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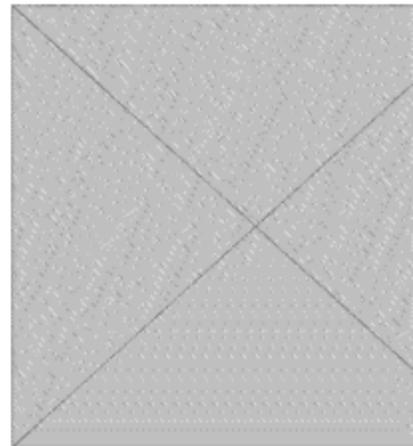
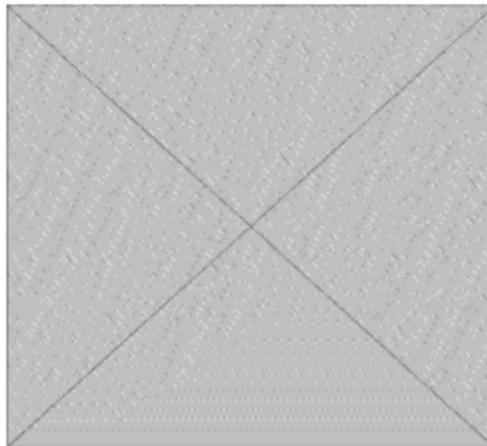
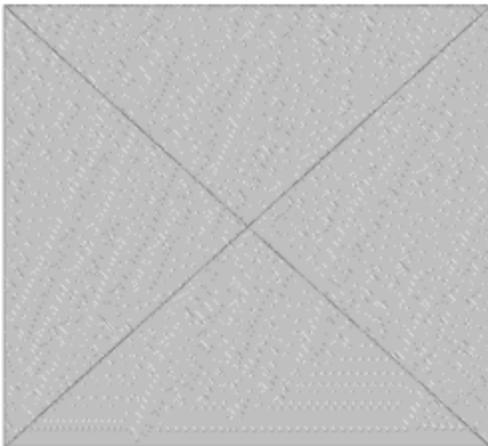
This week on Houzz



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## My Houzz: French Country Meets Southern Farmhouse Style in Georgia »

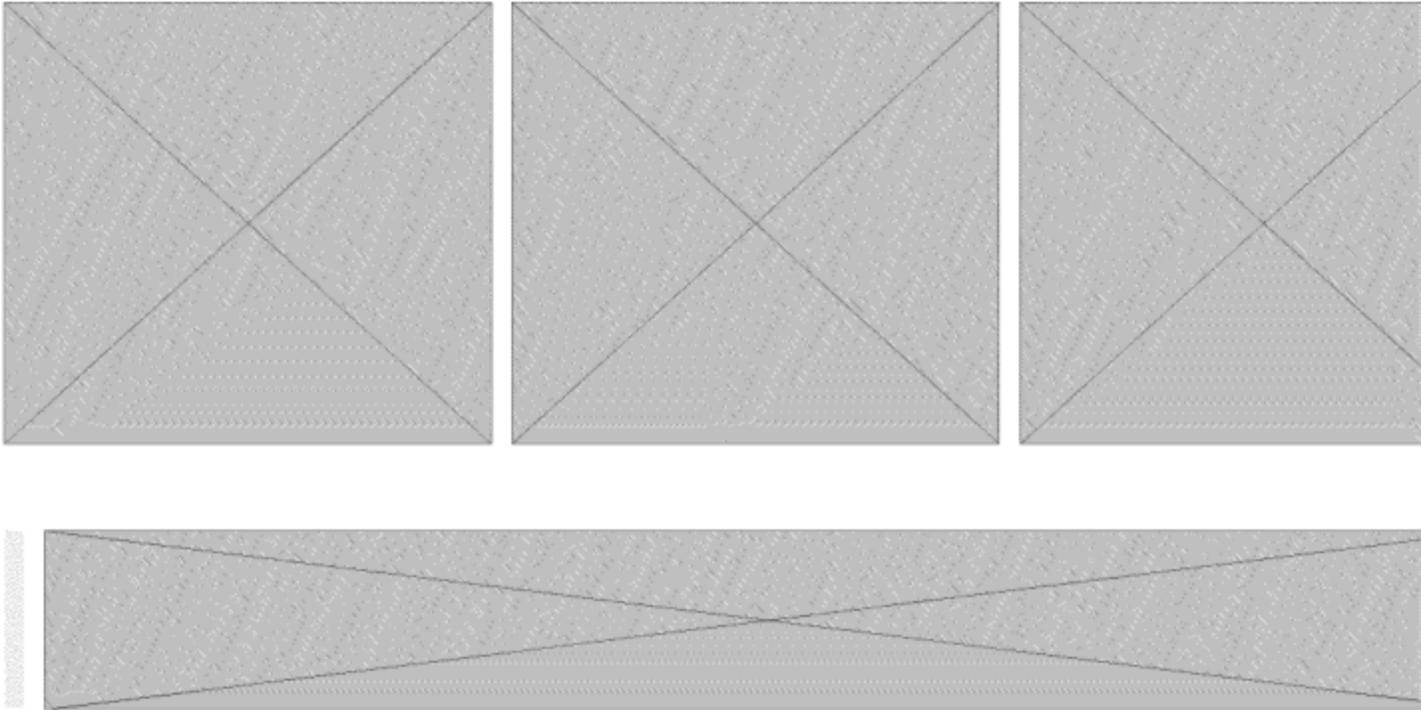
Seventeen years ago, Douglas and Kim Nichols sketched out the layout for their dream home on a sheet of paper. 5 months later that rough sketch became their charming traditional-style home just outside Atlanta. Fast forward to present day,... more »



## Try DIY Plywood Flooring for High Gloss, Low Cost »

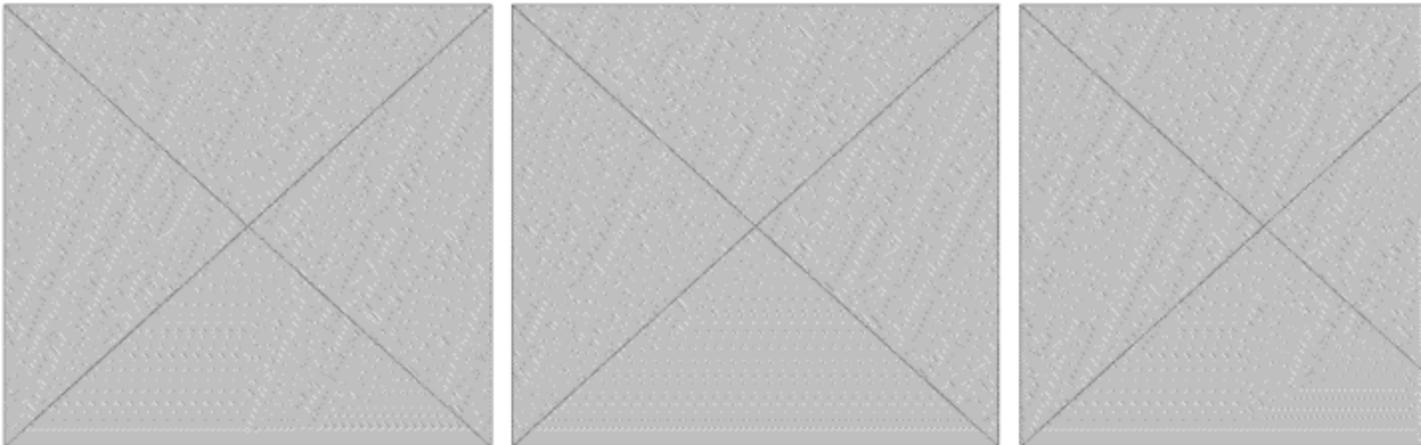
Plywood isn't something most people put on display. But Jen Dalley and Thomas Bath, both architects at Parallel Lines Studio, felt differently when they saw it on the floor of a Hawaiian beach shop. Instantly falling in love with its warm

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## Houzz Tour: Modern 'Pods' Offer a Log Cabin Compromise »

