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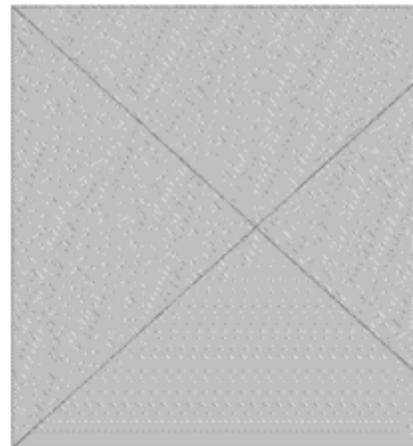
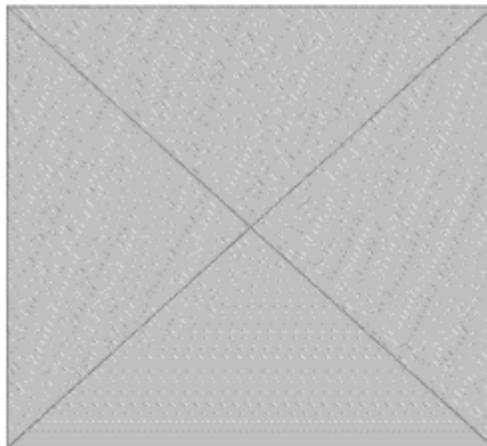
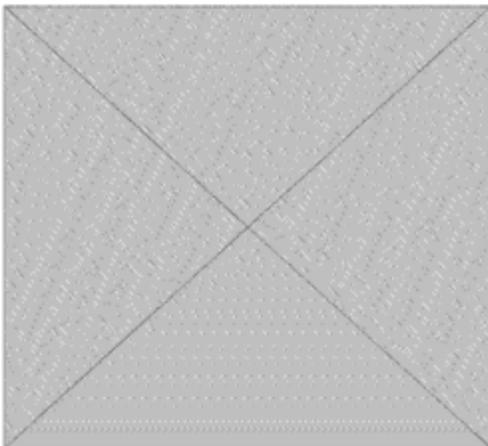


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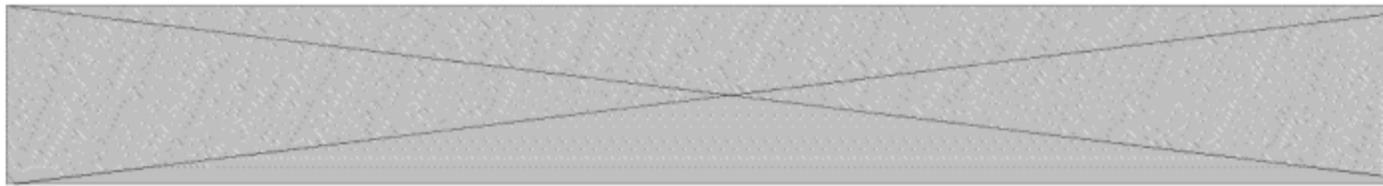
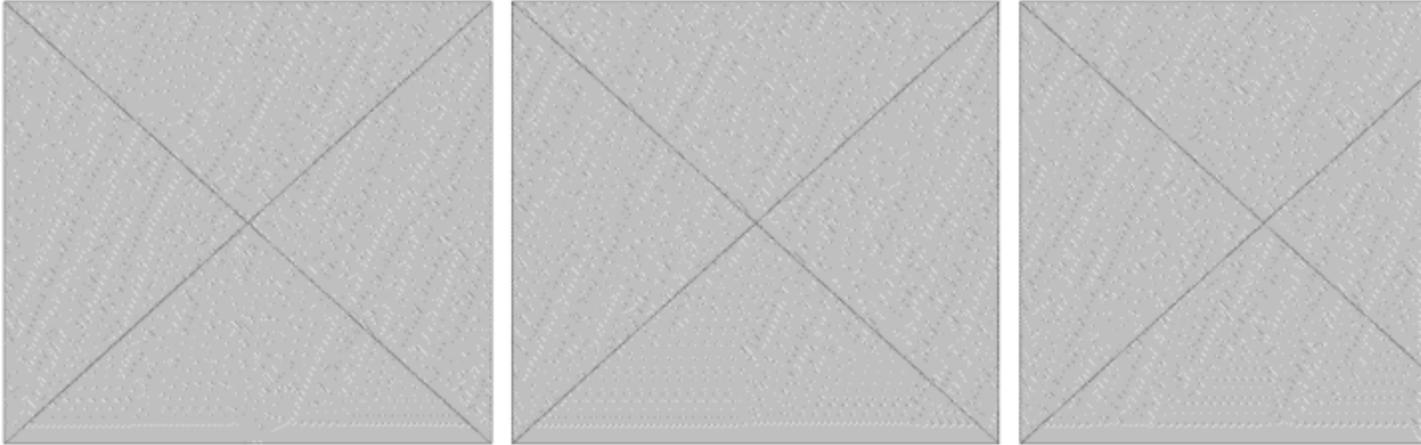
My Houzz: Raw Meets Refined in an Open Brooklyn Loft »

For six months James Botha carefully examined the raw, exposed materials and open layout in his Brooklyn loft before putting pen to paper to design any changes. "After things settled and I started to learn what was necessary,... more



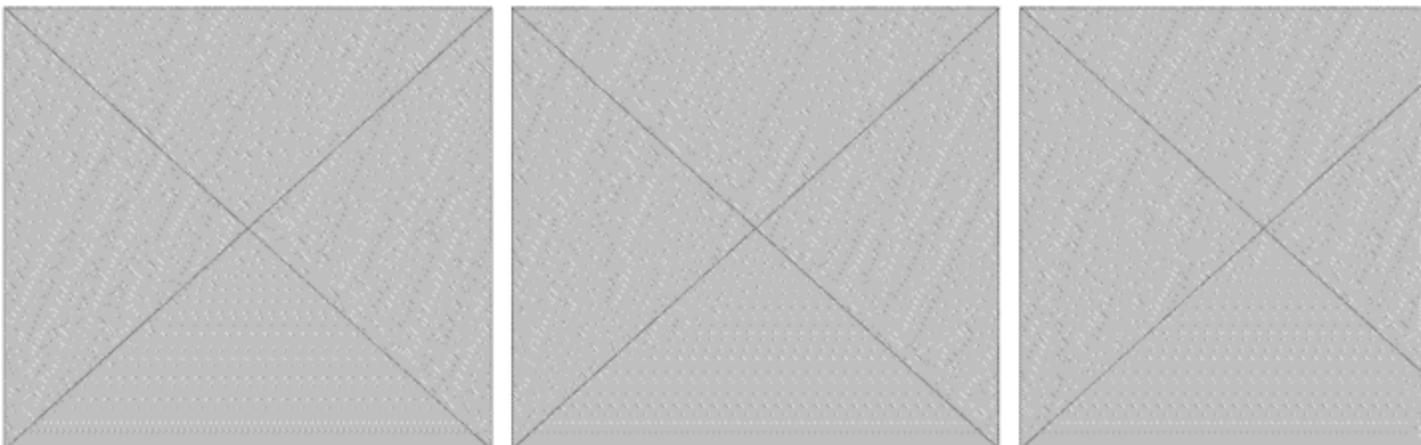
Kitchen of the Week: Modern Summer Camp Style in Maine »

Despite their love of clean and modern design, this East Coast family of five knew that style wasn't quite right for their lakefront vacation home. Aiming for a more relaxed style, they hired designer Kristina Crestin to... [more »](#)



