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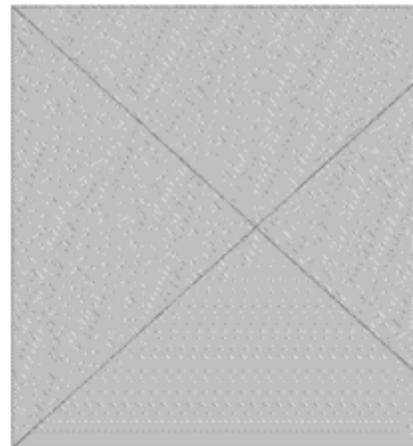
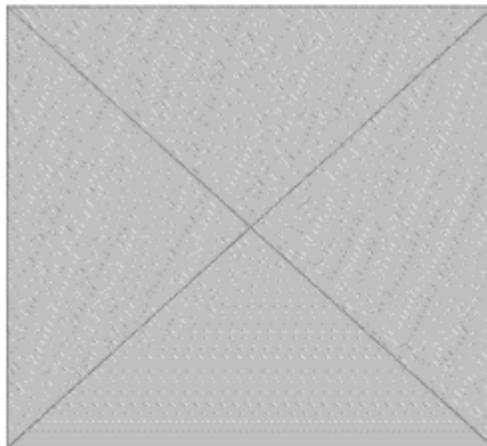
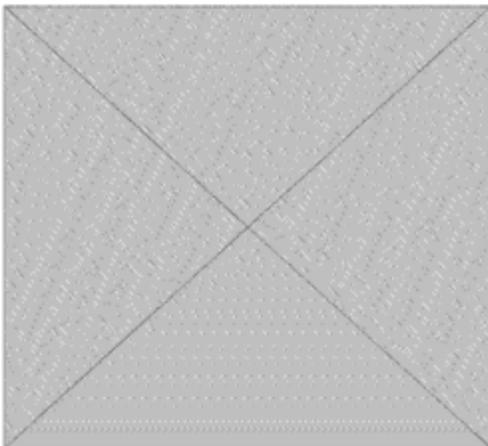


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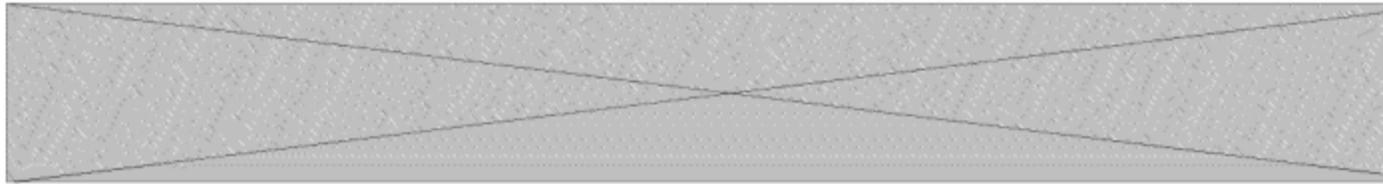
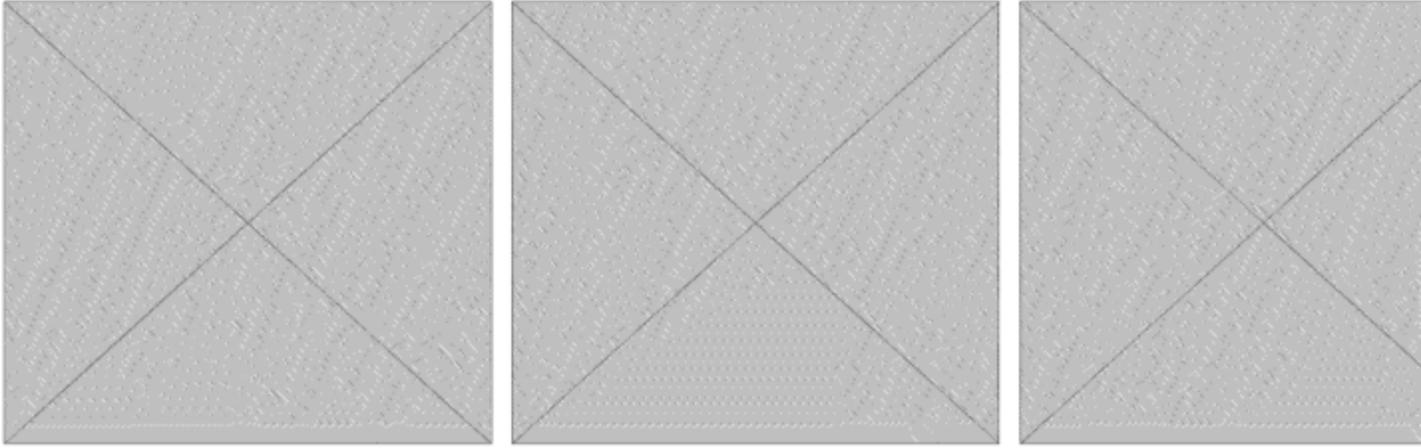
On Show: The Ingenuity of Ancient Architecture »

I was a magazine travel editor in a previous life, and one of my favorite places to visit was the Caribbean. It wasn't a couple of years ago that I finally made a point of asking a local, "Why so many gabled roofs?"... more »



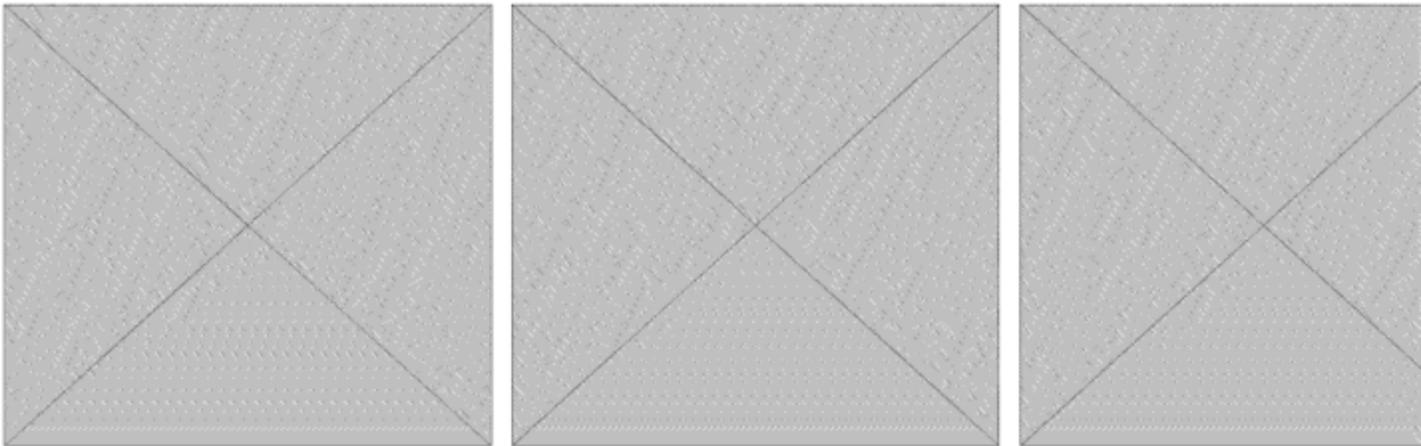
A Mom, a Garden and a Gift for the Neighbors »

I normally hope to inspire readers to try new things in the garden, but this before-and-after project comes with a story that I hope will encourage you to start a garden wherever you are in life, with or without home ownership.... more »



