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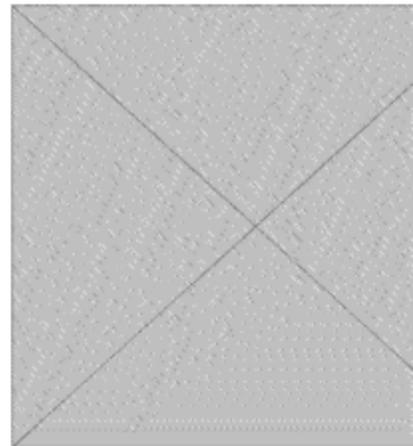
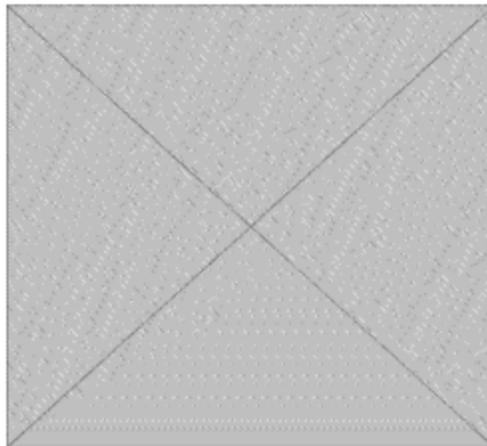
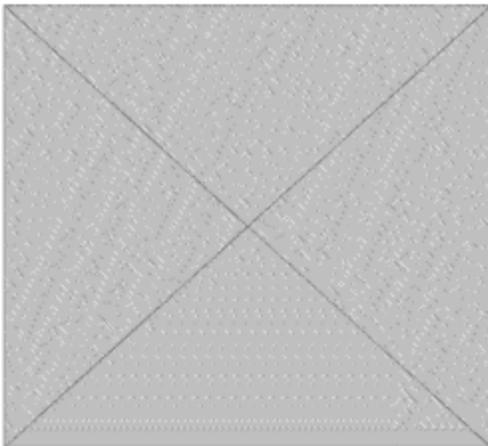
This week on Houzz



New: See a [beach house that sleeps 25](#), celebrate Father's Day with Houzzers' [man caves](#) and ask yourself: "Could you live in a [40-square-foot kitchen](#)?" **Plus:** Discovered any treasures while remodeling? [See what others have found.](#)

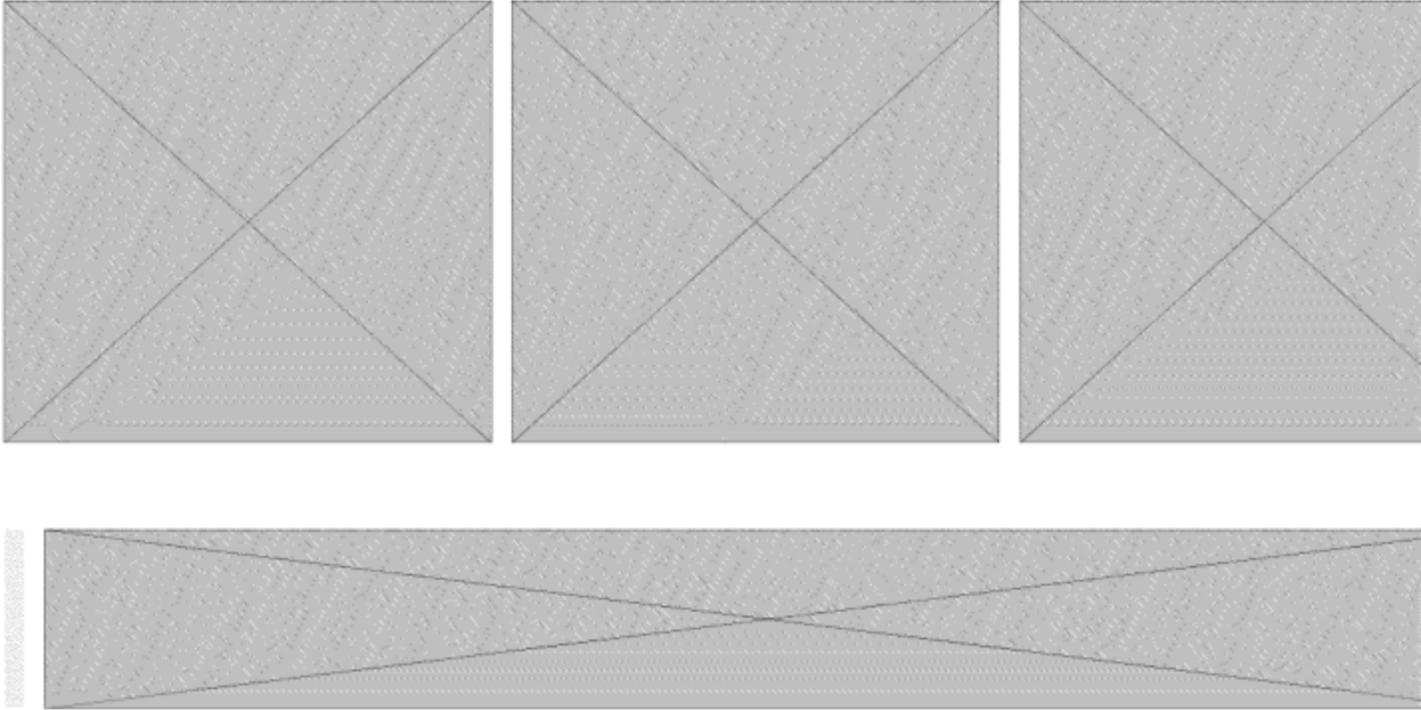
My Houzz: Contemporary Camp Style Wows on the U.S. West Coast »

With a passion for surf and sun, Stuart Gasner and Kate Ditzler built a dream second-home retreat for themselves, five kids and friends on a vast meadow hidden in the mountains of Aptos, just south of the surfing community of Santa Cruz... [more »](#)