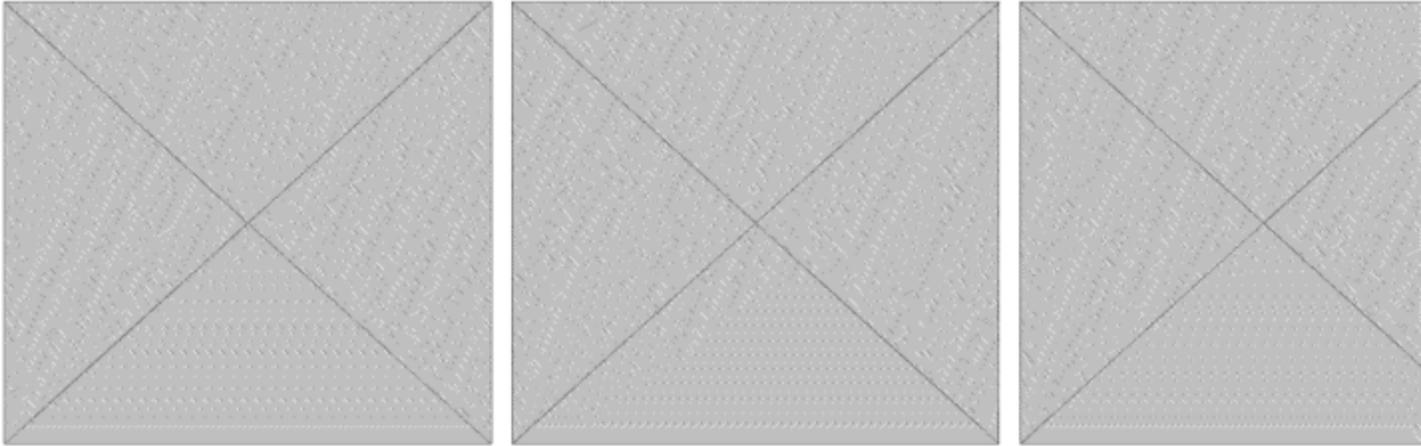
Butterfly Gardening: Delight the Eyes With Living Sculptures »

Once we've laid out a landscape — installed the pavers and edging and mulch, placed the plants — we can sit back in chairs and admire the splendor of a beautiful vista. But there's another element just below the... [more »](#)



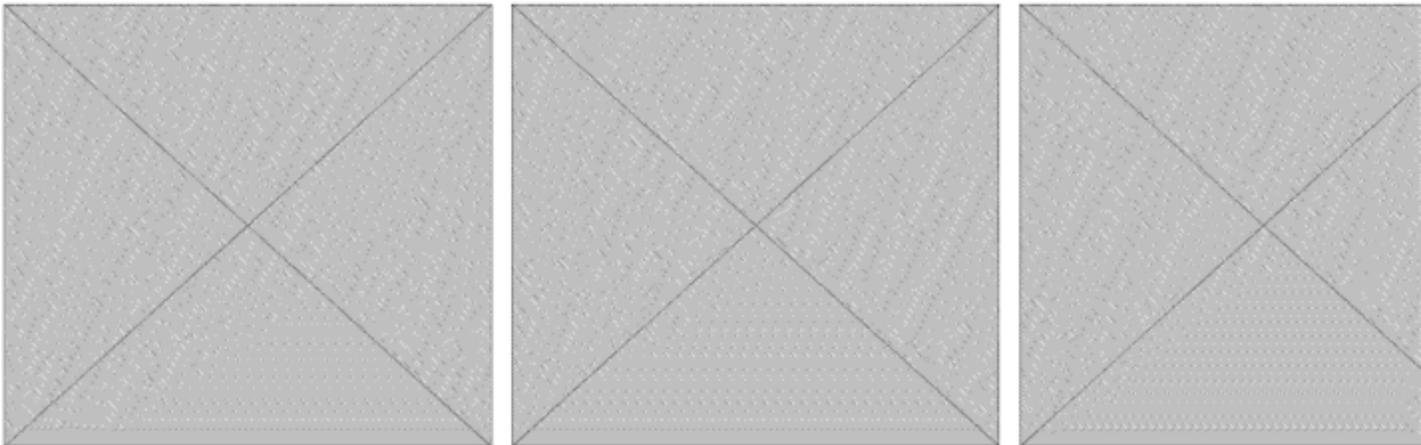
Blast Decluttering Roadblocks Once and for All »

There is enough advice on decluttering and organizing to fill an entire wing of a bookstore, and a quick online search up billions of results. But if it were as simple as picking up a book and following the author's... more »



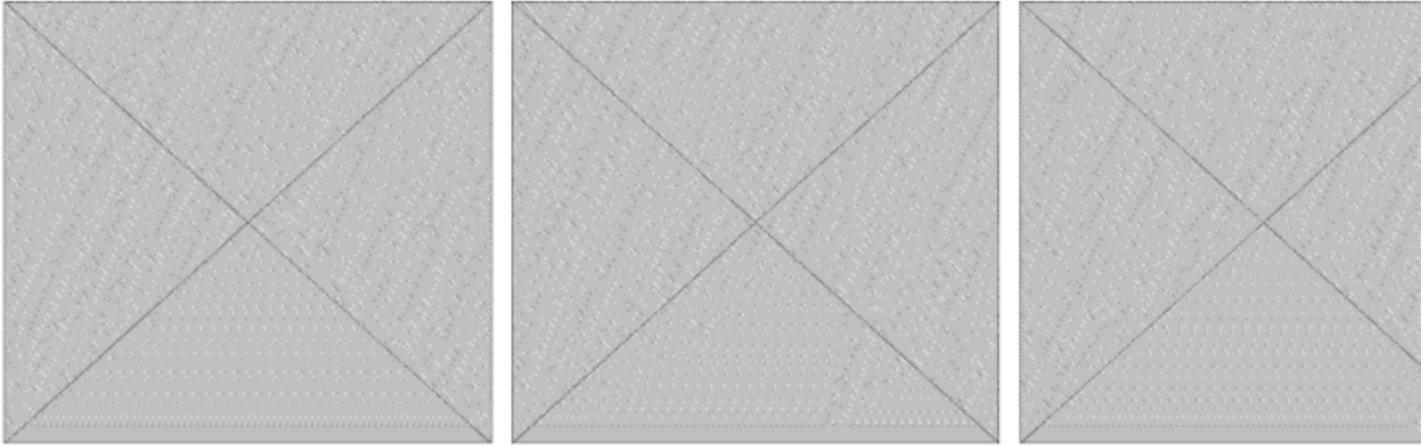
4 Former Churches Find New Glory as Homes »

As congregations grow and move to bigger buildings, or flocks disperse and older structures become too expensive to maintain, church properties occasionally wind up on the market. Home buyers and designers see residential... more »



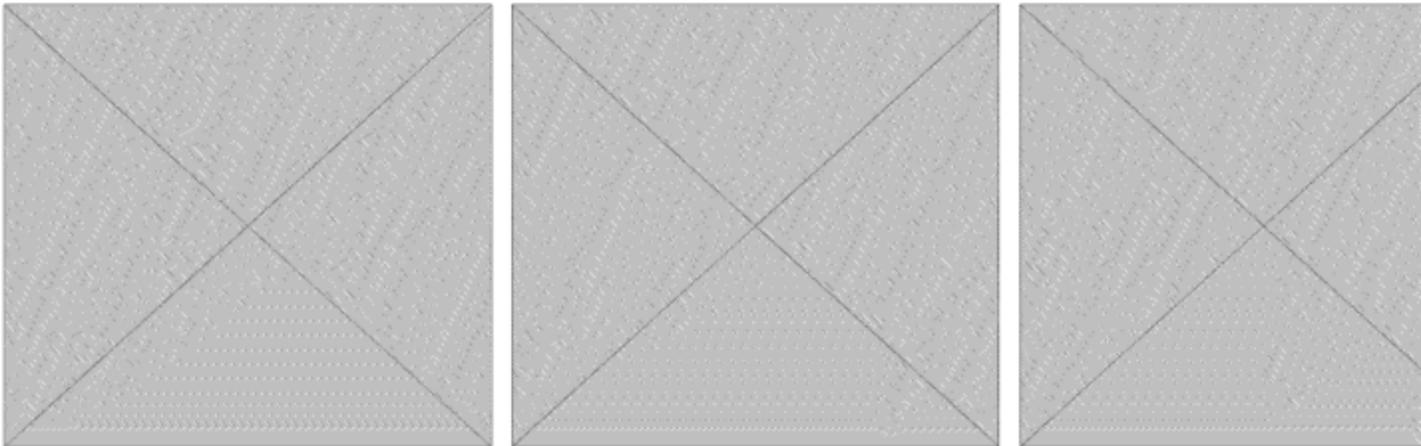
12 Fun Backyard Forts Grown-Ups Can Love, Too »

