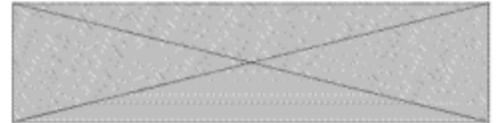


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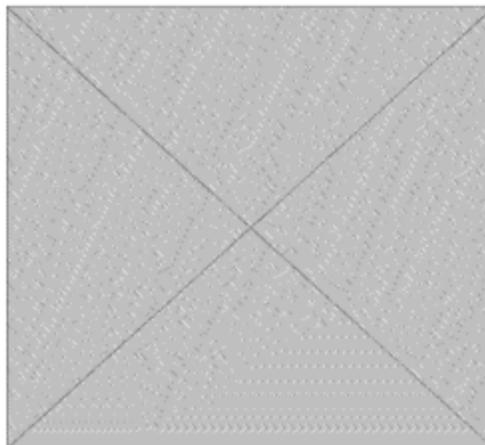
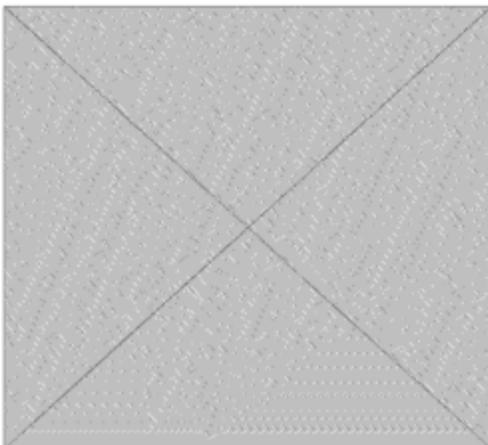
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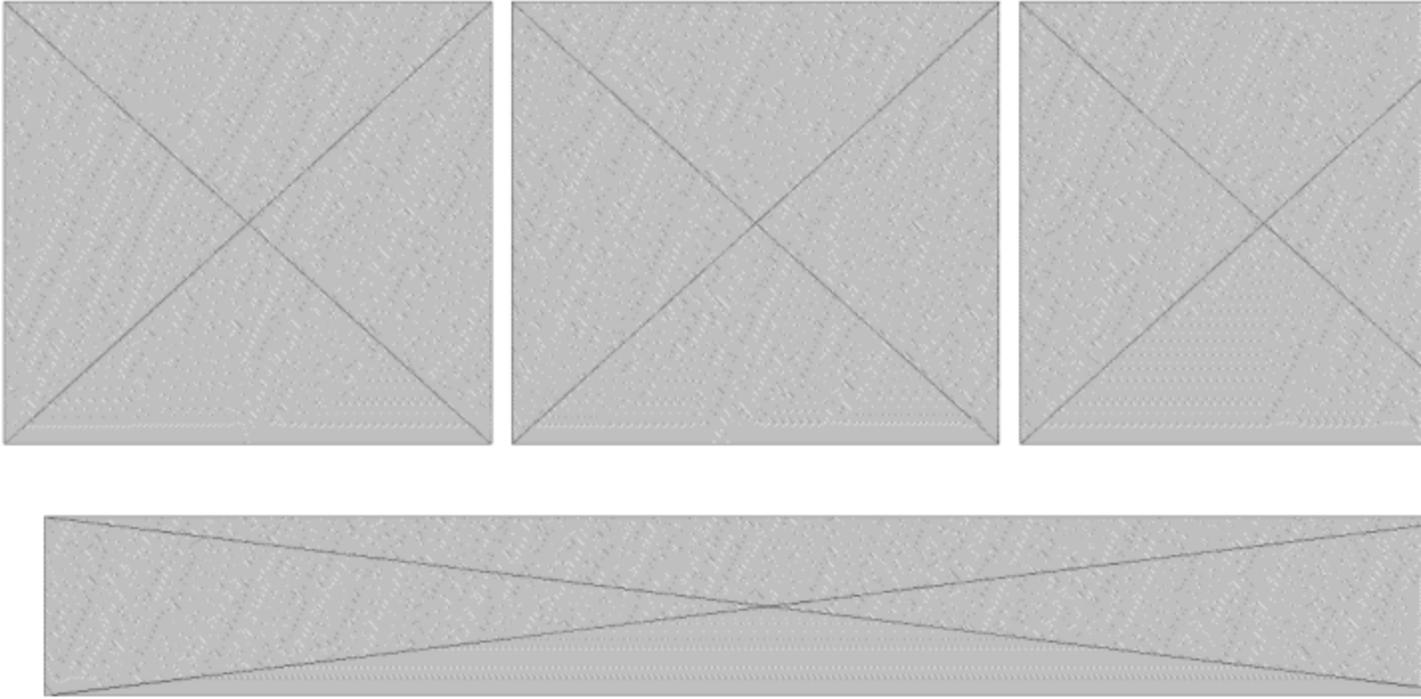
### Kitchen of the Week: A Cottage-Chic Kitchen on a Budget »

Designer Sarah Phipps saw potential as soon as she walked into the door of this 1940s Oregon kitchen — despite tattered carpeting, horrifying heater and peeling paperboard walls. "I always see what it looks like in the... more »



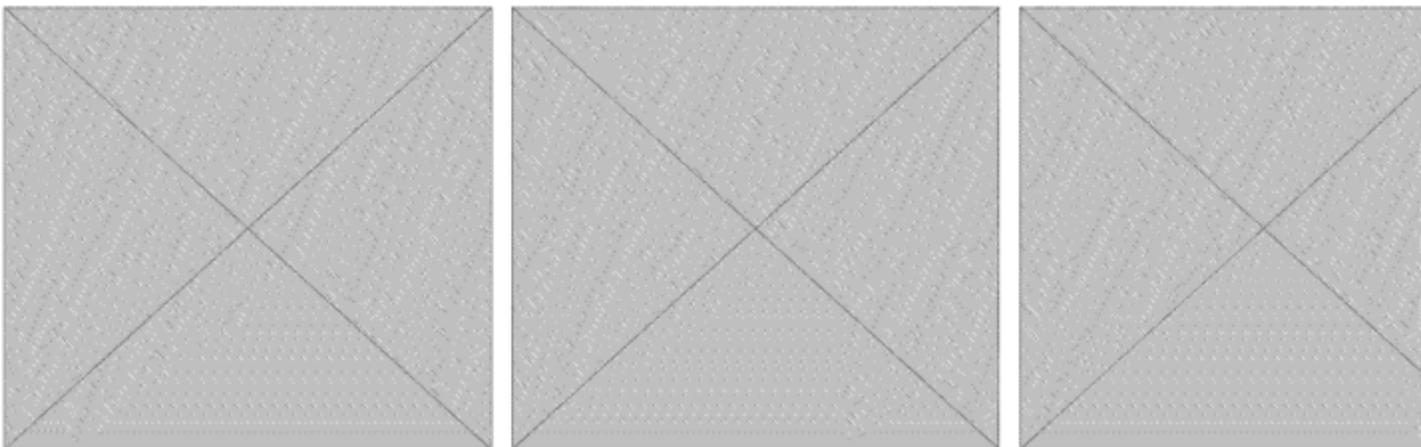
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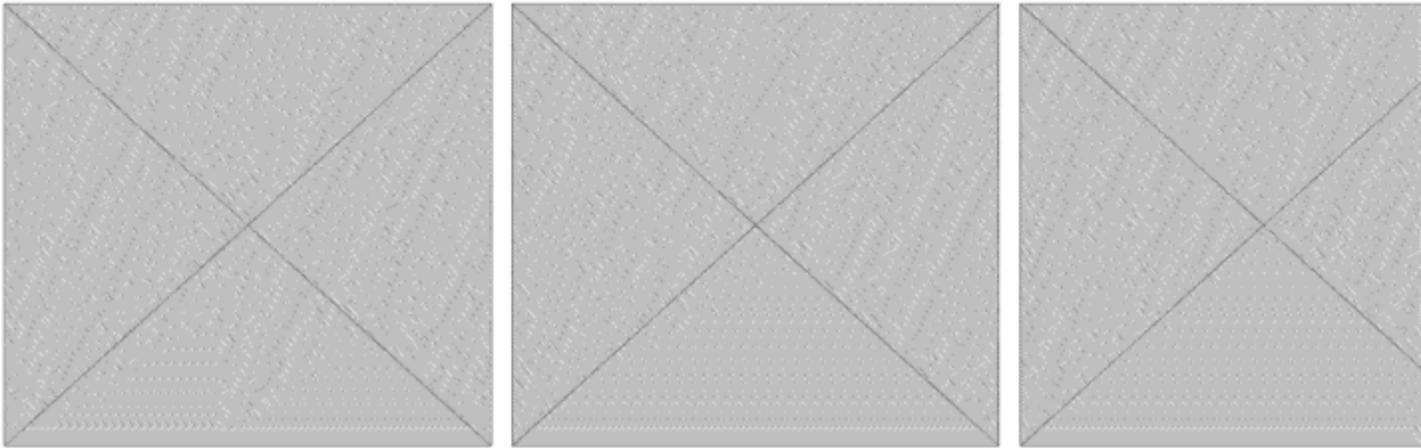
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This Seattle couple has more passion for gardening than they do for sports, so they replaced a full tennis court on the property with a vegetable garden, greenhouse and tool shed with a living roof. Located close to Discovery... more »