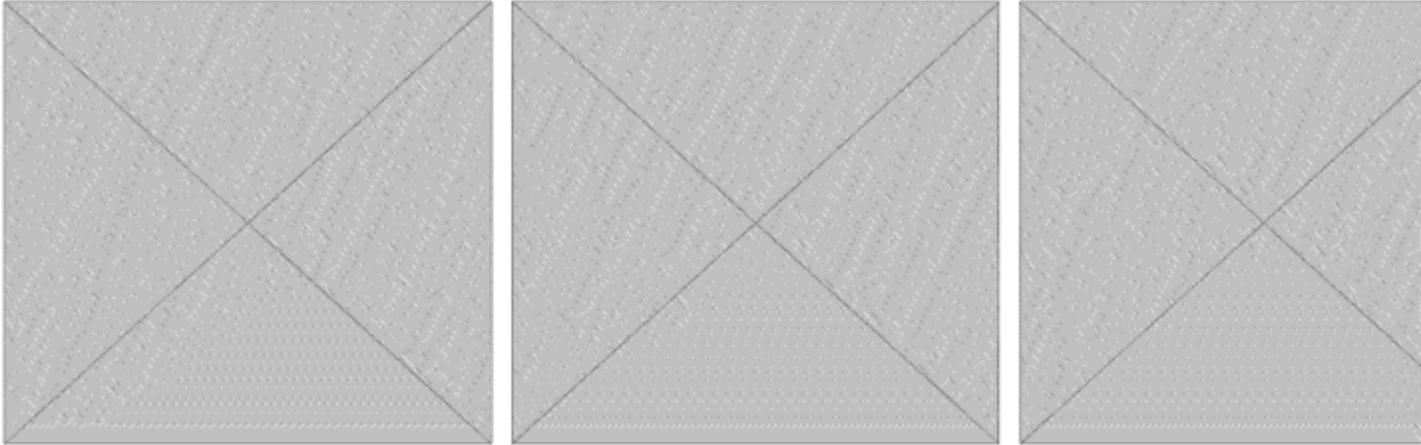
Houzz Tour: Respectful Updates for a Midcentury Atlanta Ranch »

In Atlanta's affluent Buckhead neighborhood, modest older homes are routinely razed and replaced with upscale McMansions. Which is precisely what the owners of this 1954 ranch didn't want. The couple, an attorney and a florist, more »



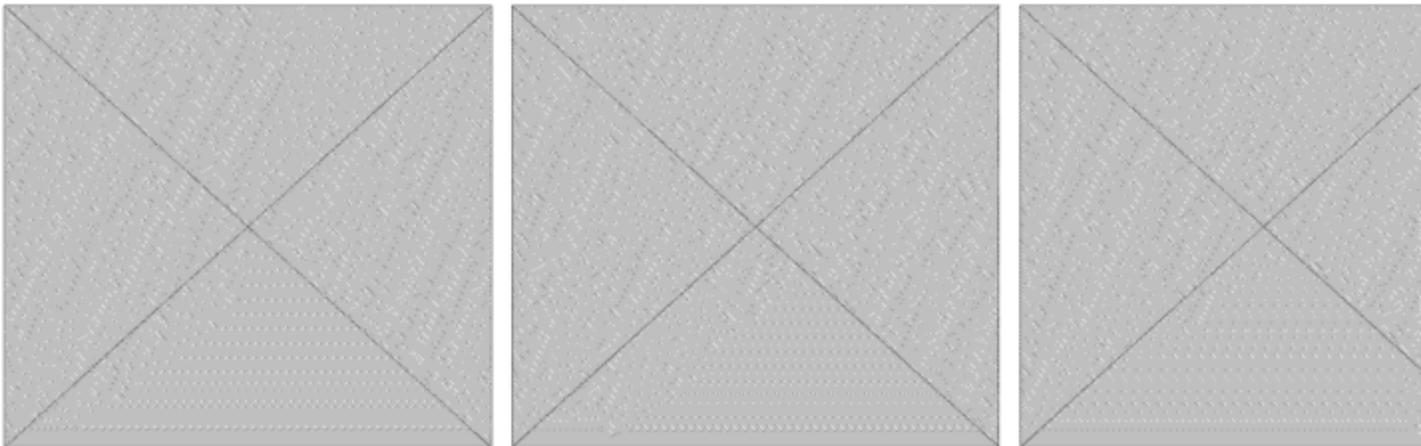
Heads-Up Hues: 10 Bold Ceiling Colors »

It's standard operating procedure to paint your walls a color while keeping the ceiling white. We've been told this makes a room feel larger and brighter. While there's no doubt a white ceiling will brighten a room, certain... more »



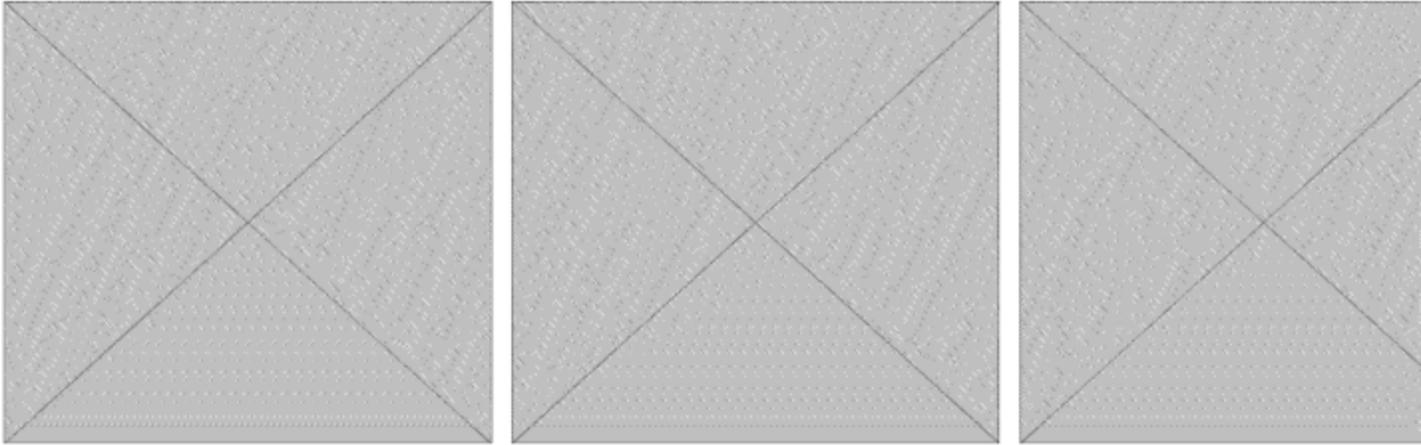
10 Materials for an Elegant, Harmonious Landscape »

Maybe you've invested a small fortune in garden design books or hired a designer for your garden, or you're a do-it-yourselfer who knows the landscape section of the local big-box store inside and out. Regardless, you know... more »



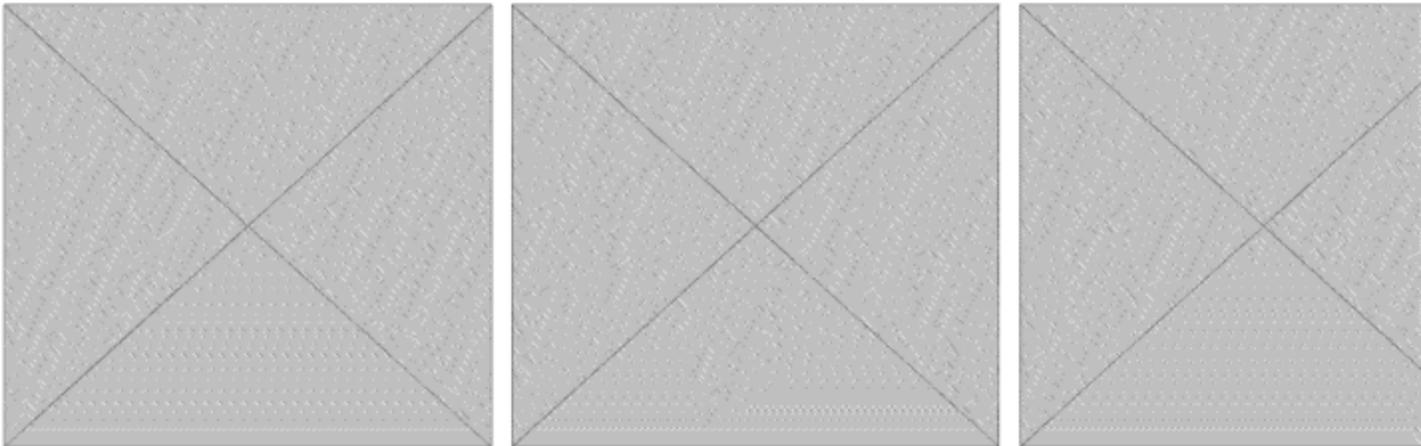
Architectural Sunscreens Take the Heat Off Homes »

