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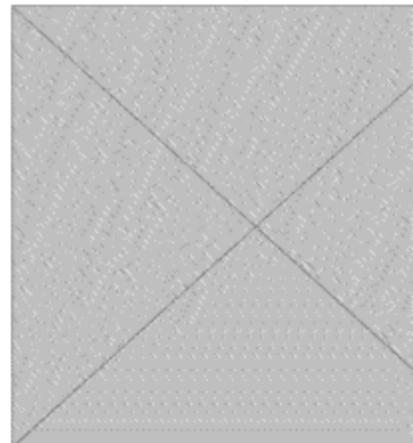
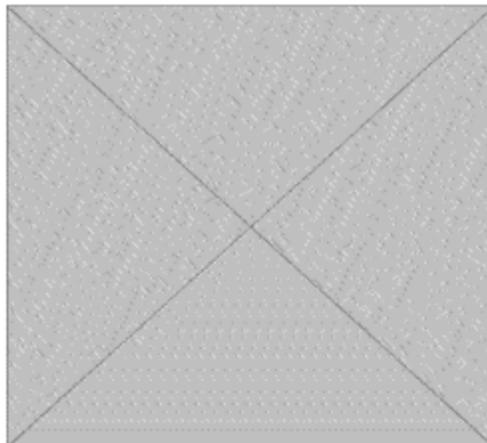
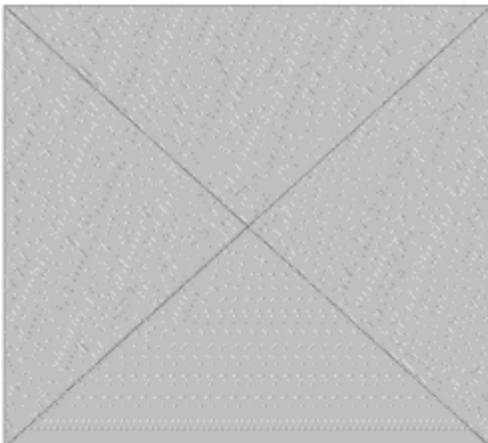
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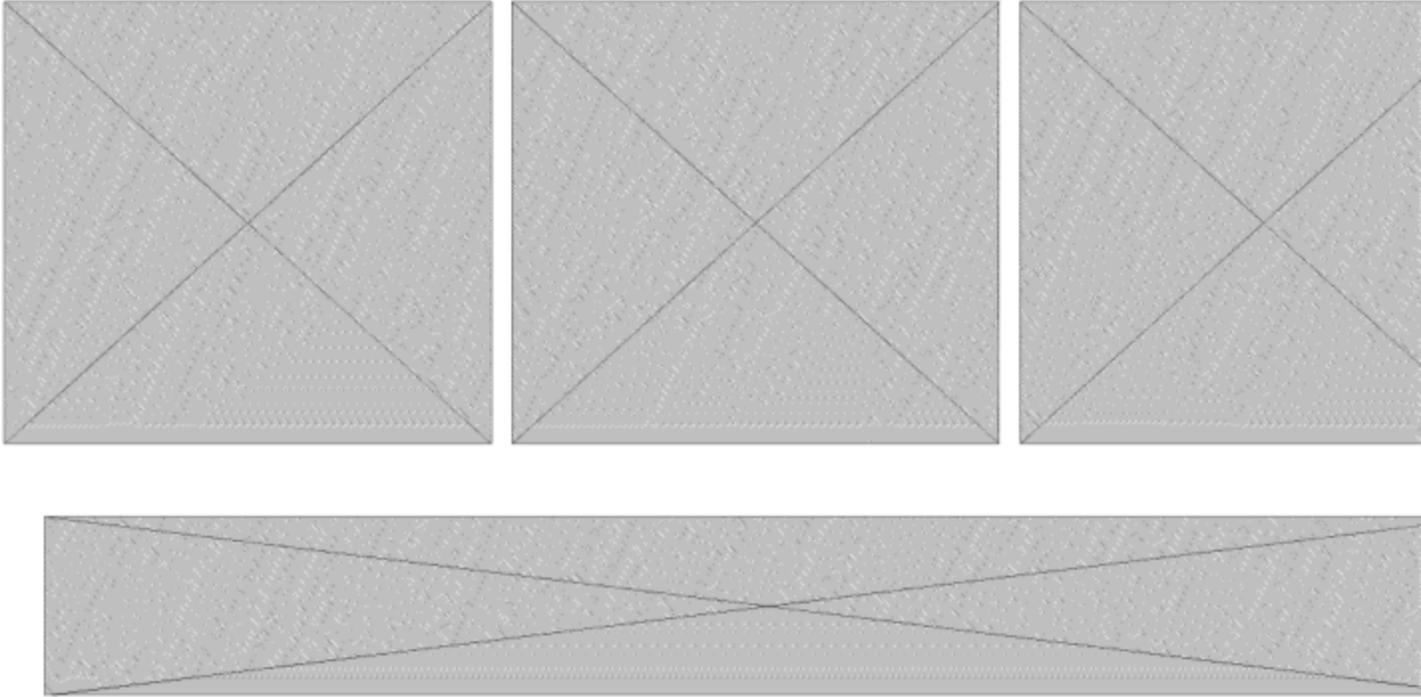
Open vs. Closed Kitchens — Which Style Works Best for You? »

For centuries the kitchen was strictly a workspace. Often tucked in the back of the house, it had room for just the bare essentials. But a peek at many new kitchens today reveals a very different approach: the open-concept kitchen at the heart... more »



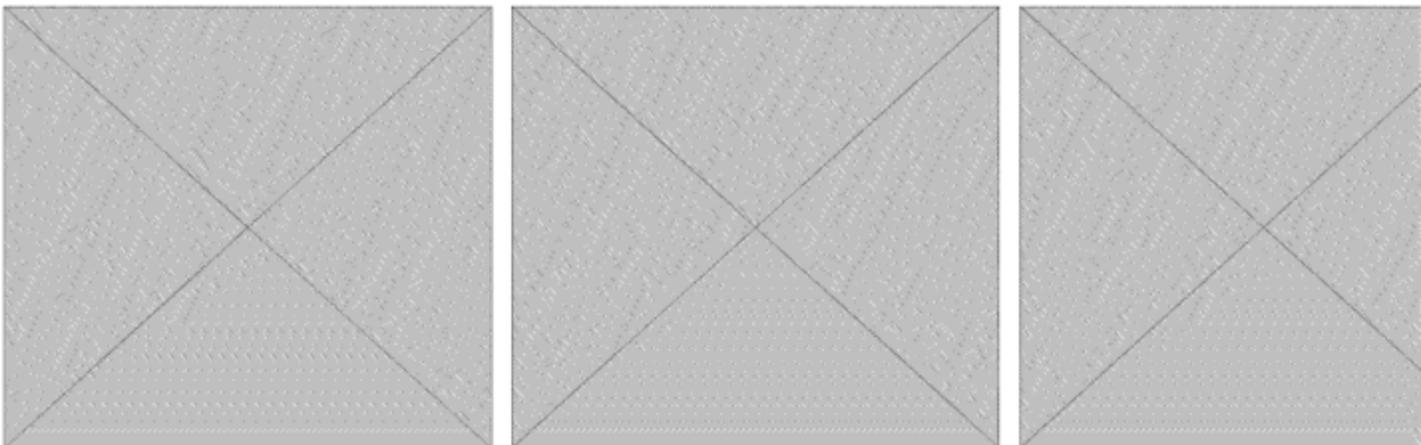
Houzz Tour: Updates Honor a 1930s Cottage's History »

The couple who live in this house had each lived in this San Diego–area neighborhood for 20 years before they met. After meeting at a party, they fell in love and got married — and then had to choose which of their two homes to live in....