While any sort of platform in a tree or a cardboard box clubhouse will make a kid happy, it is a great bonus if this permanent structure is visually appealing for adults. Even better if it's a place we like to escape to from... more »



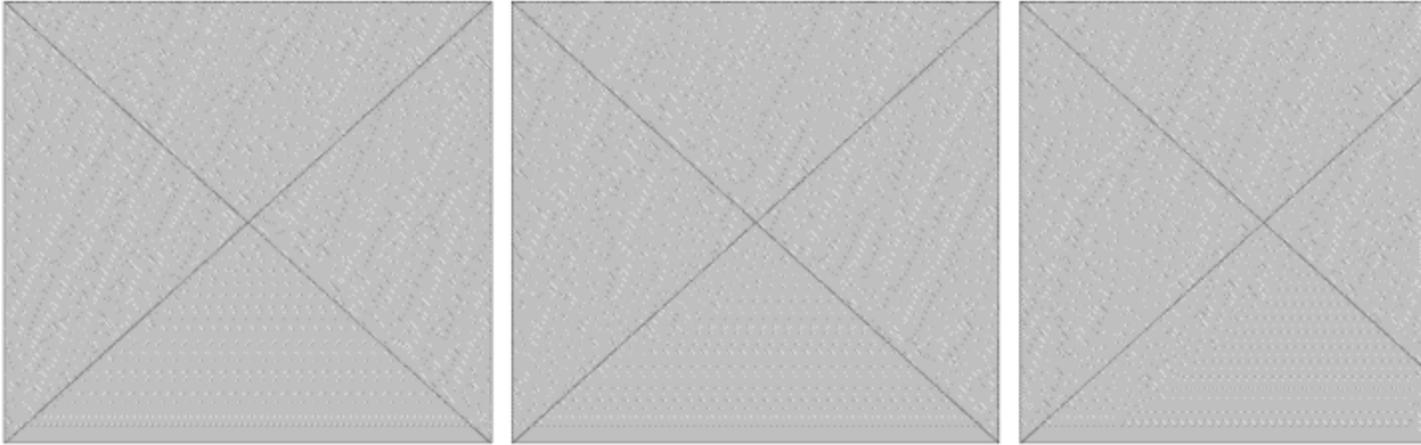
Kitchen Storage Solutions for Every Nook »

Today's clever kitchen designers have storage solutions to fill every nook and cranny in all sorts of kitchens. These helpers can help you take advantage of every square inch. [more »](#)



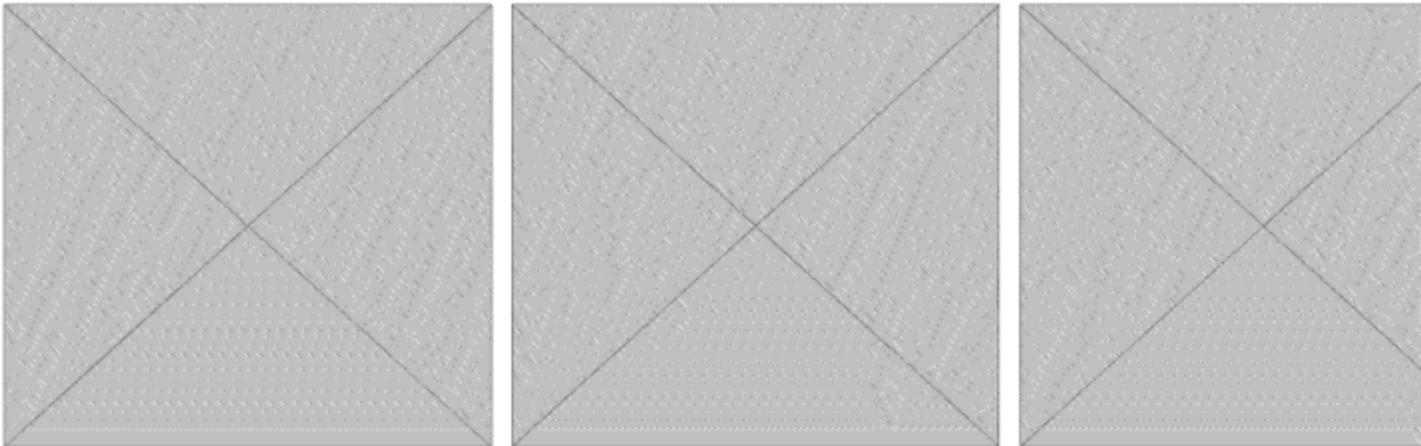
Patio of the Week: Koi Glide Around a Tranquil Garden's Moat »

Barry Harrison wanted to transform his small vacant yard into a lush private garden that would provide a healthy habitat for his prized koi. He also wanted a space that could help earn money for The Greening of Detroit as... [more »](#)



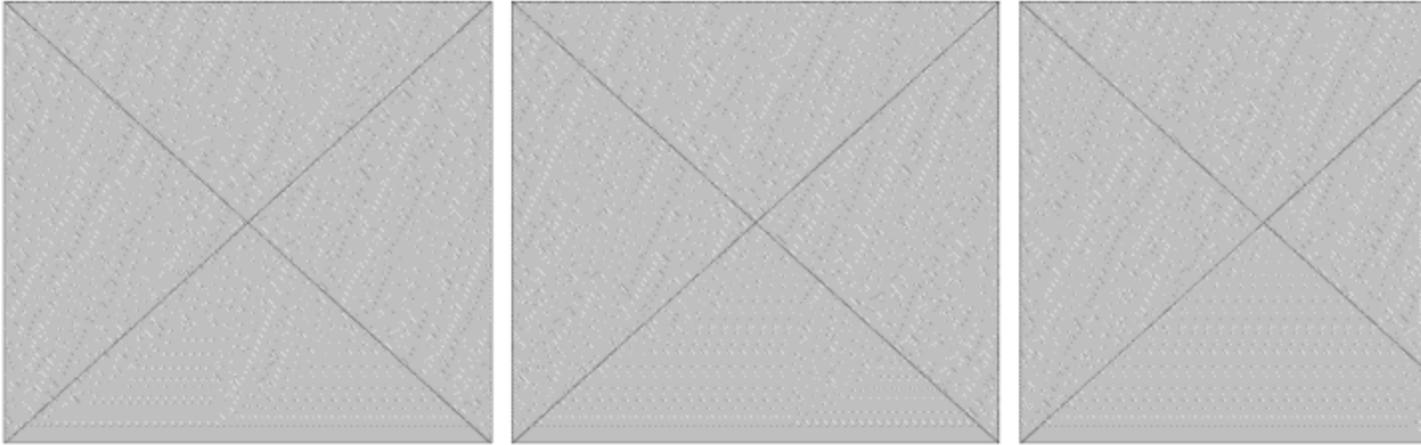
Simple Ways to Get Your Closet Organized Right Now »

Without delving into any psychobabble here, it's safe to say that a messy closet doesn't contribute to anyone's happiness. Conversely, an organized closet can bring forth euphoric joy — or, at the very least, a sense of... more »