Go ahead and say it out loud: brise-soleil (bree so-LAY). Sounds nice, doesn't it? Maybe you just received a little im- head nod from your coworker or a curious look from you cat. It rolls effortlessly off the tongue... more »



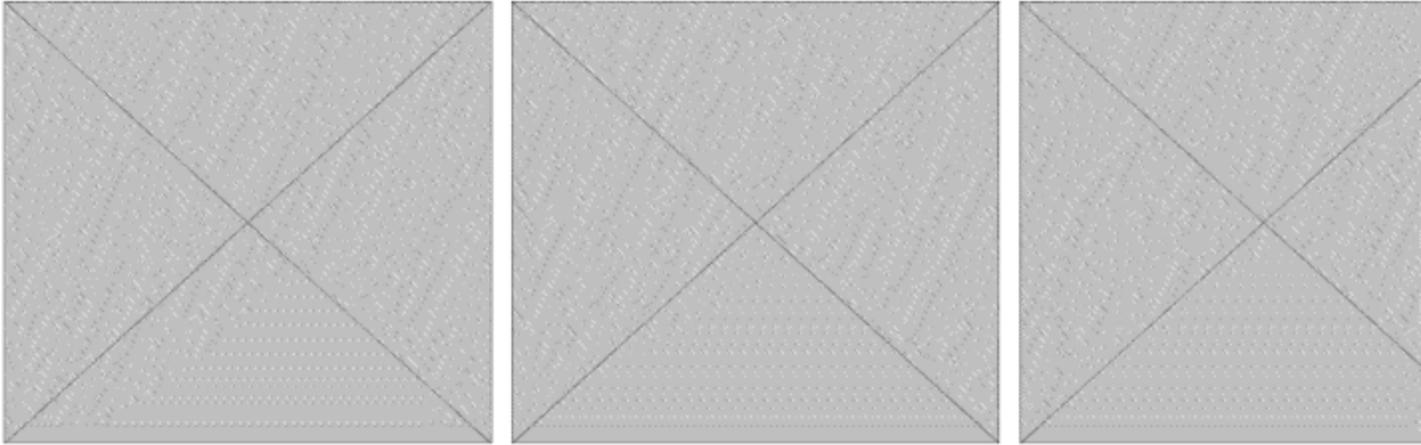
Divide and Conquer: How to Furnish a Long, Narrow Room »

If the only thing distinguishing your living room from a bowling alley is the lack of red lines and pins, then you know challenging it can be to decorate a long, narrow space. How do you fill the room without seating... [more »](#)



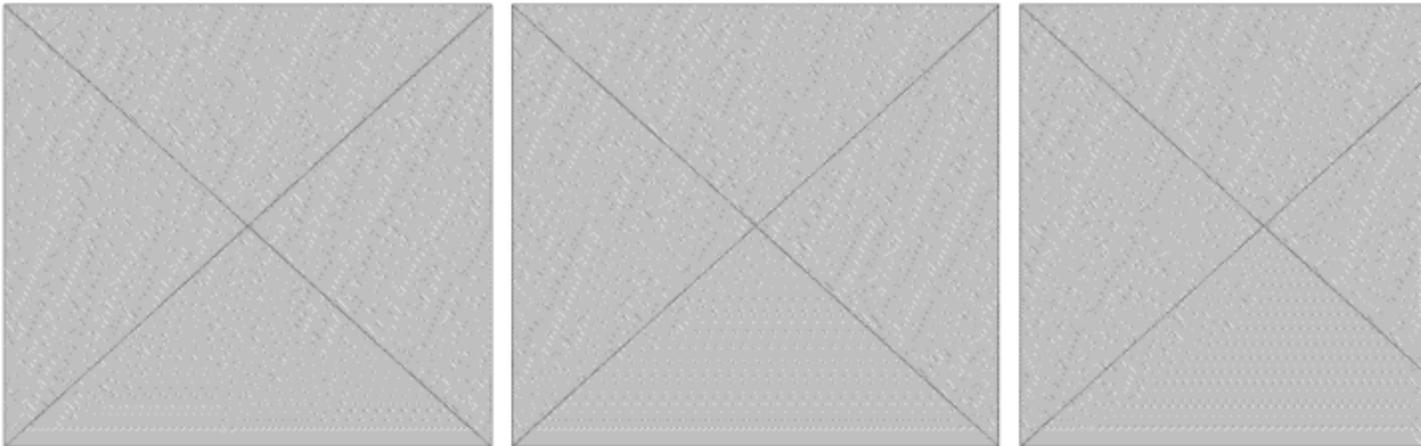
Kitchen of the Week: Salvage Meets High End in Vancouver »

A flood proved to be a blessing for Dave and Karen Hayley; water damage became an opportunity to give their compact galley kitchen more personality and space. The Hayleys designed their kitchen with the help of contractor... [more »](#)



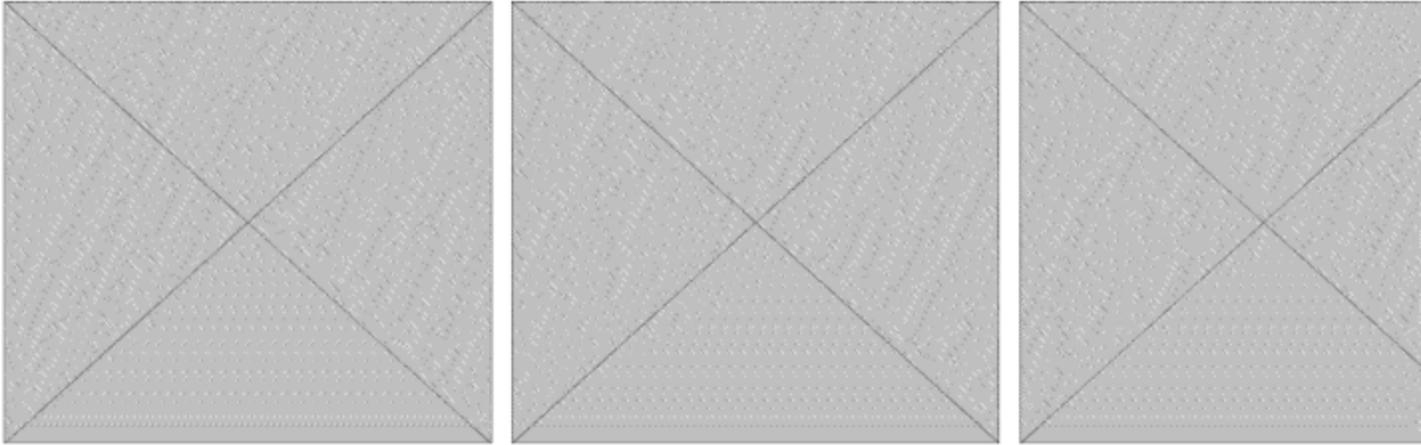
10 Ways to Cozy Up the House for Fall »

From the first crisp morning and the first leaves that change colors to the first night you need to put an extra blanket on the bed, signs of fall beckon us to spend more time indoors. Satisfy your urge to nest while sparing... [more »](#)



