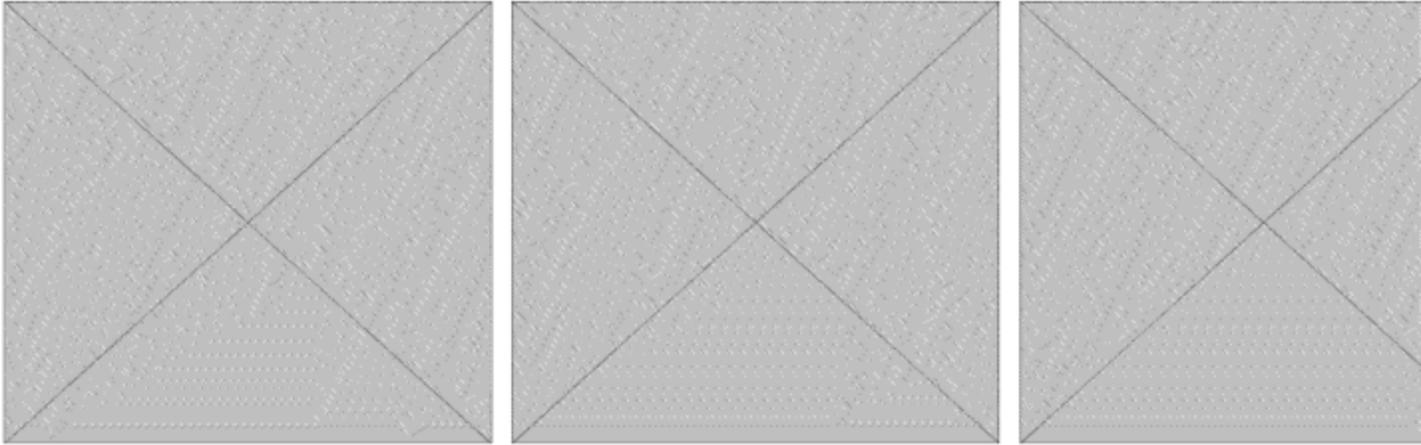
What's amazing about this process is that together we've been able to build a tight-knit community that supports each other. Together, we're taking the renovation process from one that is frustrating to one that is fun and productive, and we promise to continue creating and innovating for our community. Today, we just wanted to thank you for being part of this amazing journey and for making Houzz the home it is today.

Adi and Alon

P.S. - [See this graphic for some cool Houzz stats.](#)

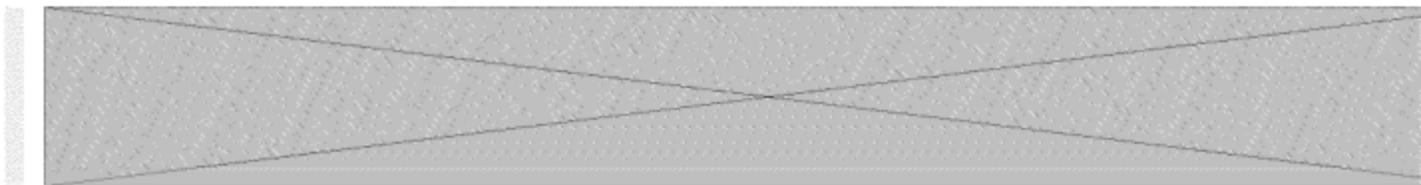
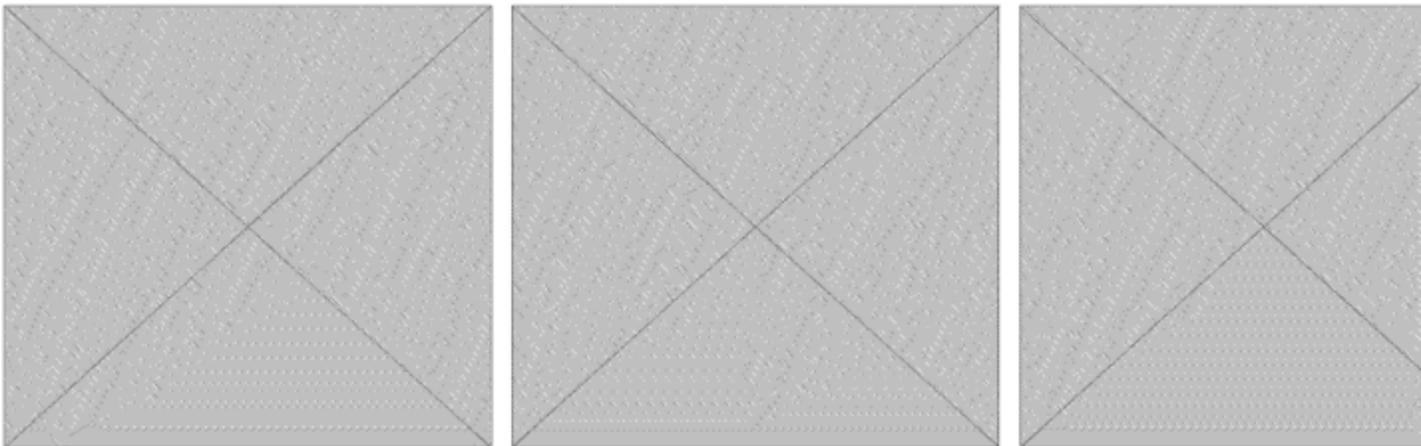
## My Houzz: Eye Candy Colors Fill an 1800s New Orleans Victorian

Vibrant color and playful personality shine throughout this 1800s New Orleans Victorian. Over the past five years, Kristin and Ray Martin have filled their gorgeous three-story home with colorful local artwork, eclectic furniture and timeless heirlooms... more »



## Decluttering — Don't Let Fear Hold You Back »

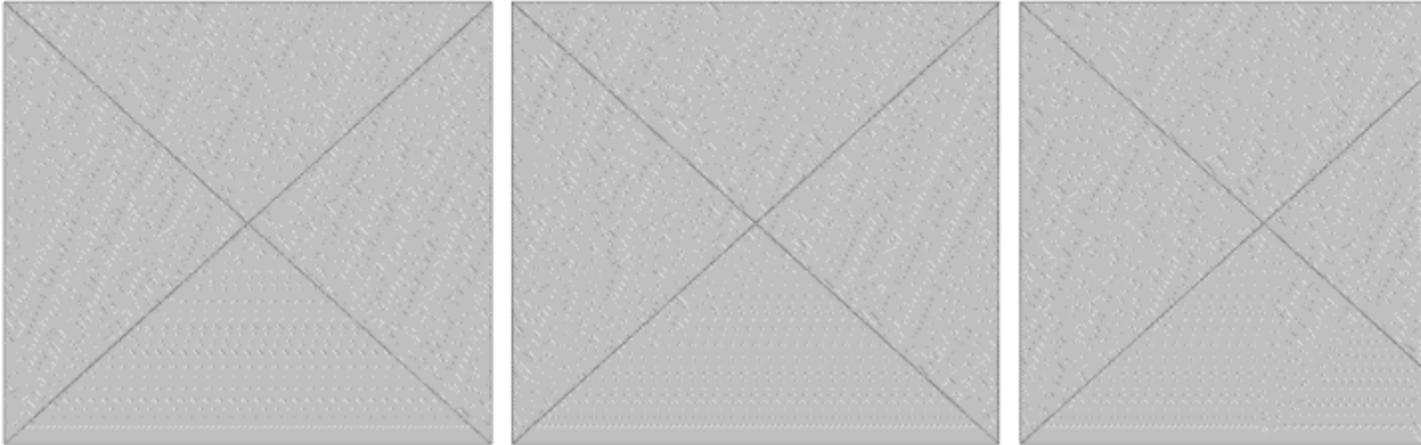
So you know you want to declutter. Or perhaps you know you need to, but the thought of actually doing it makes you to crawl back into bed and stay there for, like, ever. So many decisions! They make your head hurt. Don't be discouraged [more »](#)