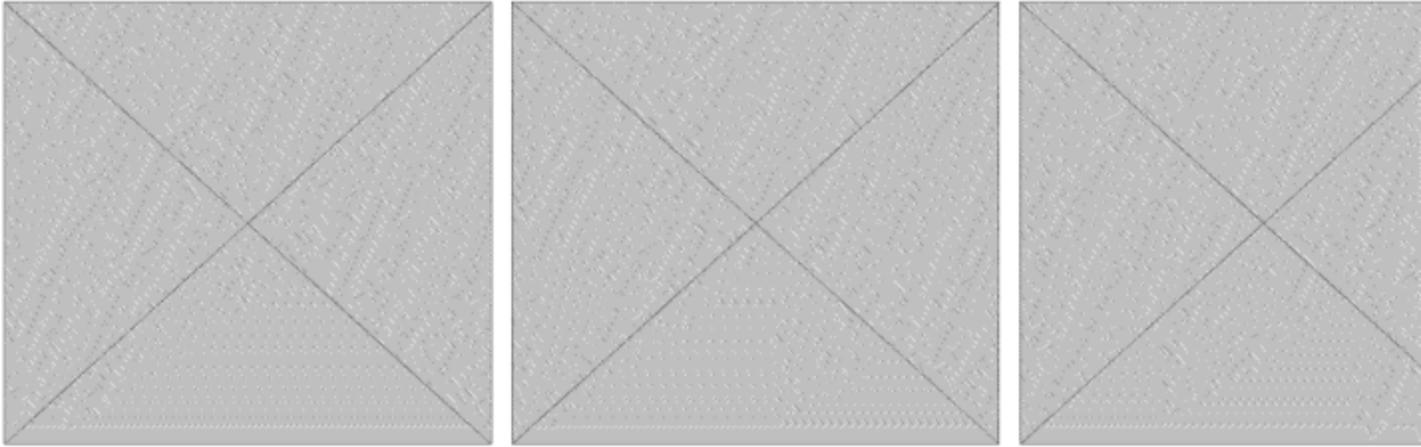
A millennium-old conundrum for families — and extended families — is that while of course everyone loves one another and wants to spend time together, sometimes people just need their space. That was the case when a Spokane, Washington,... more »



## Control Kid Stuff the Sane Way — Artwork-Managing Strategies

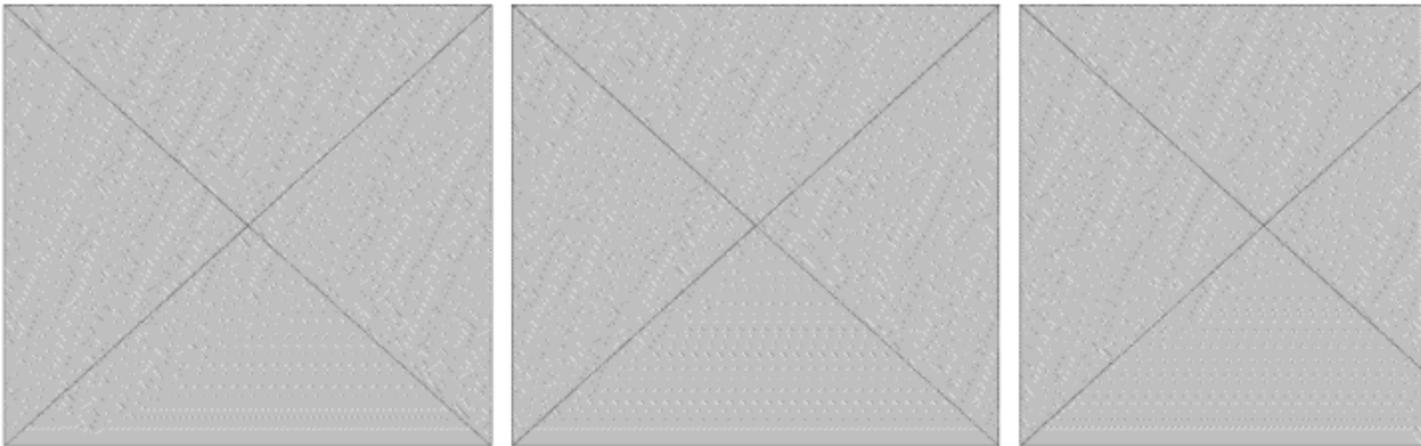
Kids don't actually require a lot of stuff. Love, food, shelter, clothes — their needs are actually quite basic if you think

it. Then along come the crayons, and suddenly we are faced with an endless amount of preciousness we can never more »



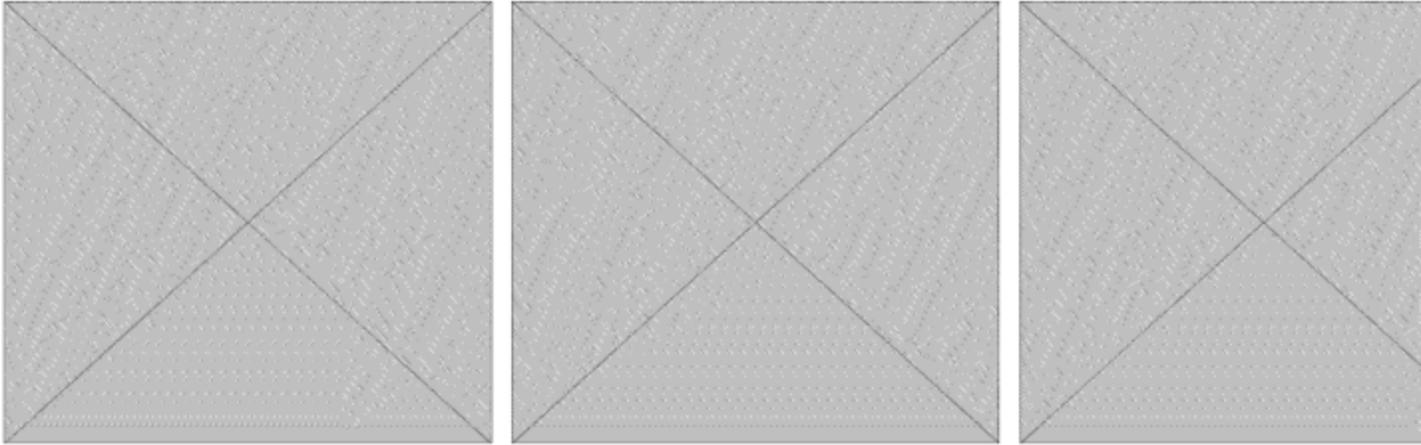
## Kitchen of the Week: Practical, Budget-Friendly Beauty in Dallas

After five years of living with her 1952 ranch's kitchen, Deb Young decided she was done with the dingy and dilapidated material palette. Sticking with the kitchen's original layout and deciding on all the materials ahead of time helped her more »



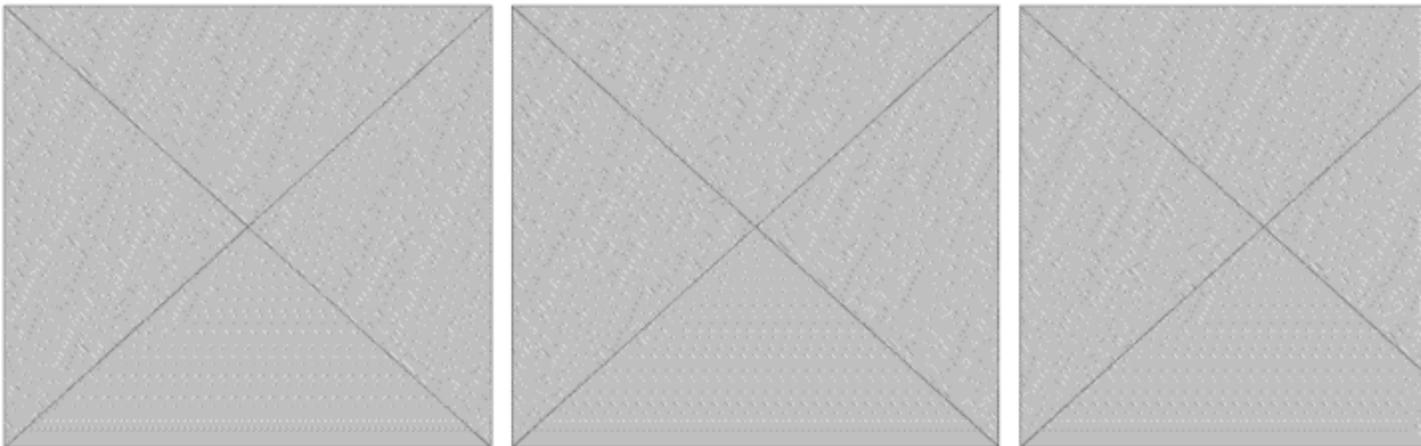
## 9 Places for the TV We Haven't Seen — Yet »