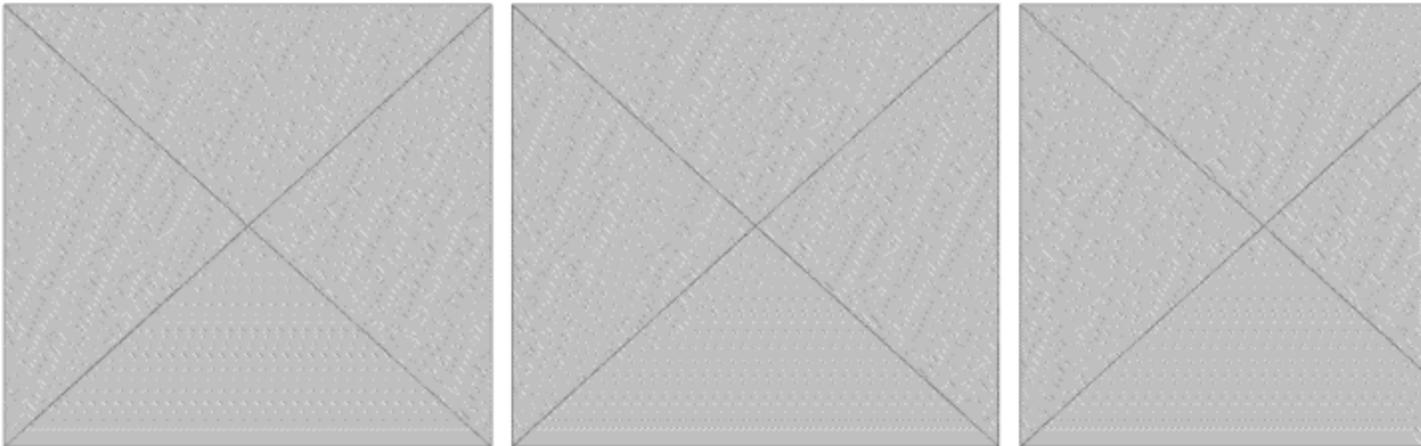
Great Design Plants: Stars of the Succulent Garden »

Each succulent stands out in its own way — the variegated foliage of Aeonium, the size and grandeur of agave, the hardiness and resilience of Sempervivum. Out-of-this-world color and year-round beauty belong to Echeveria.... more »



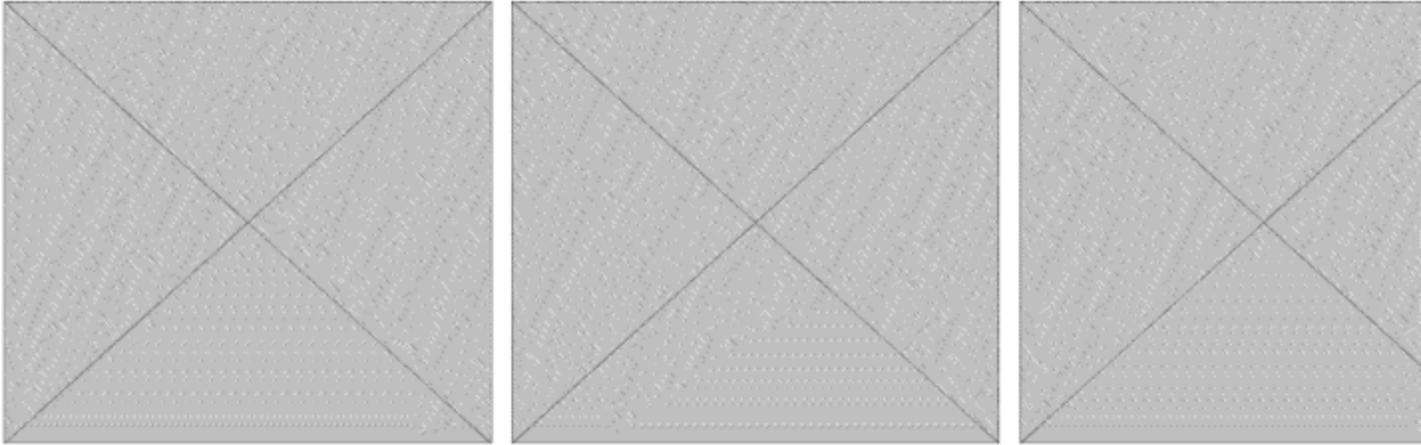
My Houzz: Street Finds and Art in Amsterdam »

Amsterdam art dealer Hyland Mather and his family bring a lot of pieces into their rental home that they find on the streets. And in a city known for being hip, there are really only two criteria for those pieces to make it... [more »](#)



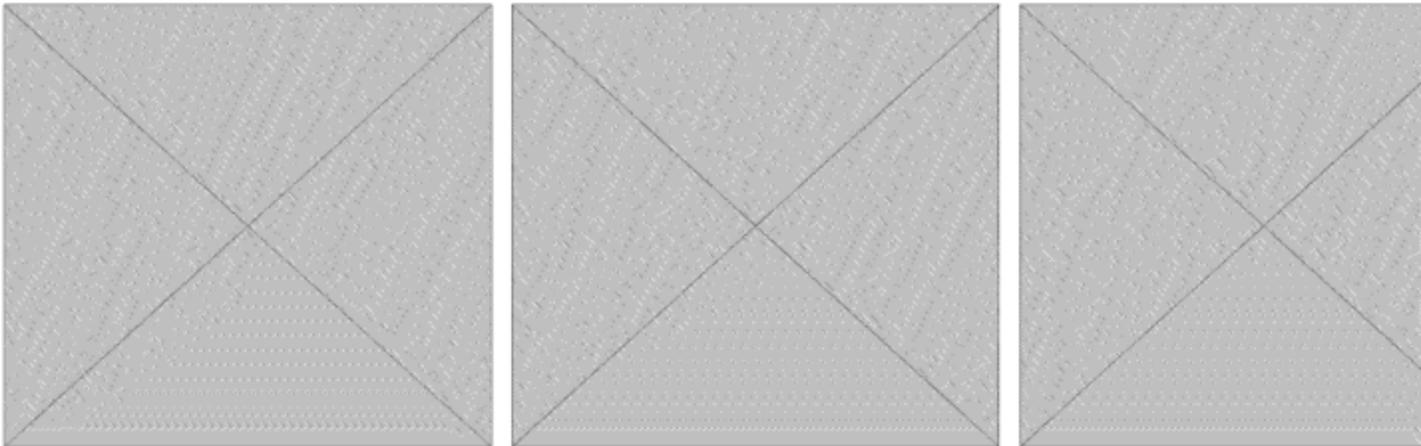
Outdoor Fountains Bring the River to You »

It's summer. It's hot. You wish you were floating down a river in an inner tube, but you aren't. Even if the season's gone and you're stuck working your normal city routine, you can still come home to a little riverfront R &... [more »](#)