## Houzz Tour: The Riverside Vacation Cabins That Friendship Built »

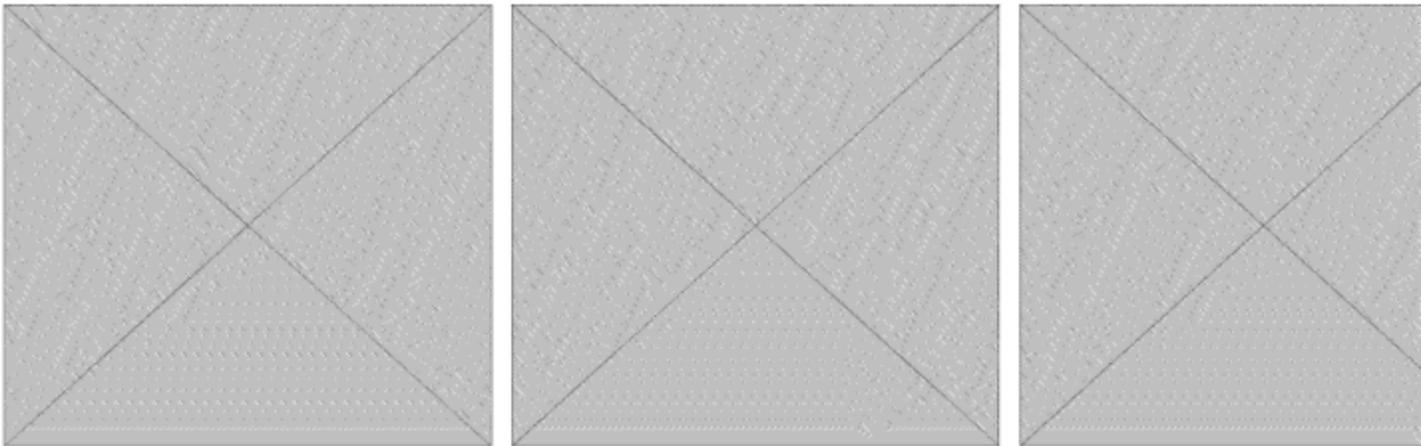
Friends who build together, stay together. At least that's what four couples, who have been best friends for decades

hoping with their four personalized cabins on a joint piece of property in Llano, Texas, about an hour from Austin. [The more »](#)



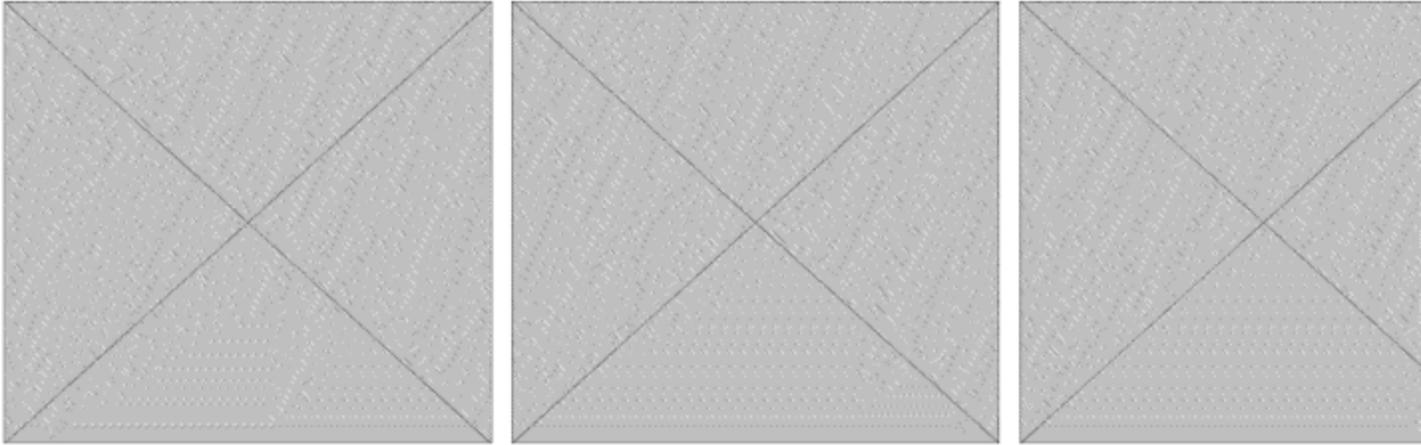
## **Modern or Contemporary Architecture? The Interiors Edition »**

A while ago I took a crack at defining the differences between modern and contemporary architecture by looking at the exteriors of 10 homes. In my view modern architecture is rooted in the early- and mid-20th-century architecture that [got... more »](#)



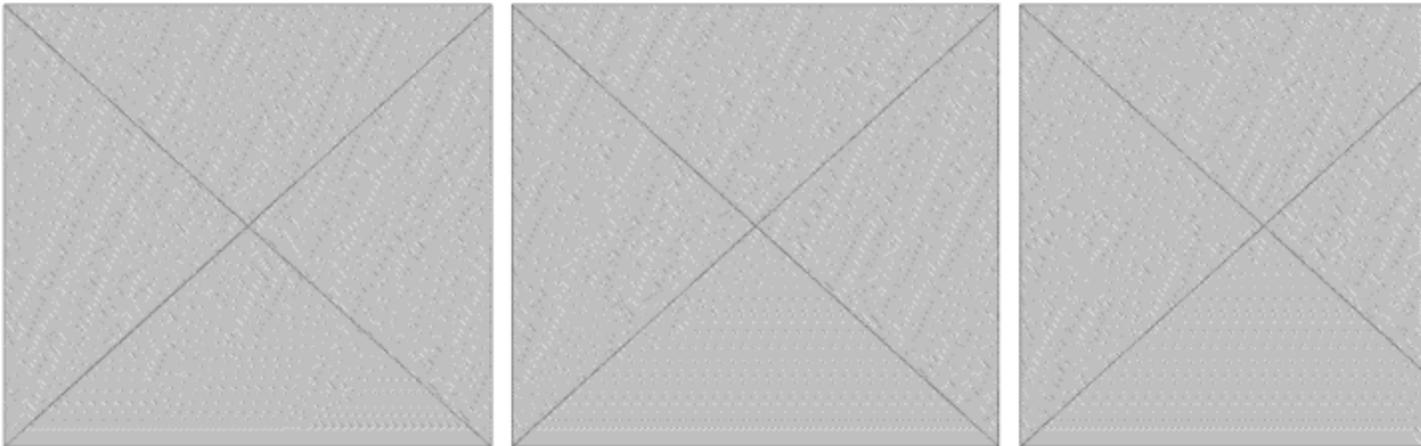
## **Your March Checklist for a Smooth-Running Home »**

Spring officially begins on March 20 in 2013, so now is the perfect time to begin prepping for the season ahead. From refreshing your decor and removing winter layers to performing needed home maintenance, the tasks on this checklist [get... more »](#)



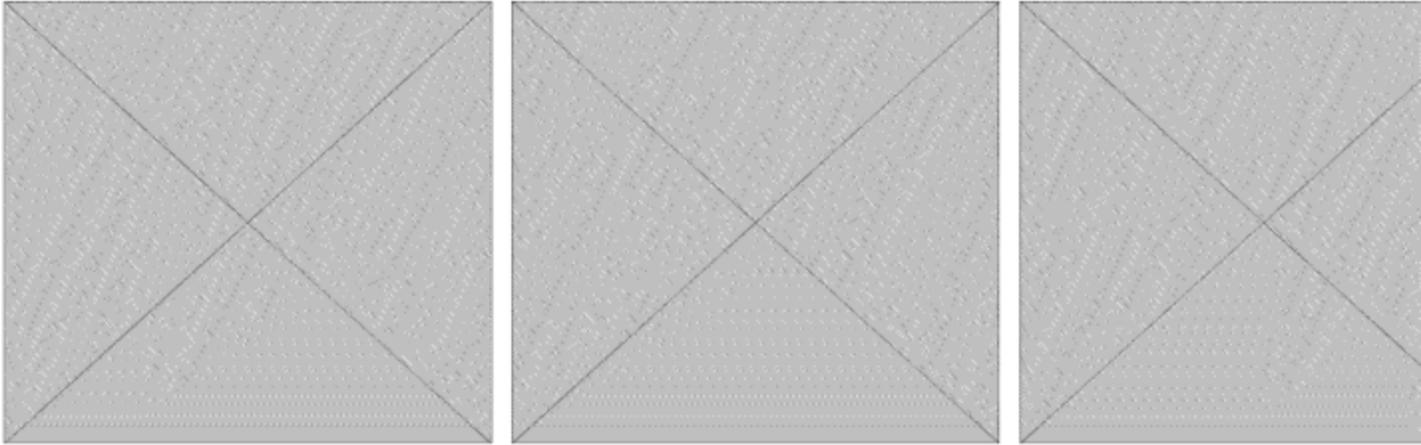
## **Designing Nemo: 30 Fish Tanks Make a Decorative Splash »**

It takes a dedicated person to maintain a fishtank. I'm not talking about a child's softball-size guppy bowl or a little fl vase containing a single beta fish. I'm talking about a large, teeming saltwater tank stocked with exotic,... more »