The world today is a very media- and television-centered place, yet there are a few nooks and crannies in the house where television is still not being viewed. To remedy this situation, we present 9 more TV watching possibilities. Tell us: How more »



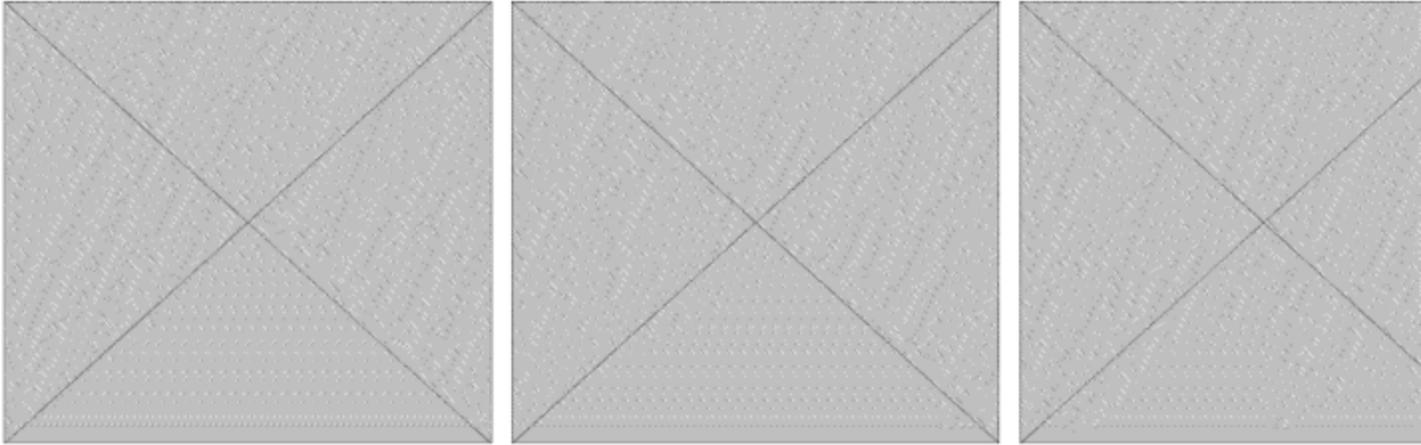
## **A Minnesota Pavilion Gets Cooking, South American Style »**

Instead of letting an unused play structure decay in their backyard, this Minnesota couple made the most of its ideal location. Architect Marcelo Valdes recycled the playground and used the spot for a new indoor-outdoor retreat with a more »



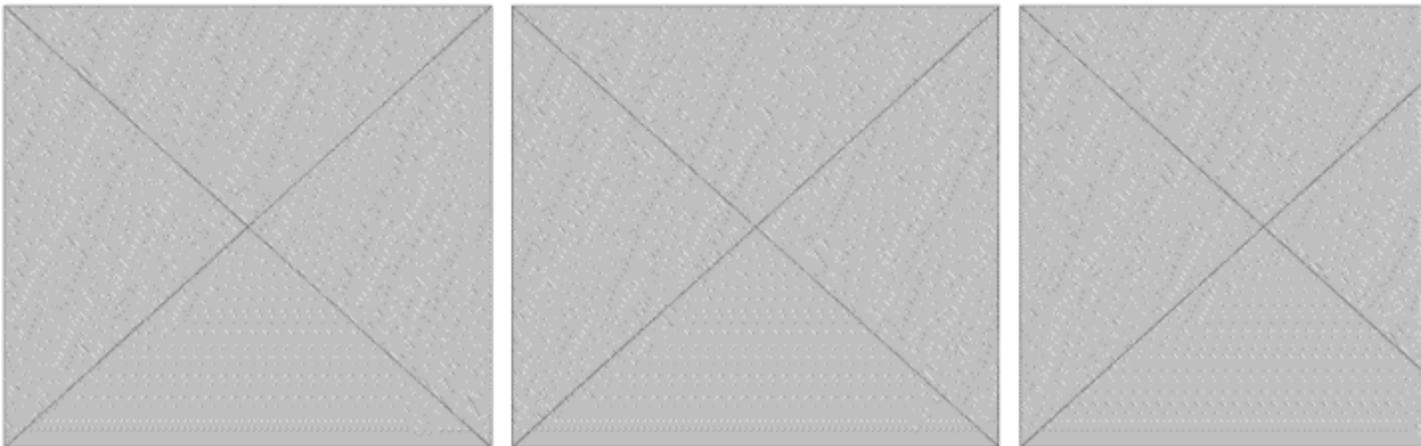
## **My Houzz: Warm Walnut Rules in an Open-Concept Canadian Home »**

Sometimes a dream home starts with an empty lot. But for Michael and Susan Drover, their empty lot simply led them to find a nearby house that they would reimagine as a modern, open-concept space. The couple ditched their new-construction plans,... more »



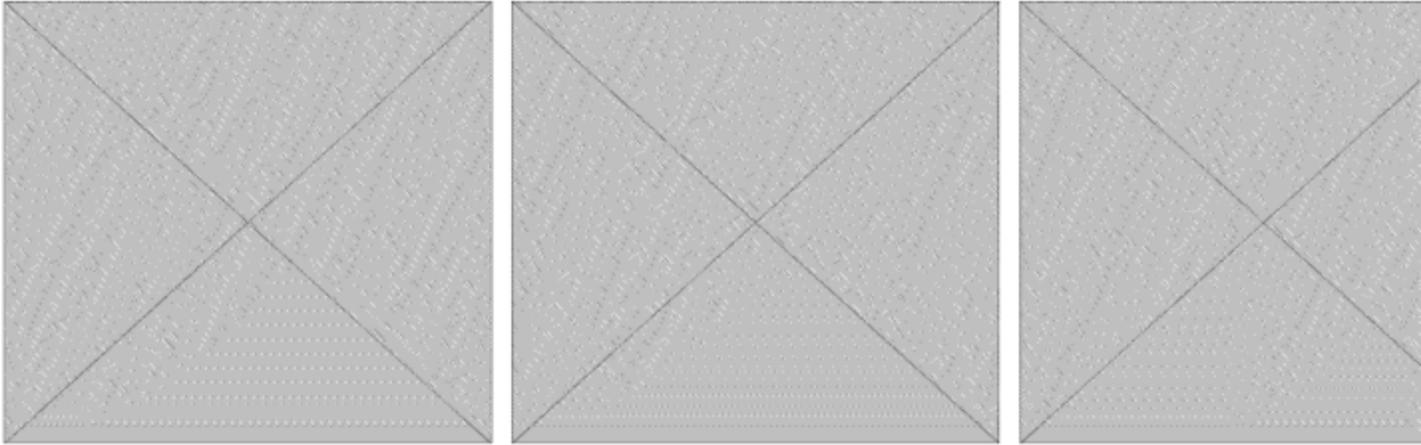
## Think Like an Architect: How to Work With a Design Wish List

Few things are more exciting than starting a new project — especially a home project. But with all that new energy comes the responsibility of making decisions that can affect your home and your family for years, even decades. What is the next step? [Read more »](#)



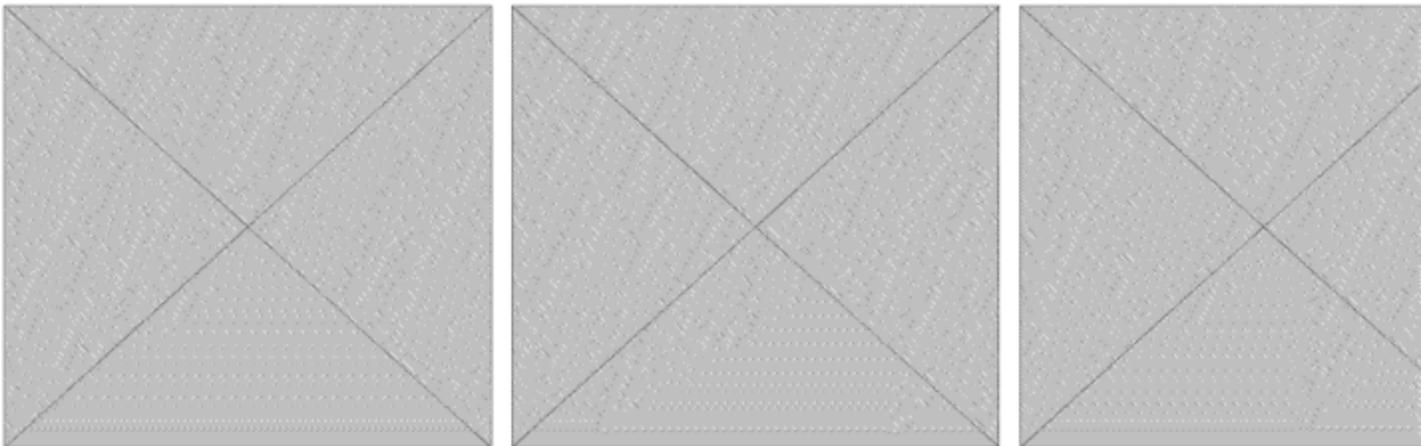
## Revel in Retro With Vintage and New Kitchen Appliances »