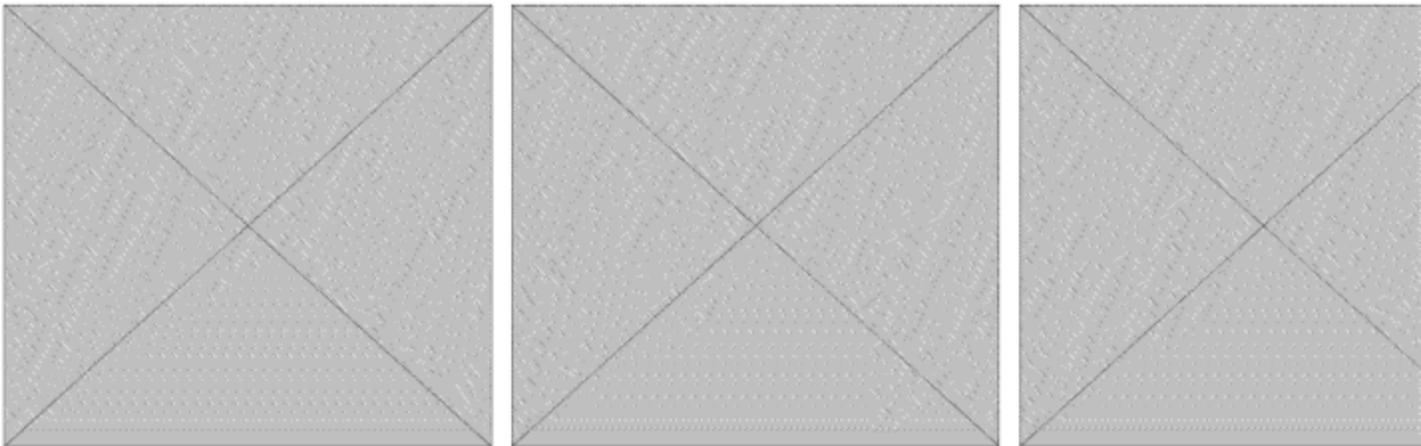
One Guy Found a \$175,000 Comic in His Wall. What Has Your Home Hidden? »

Homeowner and general contractor David Gonzalez of Hoffman, Minnesota, had a pleasant surprise while remodeling his house. Stuffed in the walls with old newspapers for insulation was a rare comic book from 1938: Action Comics #1, which introduces... more »



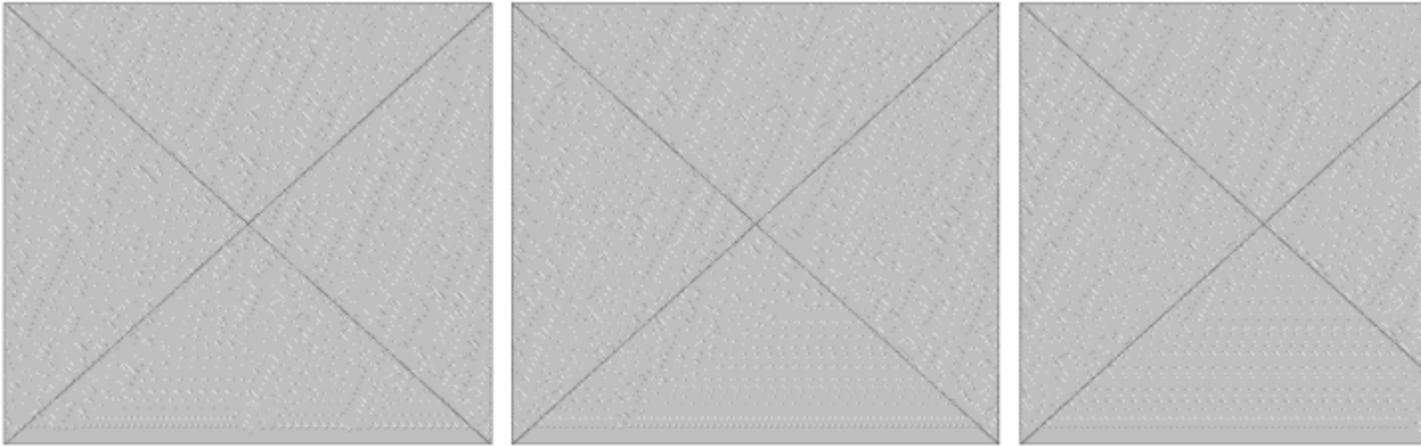
Kitchen of the Week: Amazing 40-Square-Foot Kitchen »

How do you get storage, prep space, cooking space and a washer-dryer into 40 square feet? Ask Palmer Thompson, who did just that for a New York client. "These constraints actually helped us make something nice that works really well..." he... more »



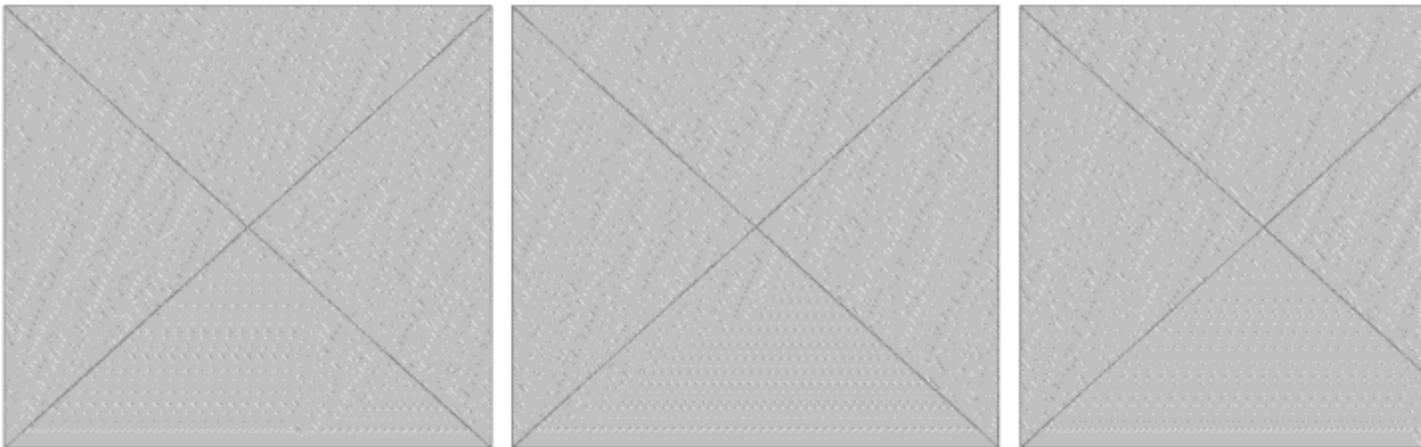
My Houzz: Youthful Freshness for a Traditional Toronto Home