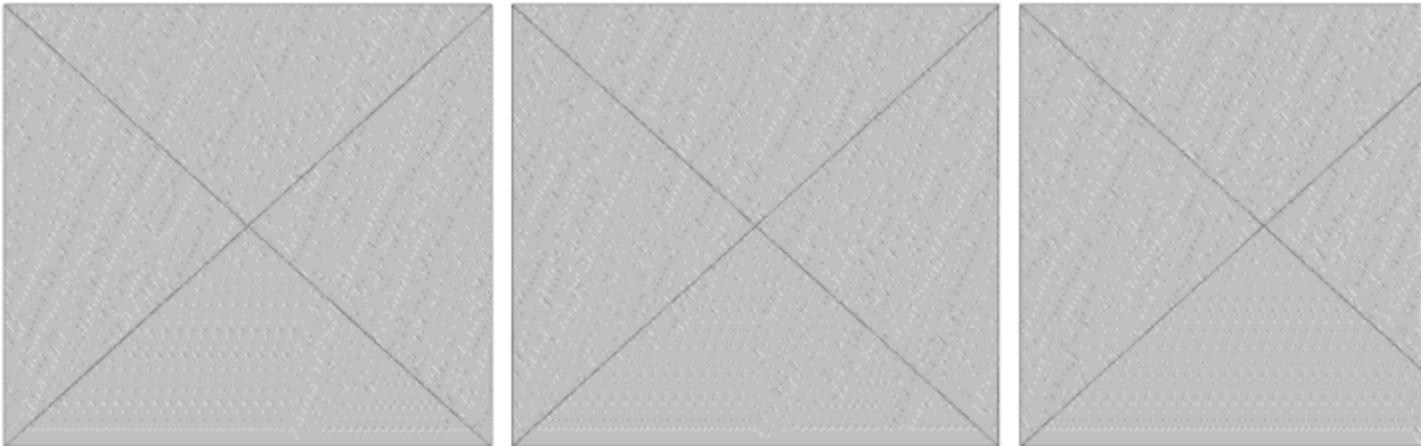
## **It Takes a Village: 2 Homes Made of Multiple Structures »**

While most people want to build a home that is all under one roof, there are times when building the home as a series of connected or freestanding pavilions is desirable. Maybe the home serves multiple generations or must accommodate ever-changing... more »



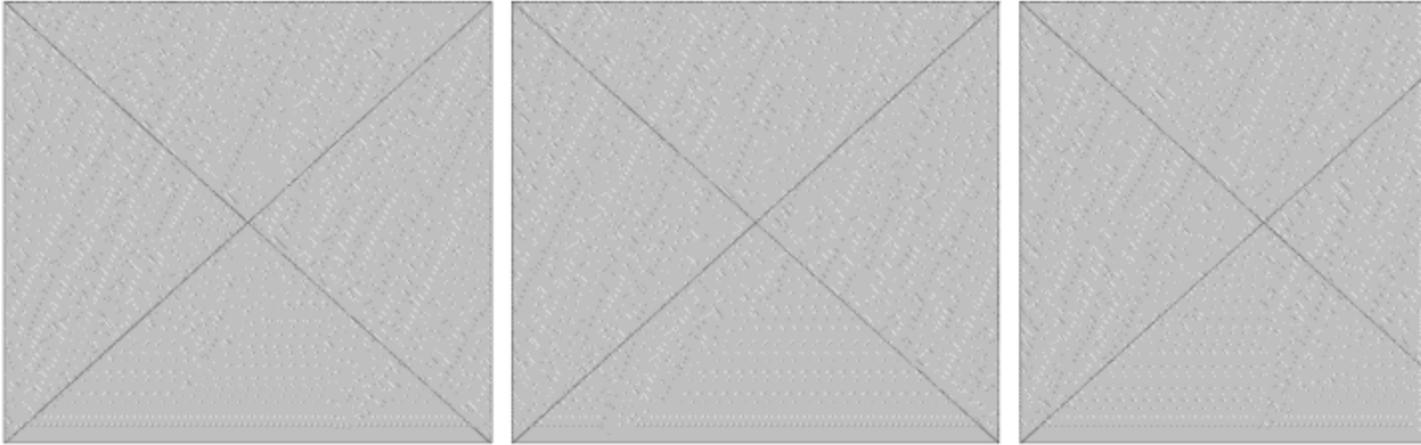
## 8 Take-Home Planting Ideas From Hawaii's Big Island »

Face it, you can't duplicate exactly the lush look and blissfulness of Hawaiian gardens on the U.S. mainland — just a plate of poke and a plate of poke at sunset won't taste the same off the islands. But it's pretty easy to add some island touches. Most of the... more »



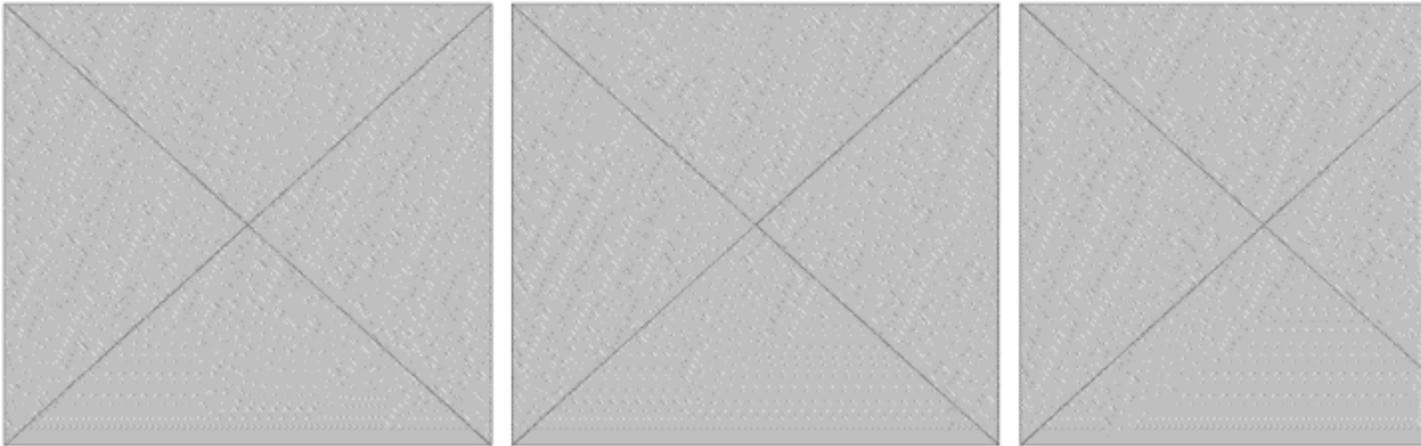
## My Houzz: DIY Love Reforms a Dated Cape Ann Home »

Expectant parents Jen Migonis and her husband, AJ, bought their home three years ago, wanting room for their son and grow in. The location, just a 15-minute walk to the beach, and a solid school system are what convinced the couple to buy. More »



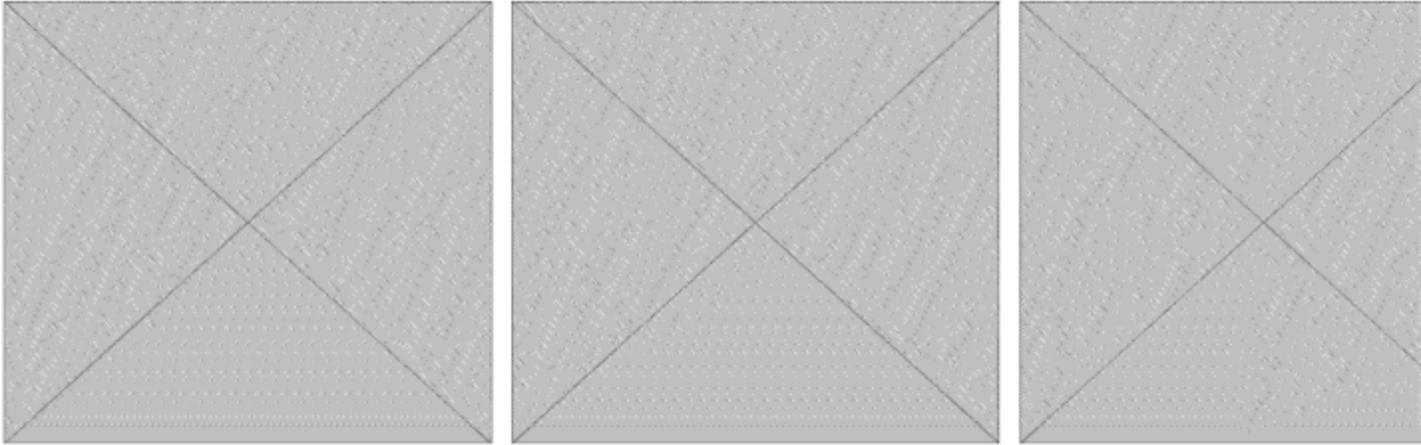
## Houzz Tour: Personality Drives a Modern Addition in Portland

From the front this home in Portland, Oregon, might not seem that different from its neighbors. But a quick jaunt past neon address numbers, into the hall of mirrors, past the pig on the bathroom door and out the modern back addition [more »](#)