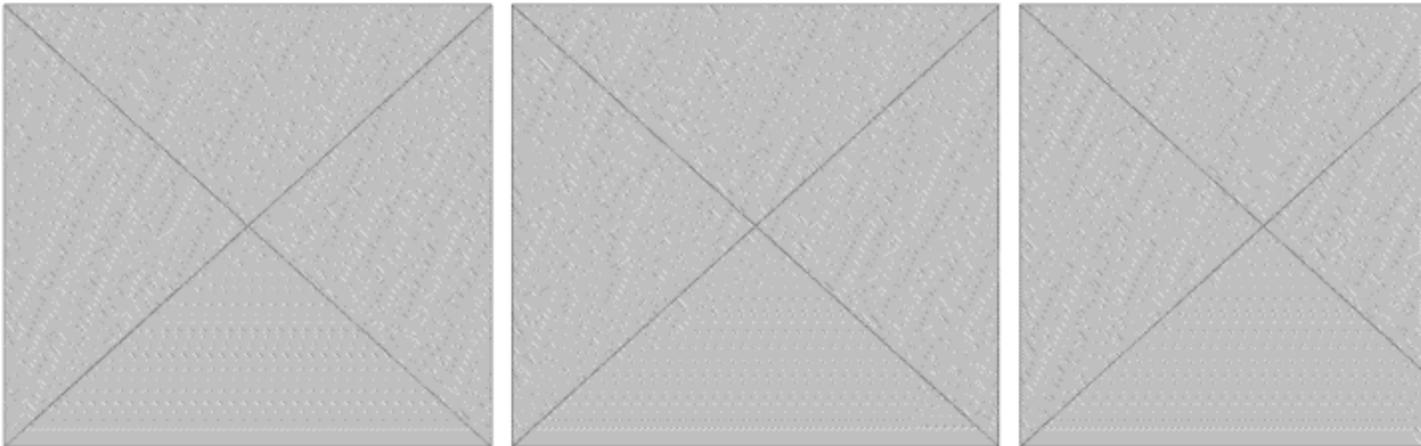
My Houzz: Wasting Not, Wanting Not in a New Portland House »

Shannon Quimby and Glenn Hoffinger tore down a dilapidated 1920s home in the Sellwood neighborhood of Portland, Oregon, with a very specific vision: to build a sustainable home from the ground up without wasting any material....



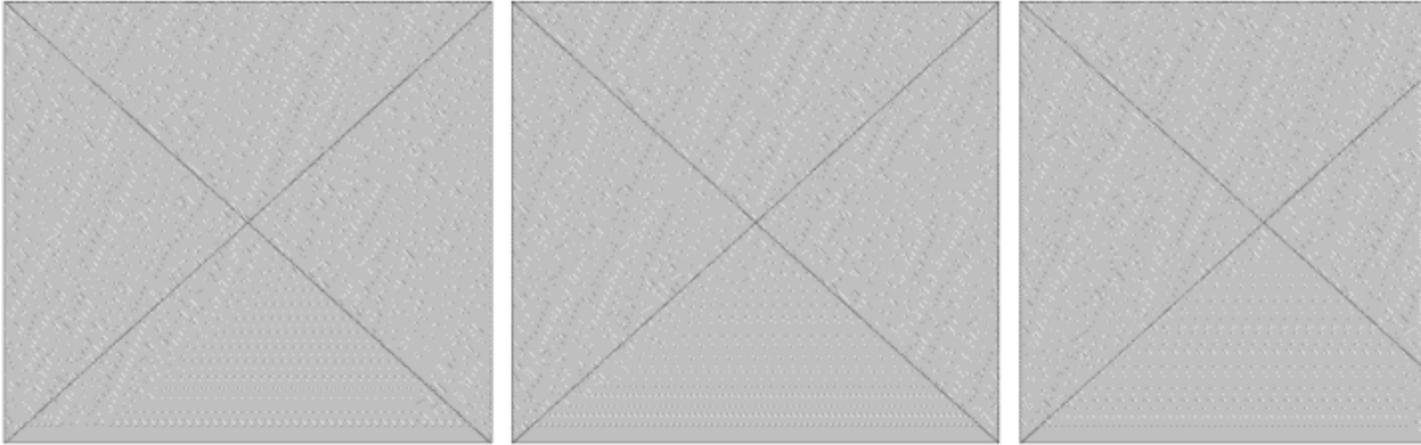
Want a Cleaner, Safer Neighborhood? Show You Care »

If you saw someone accidentally drop a bunch of oranges on the sidewalk, would you help pick them up? A recent survey shows that 40 percent of passersby would. What's incredible, though, is that for passersby who had witnessed... more »



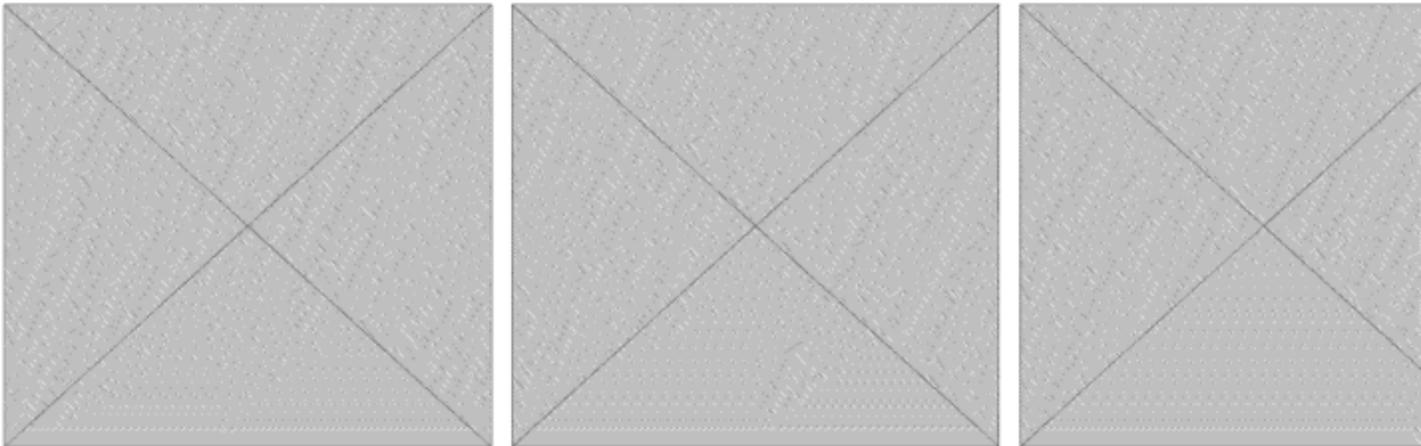
Kids' Room Color Wisdom: How Colors Affect Behavior »

Color has the ability to inspire, excite, soothe, heal and even agitate. This is particularly true for children, who can be especially sensitive to color's impact. So the importance of picking out just the right color for a young... more »



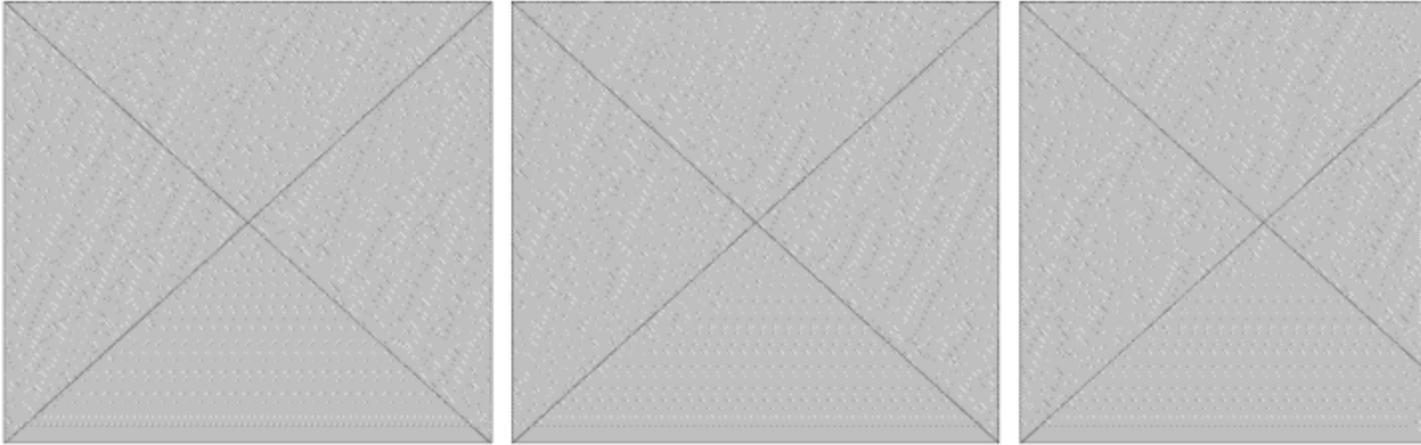
10 Questions to Ask Potential Contractors »