For 30-year-old Lauren Bunton, finding ways to modernize her traditional, century-old Toronto home and collection of antiques became her biggest remodeling challenge. "I walked into the living room one day and realized it looked just more »



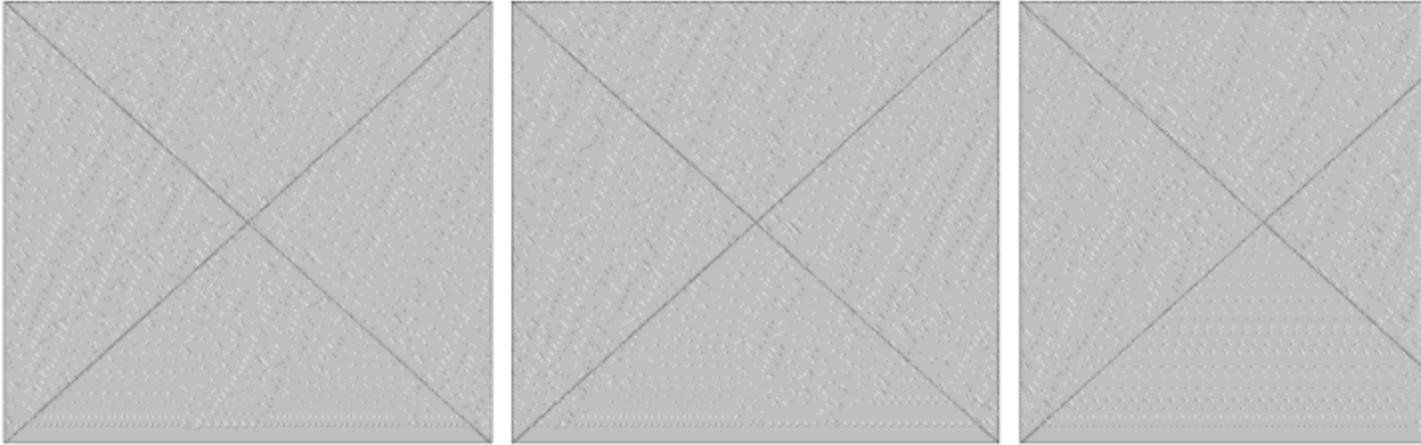
Father's Day Extravaganza! 19 Glorious Man Spaces by Houzzers »

To celebrate Father's Day, we asked you to show us your man spaces. We got dozens of responses, most of which we want to plug in an electric guitar and rock out while drinking a hoppy microbrew. Here are 19 of those spaces, each its... more »



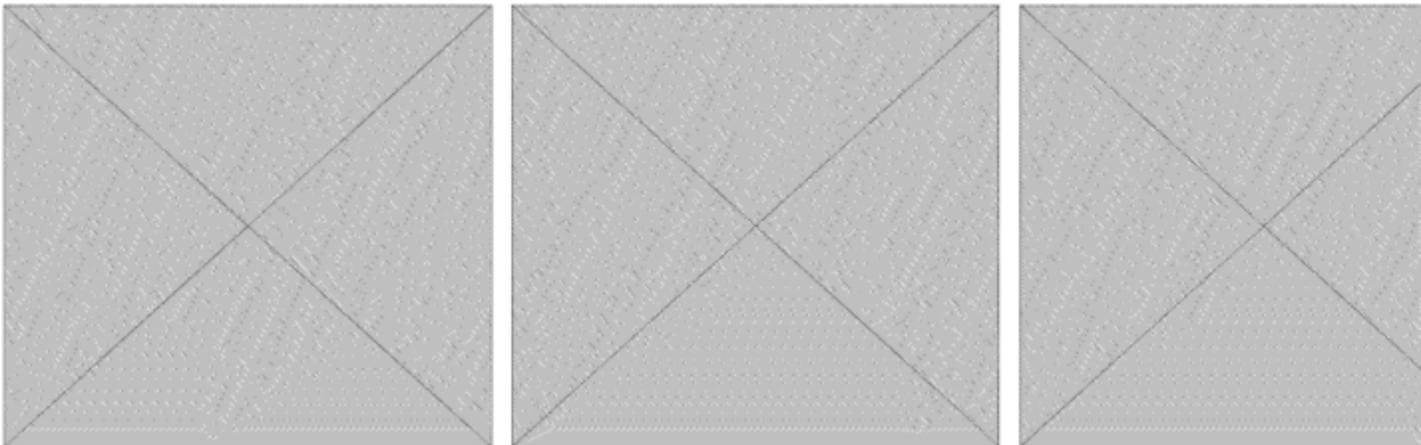
My Houzz: 'When We Buy It, It's Forever' »

Years of experience as a buyer for some of the largest retailers in the Netherlands — including Dutch department stores Bijenkorf and Loods 5 — have made Bianca Kempenaar rather selective when it comes to furnishing her own home. "When... more »



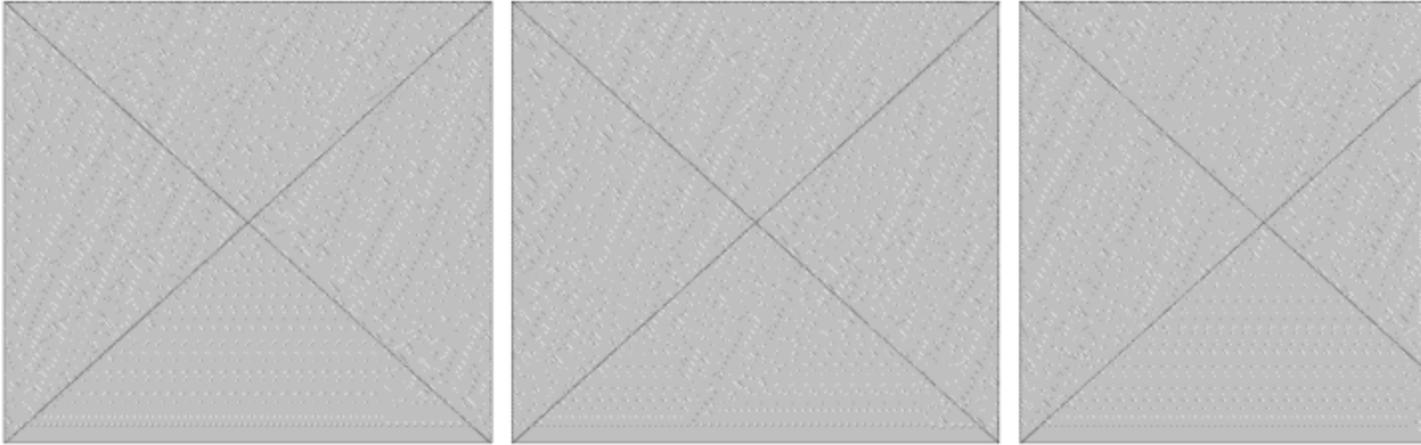
Great Escape: A Tiny, Off-the-Grid Hideout in the California Woods »