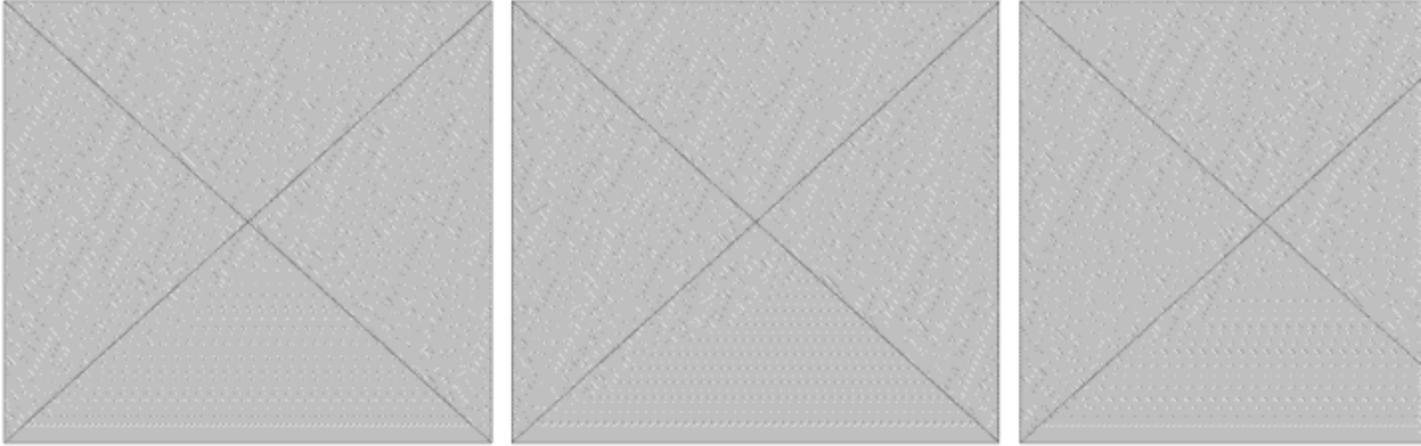
10 Things to Ask Your Contractor Before You Start Your Project »

Remodeling or building a new home is a big financial and emotional investment. It can also be a big investment of your time if you want to be closely involved in the decision-making. Knowing what to expect before the project gets started is crucial. [more »](#)



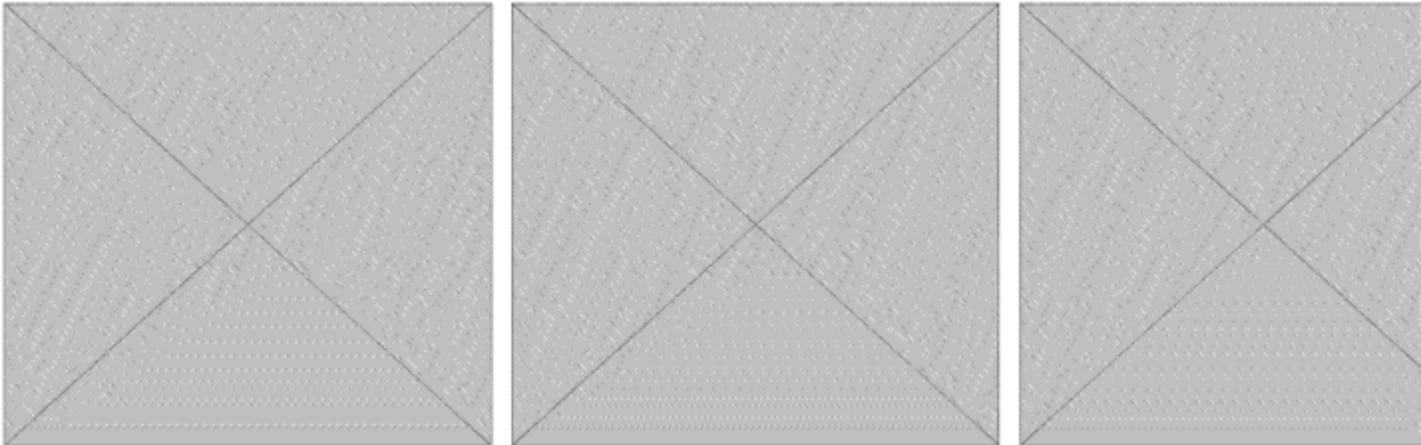
In Austin, a Backyard Wall Provides More Than Privacy »

We put up walls to divide space, to enclose or drive things away. In this Austin backyard, however, an 8-foot-tall wall does everything together. An unsightly three-story apartment building behind a family's newly renovated bungalow demands more »



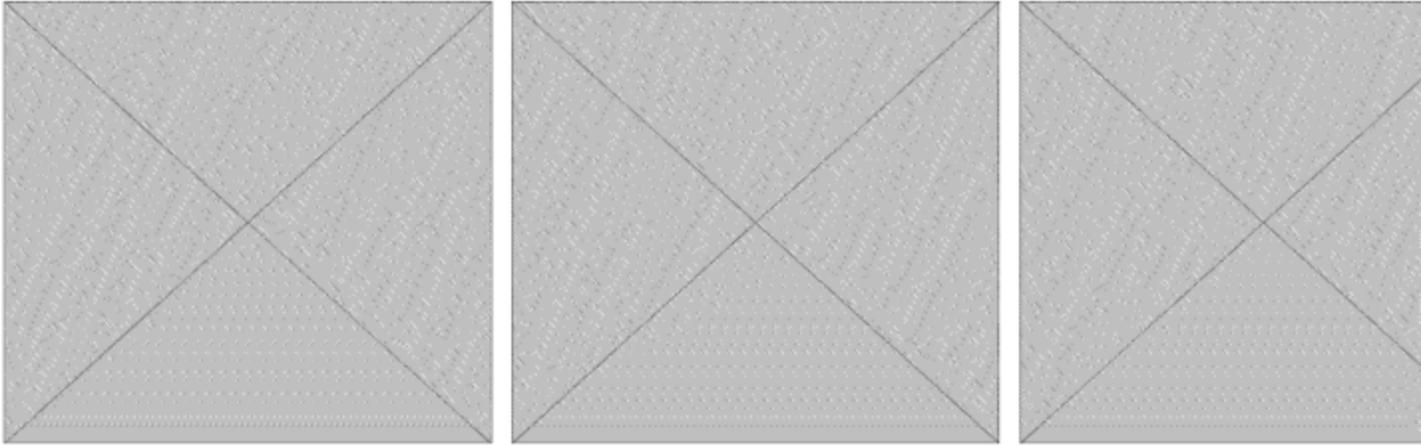
Color Feast: When to Use Red in the Dining Room »

Although red is a classic hue for a dining room (due to its ability stimulate our appetites and our conversations), a floor-to-ceiling red-clad cave is too intense for most of us. So, how do you get red right? I prefer to use red as an accent... more »



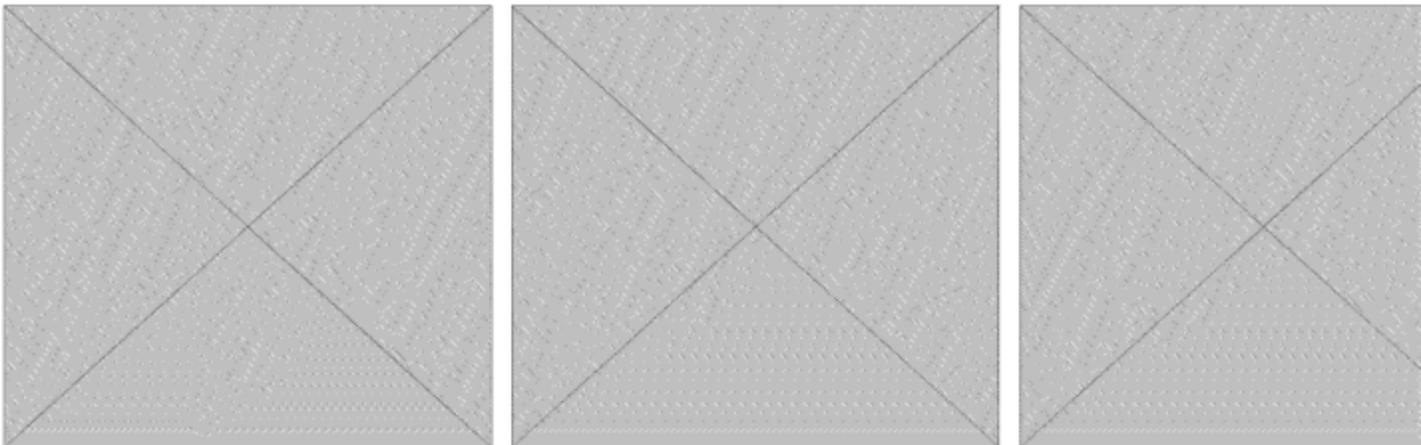
8 Ways to Make the Most of Your Laundry Room »