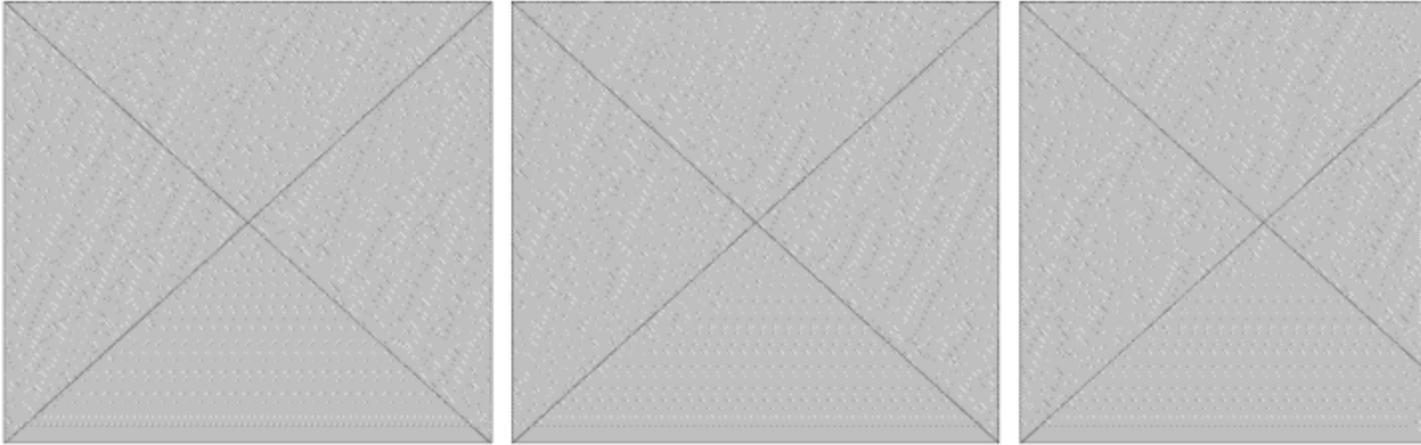
Compact Living: Tips and Tricks for Every Room »

From multipurpose rooms and smart space planning to flexible, floating and transparent furnishings, our Small Space section is brimming with ideas to help you look at your home in new ways. Reimagine a tricky room — or... more »



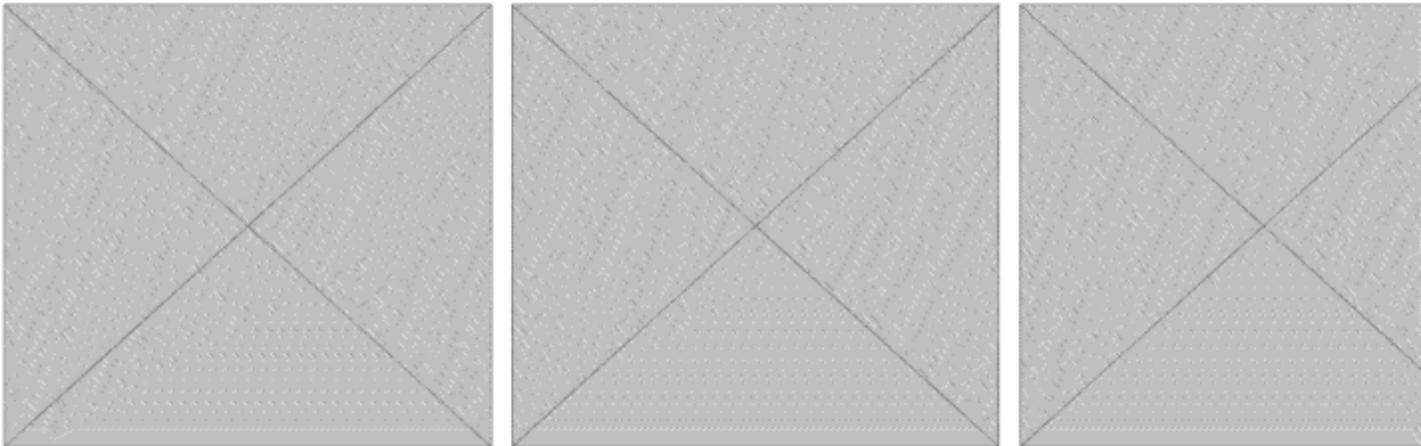
Are You a Maker? There's a Fair for You »

Today everyone knows someone who tinkers, snips, hammers, shapes or fuses something together in a small workshop. If you're a maker yourself, maybe you're making jewelry or personalized stationery for a wedding; maybe you're... more »



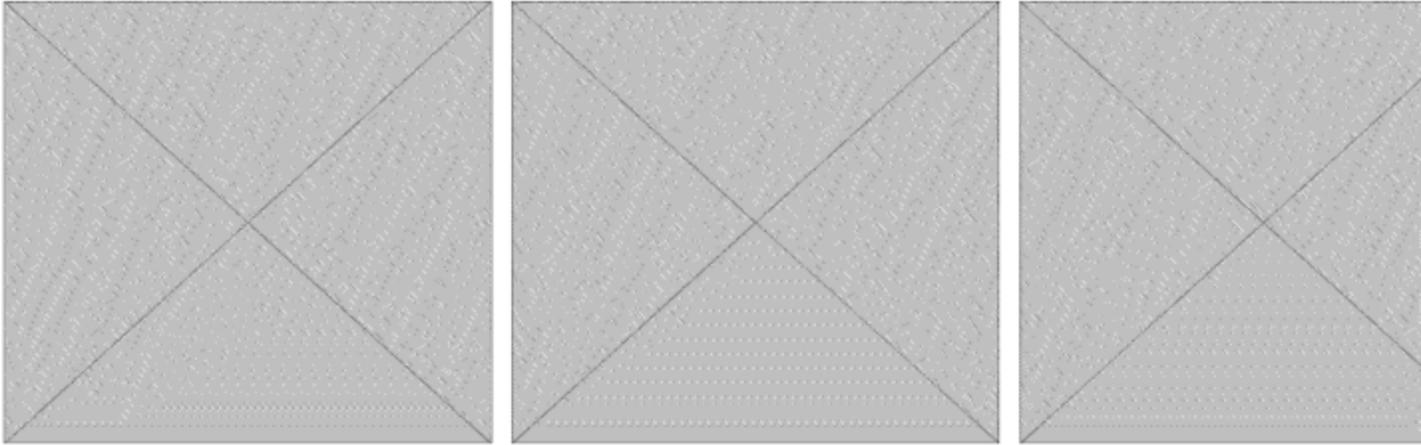
Designing Your Kitchen: How to Choose a Sink Size »

In addition to choosing the best material, mounting type and number of bowls for your kitchen sink, you'll have to pick a range of size options too. An extra-large kitchen sink will obviously give you more space for... [more »](#)



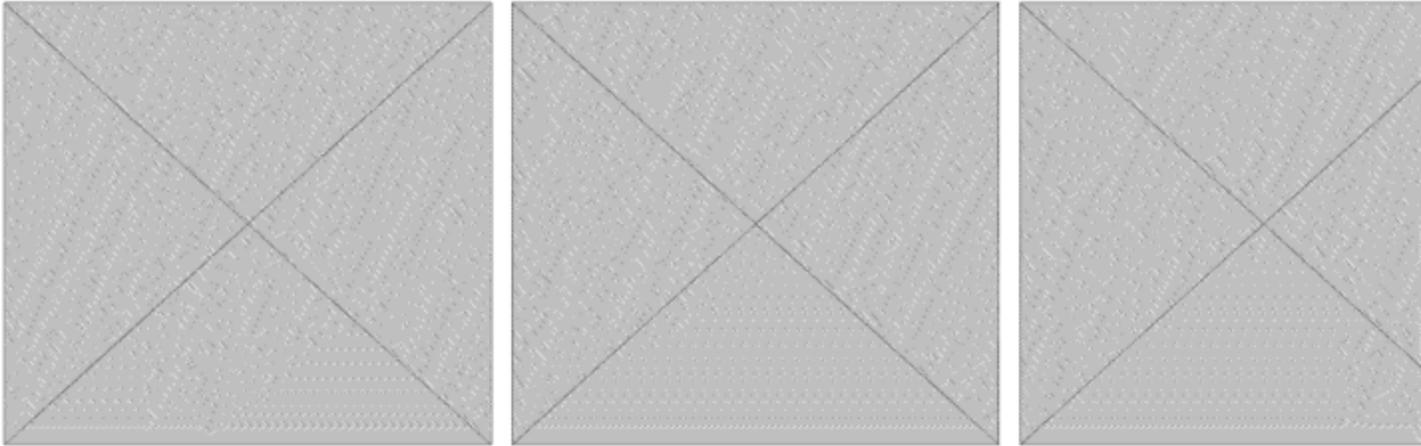
5 Ways DIY Remodels Get Derailed — and How to Deal »