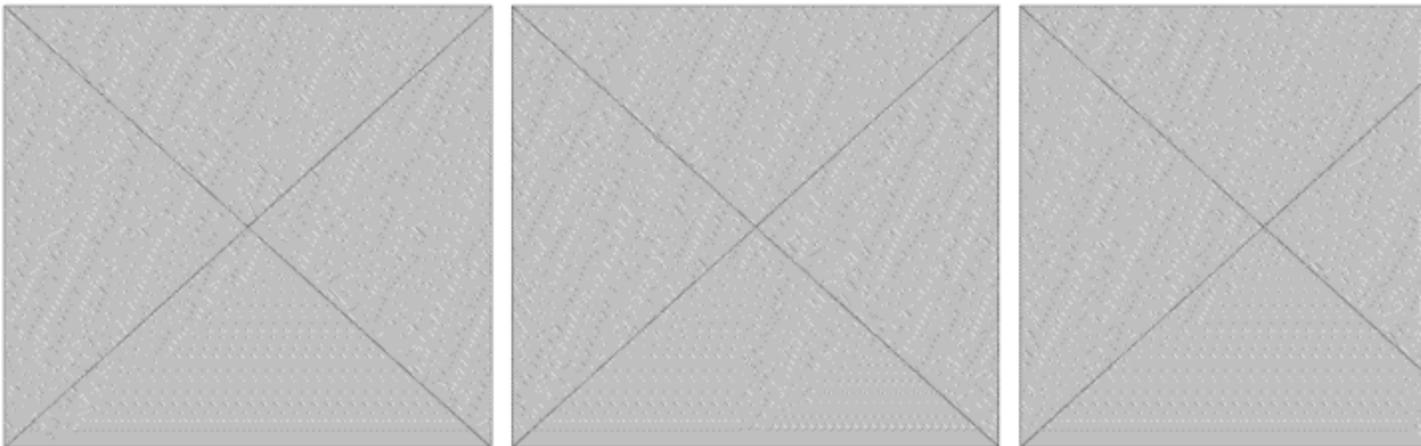
## Spring Gardens Are Waking — Here's What to Do in March »

Clean your pruners and get out your gardening gloves. Spring is here, bringing longer days, fresh blooms and annual garden chores. In the Pacific Northwest and Southwest, it's time to prune trees. Early bulbs and wildflowers are peeking their... [more »](#)



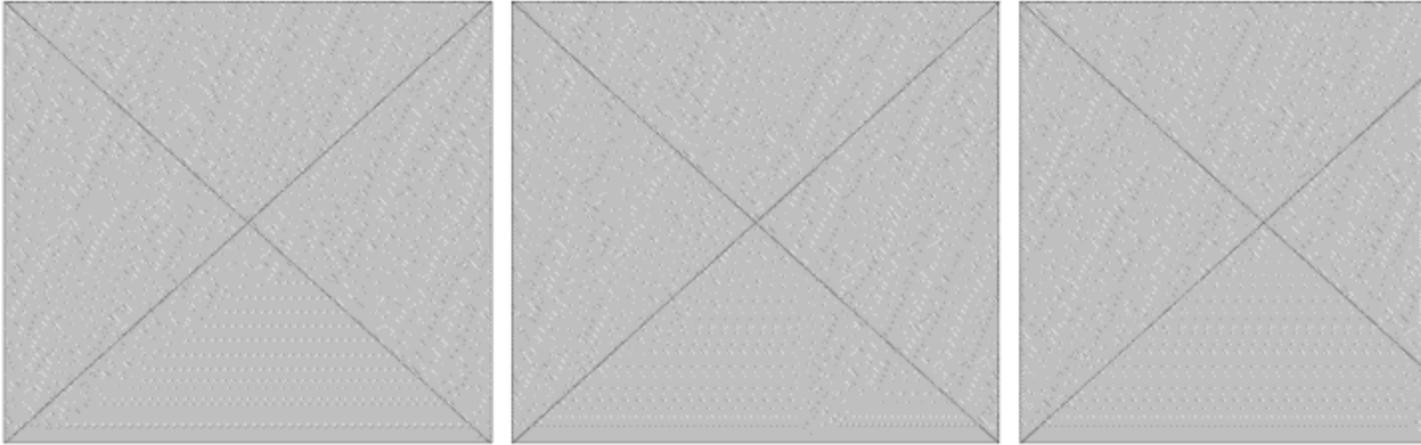
## Want a Gem of a Surface Material? Luxury Agate's a Dazzler »

When I was a kid, there was nothing cooler and more special than a geode. Remember those round stones, boring outside, but when you cracked them open, an eye-popping center of gleaming crystals and swirls of colors shone through. Who... more »



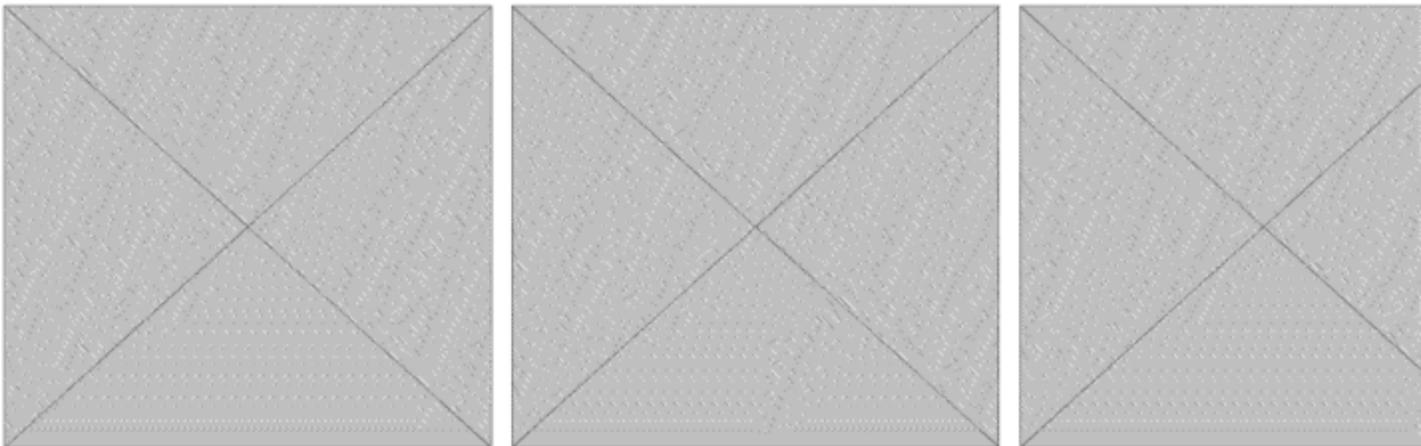
## Decorate With Intention: Could a Mission Statement Help Your House? »

You've undoubtedly heard of the benefits of creating mission statements for businesses, or even for yourself — but what about writing a mission statement for your home? Part style, part personal values, this short and sweet statement can help. more »



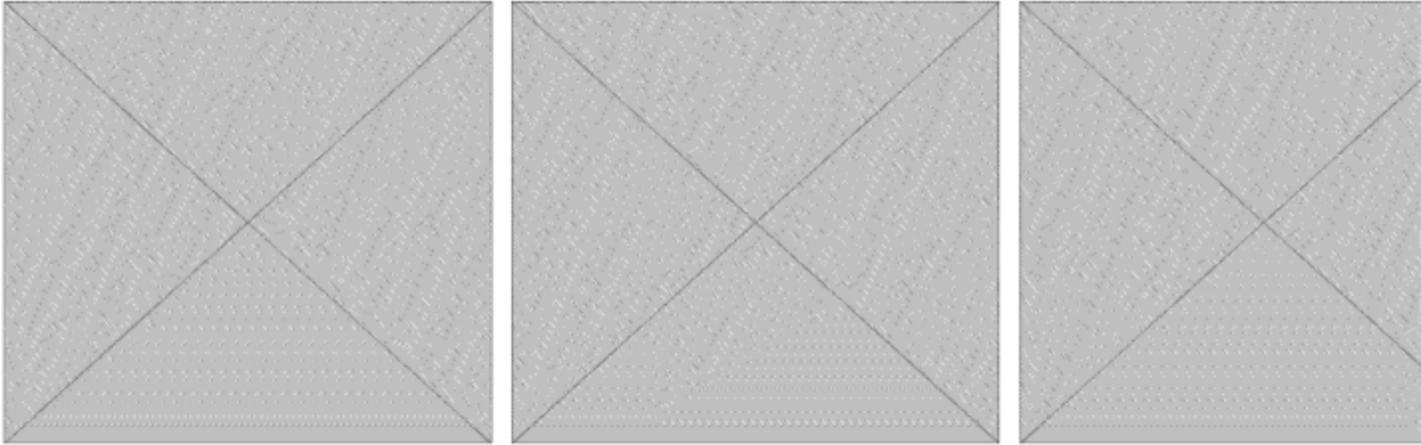
## Picture This: Your Digital Photos Deserve Frames Too »

Nearly every home and office has framed pictures of loved ones displayed. It's wonderful, as they serve as constant reminders of good times with family and friends. It seems like framed pictures have been around forever. In reality, practice... more »