Looking down from the top of the hill, you won't see this tiny house at first glance. The 90-square-foot structure is tucked on a little ledge overlooking the Pacific Ocean, covered with redwood bark and a living roof to blend in with the Big... more »



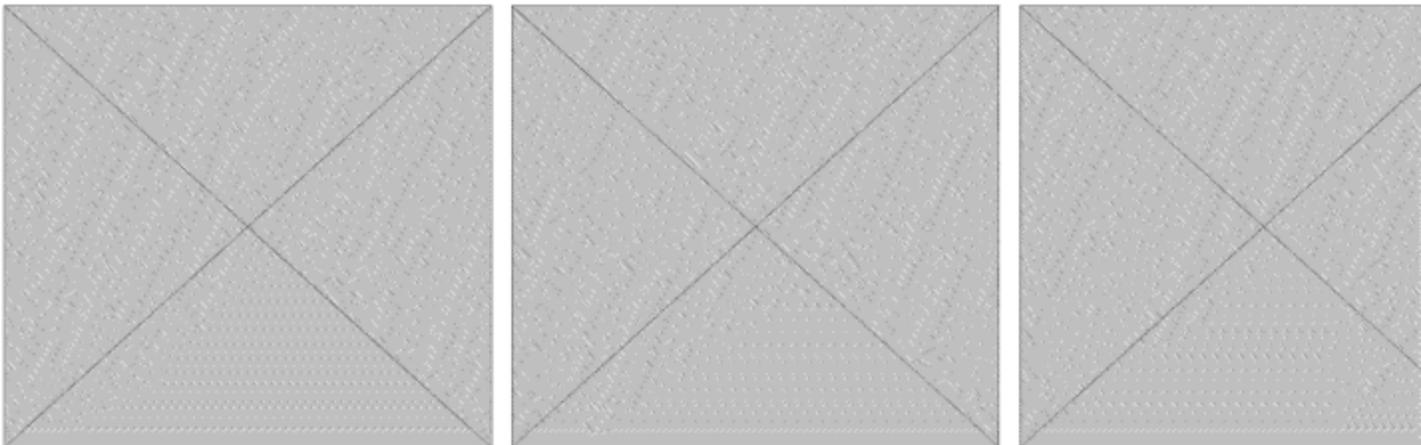
Houzz Tour: Modern Design Merges With Hindu Heritage in Houston »

Can modern architecture be used to enable a family's traditions and heritage? The knee-jerk answer might be no, since early-20th-century modernism ignored tradition in a number of ways. But given that today's modern architecture combines modern... more »



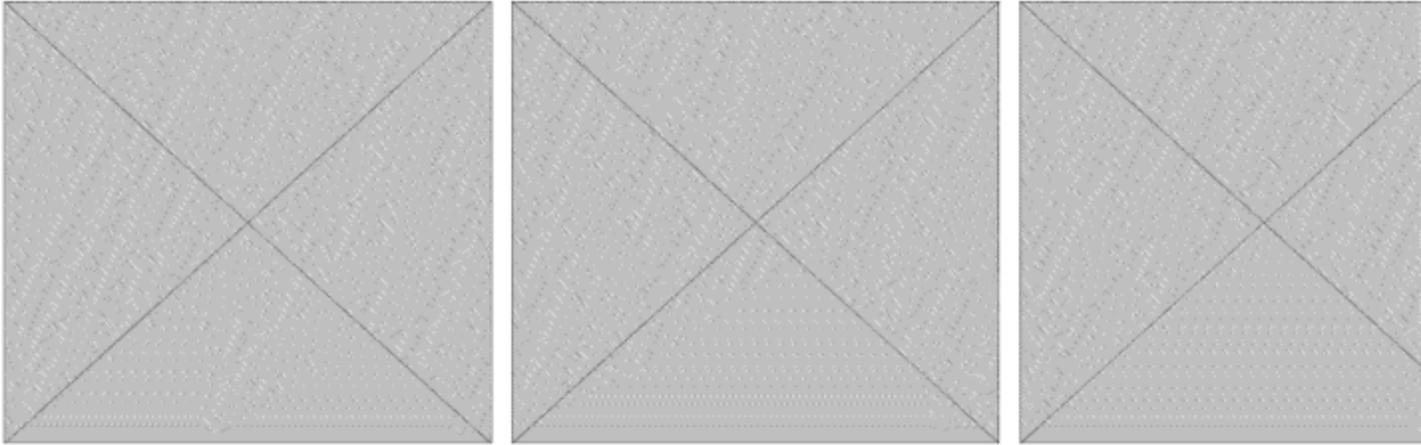
8 Ways to Rev Up Your Garden Color With More Than Just Plants »

Dare to add some dramatic color to the garden this year. There are many ways to bring bold splashes of color to your border or lawn, such as simply throwing a few bright accessories around, painting a chair a shocking hue, adding a more »