We spend countless hours in our laundry rooms, scrubbing out stains, pressing our best and even washing the dog. Shouldn't we make this space as functional and pleasant as possible? Laundry rooms have come a long way from the barren basement... more »



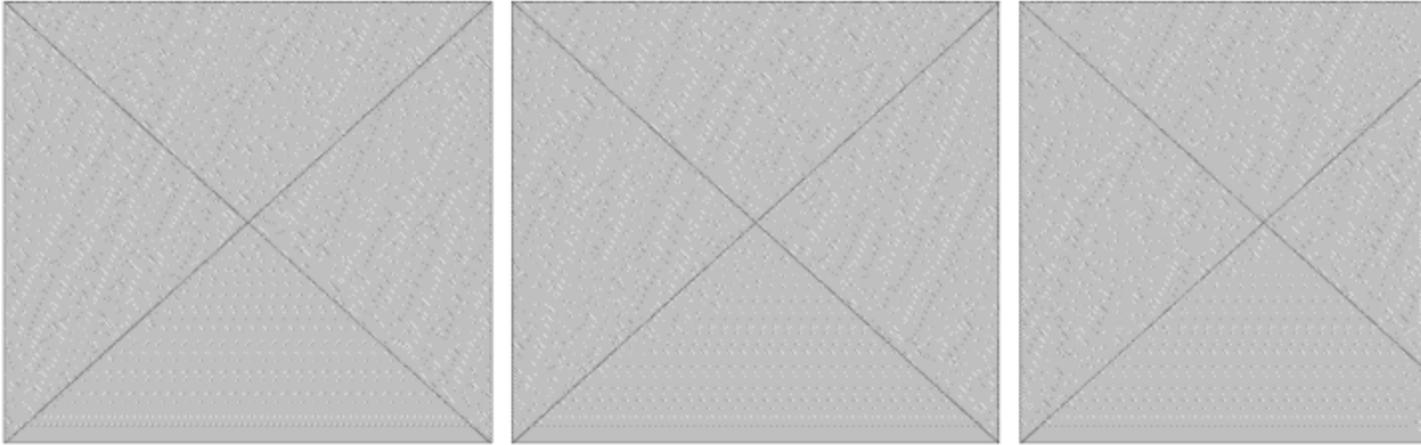
My Houzz: LEDs and a Living Wall Color a Minimalist Slovakian Home »

After working for an architectural studio focusing mostly on low-energy and passive houses in Vienna, architect Rudo Lesák moved back to his hometown of Bratislava, Slovakia, and began a yearlong makeover of an "an old, devastated apartment... more »



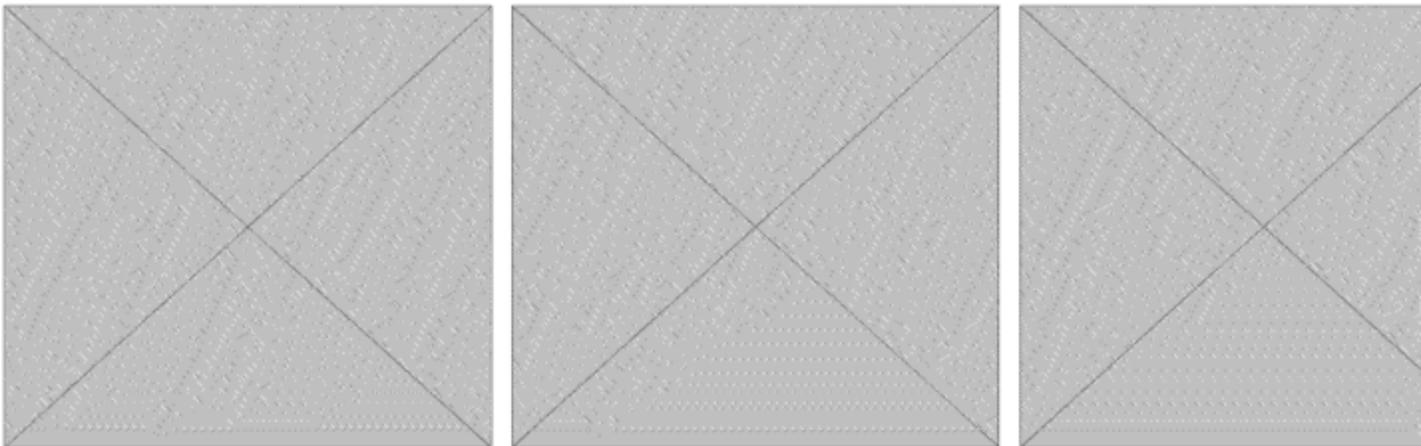
Just a Touch: Faucets Without the Fuss »

It's amazing how technology has changed the plumbing world. One item that is continuing to gain popularity, particularly in kitchens, is the touch faucet. These faucets or fittings have sensors located along the spout and handle of the faucet... more »



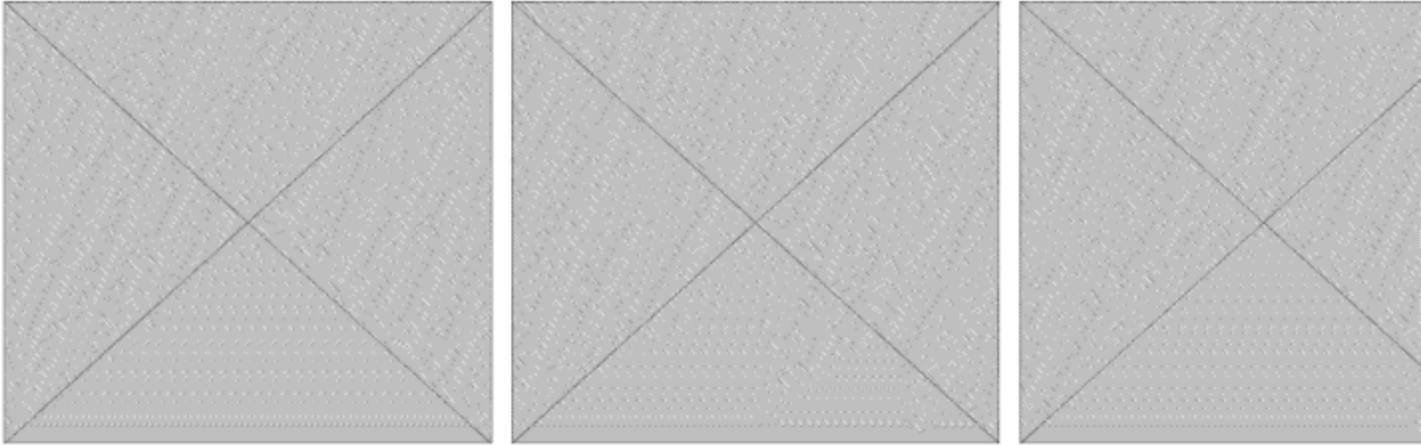
How to Choose the Perfect Bedsheets »