Homeowners starting their first remodeling project have to make their way through what can be an overwhelming amount of information and decision making. One of the first and most important decisions is selecting an architect... more »



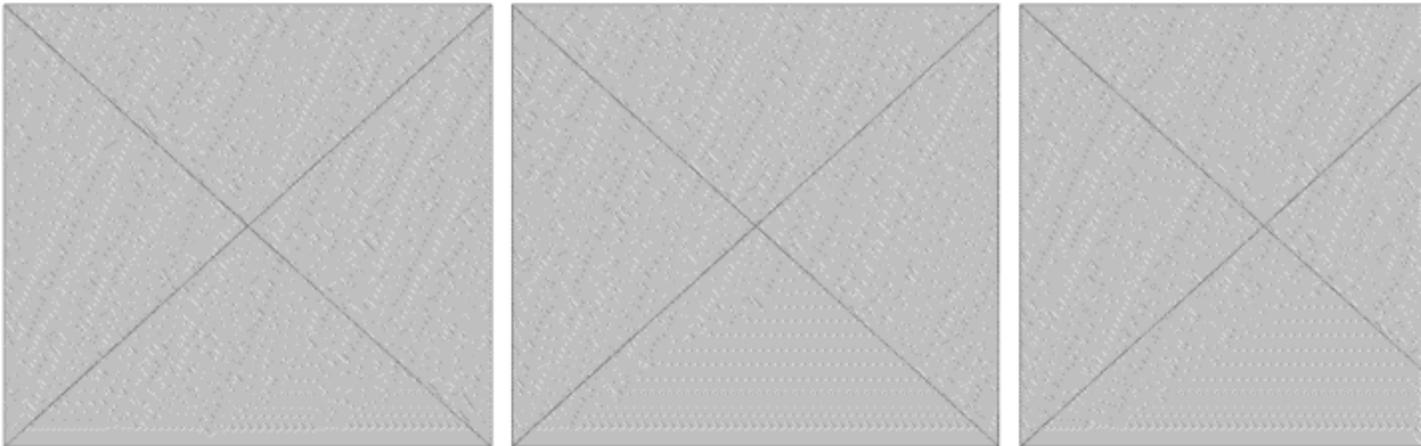
My Houzz: Color, Character and Artistry in San Francisco »

As a long-distance couple moving in together for the first time, Kelli Ryder and Timothy Lamb were faced with the challenge of combining their styles to reflect both of their personalities. The solution? Humor and compromise.... more »



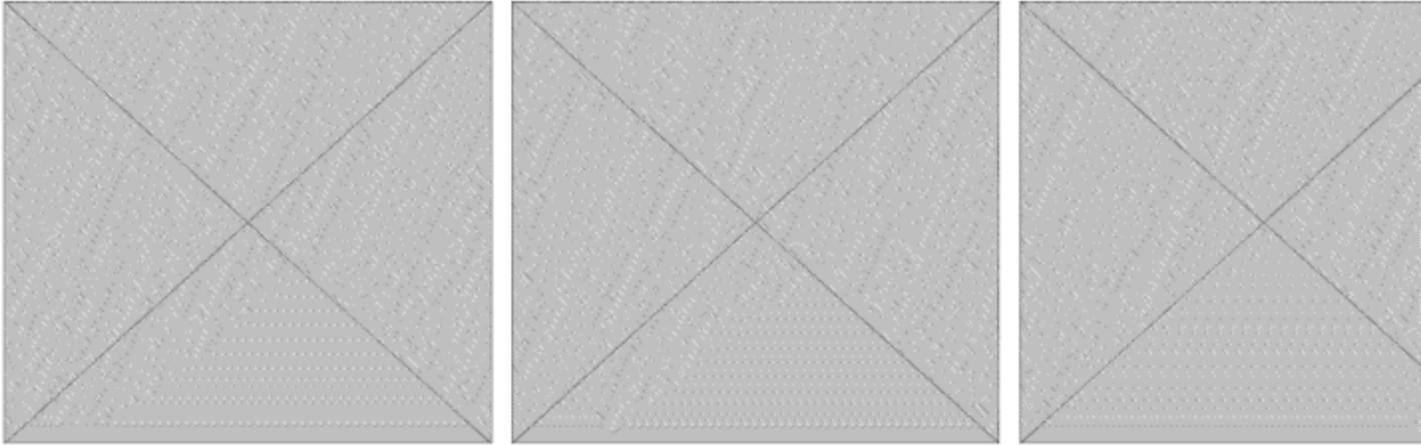
Wood in the Bathroom? Absolutely! »

The conventional wisdom is that tile is the go-to for bathroom surfaces. We see tile everywhere, from the bathroom to the subway, to everybody's house. I love tile, but just because it's so popular doesn't mean we... more »



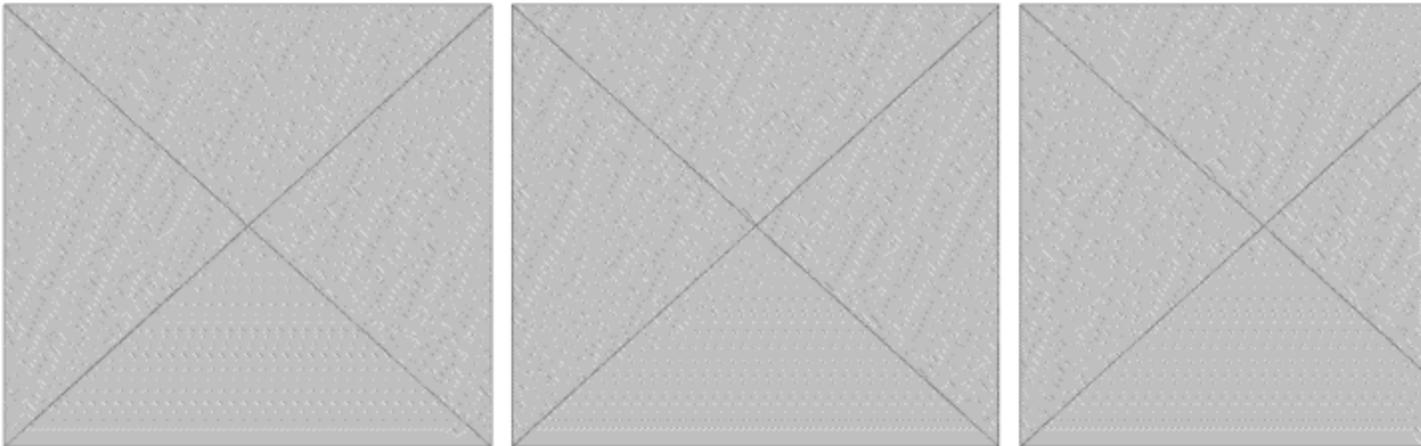
Houzz Tour: Industrial Outside, Sleek and Warm Inside »

Recently I wrote about a house for which the architect was also the developer. How about a situation where the architect and builder are one and the same? Such is the case with the Martinek House, also known as the Pivot-Slide... more »