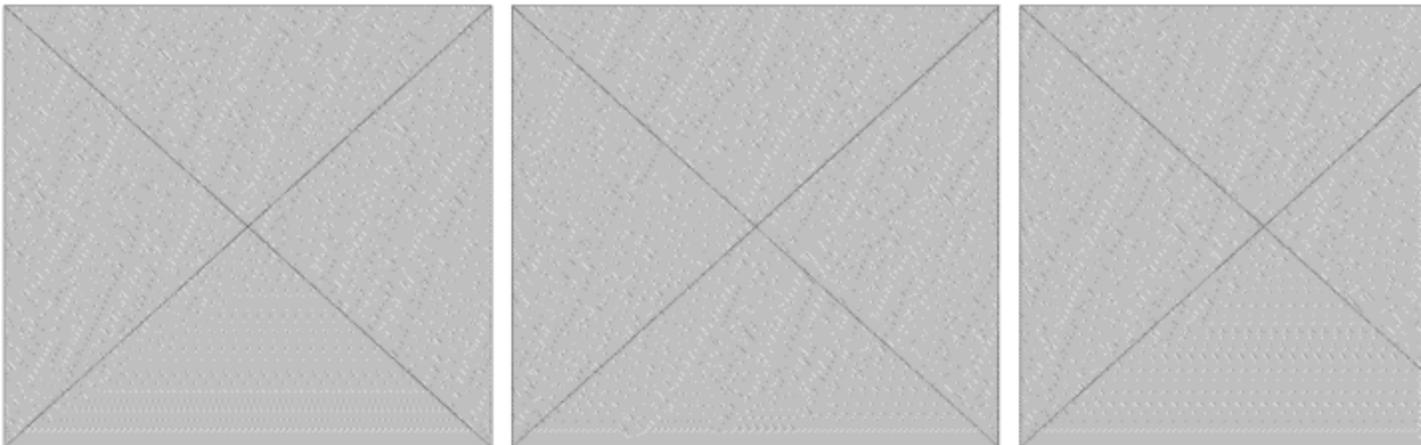
Basement of the Week: Expanded Living Space on a Budget »

Homeowner Christina Katos considers a strict budget a fun challenge and stretches every dollar. When she and her husband were house hunting three years ago, they were looking to add living space via a basement or an attic. This square-foot... more »



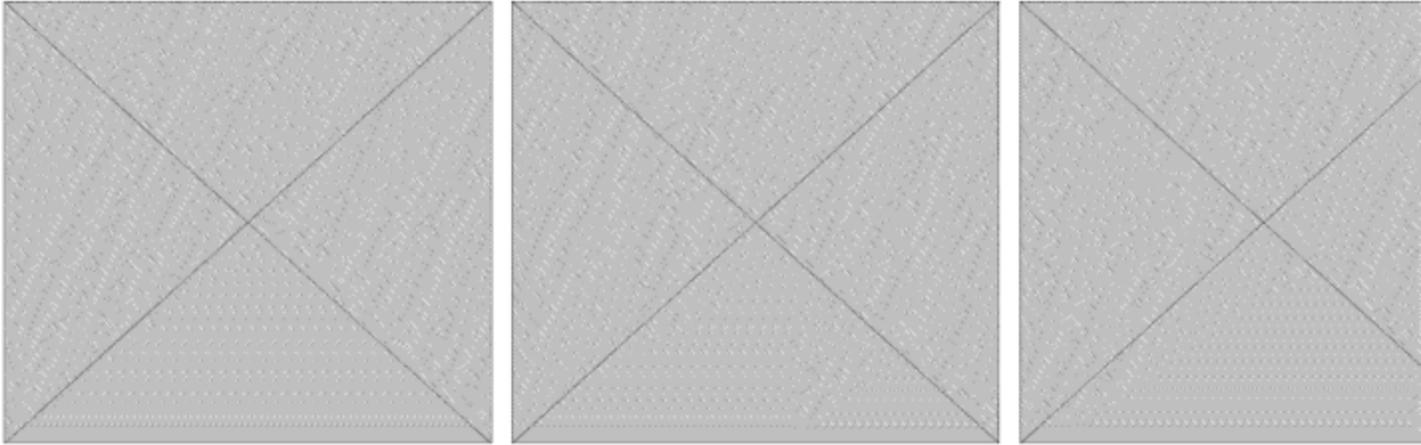
Houzz Tour: High-End Luxury, Highest Ecofriendly Rating in California »

A beautiful home isn't an uncommon sight in Montecito, California. But this house hides a secret under its luxurious — it's one of the first LEED Platinum-certified homes in the area. Designers and architects John Maienza and Greg more »



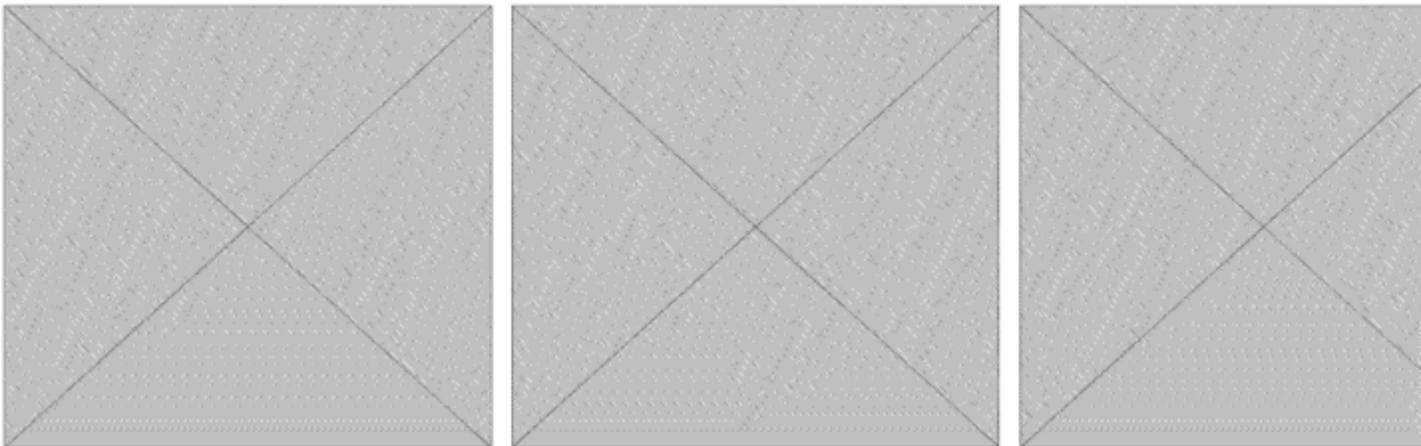
20 Wonderfully Inventive DIY Projects by Houzzers »