There is one word to sum up my feelings about our upcoming kitchen remodel: "dread." Because after nearly four years of our old house, I finally understand the nature of a renovation. The way your project will wander off... [more »](#)



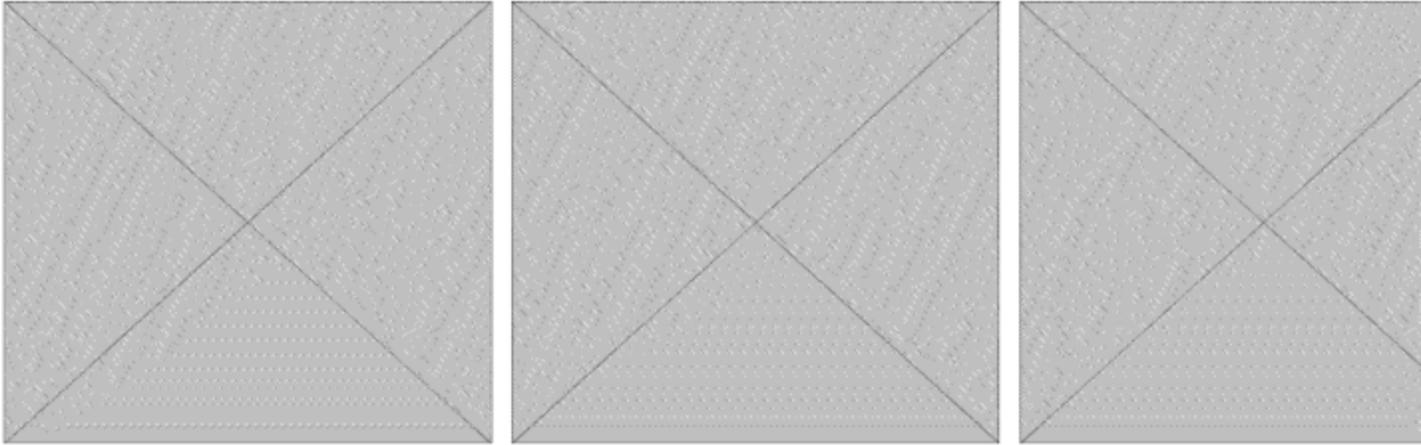
No Fall Guys, Please: Ideas for Lighting Your Outdoor Steps »

The garden at night can be magical. But we humans aren't the best at seeing in the dark, so it also can be dangerous, especially if you have stairways, steps or uneven surfaces. With the right lighting, though, you can turn... more »



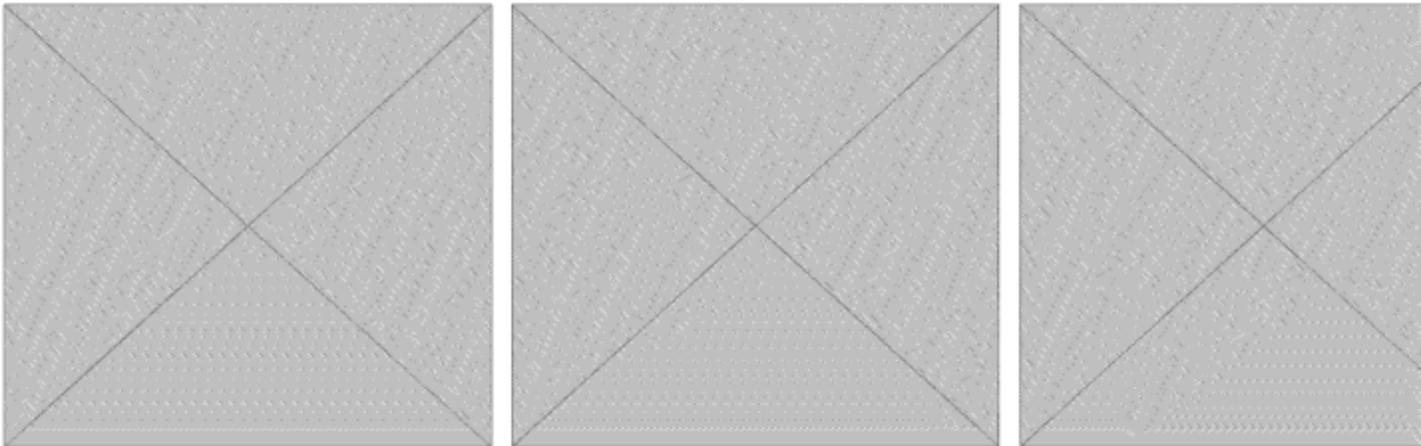
Houzz Tour: Rammed Earth and Vineyard Views Stun Down Under

Blessed with a coastal location and a vineyard, this Australian couple wanted a home that would embrace the surrounding landscape. To do that, architects Warwick Mihaly and Erica Slocombe designed a simple, clean, low-impact... more »



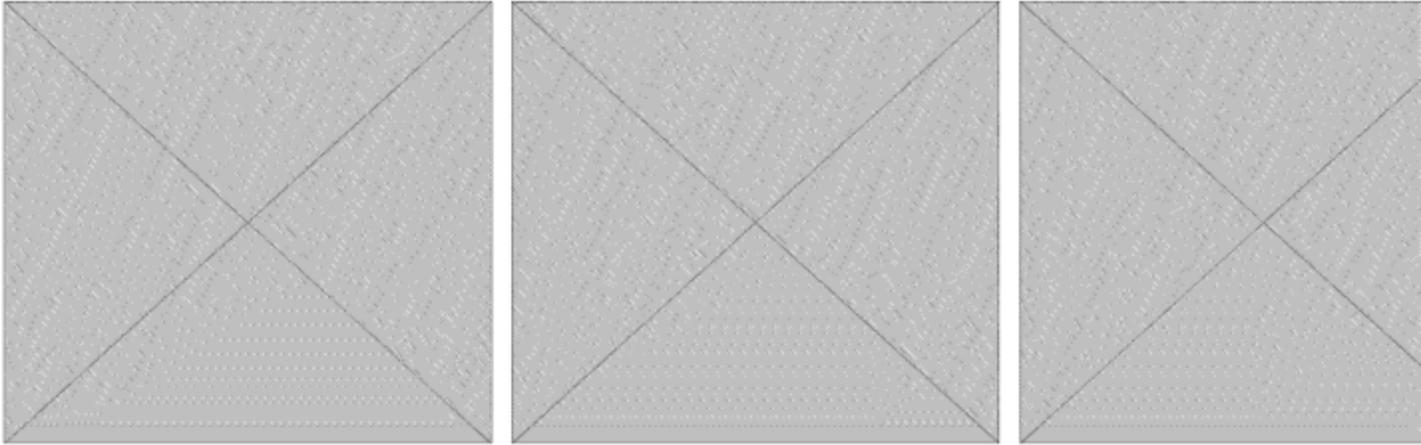
7 Outdoor Fire Features Fuel the Soul »

Folks are drawn together by a cozy fire. It is against the backdrop of an outdoor fire where old pals laugh, romances flourish, stresses are hypnotized away and kids get their s'more cravings appeased. Looking to add a fire... more »