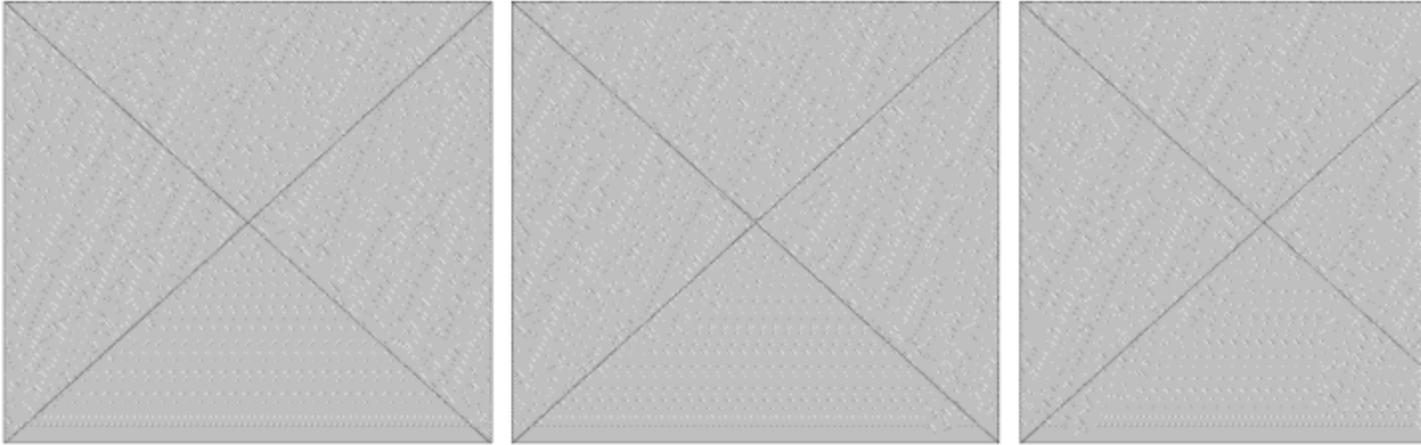
10 Feel-Good Household Tasks for Fall »

With cooler weather and the holiday season in sight, early fall is a great time for taking stock of household areas in need of a little TLC. Here are 10 home features you'll feel good about cleaning and/or organizing early... [more »](#)



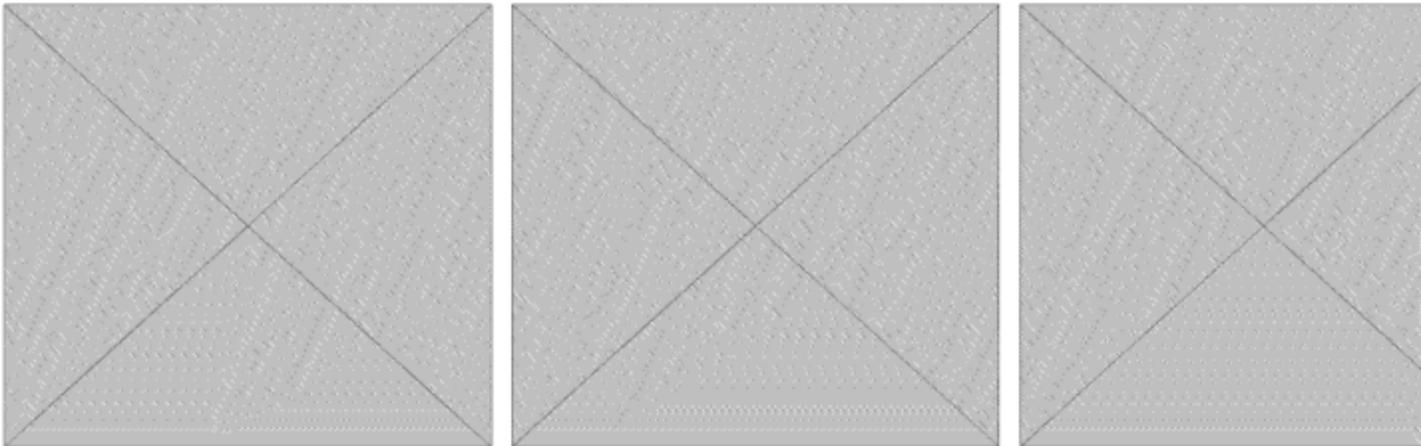
Bedroom Window Treatments to Block the Light »

I used to live in a house with a bedroom that overlooked the water. People often remarked how wonderful it would be to wake up to that view. I didn't have the heart to tell them I never did. I like a dark bedroom. I keep... [more »](#)



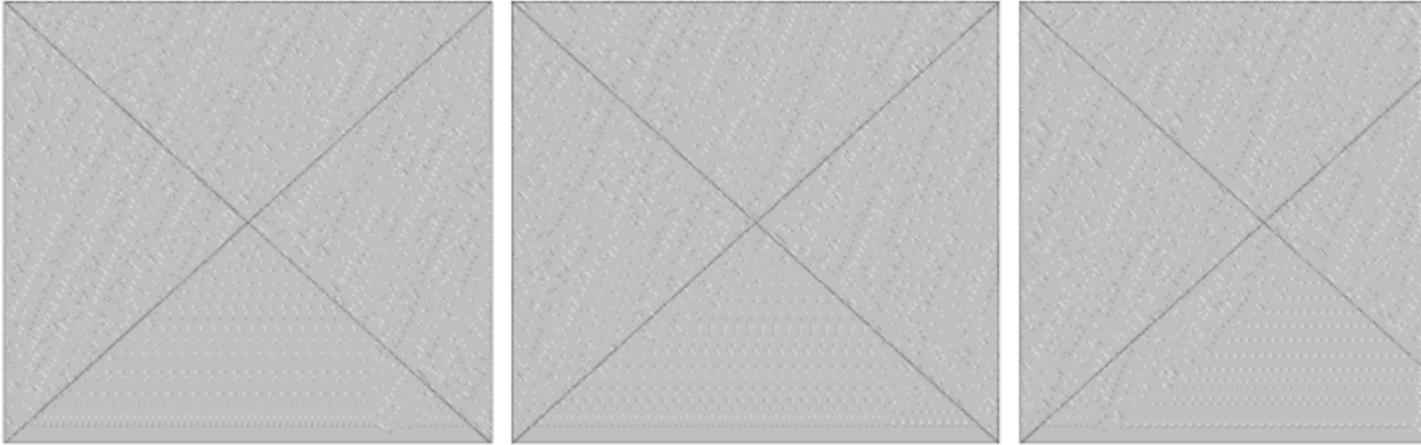
Planning a Kitchen Remodel? Start With These 5 Questions »

There are so many aesthetic options to consider when you're planning a kitchen remodel. To really understand how you wish to live, work and entertain in a new kitchen, you have to ask yourself some important questions about... more »



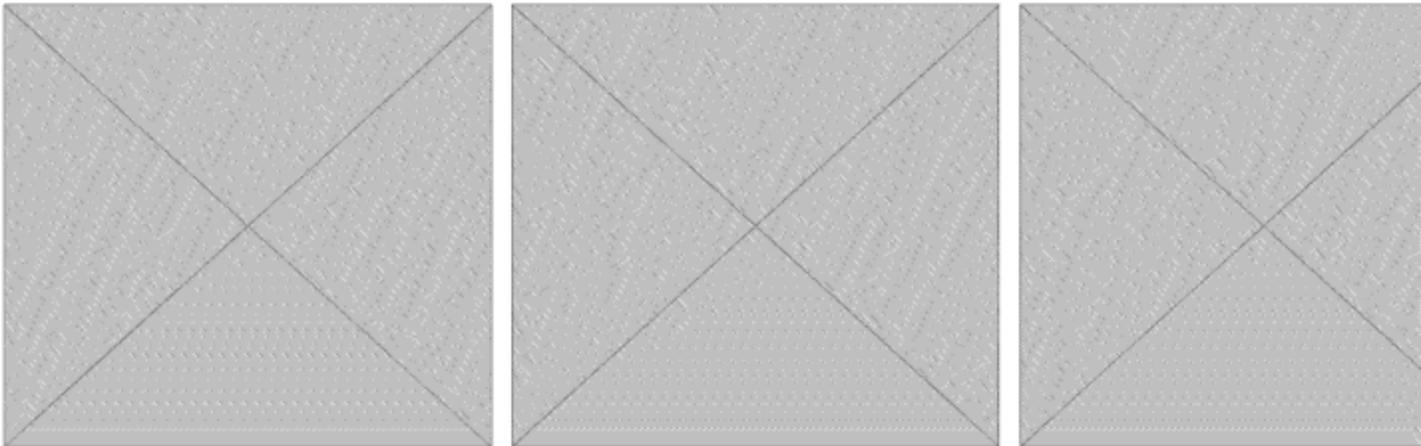
How to Give Your Garden More Soul »