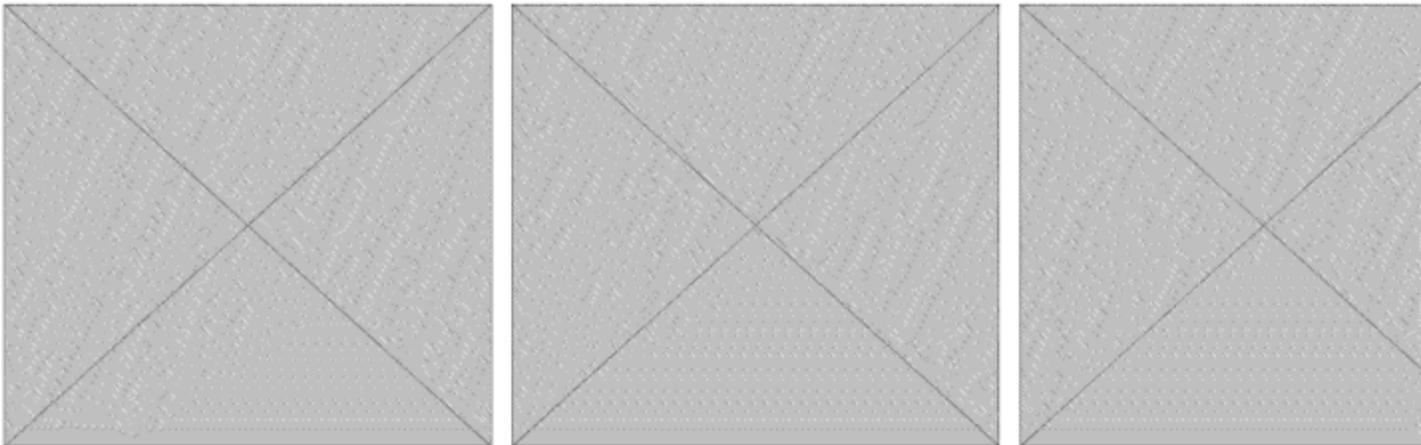
## 17 Ways to Decorate With Everyday Things »

Netflix has changed the way we binge watch TV — instead of being way behind because you are only on season th  
Breaking Bad, you're behind if you haven't watched an entire brand new series two days after it premieres... more x



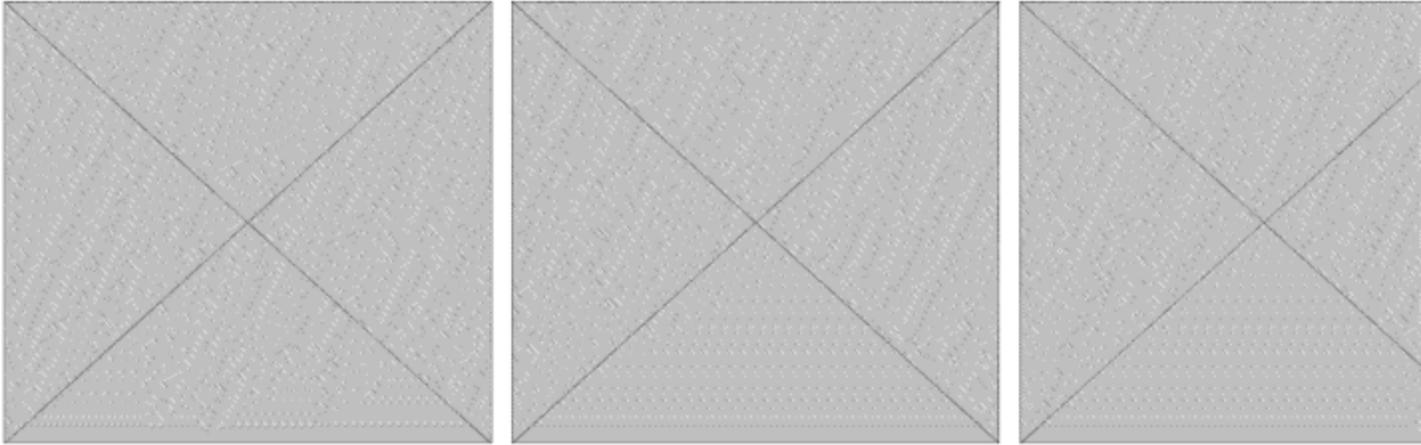
## My Houzz: Collected Style in a Nashville Bungalow »

Nashville natives Caroline and Clark Brewer are both naturals at composing creative vignettes. She's a visual merchandiser for Anthropologie and a freelance stylist, and he's a photographer. So it's no surprise that stylish... more