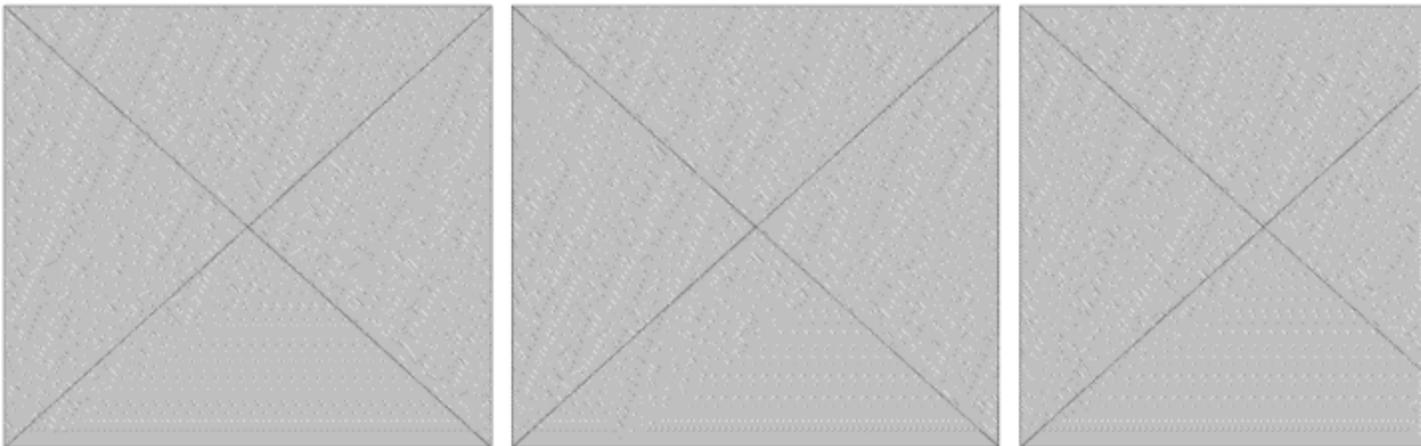
## Houzz Call: Tell Us About Your Dream House »

Most of us have ideas for our dream home stashed away somewhere — whether in the junk drawer, ideabooks or the backs of our heads. Now I'm not talking about the practical stuff, like new hardwood floors or kitchen counters. I'm talking about... more »



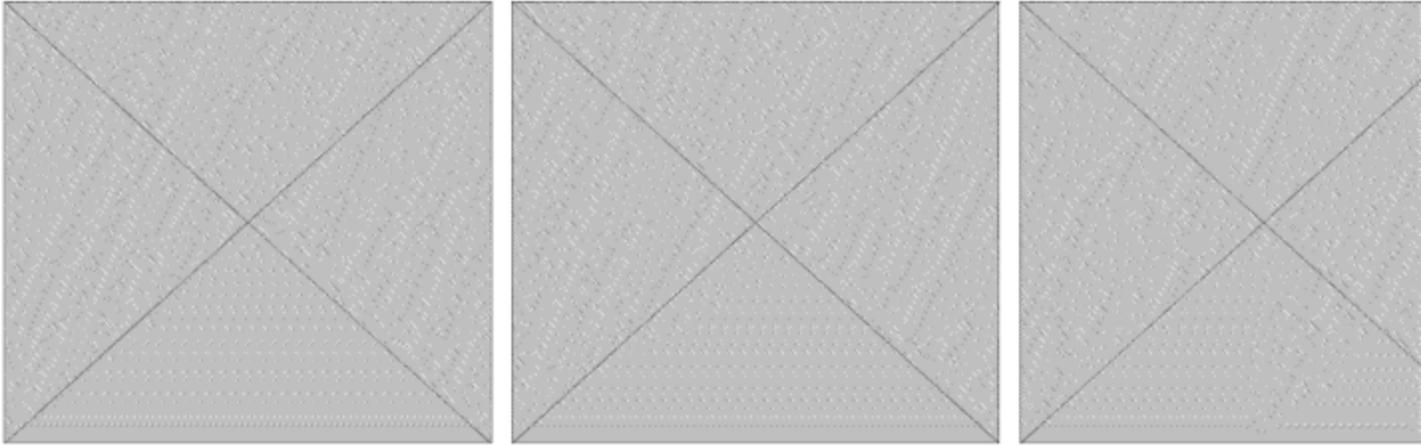
## 19 Ways to Create a Cozy Breakfast Nook »

Whether you're drinking your orange juice and reading on a bleary-eyed weekday or gathering with the whole family for pancakes on Saturday, a breakfast nook is an ideal place to start your day. A mix of built-in booths, banquettes, chairs, and tables... more »



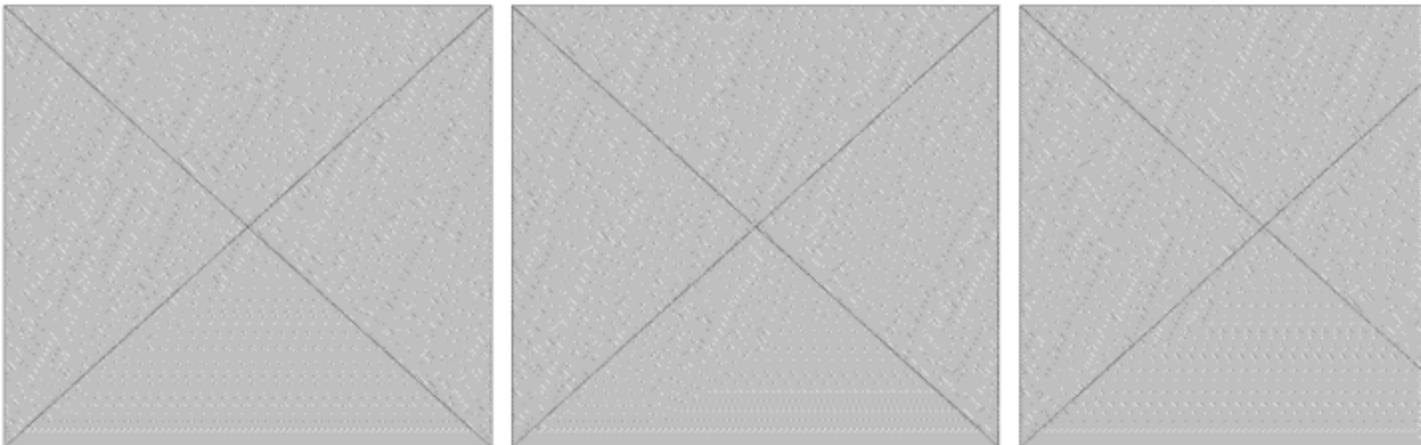
## Brick Floors: Could This Durable Material Work for Your House?

There's something very cozy about brick floors — they imbue a home with a storied, old-world feel and emit a sense of comfort and nostalgia. Bricks combine the durability of tile or stone with the warm colors of wood, and they can work in many ways... more »



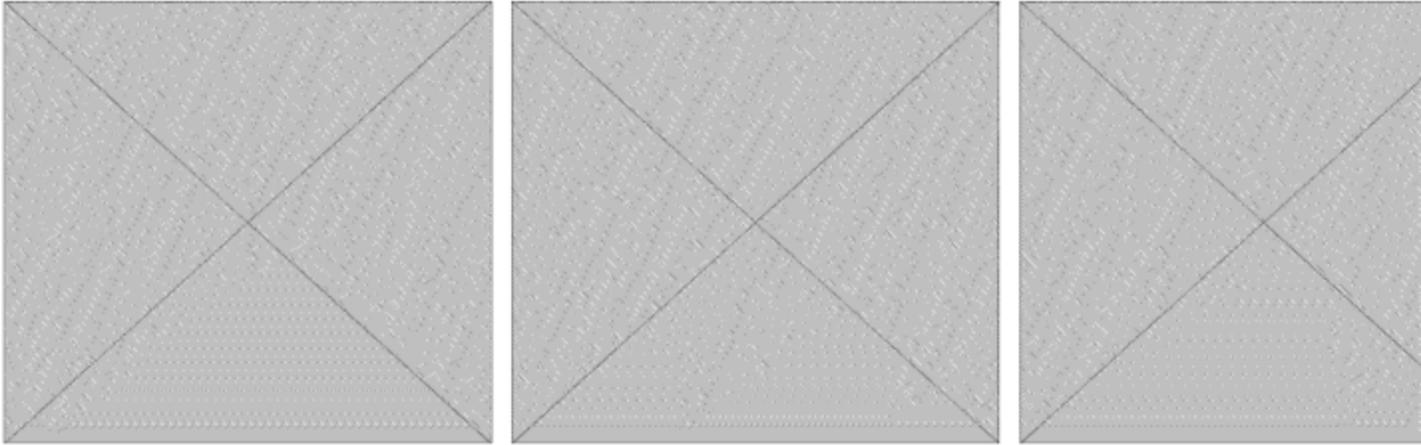
## Convert Your Tub Space to a Shower — the Fixtures-Shopping Phase »

Before you shop for shower fixtures, it's important to understand the basics of shower controls. What options are there? What will fit your space and budget best? There are three basic systems for controlling the water temperature and flow. [more »](#)