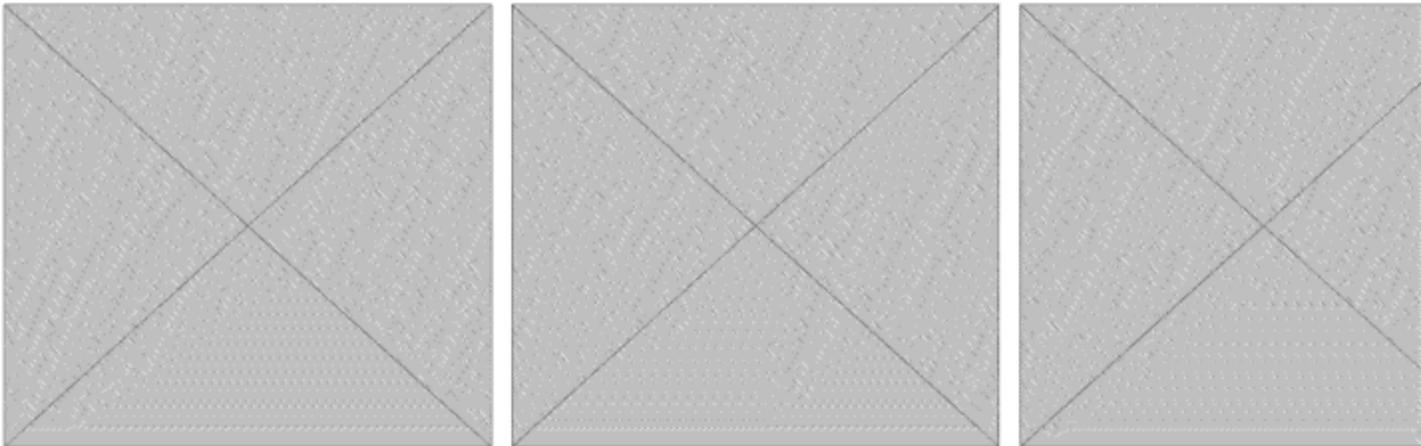
Championing the Solar House, From the 1930s to Today »

According to author and educator Anthony Denzer, a solar house — one that deliberately uses the energy of the sun to heat spaces — is often thought of as a product of the 1970s: "An eccentrically shaped structure... more »



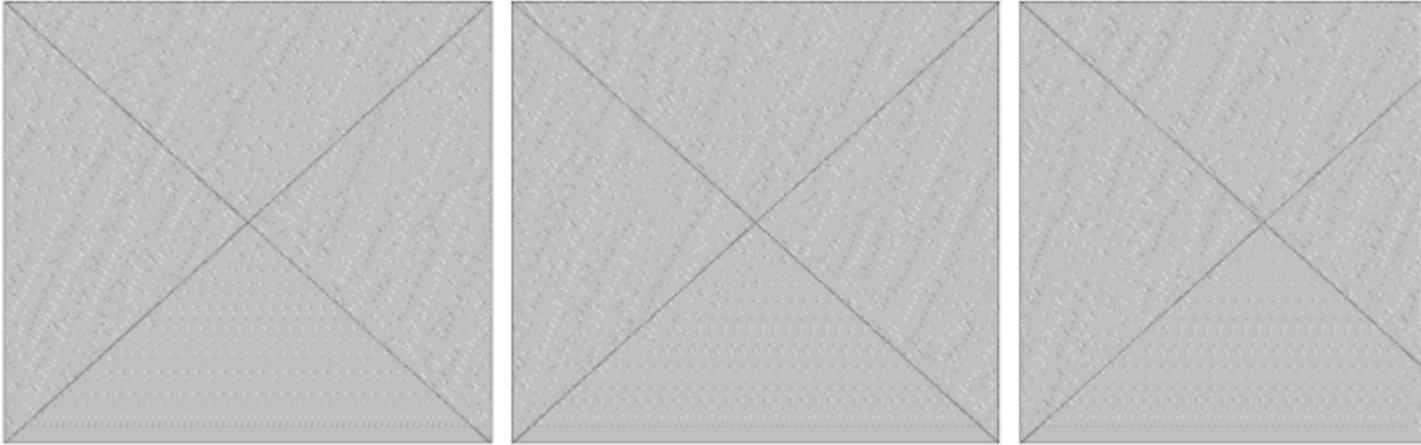
Adults Allowed: A Poolside Playhouse Makes Room for All »

One of interior designer Arlene Lord's favorite projects that she's worked on isn't a big, fancy house with lavish furniture. It's a 70-square-foot playhouse for four grandkids in a suburb south of Portland, Oregon. But... [more »](#)



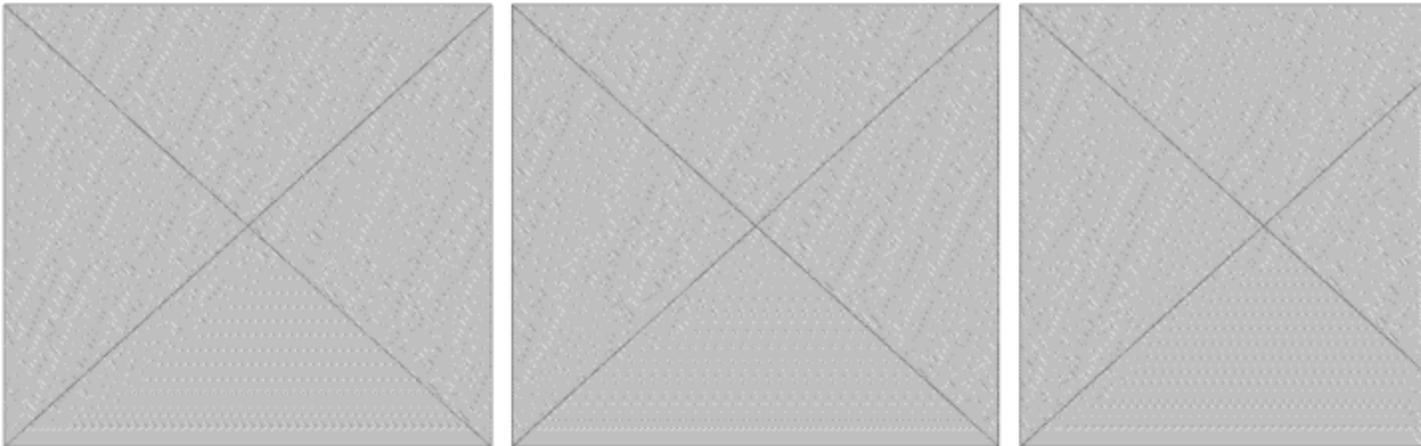
Guest Picks: Get a Soothing (but Not Snoozy) Traditional Living Room »

This is a classic living room I designed. Much of the client's furniture was recycled via remodeling and reupholstery, several pieces of furniture were repainted. The style is traditional but still fresh. A palette of... [more »](#)



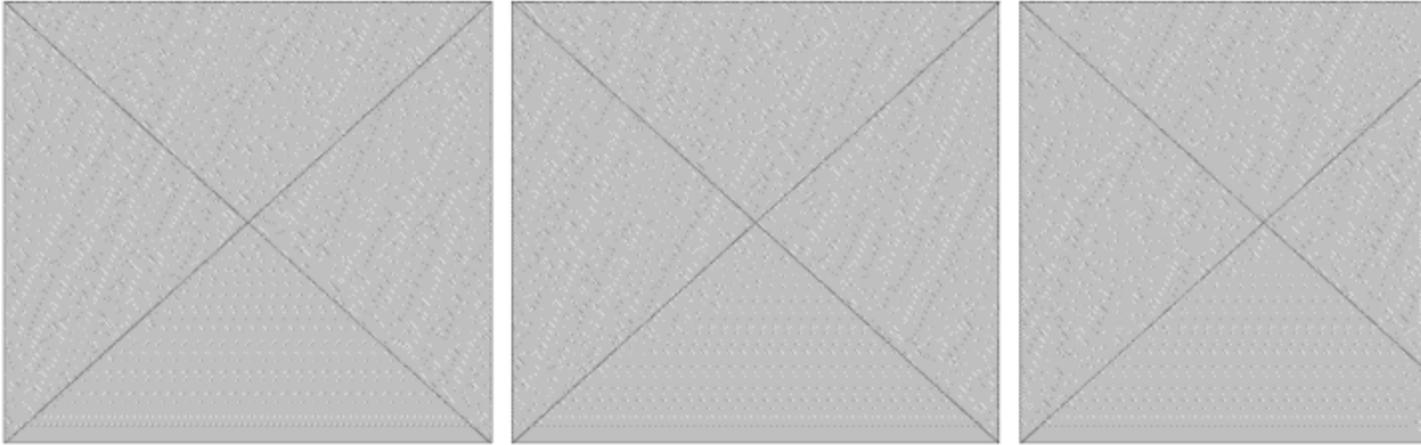
Roots of Style: French Eclectic Design Continues to Charm »