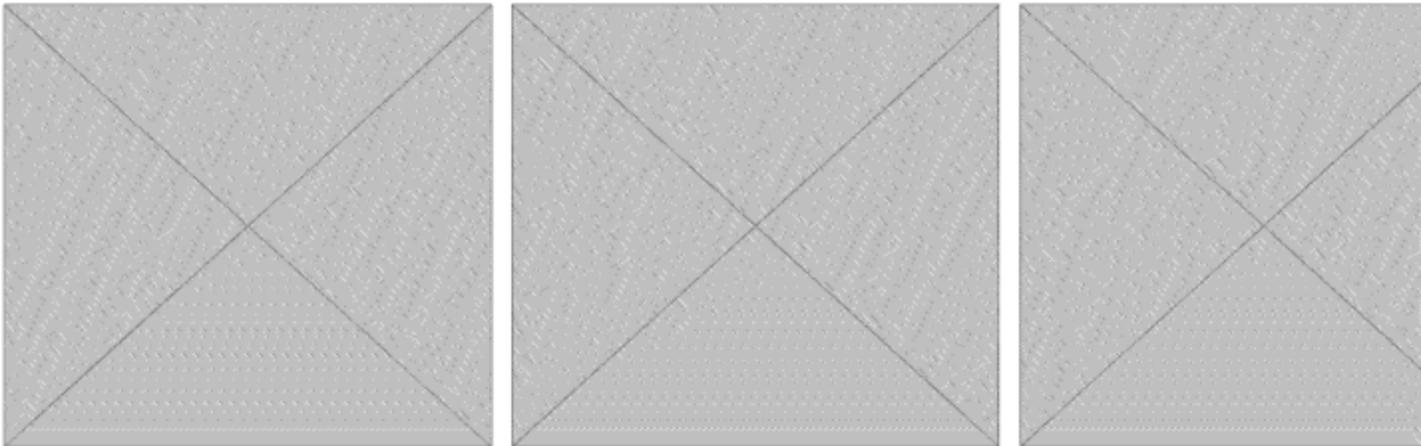
## 12 Tips for Living Well in Your Loft or Studio »

No matter the size, lofts and studio apartments have more in common than not. Nearly all lofts and studios are short on built-in storage, need furniture scaled just-so, and then of course there is the bed-in-the-living-room... more »



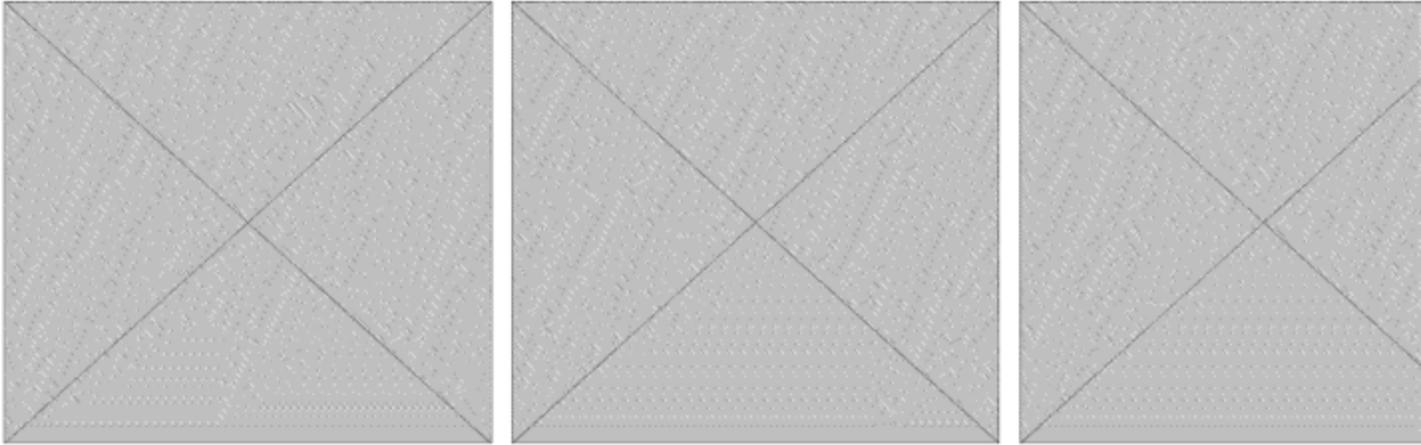
## Houzz Tour: Modern Luxury in the Hamptons »

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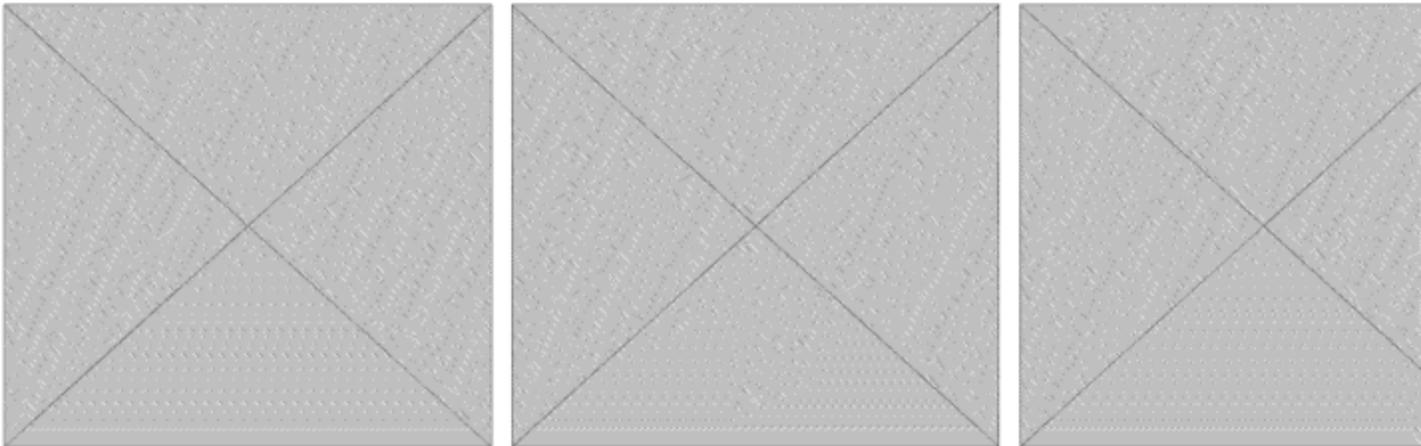
## So You Want to Get a Cat »

Cats are great pets. They're independent but still loving and full of character. Set an automatic feeder and you can leave your cat for a day or two without a care in the world that he or she isn't lounging by a sunny window... more »



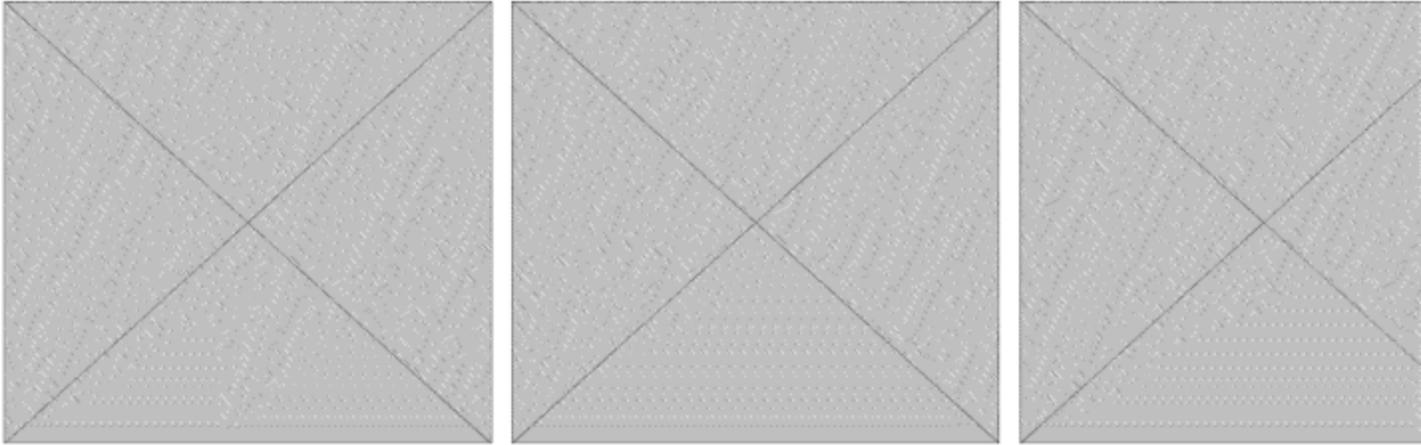
## My Houzz: Kitchen Remodel Unifies a 1950s Texas Ranch House »