Think about the most comfortable bed you've ever slept in, and what comes to mind? If it's the sheets, you're in good company. Because they come in direct contact with our skin, sheets are as important as a quality mattress and cozy blanket... [more »](#)



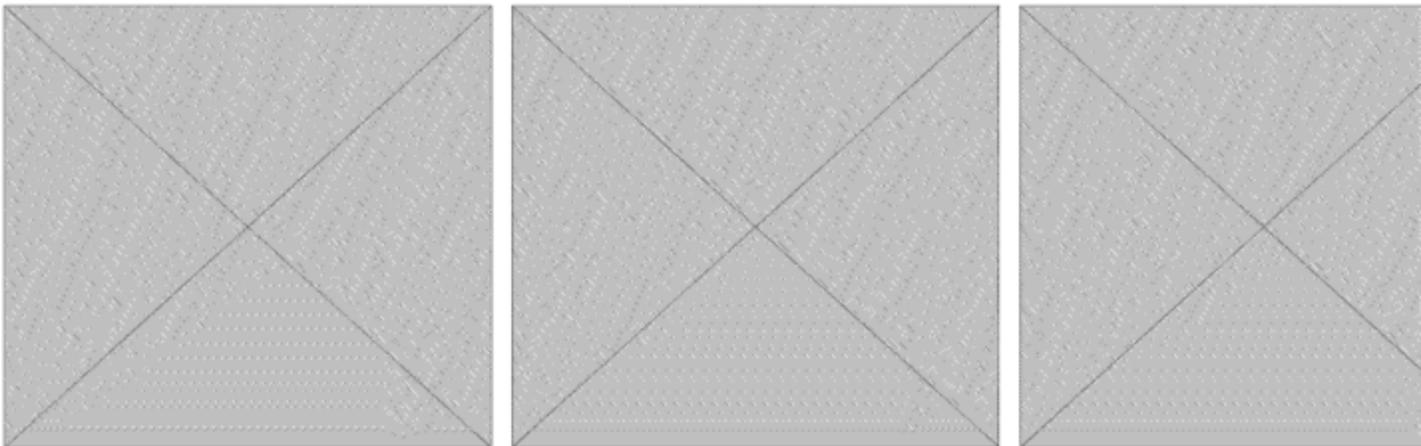
Use Trim to Modernize a Traditional Home — or Vice Versa »

In the same way a pair of earrings or the right watch can change the impression we give off with an outfit, a home's trim can give a modern twist to a traditional home or add a cozy, traditional feeling to a more contemporary space. The [more »](#)



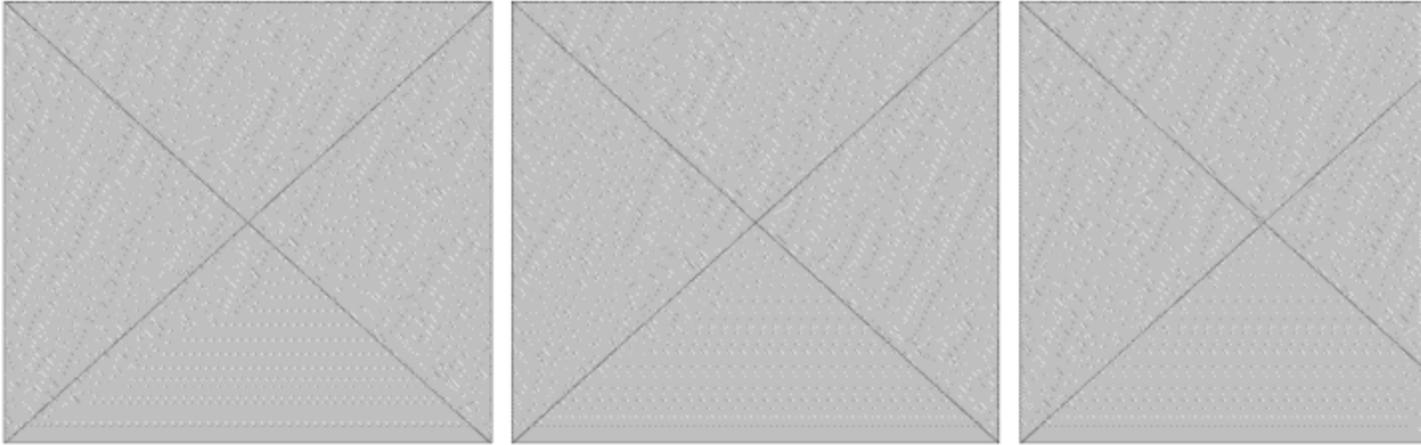
Bath Remodeling: So, Where to Put the Toilet? »

From the beginning of your bathroom renovation, your plumbers and framers need to know where your toilet should be mounted, whether it'll be mounted on the floor or wall and where the water supply should be positioned. If that's not complicated enough,... more »



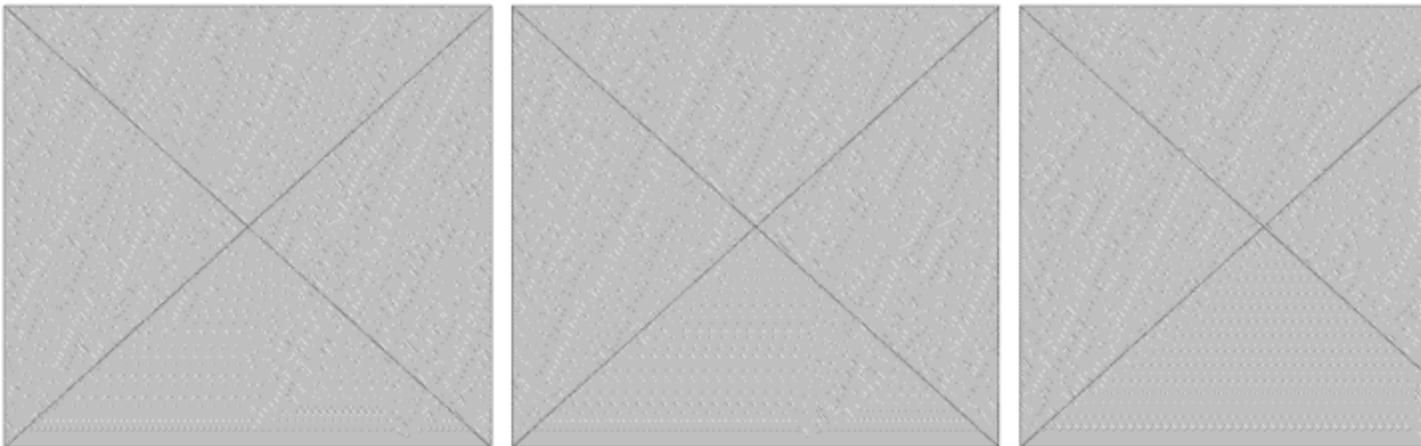
8 Ways to Find Time and Feel Less Frazzled at Home »

From the ping of our devices to the endless items on our to-do lists, we are often pulled in many directions at once. when you are spread too thin, you not only end up doing less, you likely are not having much fun doing any of it. Thankfully,... more »