For a charming kitchen, the curves and happy color palette of vintage and retro appliances beat stainless steel every time. But where do you find these appliances? And what about restoring vintage stoves and refrigerators? Is the cost worth it? [Read more »](#)



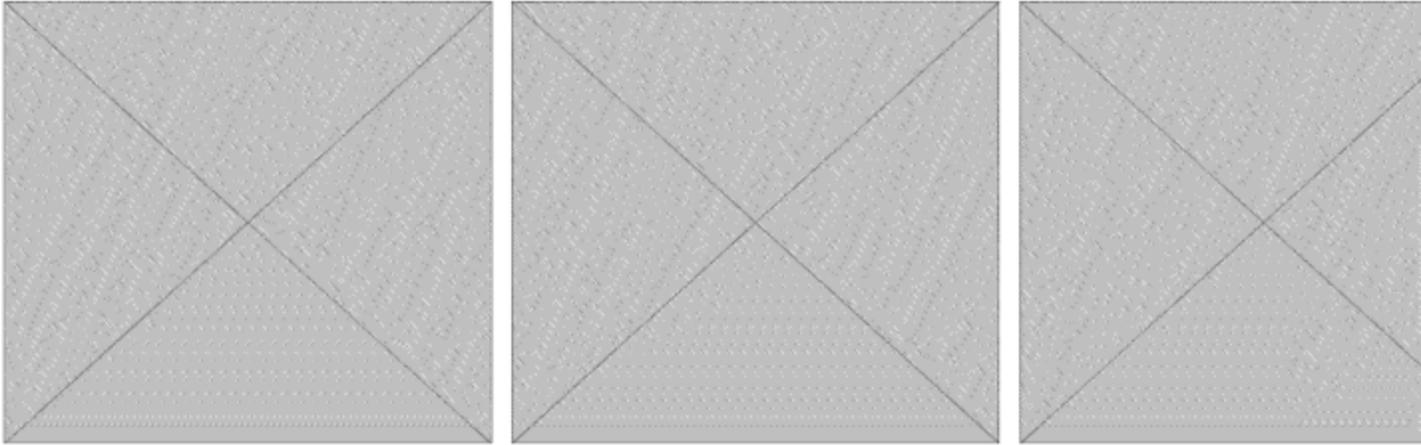
## 13 Strategies for Making a Large Room Feel Comfortable »

It's easy to pine for a larger space when you are living in a teensy one, but big rooms present some of their own challenges and that is what we will be tackling today. Whether you live in a loft, have a living room with extremely high ceilings or more »



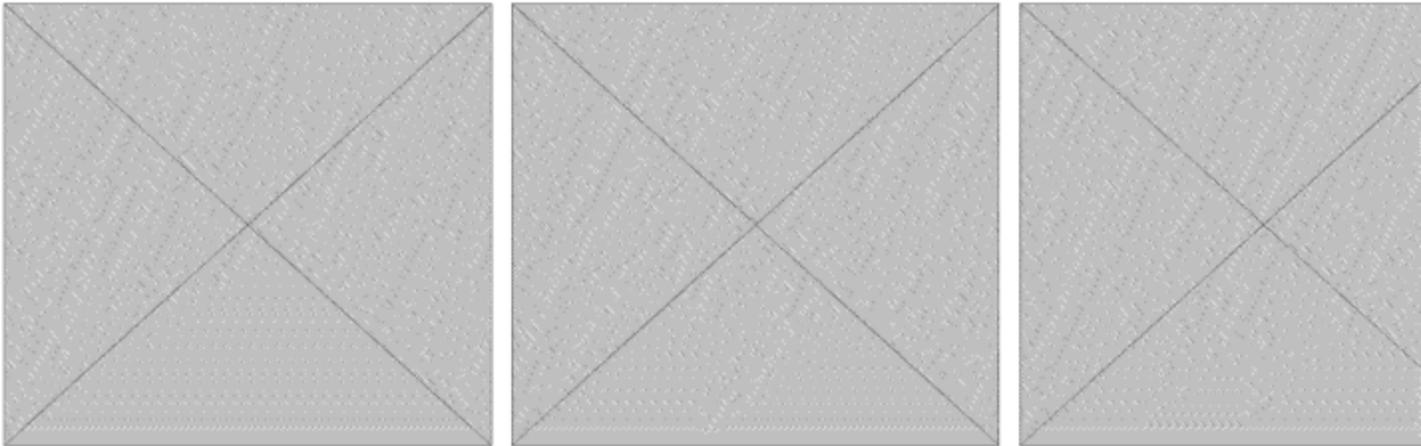
## Climate Control: Work With Nature's Elements for the Best Outdoor Space »

Understanding your climate is key when you're adding to your home's outdoor spaces. Whether you're thinking about a simple deck or an expansive outdoor kitchen, knowing your climate's particulars will greatly improve the outcome. Here are some... more »



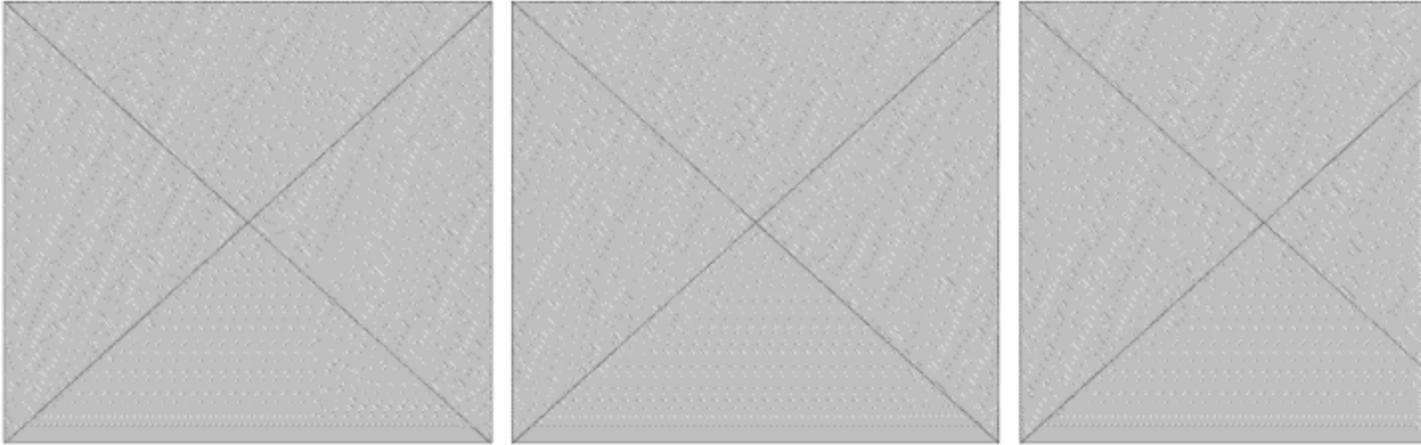
## My Houzz: Ample French Country Style Belies a Strict Budget in Dallas »

Kathryn Janes loves to hunt for fabulous vintage treasures for her house, and she has a very strict system that keeps her decorating habit on budget. Every year she makes a pilgrimage to the Round Top Antiques Fair in Smithville, Texas. [Weeks... more »](#)