Ryan and Erin McLaughlin are slow movers. When they purchased their 1950s-era ranch house in 1998, they knew the kitchen would need renovating, but couldn't settle on a plan of action. "Our way of doing things involves 99... more »



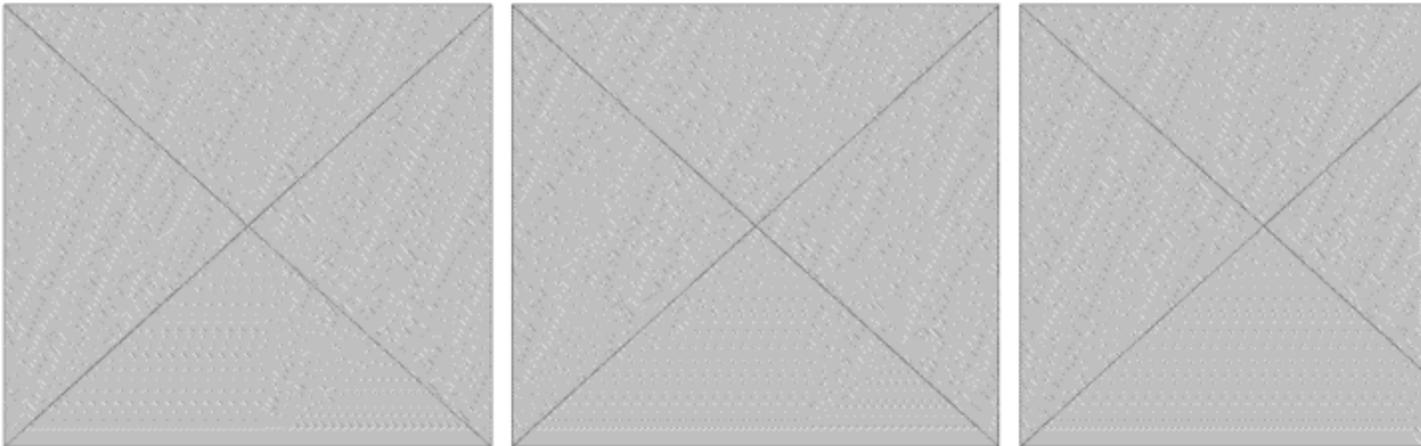
## Your Space Can Help You Get Down to Work. Here's How »

Do you work best in the middle of a bustling scene or do you need utter peace and quiet? Are you a minimalist or a clutter lover? Do you do your best thinking while gazing out a window or would you rather be on your feet, moving... more »



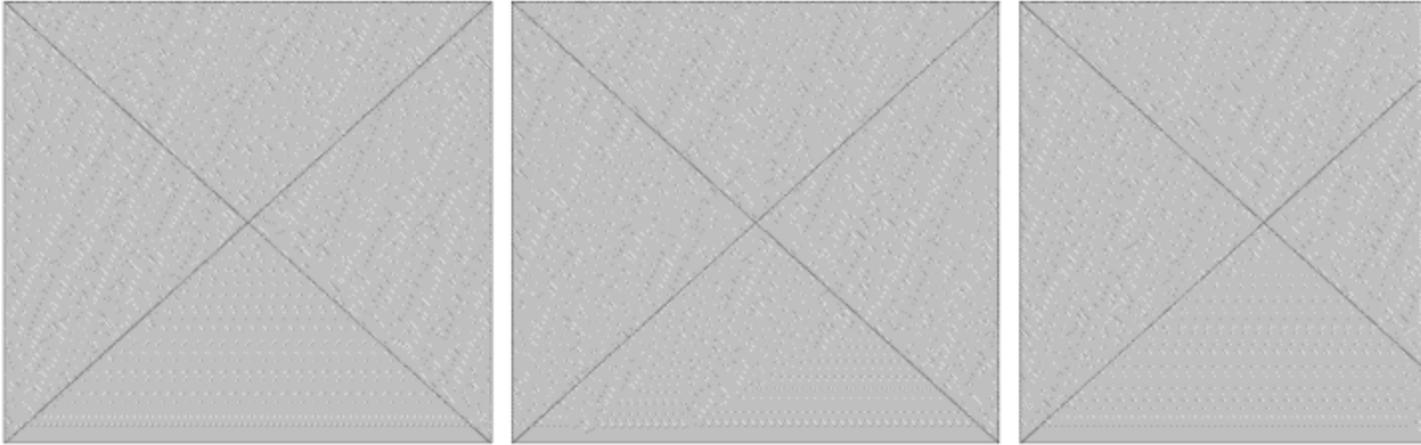
## My Houzz: Creativity and Color Play in an 1890 Mississippi Home »

The home of Erin and Sean Kirkpatrick brims with their personalities. She's a fine art photographer, owner of the boutique Amelia and co-founder of chARTer nannies. He's a professional musician. Together they decorated their... more »



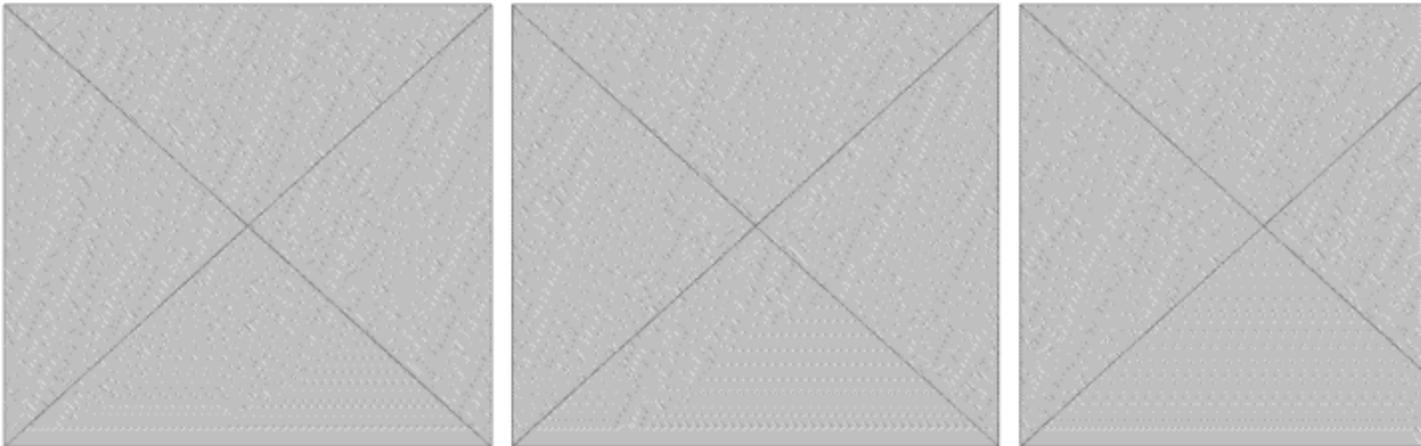
## Kitchen FAQs: Selecting Your Sink Material »