Original French eclectic architecture began in the early 20th century and remained popular for about 30 years. Americans romanticized the forms, shapes and details they saw in France, borrowing themes from a long and rich... more »



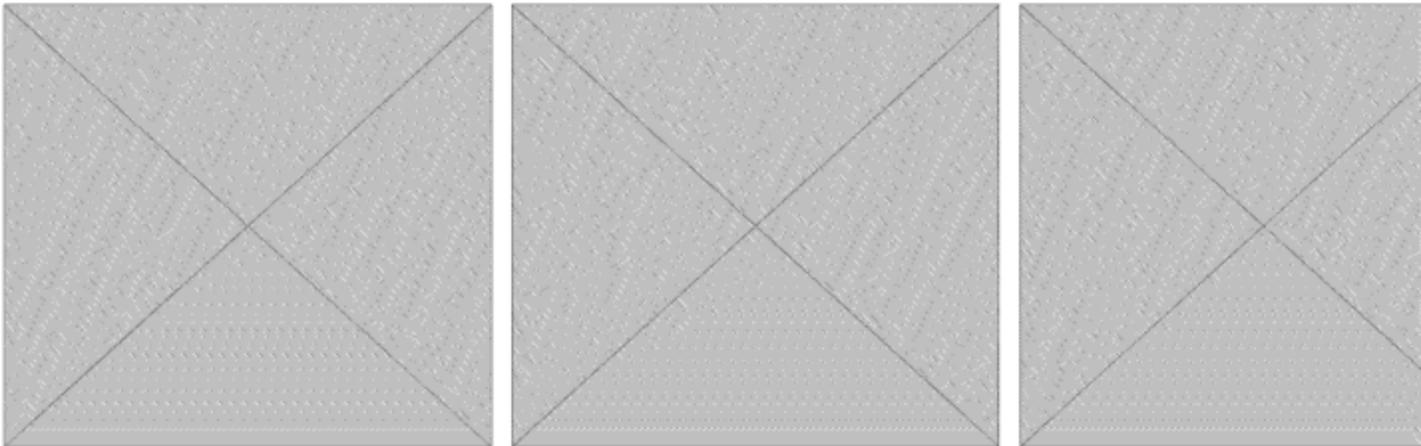
8 Splendidly Redesigned Home Basics We All Use »

Have you ever noticed that there are some things around the house that we always expect to look the same — the fire spigot outside, the plug socket, the light switch? But savvy companies are now bringing high design down... more »



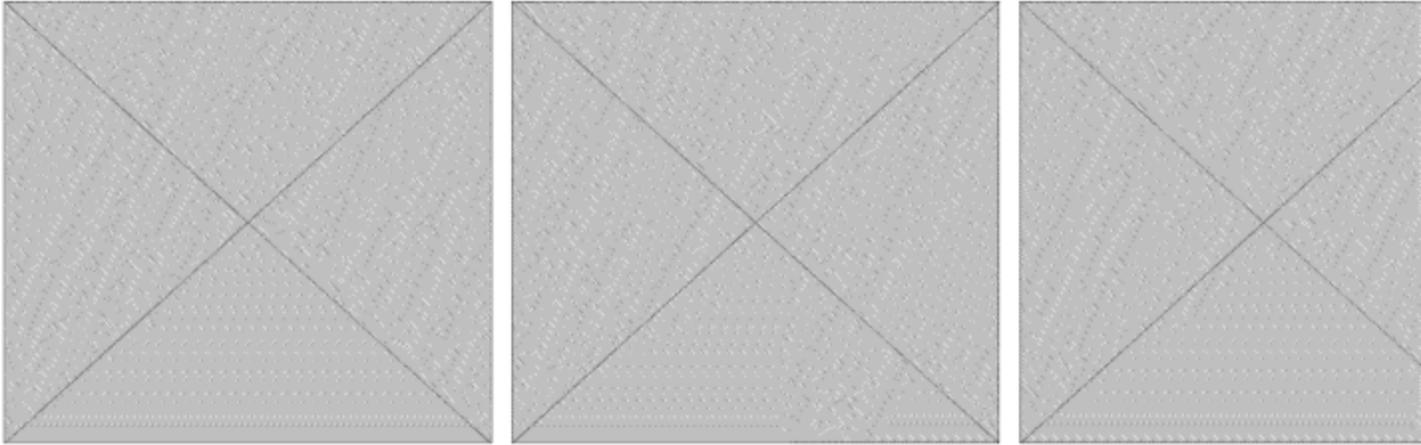
Herb Garden Essentials: Grow Your Own Fragrant Lavender »

If any plant can be said to have it all, or at least a good portion of it all, it's lavender. This Mediterranean native is easy to grow even outside its preferred growing conditions, is mostly pest- and disease-free, is fragrant... [more »](#)

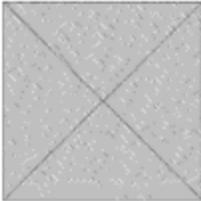


Guest Picks: Stretch Out Summer With Outdoor Lights »

I am such a sucker for lanterns. To me, nothing creates the perfect ambience in an outdoor space better than a lantern, a string of lights. And doesn't everyone look better in candlelight or subdued lighting? I hung up... [more »](#)

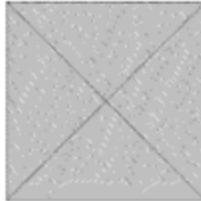


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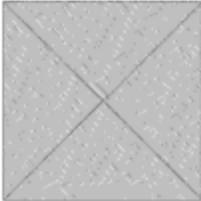
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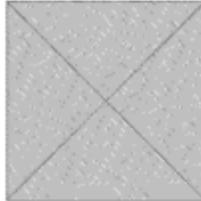
Home office suggestion
need to replace our original husband's home office w

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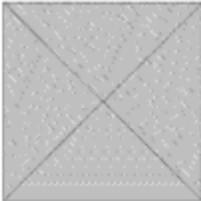
Front of house! - Does anyone like the door color I picked out!! more »

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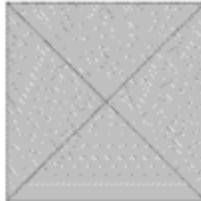
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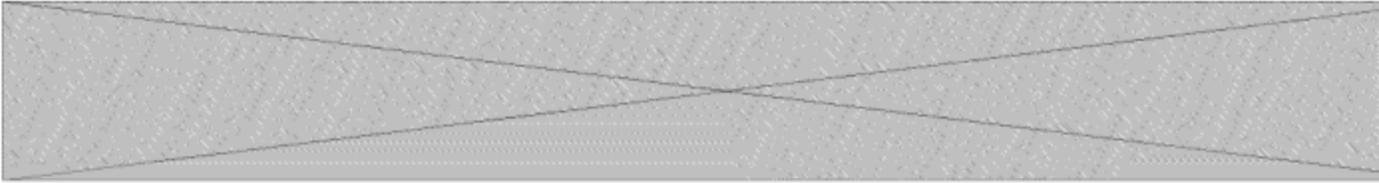
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