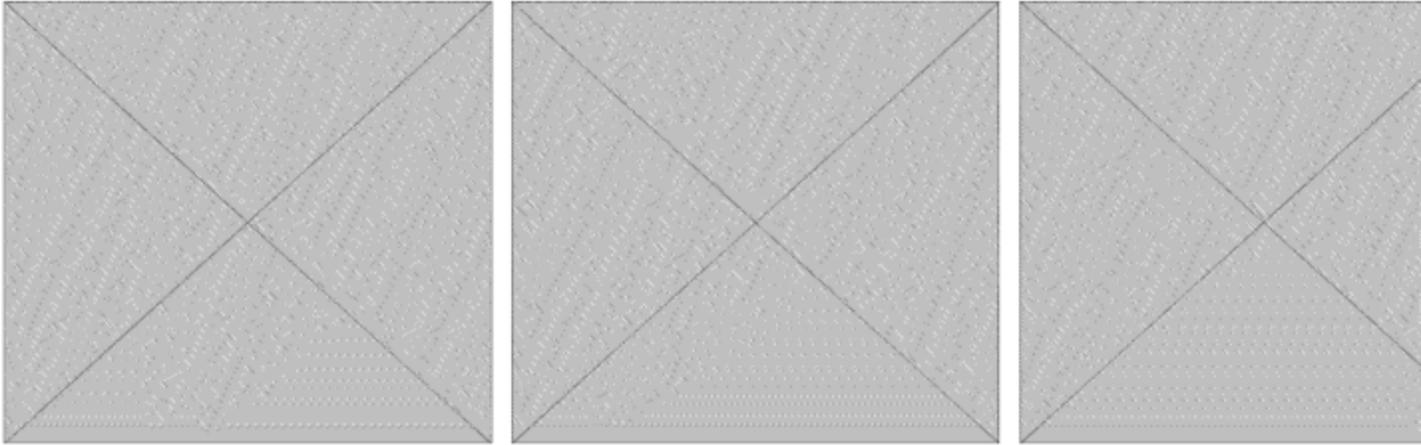
Make Home Sweet Home Even Sweeter With a Brewery Or Winery

Anyone can make beer and wine. In fact, people have been brewing beer for at least 7,000 years and making wine longer. In the ancient world, beer and wine were daily beverages for aristocrats and indispensable components of religious... more »



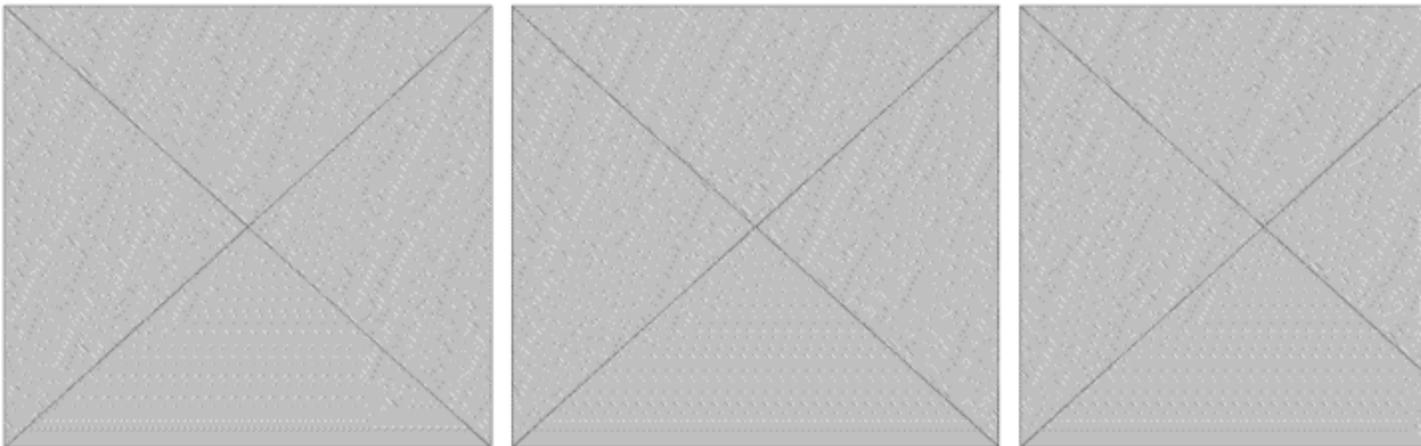
Can You Match These Faces With Their Famous Designs? »

Understandably, architects are more well-known for their building facades than for their own faces. Celebrity architects today are exceptions to this rule, given the ubiquity of images online and the way "starchitects" are being used to br... more »



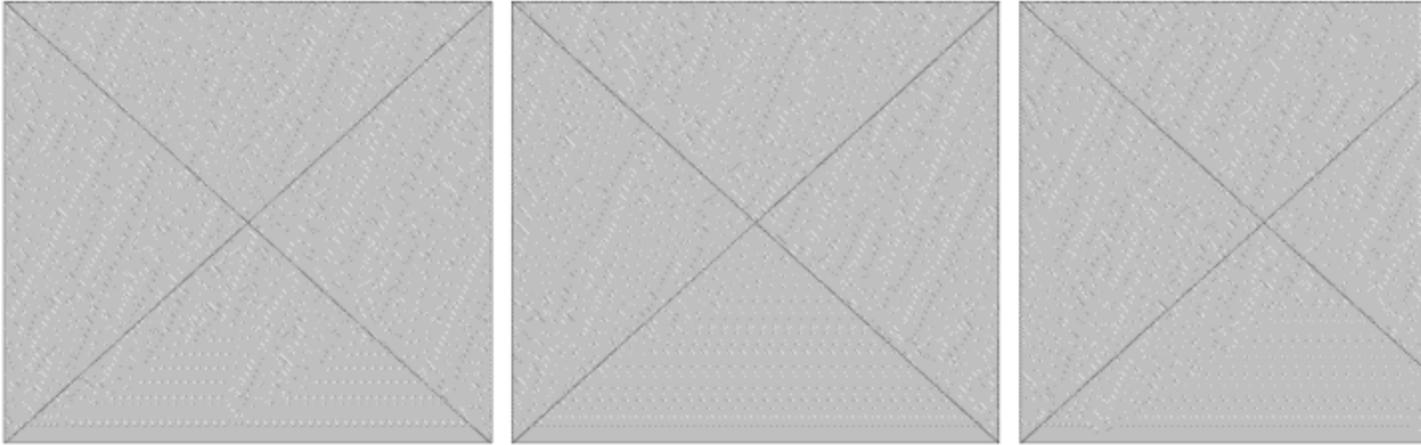
Houzz Tour: Happy, Thrifty Family Home in France »

Hege Morris knows that great style doesn't have to come from an expensive store in shiny chrome and genuine leather cushions. After budgeting for a new house in France, this native Norwegian knew she wouldn't be able to afford all the dream... more »



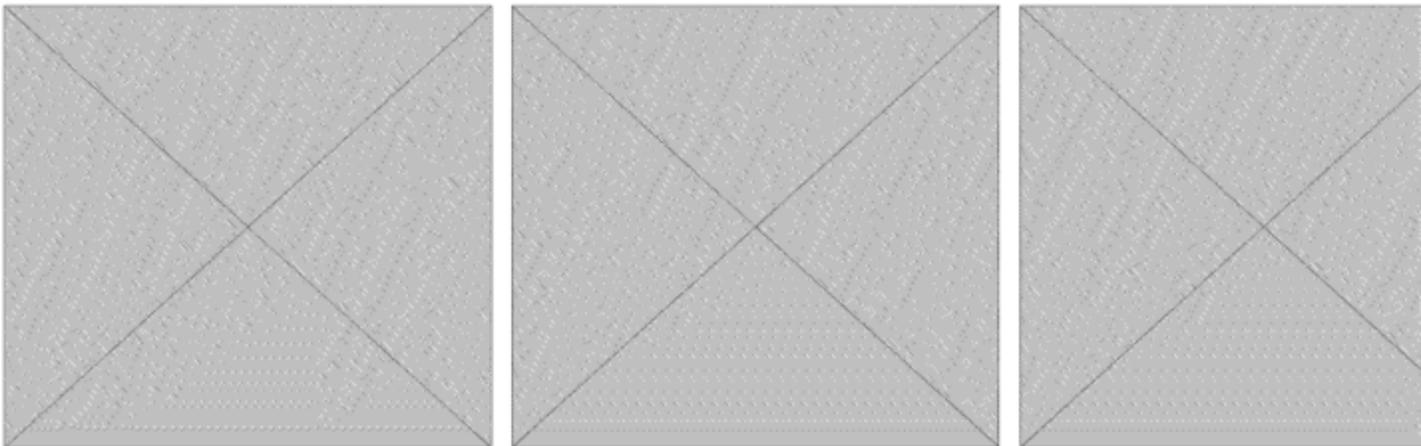
Get Backyard Privacy the Subtler, Stylish Way »