Anyone who has built or renovated a kitchen knows what it can feel like to make so many decisions in a very short amount of time. Educating yourself about your options beforehand can help cut down on some of that stress.... more »



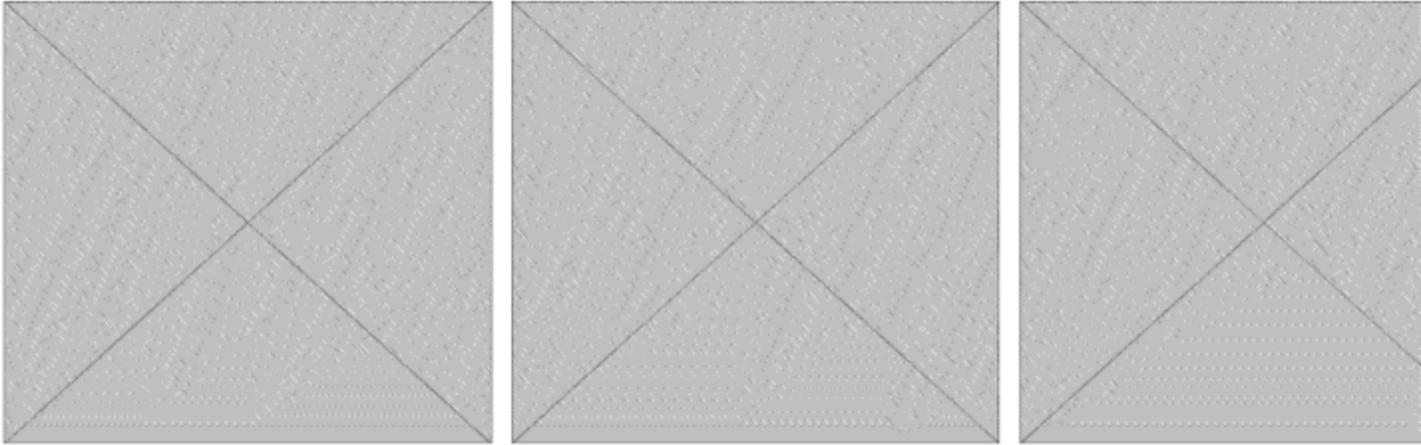
## Got a Design Dilemma? Talk Amongst Yourselves »

Judy Marusa's Rhode Island vacation property was falling down. The structural bearing for the house was collapsing. If she didn't find someone to address the problem immediately, she would be in trouble. Stuck on the... more »



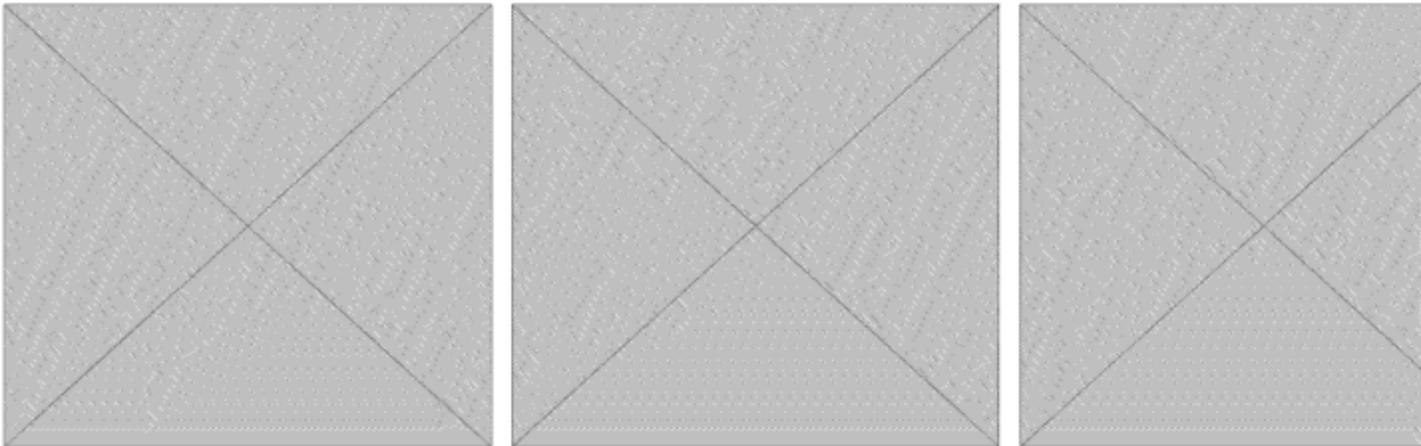
## Mad for Miniatures? Show Us Your Dollhouse »

It's no surprise that a 1930s house with chandeliers bedecked with diamonds, emeralds and pearls; murals and paintings by Walt Disney; and 2,000-year-old statues originally cost \$500,000 to build (nearly \$7 million when adjusted... more »



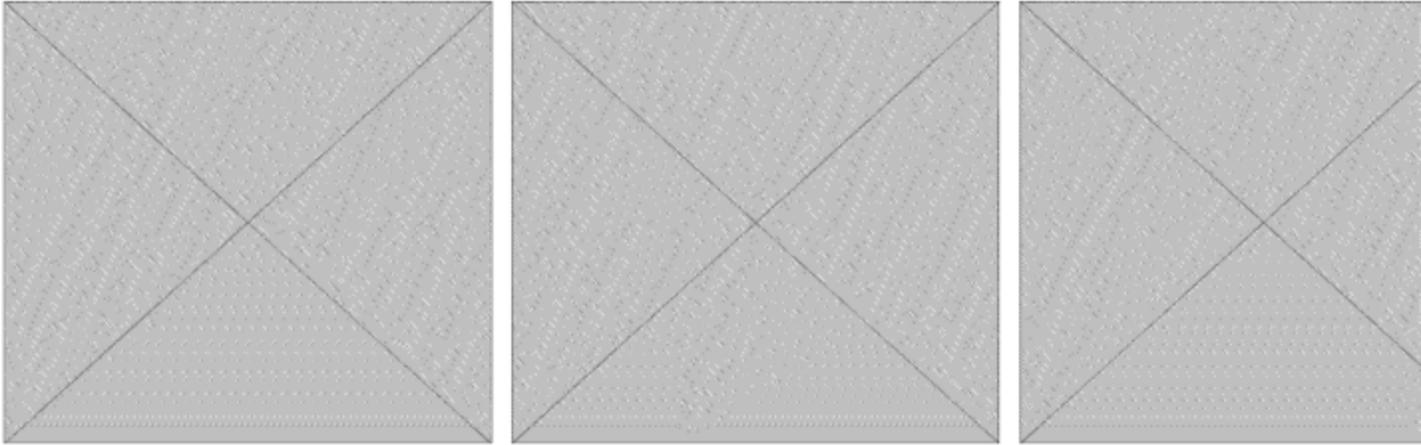
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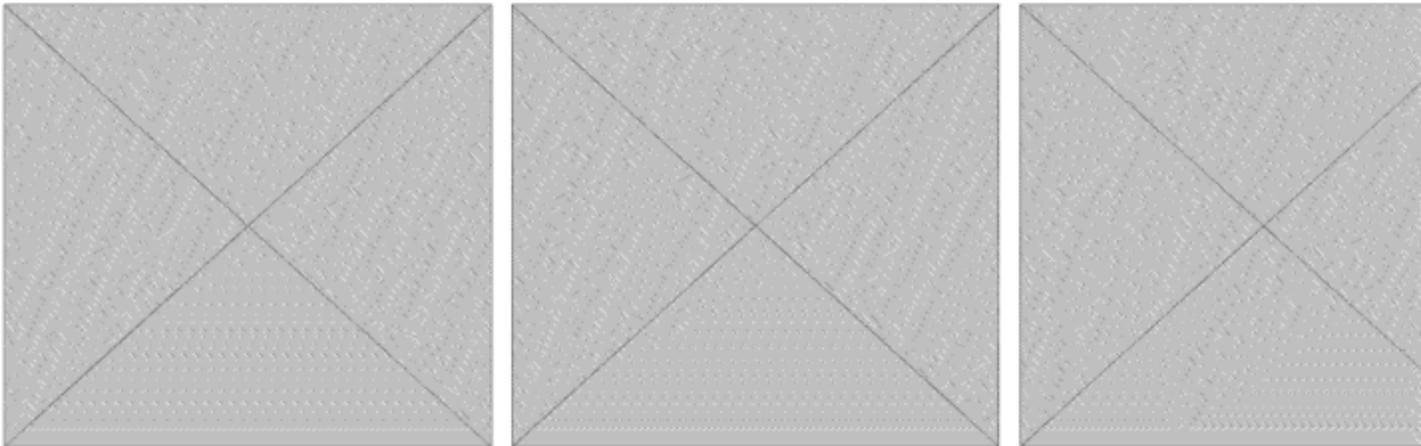
## Houzz Call: Show Us Your Compact Kitchen! »