I don't want to start an argument, but that's inevitable when you talk about the subject of soul, especially in music. Marvin Gaye, of course, had soul. Robin Thicke doesn't. What's a soulful garden? It's expressive of... more »



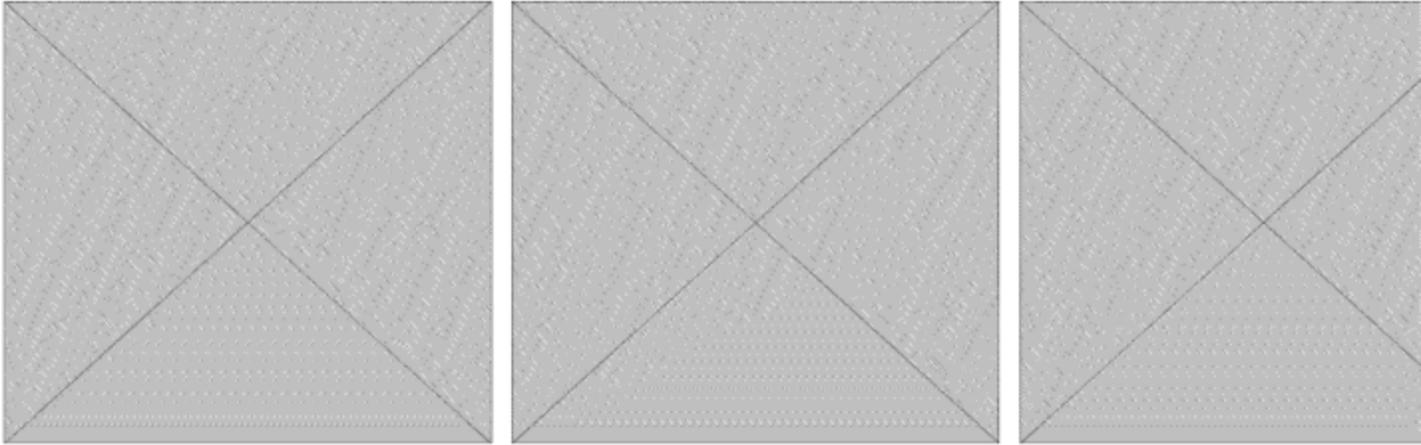
Roots of Style: The Indelible Charm of American Tudors »

They can be found across the country. You may have seen them in older neighborhoods close to the city center, or you may have seen them in semirural areas on large plots of land. They maintain a distinct identity. You may... more »



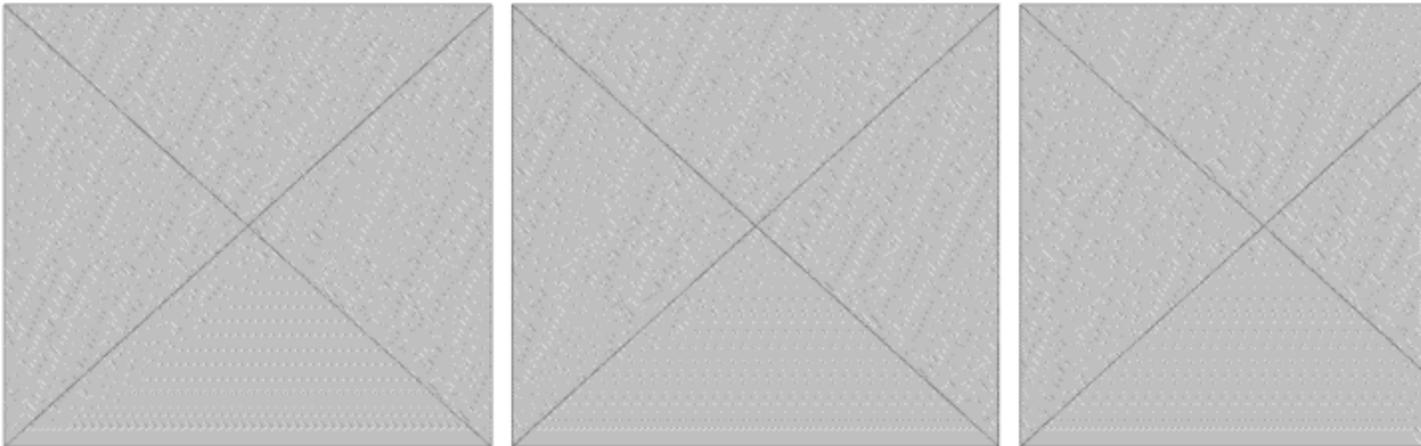
How to Design a Calming Minimalist Garden »

Minimalist gardens may sound plain and boring to some; others think they are simple and stylish. Practically, minimalist gardens can be perfect as family gardens. Taking their cue from decluttered houses, they offer space... more »



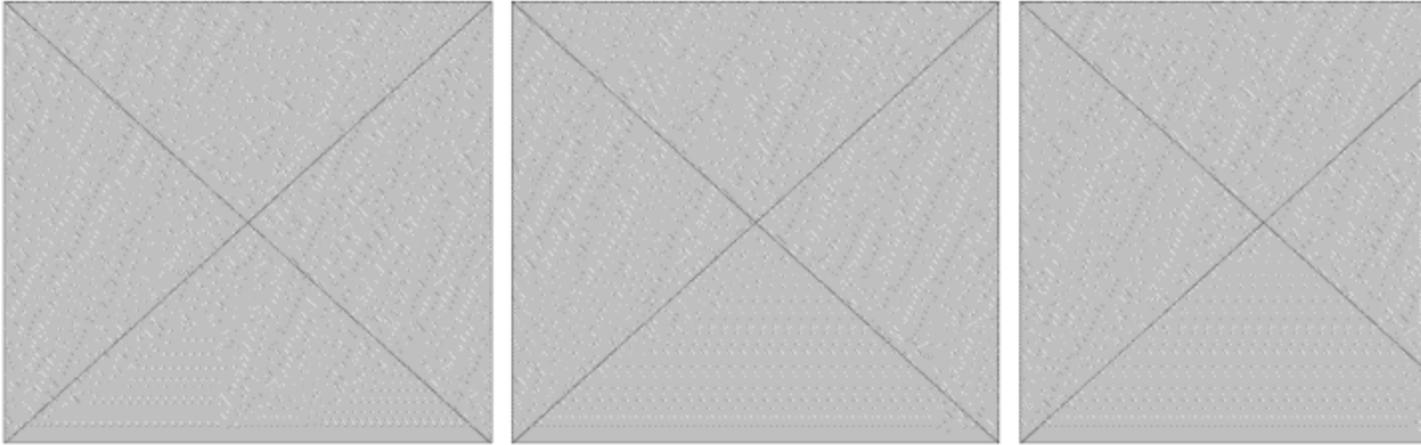
Designing for Pleasure: Appeal to the Senses at Home »