Let's face it: Even though we love our neighbors, we all occasionally want to step outside without having to strike up conversation. Although fences and brick walls can do the trick, adding an extra divider, screen or plant barrier can be more »



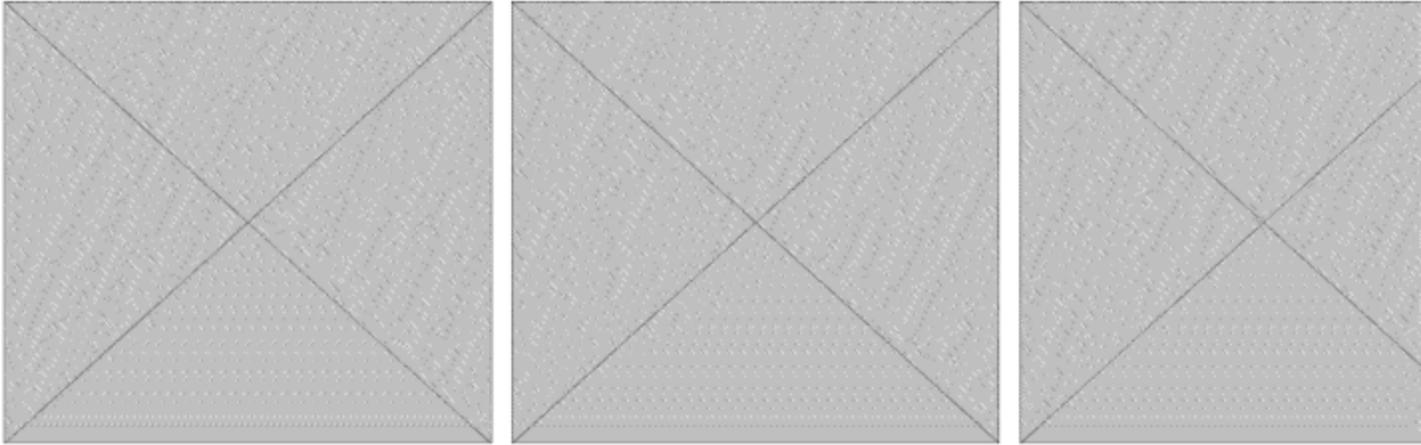
Another Independence Day: When Kids Can Do Their Laundry »

Here in the States we recently celebrated Independence Day. For our family, it's a day full of fun that starts with our parade. When my children were younger, I would dress them in some mixture of red, white and blue — nothing new more »



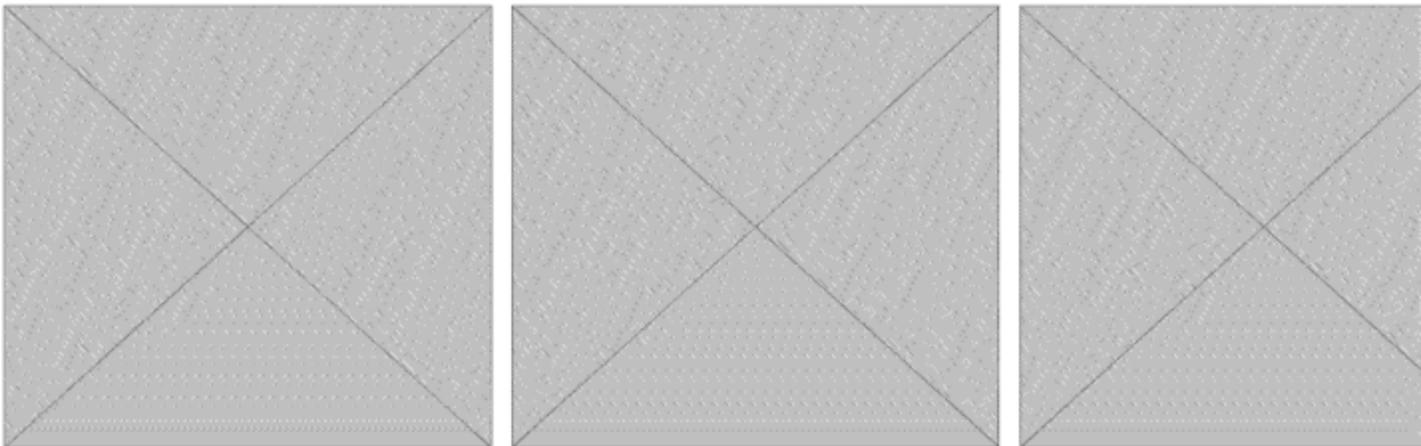
13 Inspiring Ideas for Backyard Sheds »

As we reach the height of summer gardening season, you may be craving a better space for your tools and pots than the cluttered corner in the garage. Or perhaps you are at that point where your existing shed is a mess that seems beyond hope.... more »



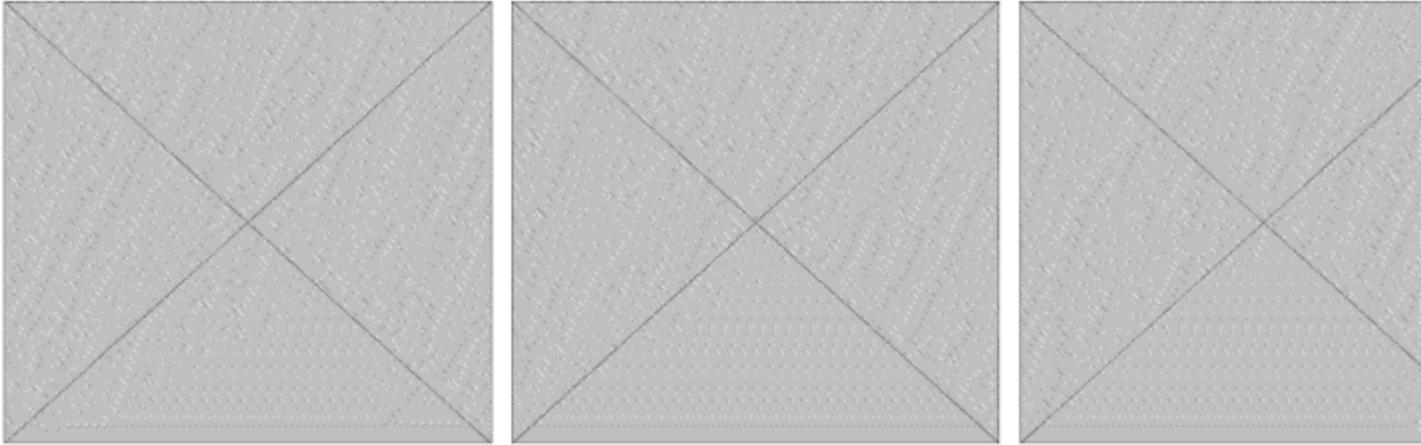
Which Window for Your World? »

Whether you plan on building a new home, renovating an existing house or simply replacing some windows, you'll be confronted with a maze of window choices and options. From all the choices for location, size, type, style, function, operation,... more »