We've learned plenty of storage and layout tips and tricks from some compact kitchens in our Kitchen of the Week s now we want to see yours. Do you have a tiny kitchen? We want to see the smallest cooking spaces... more »



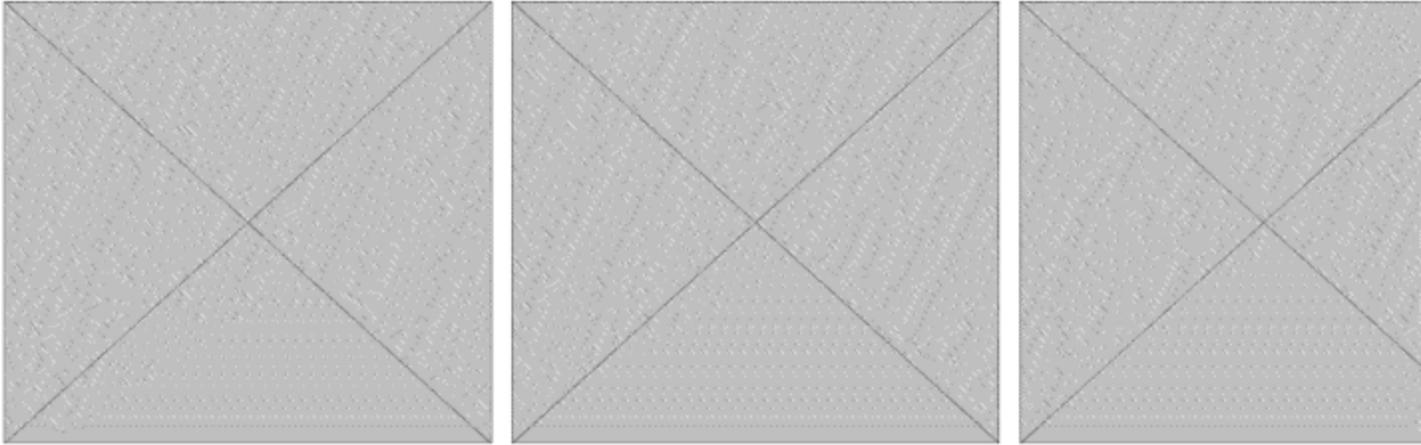
## Container Gardening Basics: The Dirt on Soil »

The right soil or potting medium is essential for a successful container garden. The right soil will feed your plants and encourage strong root systems; the wrong soil can result in failure. It may sound simple, but it takes... more »



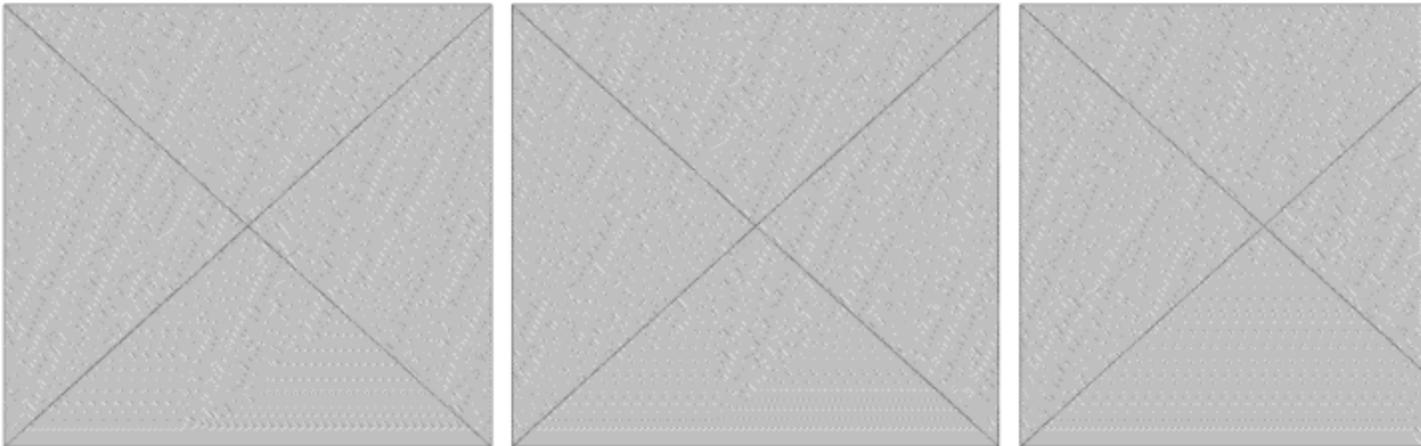
## Roots of Style: Colonial Monterey Sets the Stage for Unique Design »

You know you have seen them and they appear familiar. There is an unusual small balcony hanging over the front of one or two French doors opening onto it from the second level. Some of these houses have traditional... more »