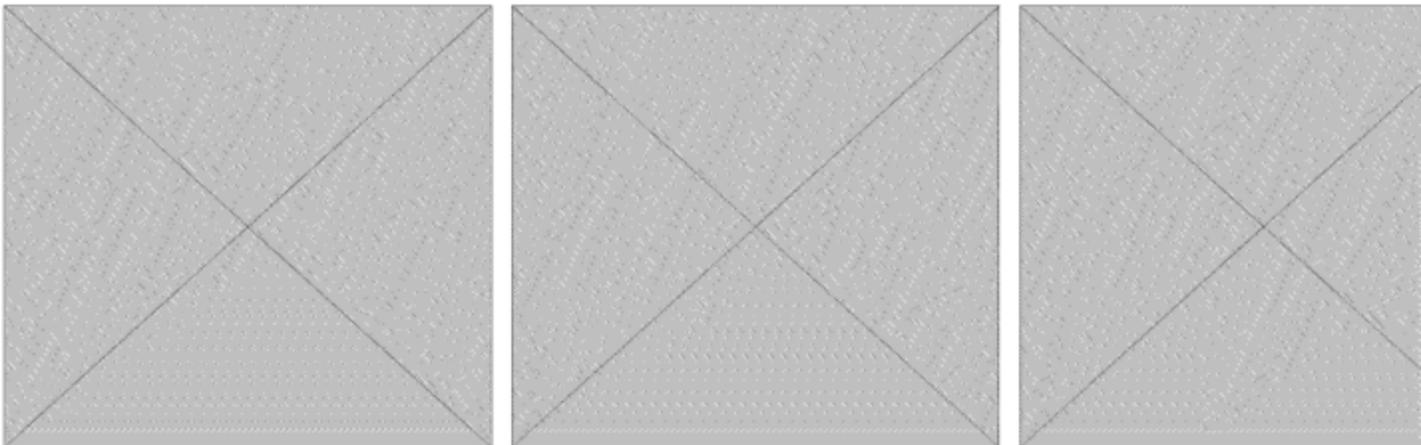
## My Houzz: Collections and Color for Crafty San Francisco Parents »

Finding an affordable apartment in San Francisco these days is stressful enough, let alone with a baby on the way. Meet what San Francisco couple Matthew and Sandy Lynn Davis, who together run the eclectic arts and crafts business Treatzone. [... more »](#)



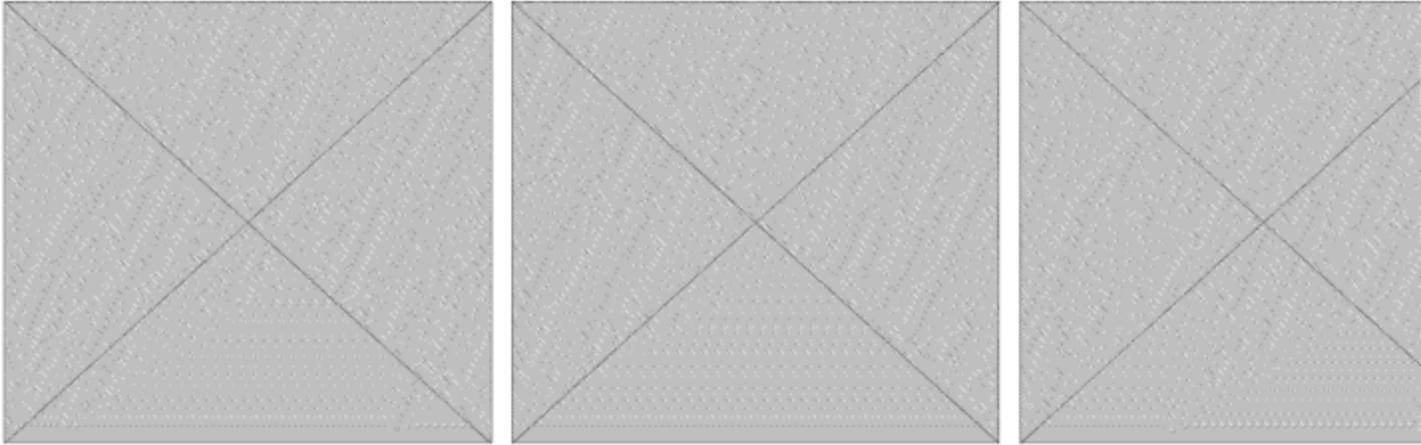
## Reinvent It: Salvage Savvy Keeps an Urban-Farmhouse Bath on Budget »

Suffering from Carrara marble sticker shock, homeowner Jennifer Brown knew she had to get creative with the rest of the elements in her bathroom renovation. "We bought our house as a new build 13 years ago, and the master bath was a room... more »



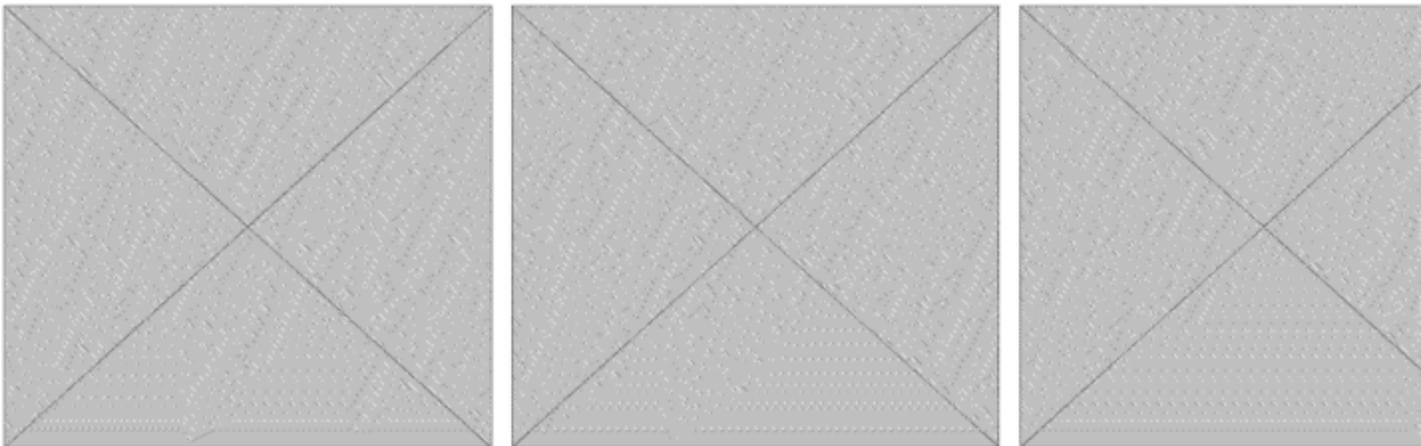
## Guest Picks: Set a Beautifully Traditional Easter Table »

My family always loves to celebrate Easter and the coming of spring with clean, fresh, bright and beautiful table decorations. I've picked 20 products that are sure to make any Easter table a fun and festive affair. — Robyn from Add a Pinch more »



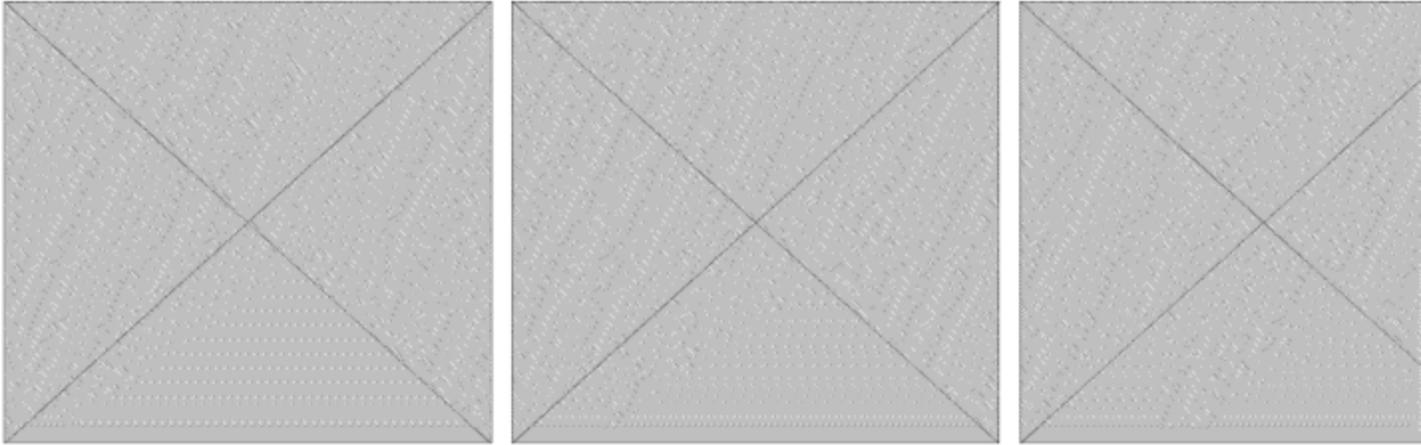
## **Kitchen Sinks: Enameled Cast Iron for Attractive Durability »**

Among the wide variety of kitchen sinks available today, a few materials have earned a top spot. Cast iron is one of them. Cast iron sinks have been around for some time, because they're long lasting and attractive. And today they're available in more styles than ever. [Learn more »](#)