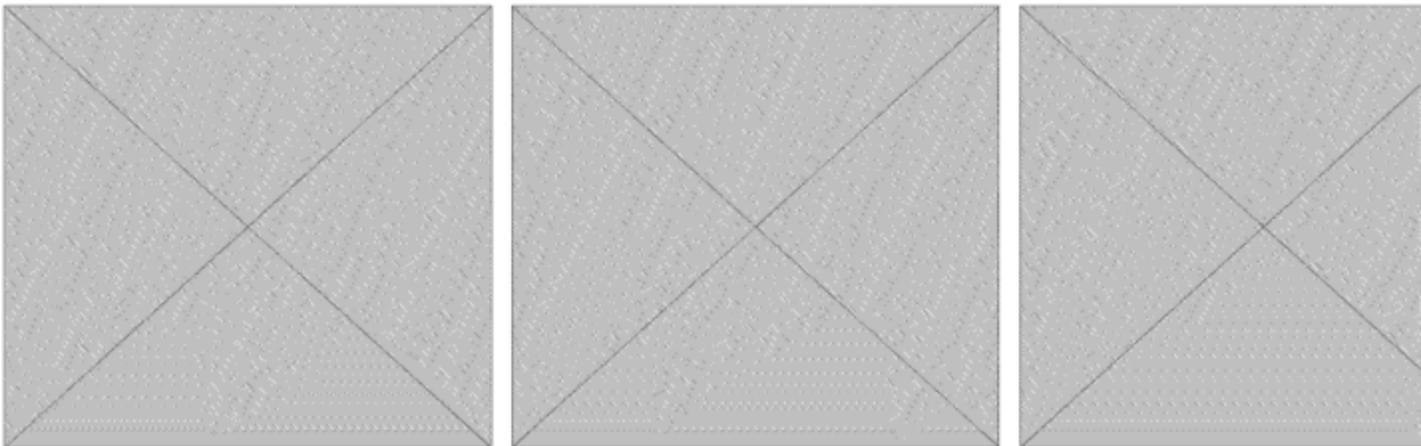
## Small Wonders: Get More of Everything With a Bay Window »

Sure, the United States is a country that's big on scale and large gestures. But I have to say that I love small moves that make a big difference. Sometimes it's as simple as changing a color. Sometimes it's adding a strategically placed...



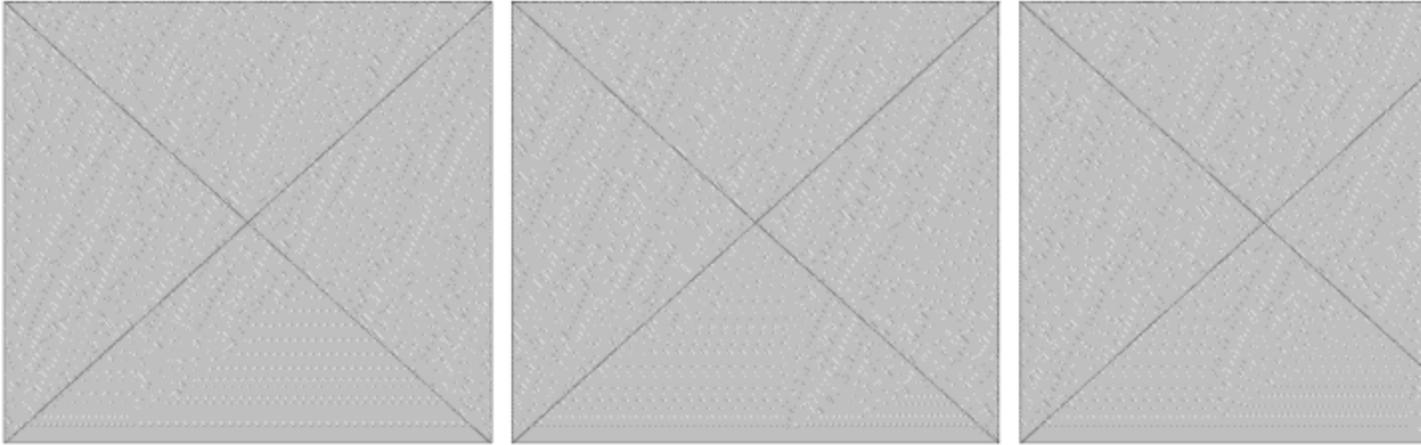
## **Tuscan Travels Inspire a Granite Outdoor Kitchen in Maine »**

If there's one thing midcoast Maine and Tuscany have in common, it's rugged beauty. In Tuscany ruggedness comes from fieldstone villas, weathered timbers and aged bricks; in Maine it comes from the forests, sublime coastline and jagged granite... more »



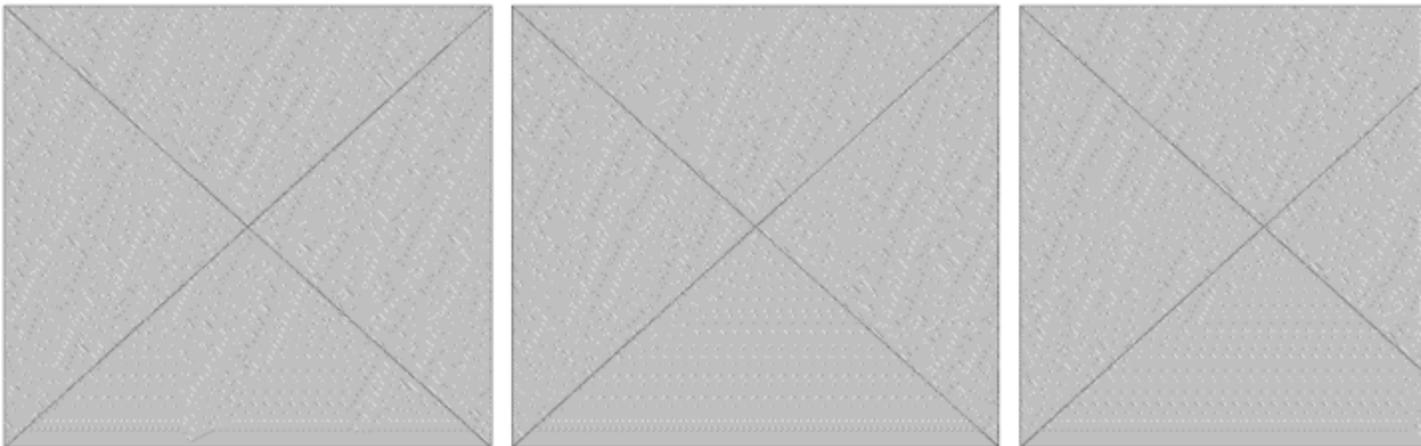
## **Create Enviably Interiors With Green Design Schemes »**

Sage green, forest green, lime green, jade green and more — with thousands of shades of this wonderful color, it's no surprise that green comes just after blue as a favorite color. Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, says more »



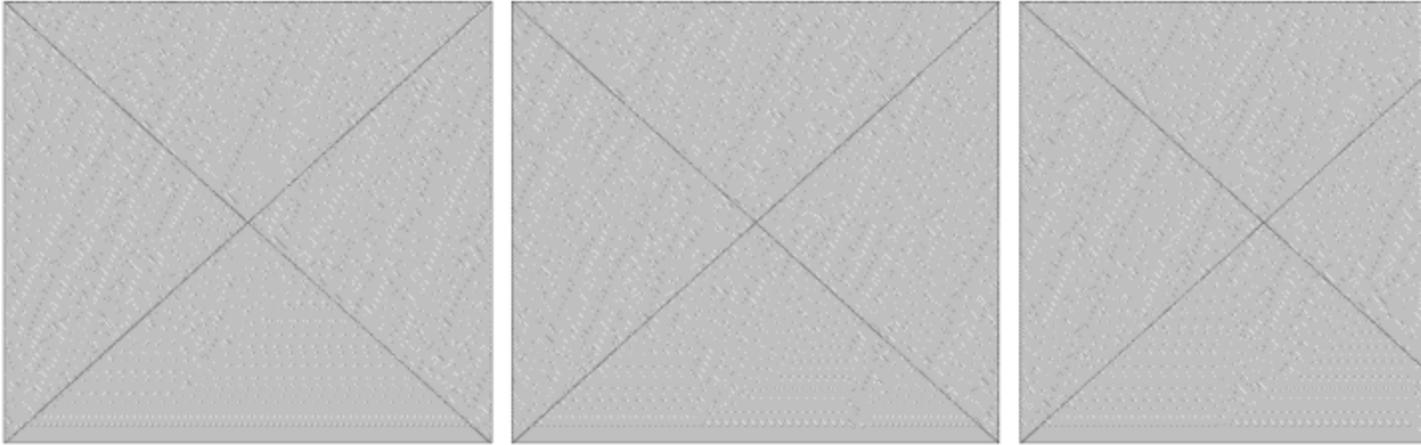
## 10 Broad-Stroke Ideas for Choosing and Displaying Art »