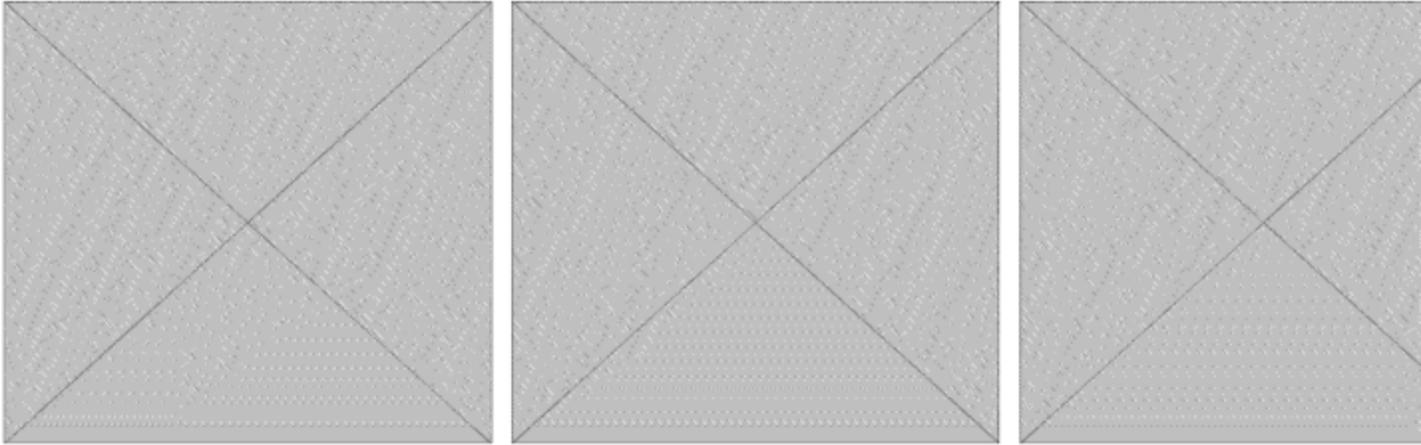
## The Comfy Lake House Rule Book »

I like lake houses that remind me of summer camp – just replace the trumpet wake-up call with the smell of bacon and substitute a TempurPedic mattress for the cot and swap in some sangria in lieu of the bug juice. Other... more »



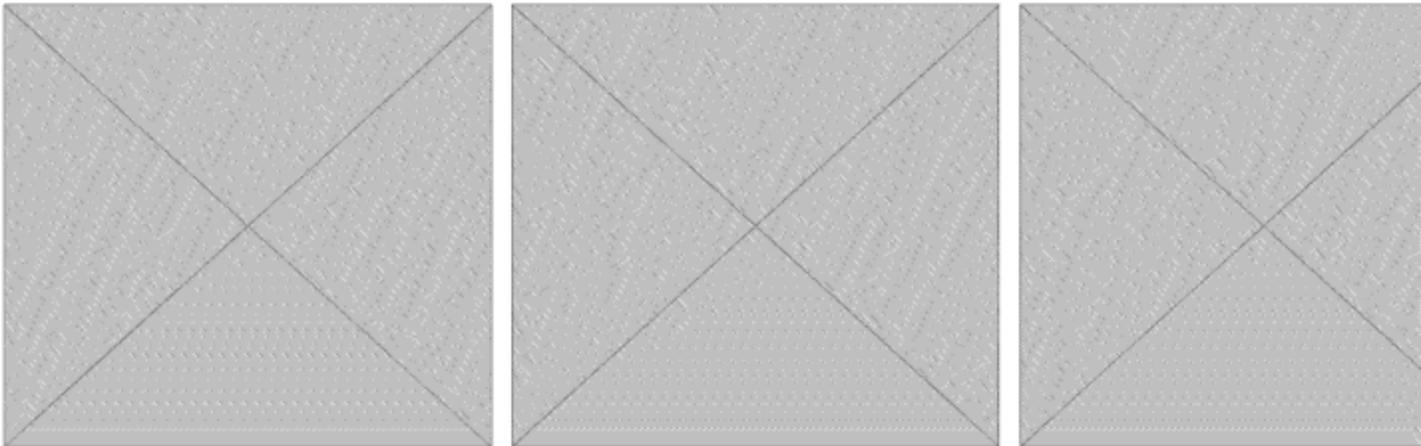
## Wake Up Your Kitchen With a Deluxe Coffee Center »

A dedicated coffee station is on many kitchen wish lists. Having a spot to brew your favorite cup of joe in the morning or serve guests an after-dinner espresso is a big favorite in kitchens today. While a coffee center... more »



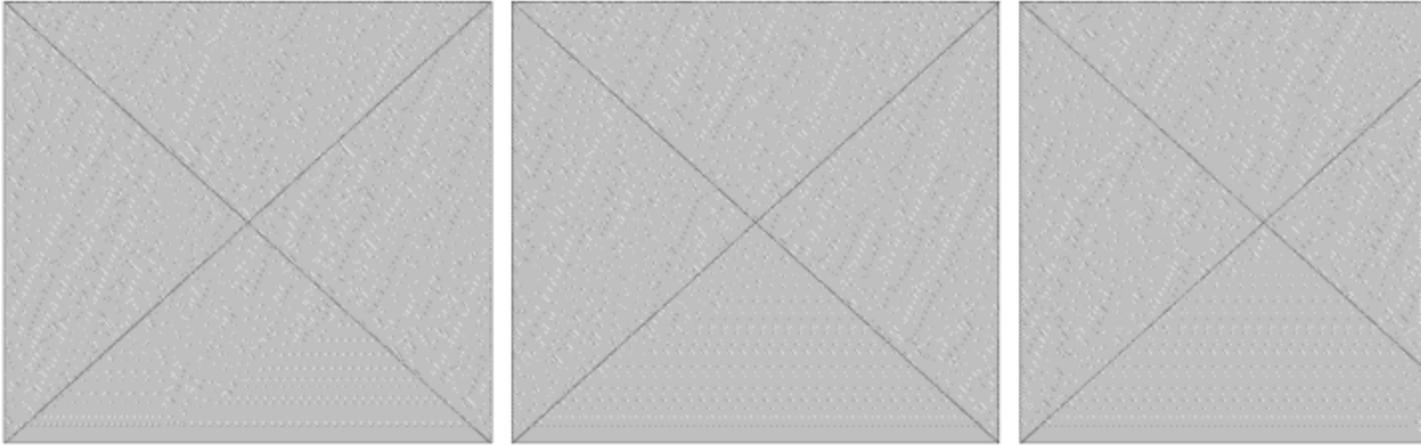
## Knot Again! Macrame Is Back »

If you were a kid in the '70s, you probably remember your mother — or yourself? — going through an intense macra phase, with houseplants dangling from knotted rope plant hangers throughout the house. While the look of... more »



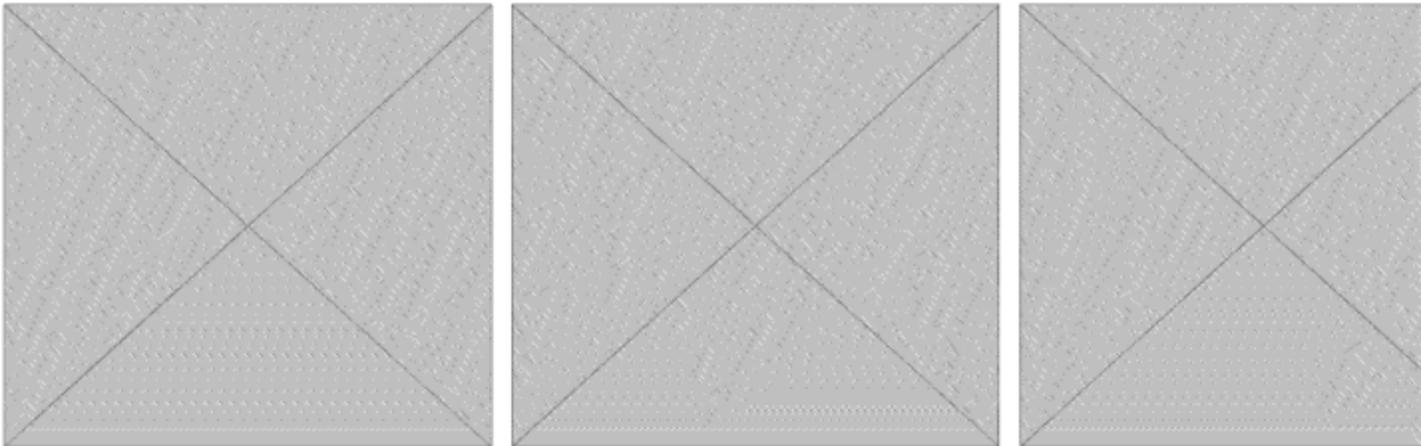
## From the Wild, Home: Elements of a Landscape of Experience »

The palpable experience of nature teaches us some powerful lessons when developing our home gardens. In the w meadows of tawny orange broom sedge in the fall, boulder-laden streams that meander around gnarly sycamore...