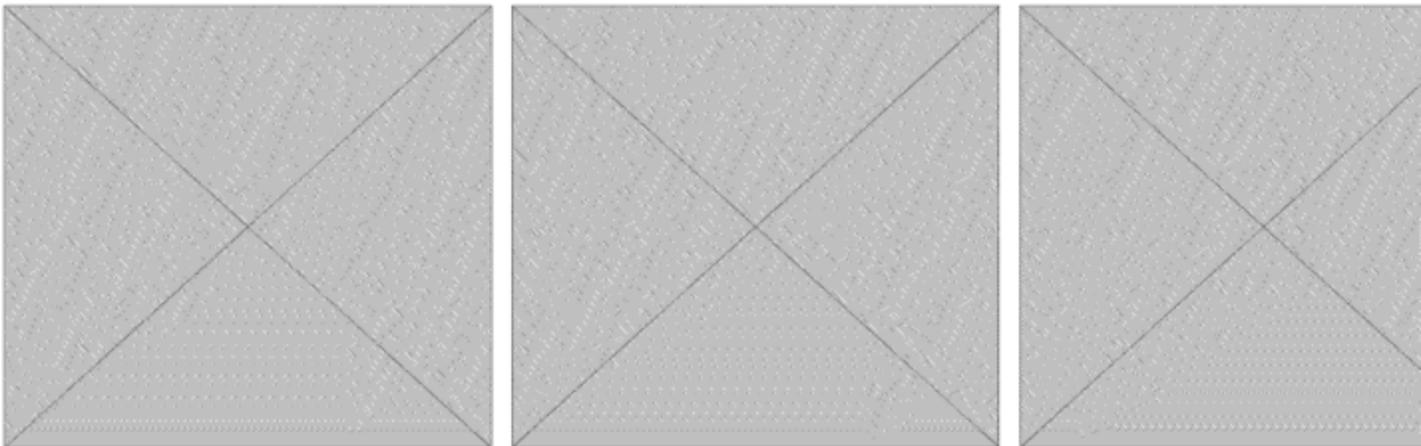
## **Great Design Plant: Winter Daphne »**

As unmistakable and unforgettable as the smell of a leather baseball glove or Chanel No. 5, the first whiff of winter lets you know that the seasons are changing and that it's always great to be in a garden — even on a chilly winter day. [Learn more »](#)



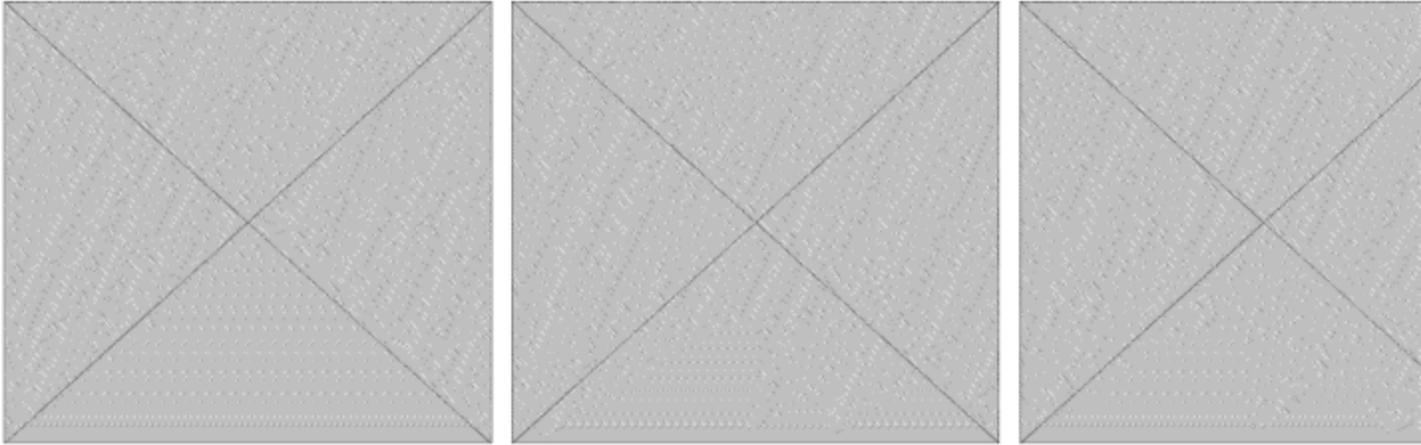
## Basement of the Week: Kicky Colors and Patterns Promise Fun

"Fun, bright and happy" was the phrase this mother of two young boys used to describe her dream basement make She gave a piece of fabric she loved to interior designer Cathy Zaeske as a starting point. "My client wanted a famil friendly,... more »



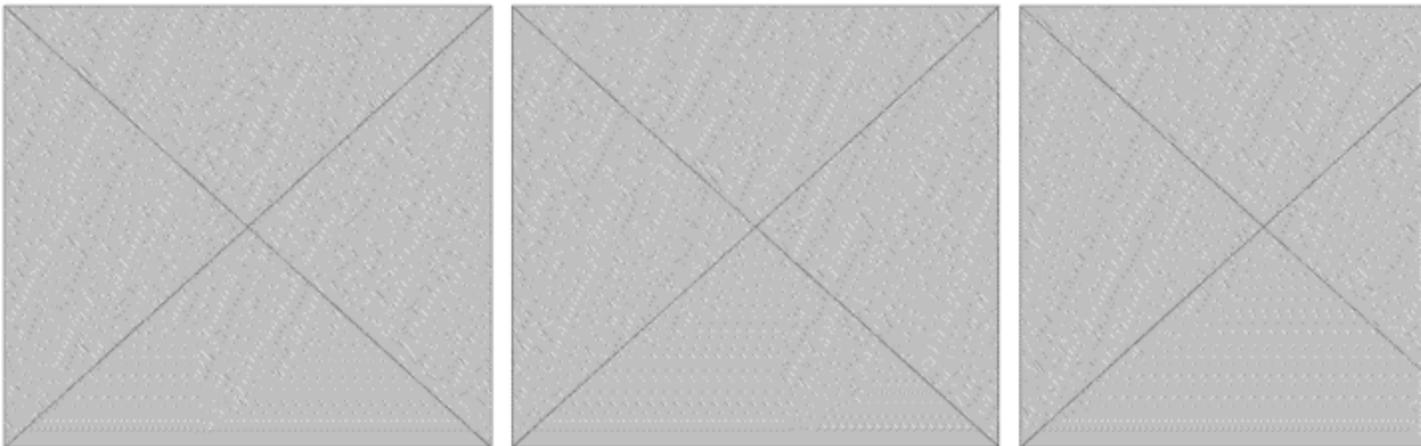
## Let Nature Inspire Your Landscape: Devise a Desert Garden »

Deserts are some of the most extreme environments our blue planet offers. While they may bring to mind extreme isolation, a blatant lack of hospitality and boredom, we should reconsider our position and visit, at least in photos, s and... more »



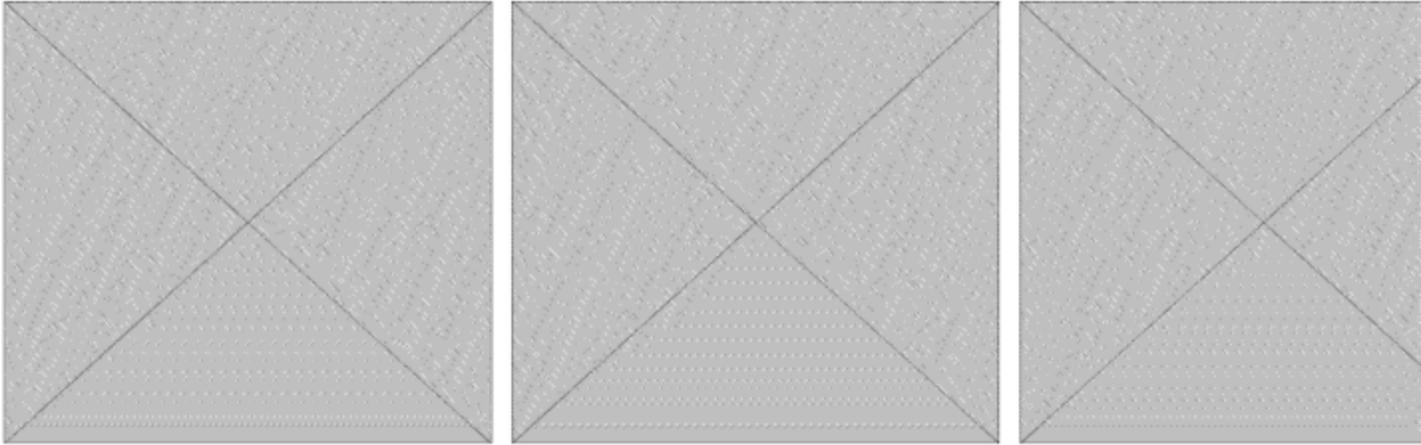
## Stoke Your Fireplace Design With Decorative Screens and Doors