Home dwellers can show great creativity when faced with less-than-ideal circumstances such as a tight budget, a space or a boring rental. Even the most mundane and unexpected items — FedEx boxes, mason jars, metal salad and wine... more »



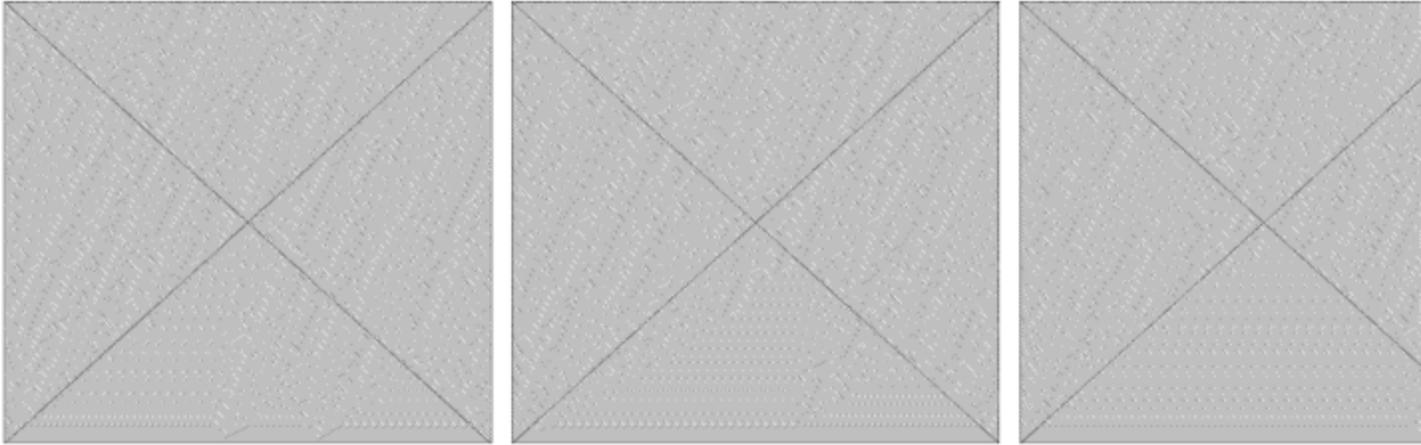
Sleep Happier and Healthier in a Toxin-Free Bedroom »

We spend 30 to 40 percent of our time in the bedroom, according to the American Time Use Survey by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Ideally, it's where our bodies and minds rest and rejuvenate, and where we find respite from the outside world. [more »](#)



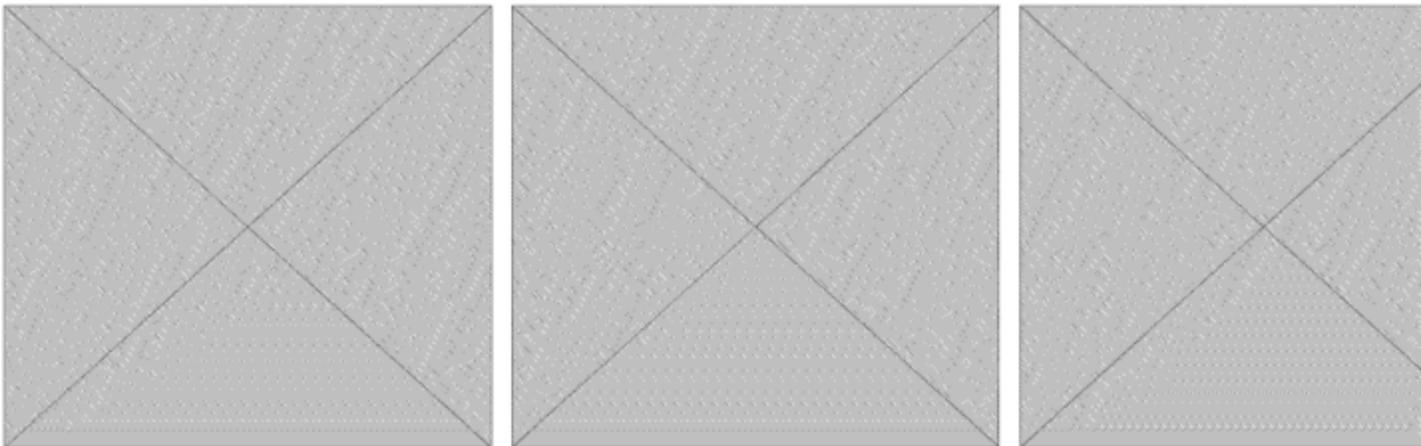
Try Slow Gardening for Some Unexpected Benefits »

Are you a bit of a hippie in your garden? Relaxed and laid-back, rarely cutting the lawn or hedges while trying to grow organic vegetables? It might be that you are not a gardening throwback to the '60s but are a follower of the Slow Gardening... [more »](#)



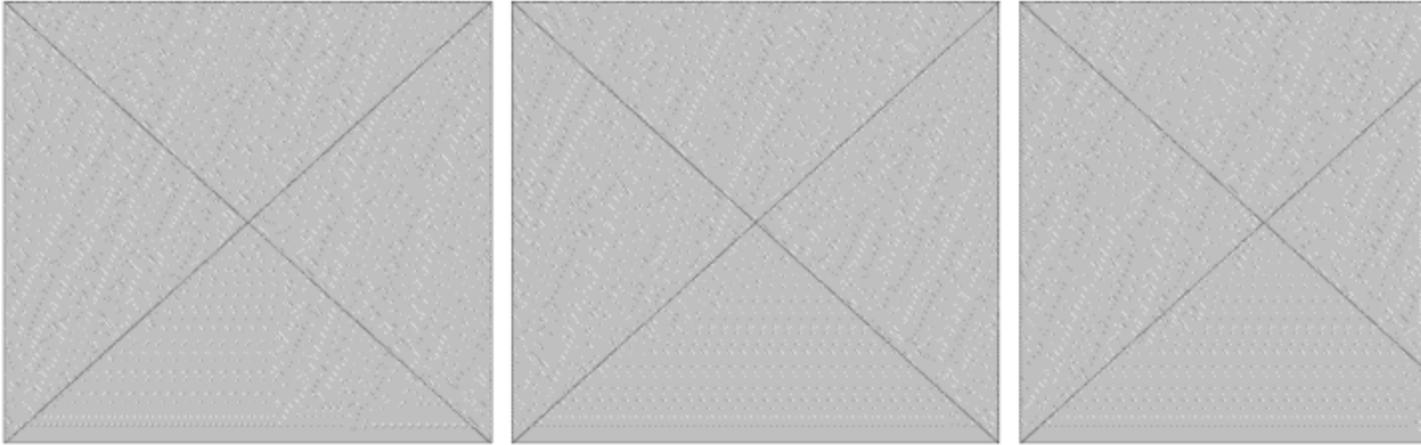
How to Dig Down for Extra Living Space »