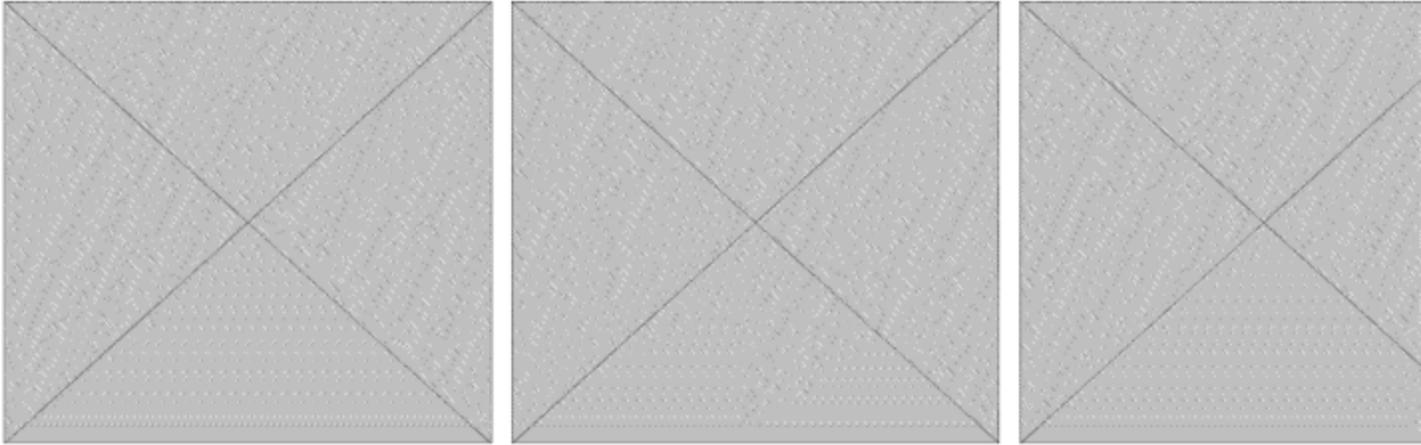
## Just Add Water: Rain Barrel Magic »

Harvesting rainwater is an old idea that's gaining more adherents as water issues affect more and more of us. It's a practical approach — you collect the water that would otherwise drain off your roof and use it to water... more »



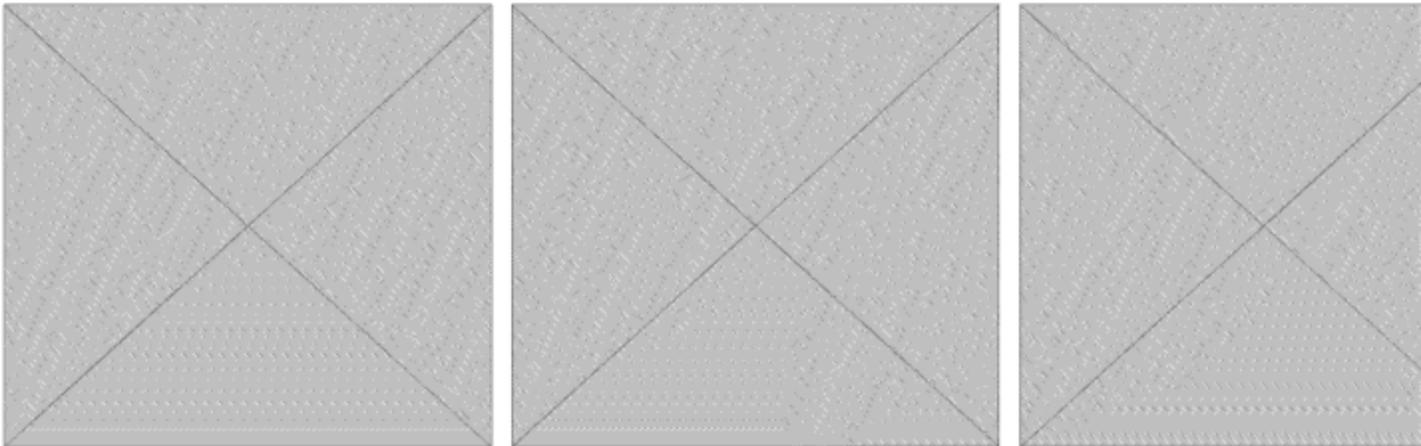
## Great Design Plant: Discover Queen of the Prairie's Sweet Aroma »

Queen of the Prairie is a slowly spreading perennial that loves moisture. Its frothy pink bloom fills the garden with an exquisite perfume for one to two weeks in midsummer. Consider Queen of the Prairie if you're looking... more »



## Guest Picks: Get the Look of an Indoor Garden — With Fabric »

True story, I am the worst indoor gardener. I just killed two succulents that somehow survived a dark corner in Ikea, could not survive my house. So my game plan this summer is to bring the outdoors in through my textiles,... more »



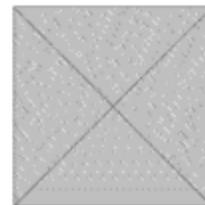
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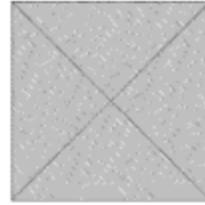
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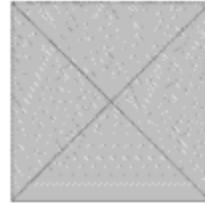
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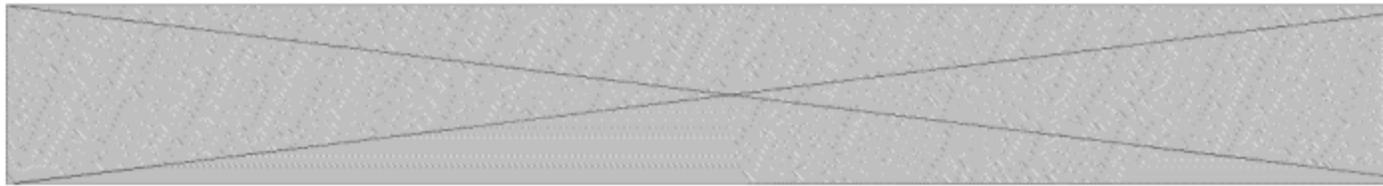
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