Art can pull a room together, although the right ways to display it can seem elusive. We hope the art we display does feel like an accessory to the furniture. We want it to reflect a sense of our tastes and deeper selves. And so searching more »



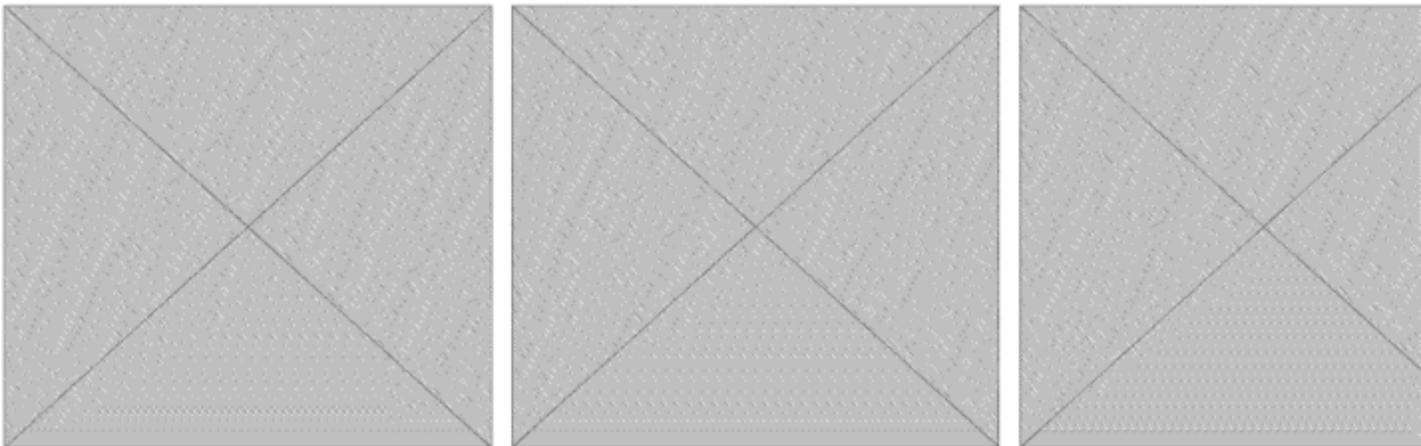
## Great Design Plant: Dahlias »

You have to love a flower that's a master of disguise. Dahlias are tricky that way — if you want a flashy bloomer that look just like a cactus blossom, a waterlily, a peony or an orchid, then dahlias are your thing. With their incredible...



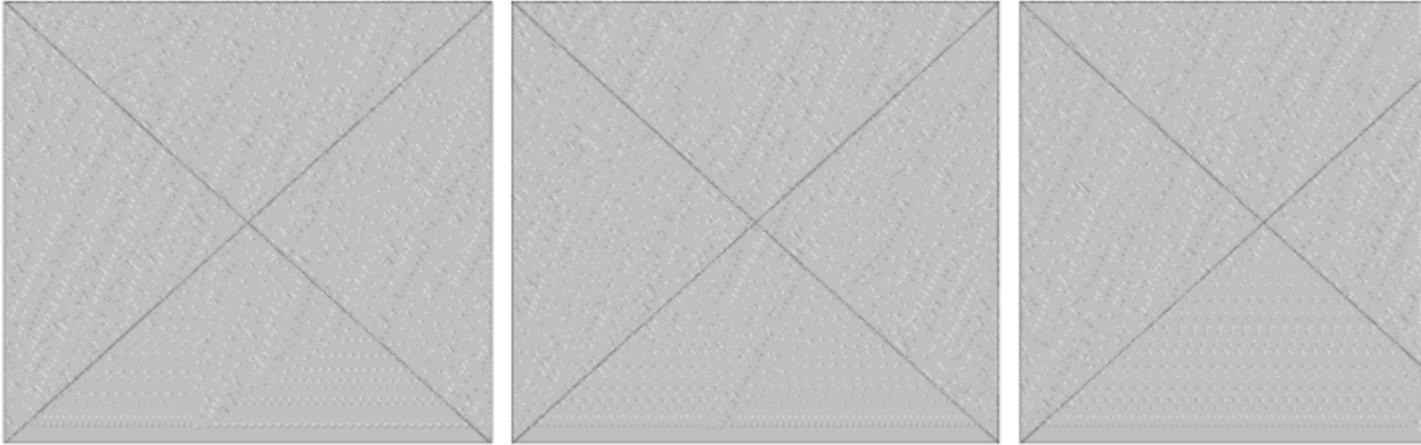
## Houzz Tour: Superclean Modern Suits a Canadian Bachelor »

Somewhere around the framing stage of construction on this house in Toronto, communication between the homeowner and his architect broke down, so the owner called in interior designer Shirley Meisels, someone he knew who already understood the... more »



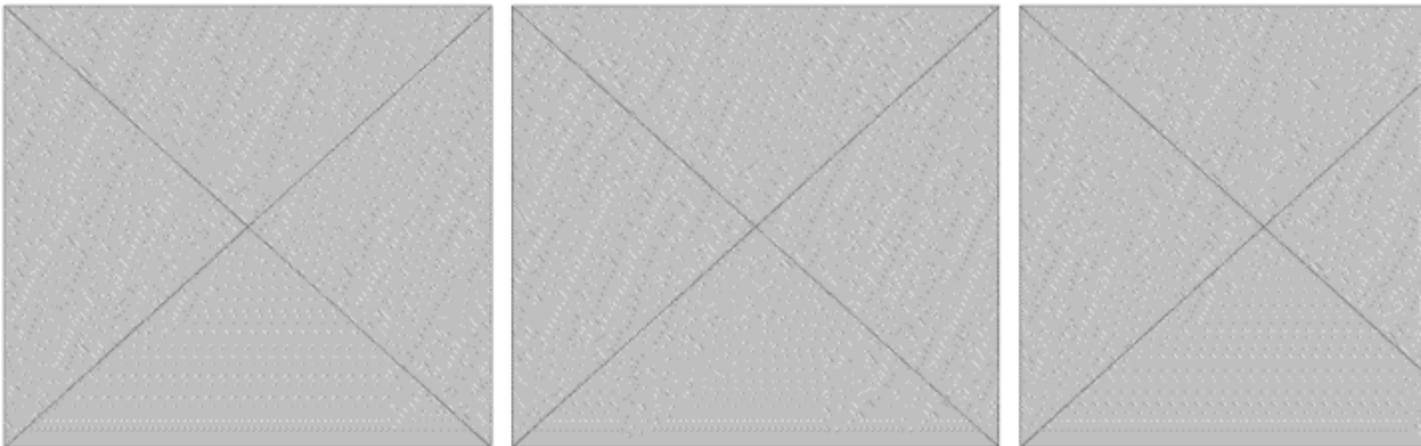
## Universal Lighting Design Strategies for 4 Key Home Areas »

Lighting can create drama by accentuating dark areas and creating bright focal points, but as we age, we require more uniform and balanced lighting levels. All rooms — and ages — can benefit from this simple lighting approach: up, down, and... more »



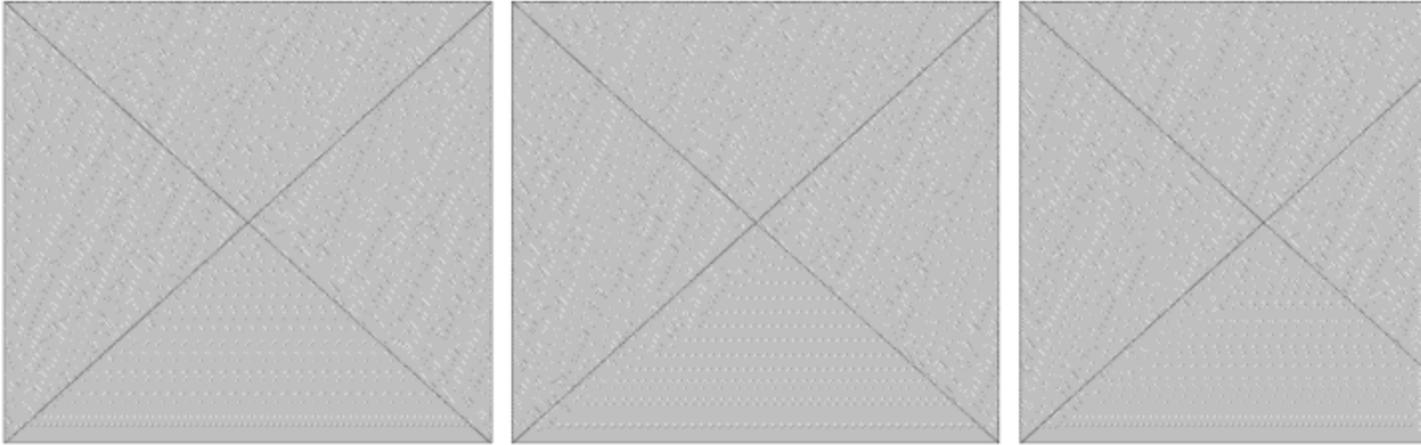
## Guest Picks: Crisply Modern Pastels for All Over the Home »