When you're adding space to your home, there are usually three options: down, out or up. Knowing which is right for you means weighing a number considerations — from cost and design, to function and feasibility. If you're thinking of adding more »



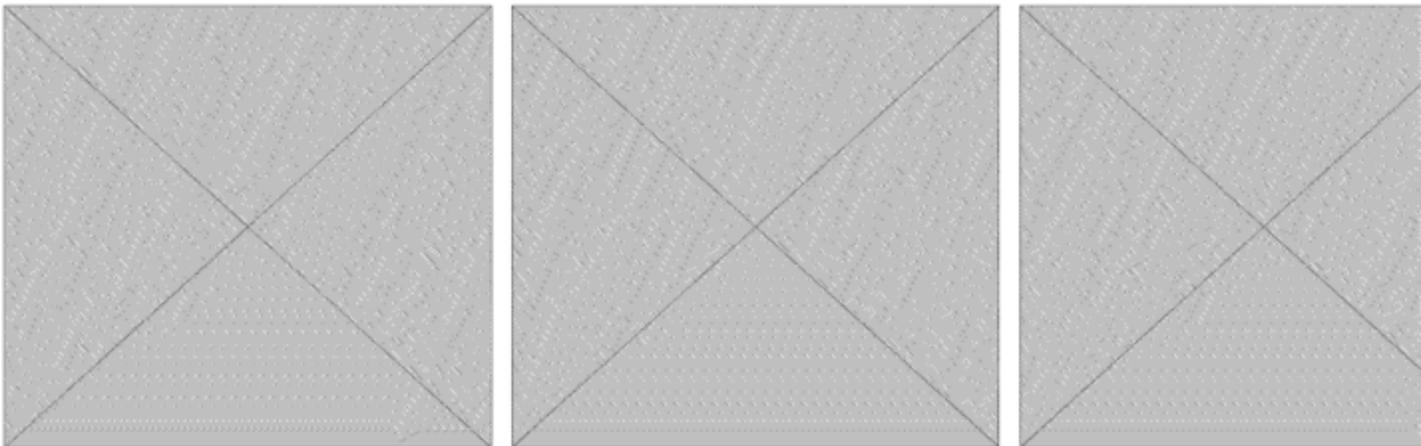
Know Your House: The Steps in Finishing a Basement »

One of the best and most rewarding home remodeling projects is finishing an existing basement. Even in older homes where the ceiling heights aren't always the tallest, finishing a basement can provide that extra bit of living space such as more »



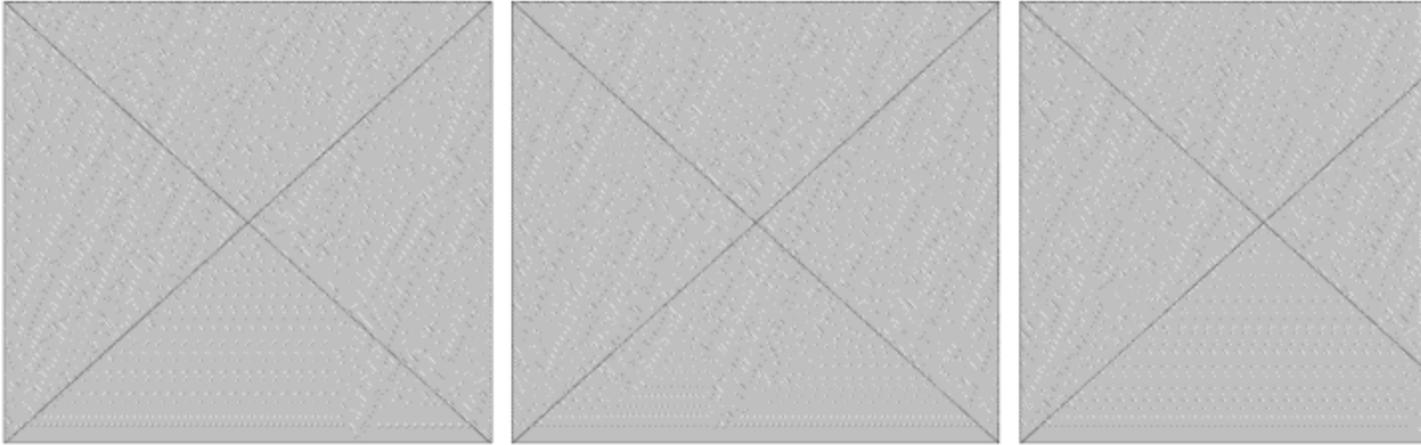
Herb Garden Essentials: How to Grow Basil »

Basil, native to Asia, has become a seasoning staple in cuisines around the world. The familiar and fragrant sweet basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) is grown as a summer annual that generally reaches about 2 feet tall. Even if you're already committed... more »