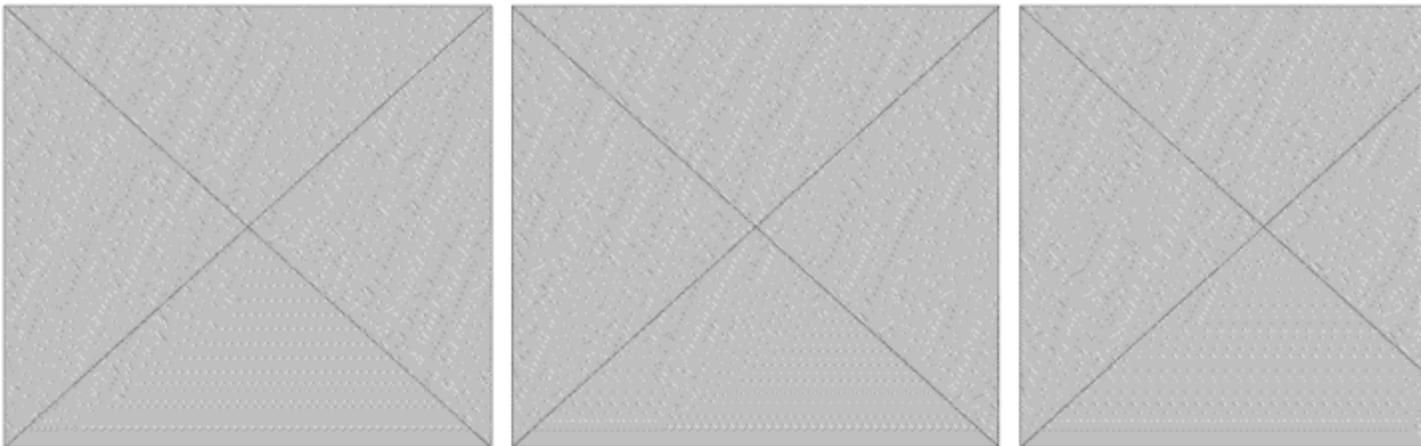
Great Garden Combo: Planting for Fiery Color and Beautiful Wildlife »

There is something magical about seeing butterflies and hummingbirds in the summer garden. While butterflies flit gracefully from flower to flower, their colorful wings lazily dancing on the warm breeze, hummingbirds seem to always be a great... more »



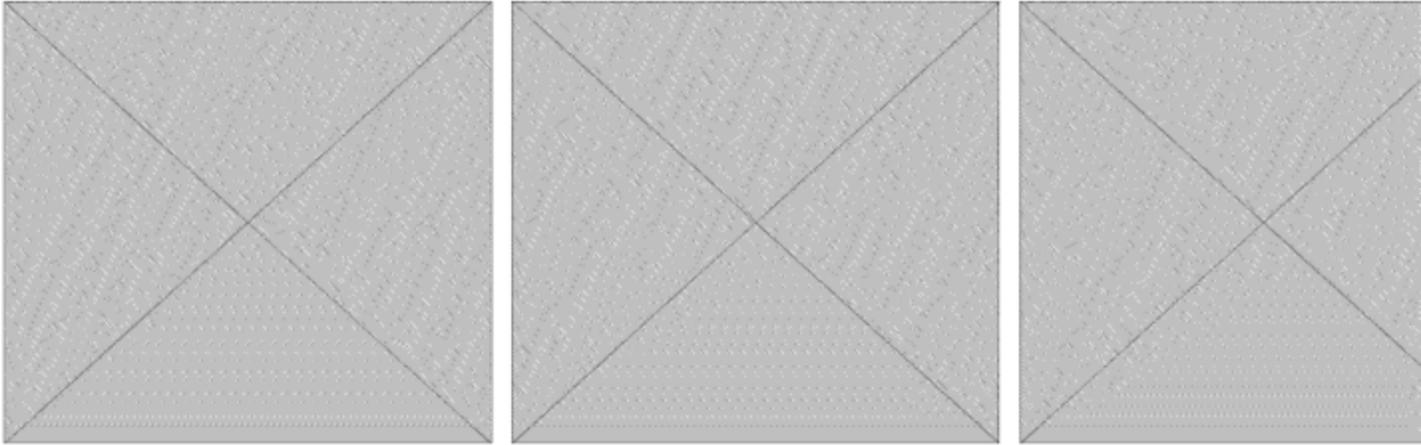
7 Ways to Add Mediterranean Elegance to Your Home »

The romantic feel of Mediterranean style evokes images of seaside dwellings, sparkling turquoise waters, sun-drenched days and vibrant sunsets. The region's easy elegance is reflected through its stunning homes. This style relies on color and texture. [Learn more »](#)



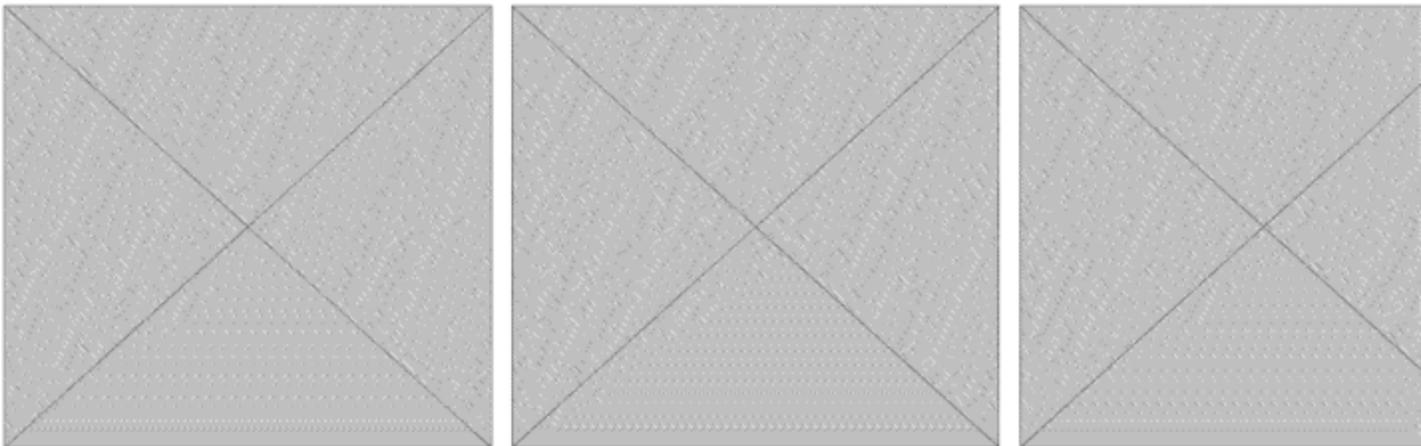
A Glimmer of Gold Leaf Will Make Your Room Shine »

Gold-leafing, or gilding, has embellished everything from furniture to picture frames for thousands of years. Today, you can add a touch of old-world luxury that still feels modern — whether it's peeking from underneath a pendant lamp. [Learn more »](#)



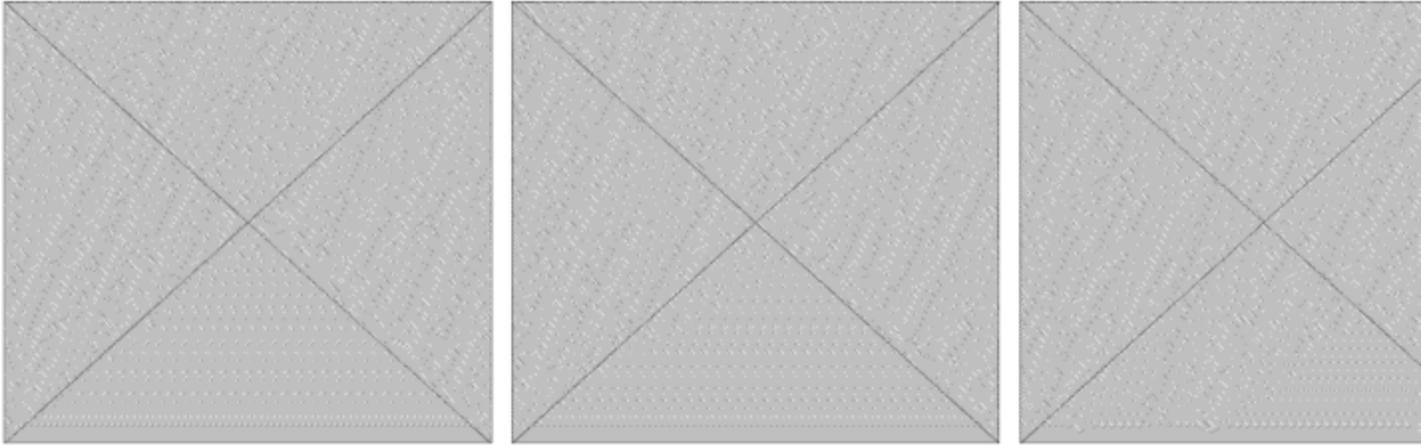
Great Design Plant: Towering Colewort Adds Playful Drama »