Spring is on its way, and its arrival is heralded by the delicate pastel hues appearing in fashion and interior design everywhere. Give your own space a breath of fresh air with these modern takes on pretty pastels, either as accents key... more »



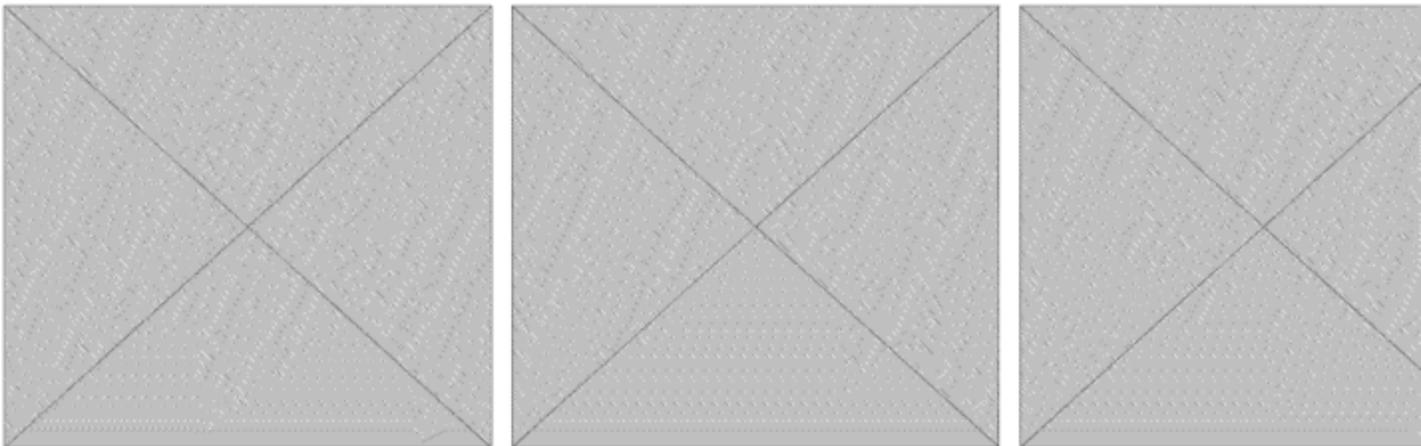
## Houzz Tour: Remodeling Brightens a Row House in Washington D.C. »

This Washington, D.C., family was ready for a simpler life when they found this historic row house on Capitol Hill — size but about half the square footage of their previous home. While less space was expected (and desired), the ho... more »



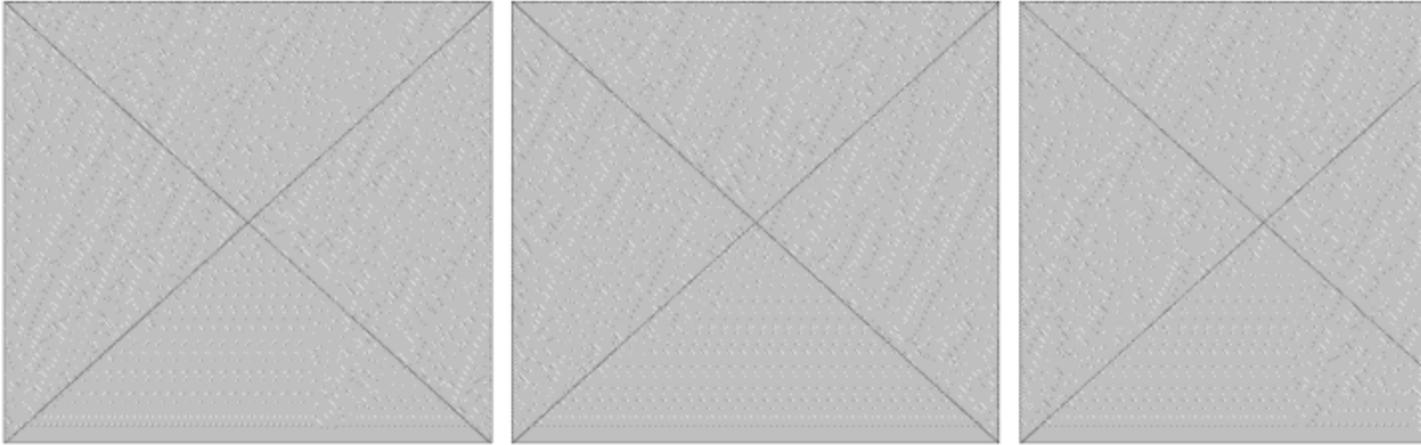
## Get the High Style of Ebony Minus the High Price »

Sought-after since ancient times, ebony is a dark brown to jet-black wood grown in tropical Asia and Africa. Due to its dense nature and scarcity, ebony has been used predominantly as a veneer by furniture makers or carved into small decorative objects.... [more »](#)



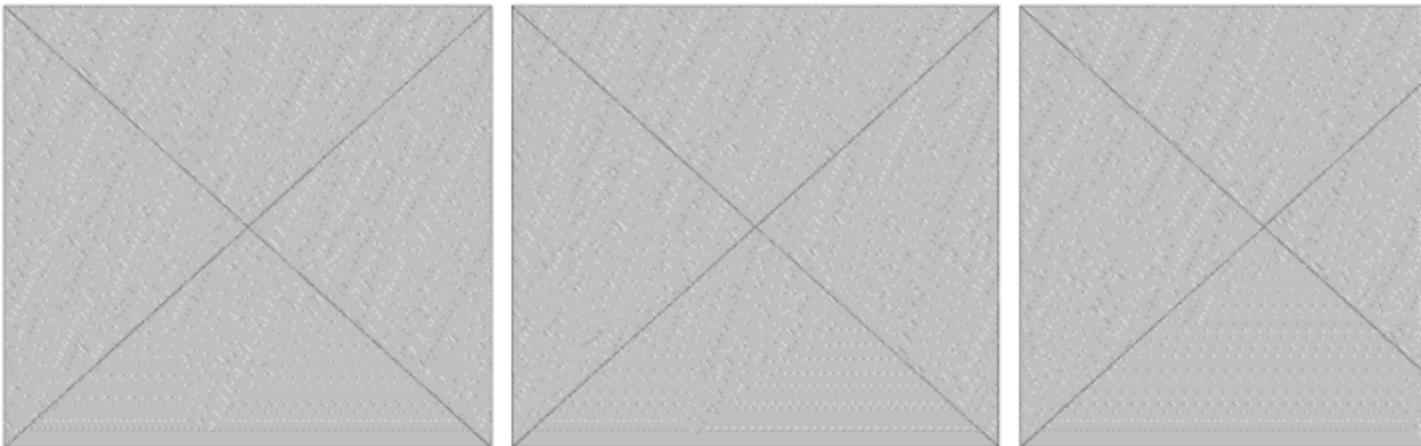
## Guest Picks: 20 Delightfully Inventive Wall Hooks and Coat Racks

During these wet and snowy months of the year, I find that I can never have enough wall hooks and coat racks. When hanging up winter coats or wet hats and mittens, a wall full of handy hooks is ideal. Of course, they make sense throughout the year.... [more »](#)