Once a space's function is understood, what it will look like is often the sole factor driving its design — and that's too...
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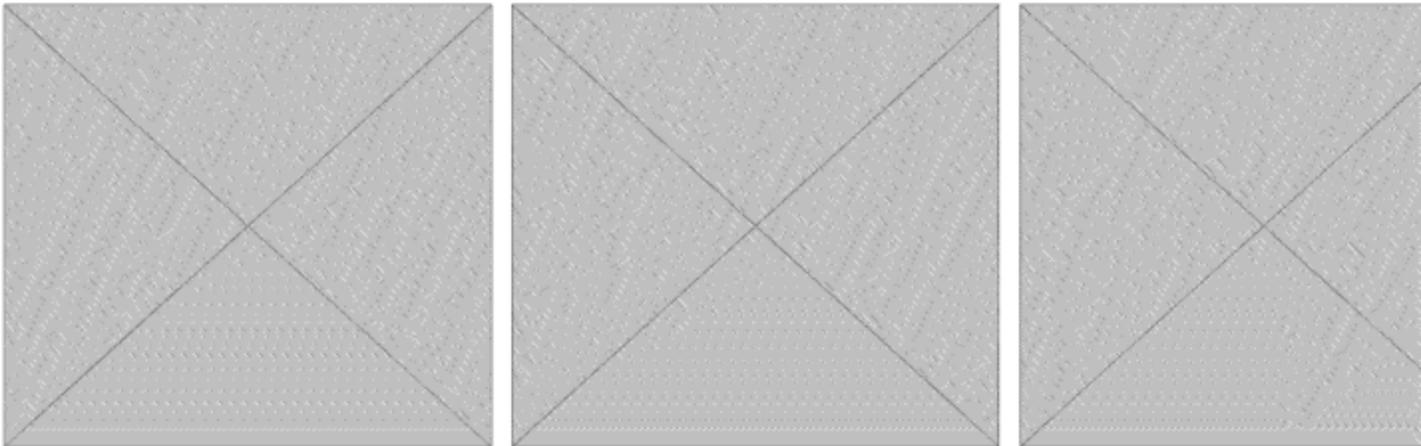
8 Profound Design Books — From the Children's Section »

Looking for some great literature soaked in architectural and design ideas? Below are eight cerebral works of genius...
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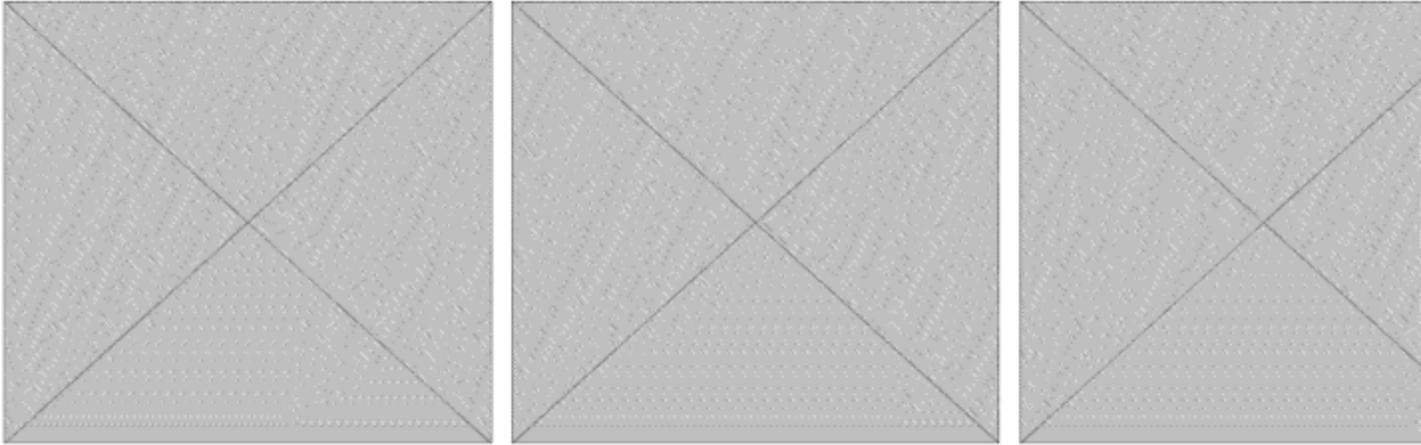
My Houzz: Patterns Mingle Spiritedly in a Toronto Condo »

Tim Lam likes a good design challenge. As an interior designer, he's made them his career. His first home, a 30-year-old condo overlooking Lake Ontario in Toronto, presented quite a few hurdles too. For one, mirrored walls... more »



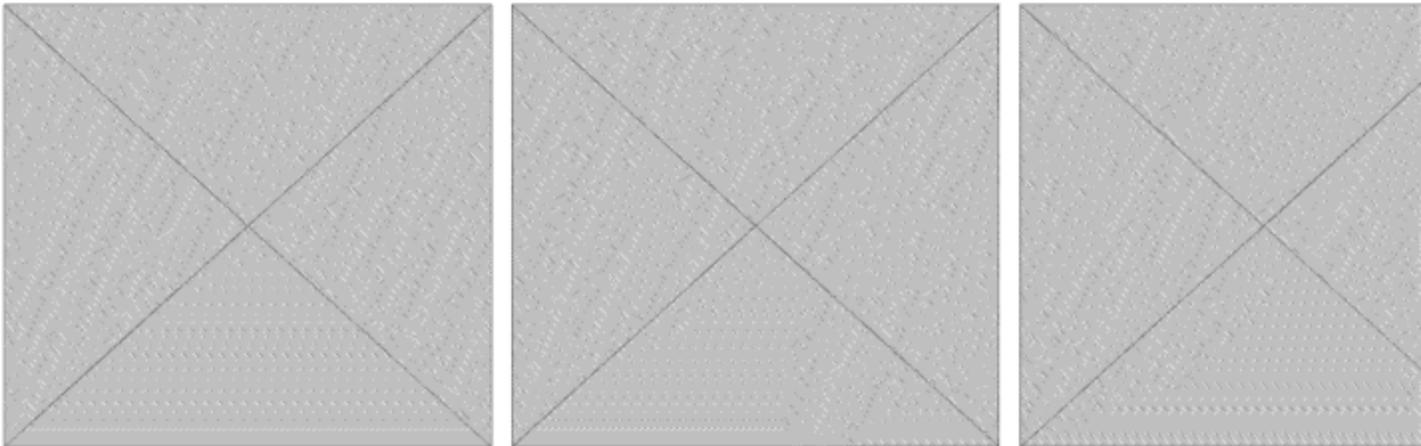
Basement of the Week: Smart Cost Cutting, Beautiful Results »

When this family's home started to feel like it was bursting at the seams, they looked underground for a big multipurpose room where they could gather and entertain friends. Bright and inviting, this basement now includes... more »



Color and Pattern Play in a Happy New Nursery »

Lani Zervas relied on love and luck to design daughter Daphne's nursery, choosing everything from paint color to pi based on instant attraction. For some of us, this technique would end in a Technicolor mishmash. But... more »



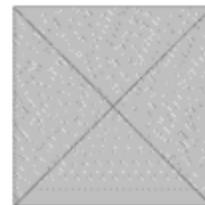
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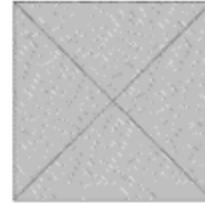
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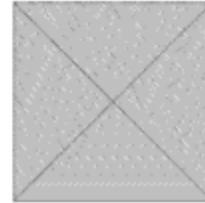
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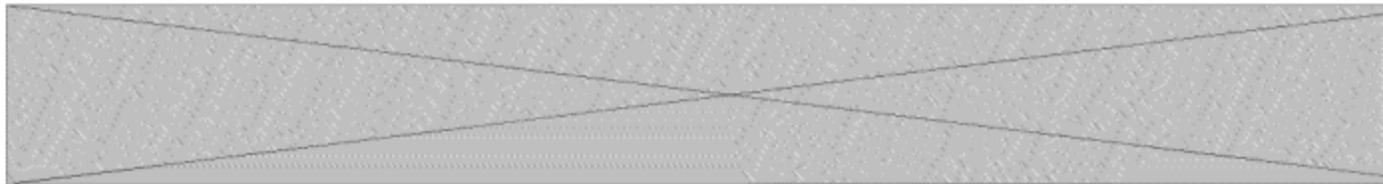
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