Imagine baby's breath (*Gypsophila* spp) on steroids; that's colewort. The oversize foliage and towering inflorescence adds a fun sense of the tropics for gardeners in colder, drier climes. Colewort, also referred to as giant crambe, is a plant you'll want to try. [more »](#)



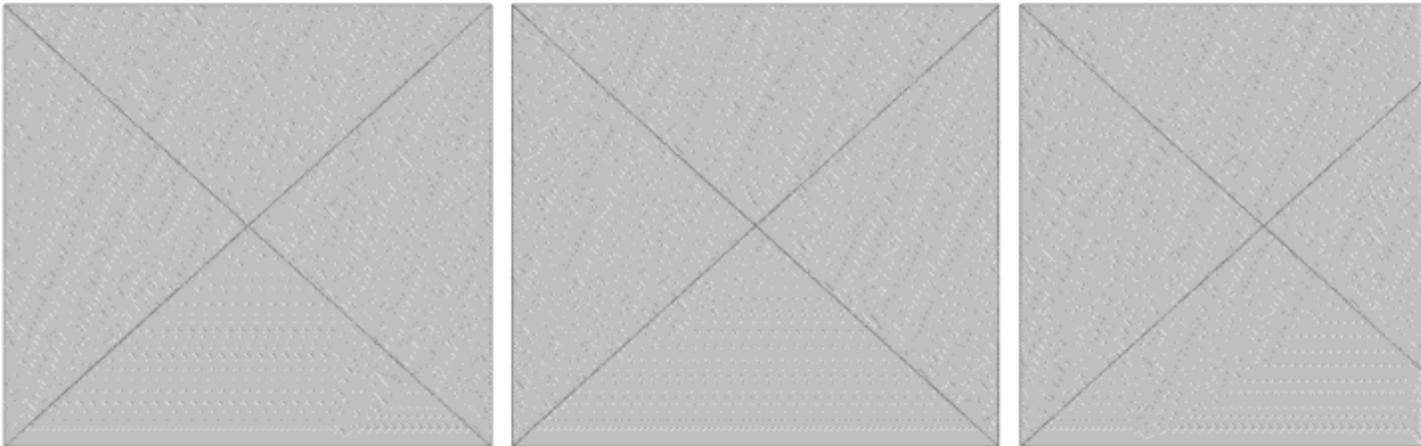
Get Your Edge On: 11 Ideas for Style in the Fast Lane »

Let's go back to 1978. Remember in the movie *Grease* when Olivia Newton-John surprised John Travolta with her new look? Which detail helped her pull it off? Was it the black leather jacket with its red lining, her teased hair or the red lips? [What... more »](#)



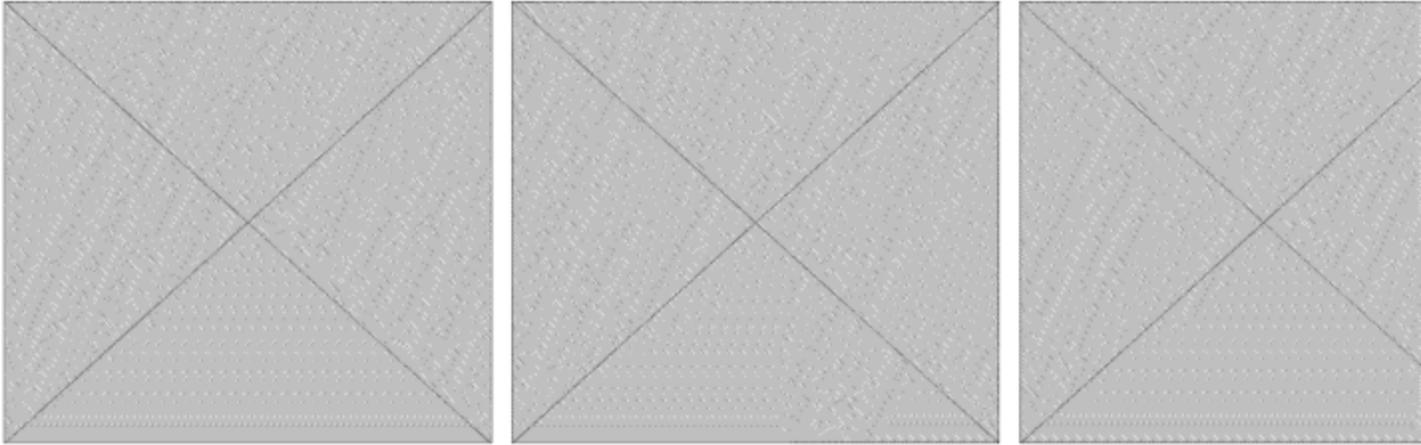
Herb Garden Essentials: Grow Some Beautiful, Tasty Thyme »

There's a spot for versatile thyme in almost every garden. Depending on the variety, it can spread out to its heart's content as a ground cover, sprawl over a wall, tuck neatly into a small corner, edge a garden with a row of rounded small...

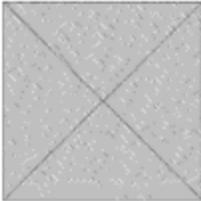


Guest Picks: Take Your Kitchen Back to a Simpler Time »

I yearn for a kitchen that doesn't have those sterile-looking stainless steel appliances and isn't separate from the dining room. Growing up, my family ate in the kitchen, and the table was in the middle of the floor, where it was easy to jump in and out. [more »](#)

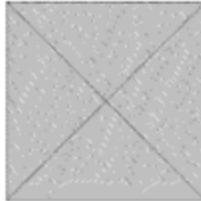


See what Houzzers are working on and add your advice! »



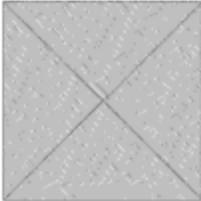
A complete foyer makeover. - Bookshelves for this room completely changed the look. Glass tiles instead of a... more »

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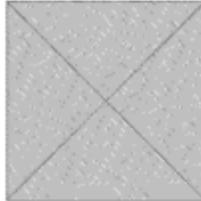
Empty room to luxurious suite! - My clients were in master bath retreat, so...

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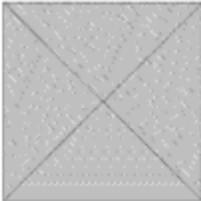
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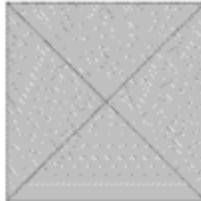
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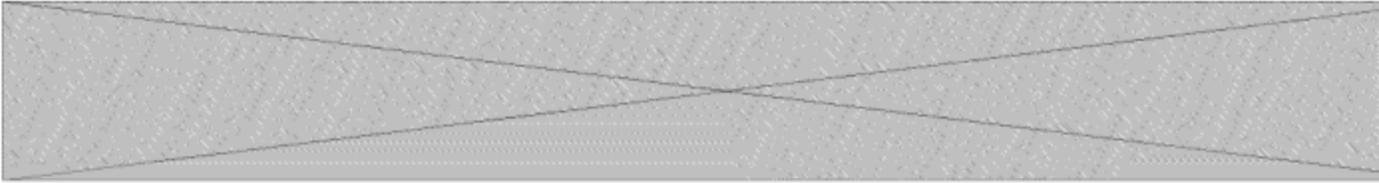
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