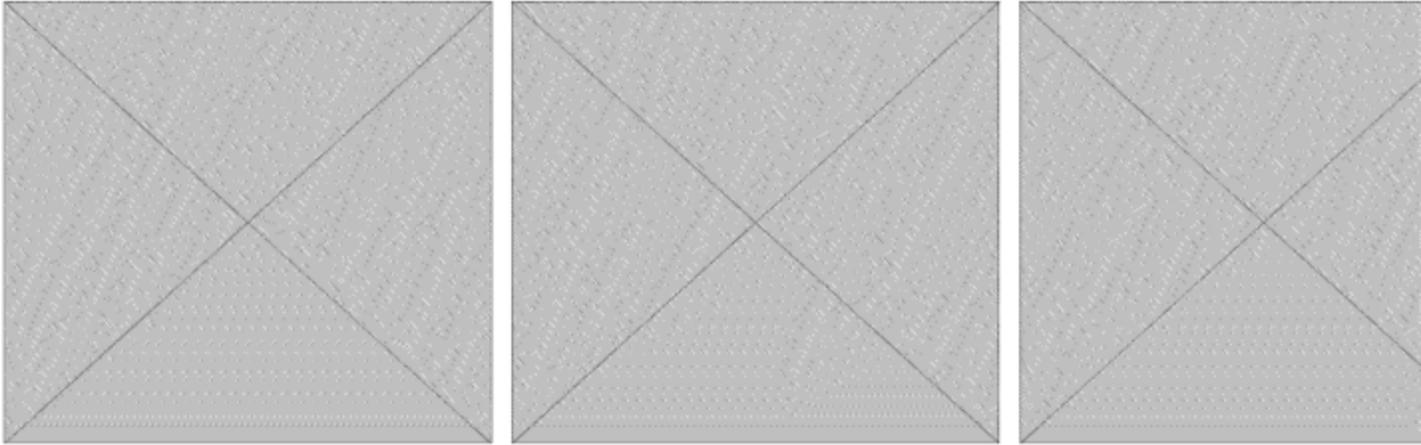
## Reinvent It: Penny for Your Thoughts on This Antiqued Table?

Homeowner Debbie Murray loves to decorate and always keeps her eye out for clever ideas. "I had noticed creative on the Internet using pennies on floors and backsplashes, and I wanted something done in pennies," she says. "I sa my... more »



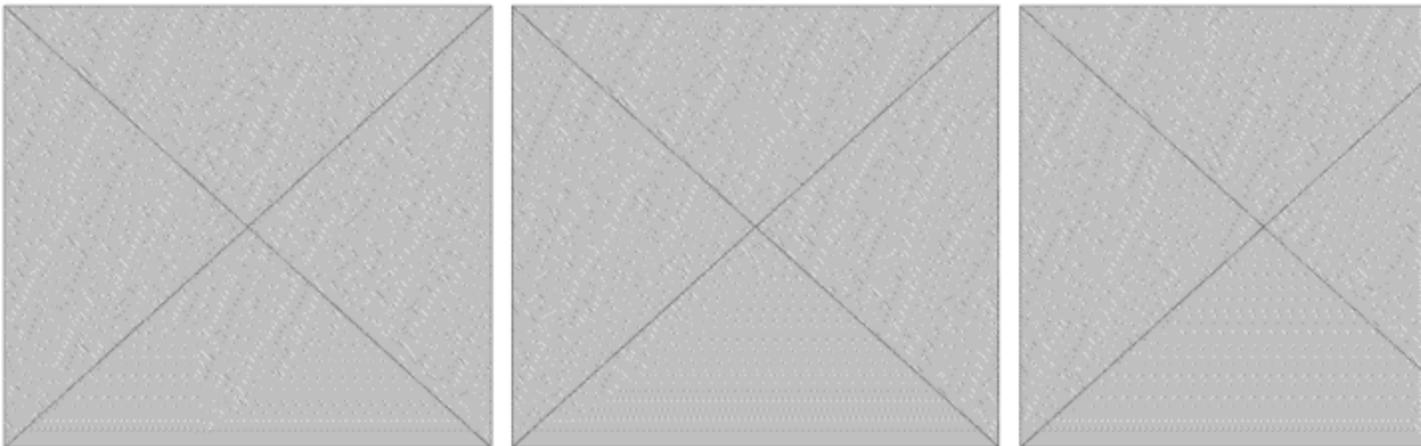
## Guest Picks: Get in Touch With Textured-Effect Wallpapers »

Textured wallpapers are right on trend at the moment, and they offer a brilliant way of transforming a wall in your ho Whether you crave a natural stone effect, wish you had wooden paneling, want ornate metal effects or desire walls more »



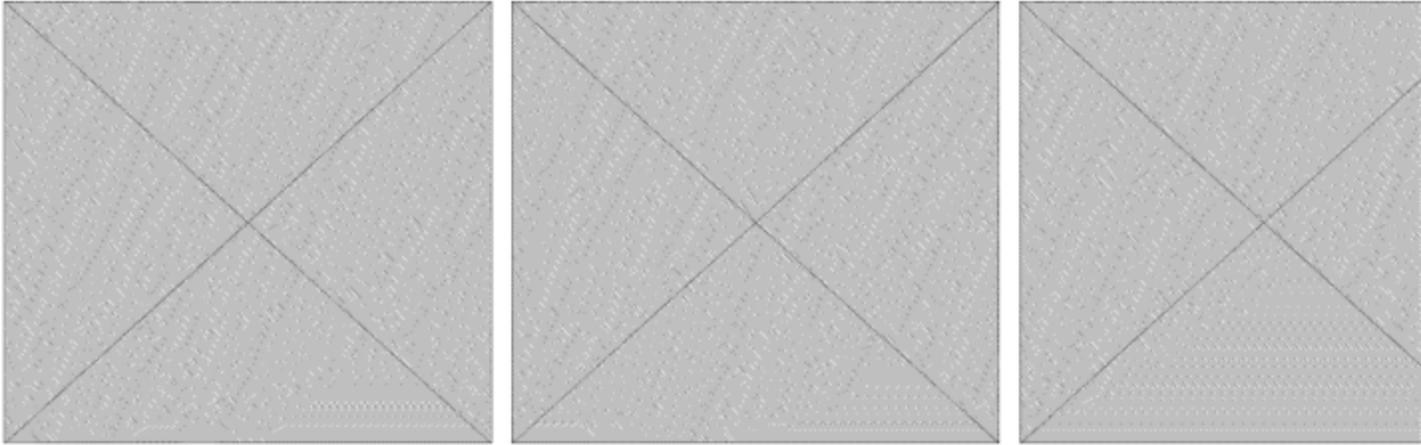
## 7 Furniture Legs Worth Showing Off »

Looking at the legs and feet on furniture can be a big help when you're shopping. Whether you are interested in antique or contemporary pieces that use elements of the past, knowing a little about their design history may give you some extra inspiration. [more »](#)



## Guest Picks: Create a Bedroom for Sweet Dreams »

I am currently in the midst of decorating my bedroom, and all of these items are inspiring me to lean toward a nice, neutral backdrop. Then I'll infuse the space with curvaceous feminine lines and masculine gray colors. The beauty of ruffles and textures is a must. [more »](#)

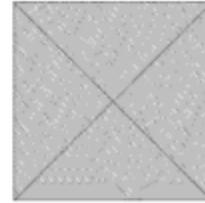


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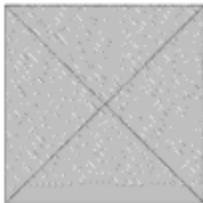
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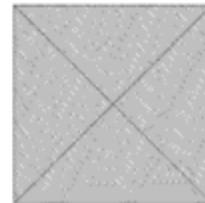
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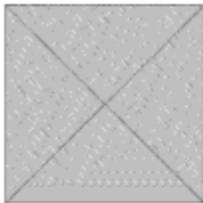
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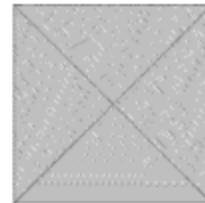
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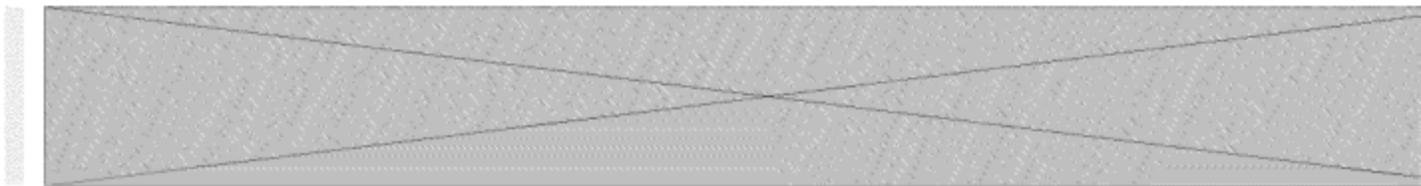
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