Both functional and aesthetic, fireplace doors and screens keep your fire safely contained while being a beautiful element of your fireplace's design. Whether custom made or store bought, these works of art come in endless styles, finishes and colors. [View more »](#)



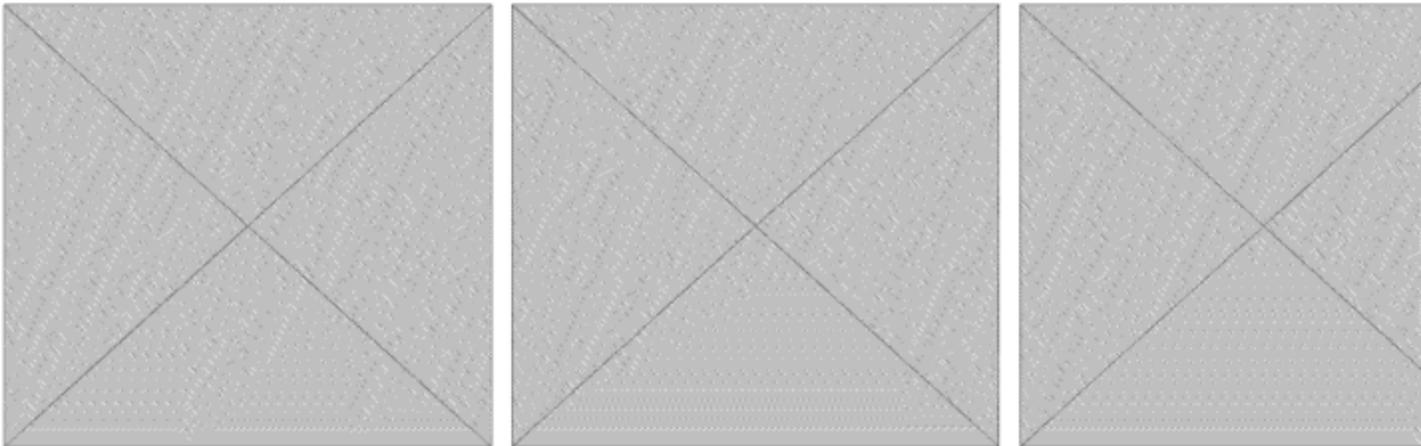
## Guest Picks: Cook Up a Modern Victorian Kitchen »

I'm working on the total renovation of a house built in 1895, and I'm in the process of making design decisions for interior rooms like the kitchen and bath. My goal is to create a space that is a nod to both the original Queen Anne architecture and modern design. [View more »](#)



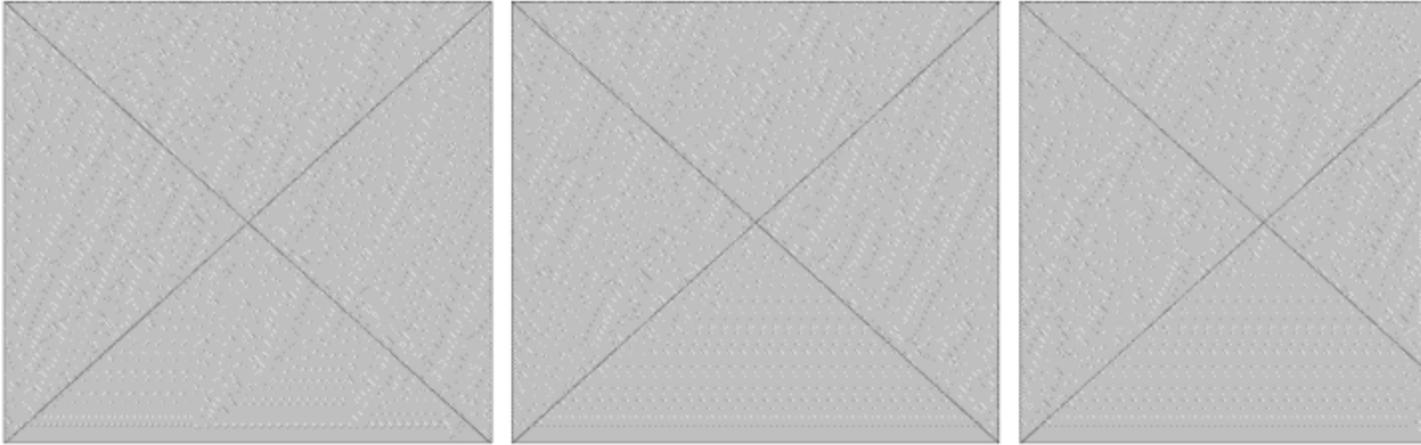
## 10 Modern Spaces With Global Flair »

I've admired global style for many years. Sometimes I see this look referred to as "well traveled" or "tribal," but those are quite right. You don't have to go to another country to enjoy the artifacts it exports. I think this look can be... more »



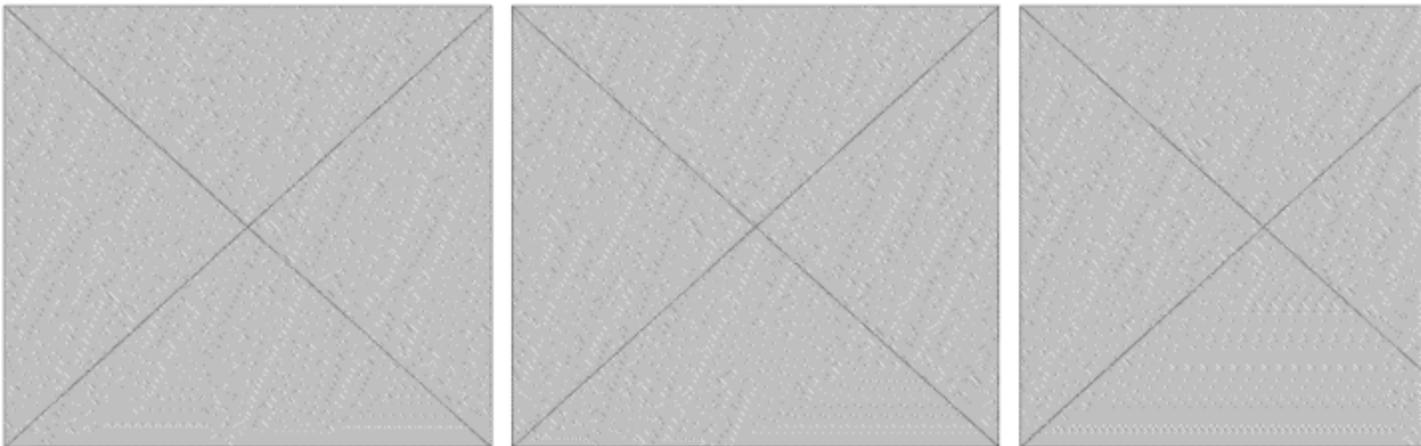
## Great Design Plant: Rocky Mountain Bristlecone Pine »

Rocky Mountain bristlecone pine, *Pinus aristata*, is a slow-growing evergreen tree from the windswept ridges of the southern Rocky Mountains. It's native to Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico, and specimens up to 2,500 years old have been documented.... more »



## Guest Picks: Pay Decorating Homage to Temple Jars »

Every decorator and designer loves to use the temple jar as an accessory. What exactly is a temple jar? Simply, it is a ginger jar–style vase with a lid on it. Some say the cover resembles a Chinese general's hat from the old days, and more »



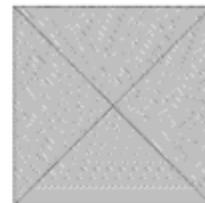
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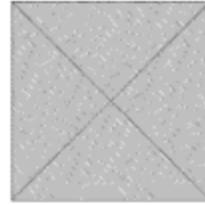
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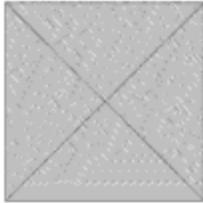
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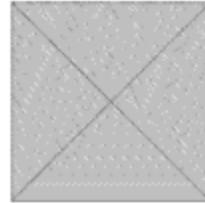


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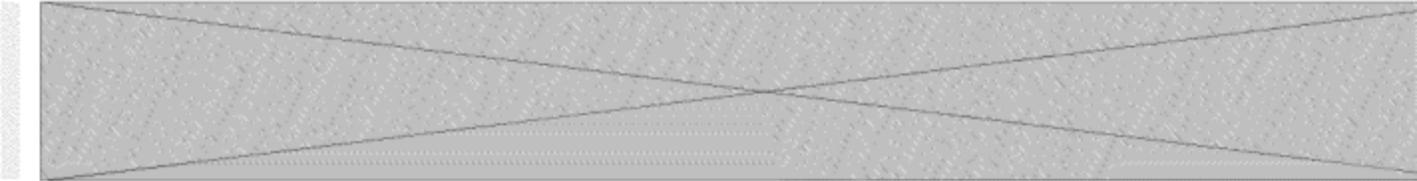
need help choosing wall color and flooring tile/ carpet colors - Would LOVE any input on this room. Ready to start... more »

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