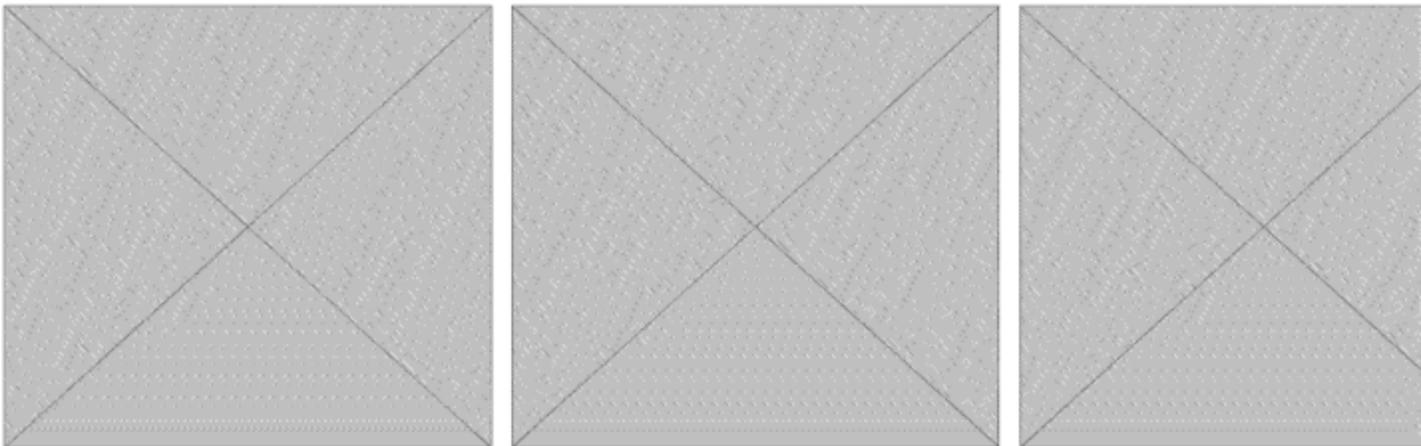
Roots of Style: Does Your House Have a Medieval Heritage? »

Classical architecture continues its reach into localized design and likely defines more than a few houses in your neighborhood. But you or your neighbor might be living in simpler or more freely formed houses, and these styles have deep roots,... more »



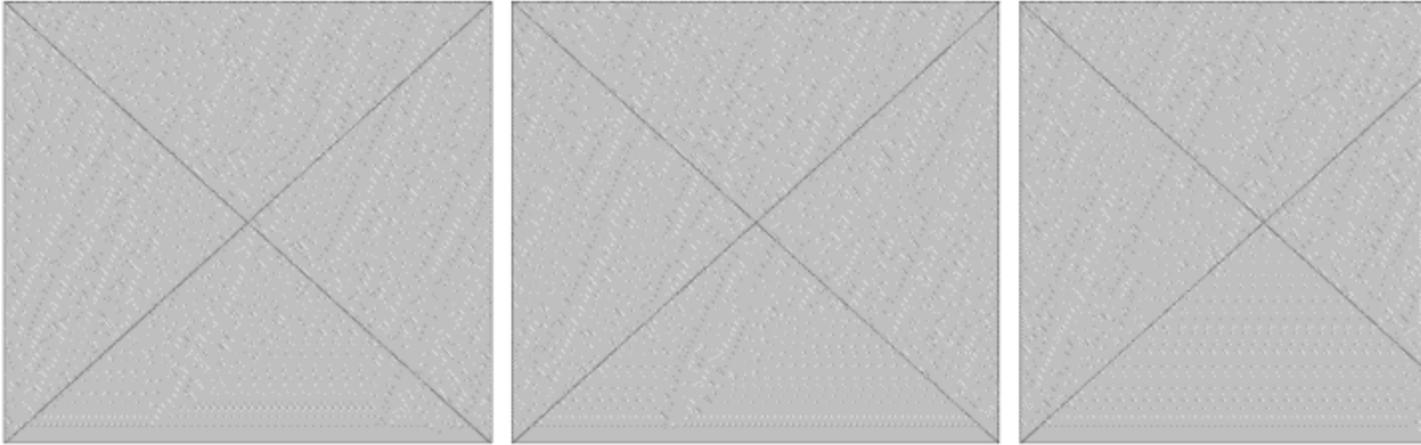
Want a Clear Decorating Conscience? Try Recycled Glass »

Although glass was once an expensive material used in very limited applications, today's large-scale manufacturing systems have made glass a huge part of our lives. Although its beauty is a welcome addition to the home, the negative impact of... more »



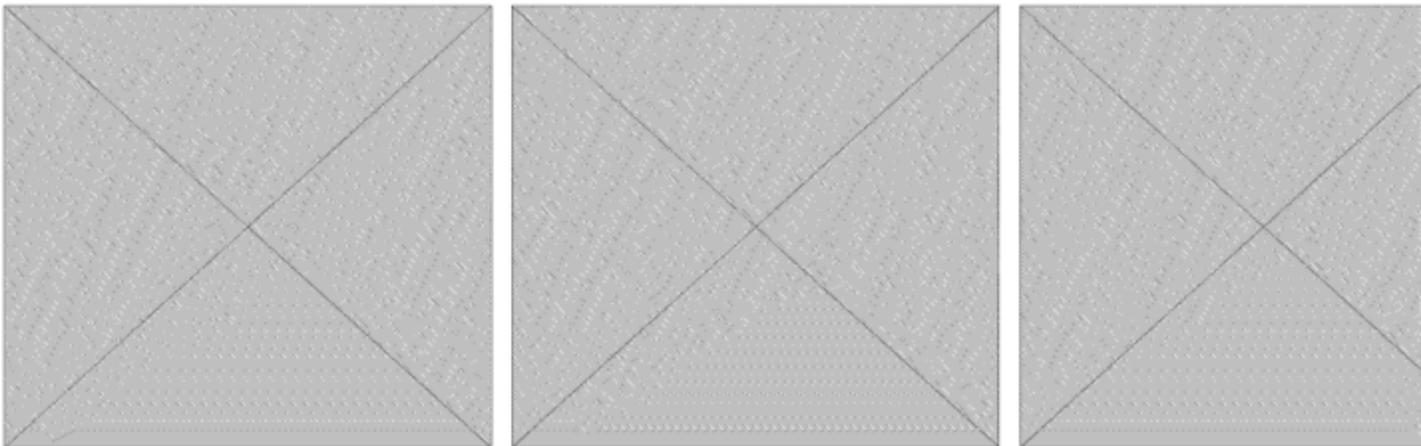
Can't-Beat Style: Candlestick Clusters »

Styling can transform an ordinary space into something truly special, and it doesn't have to cost much. By adding practical decorative items, to certain areas you can create interest, beauty and a sense of place. One really simple styling... more »



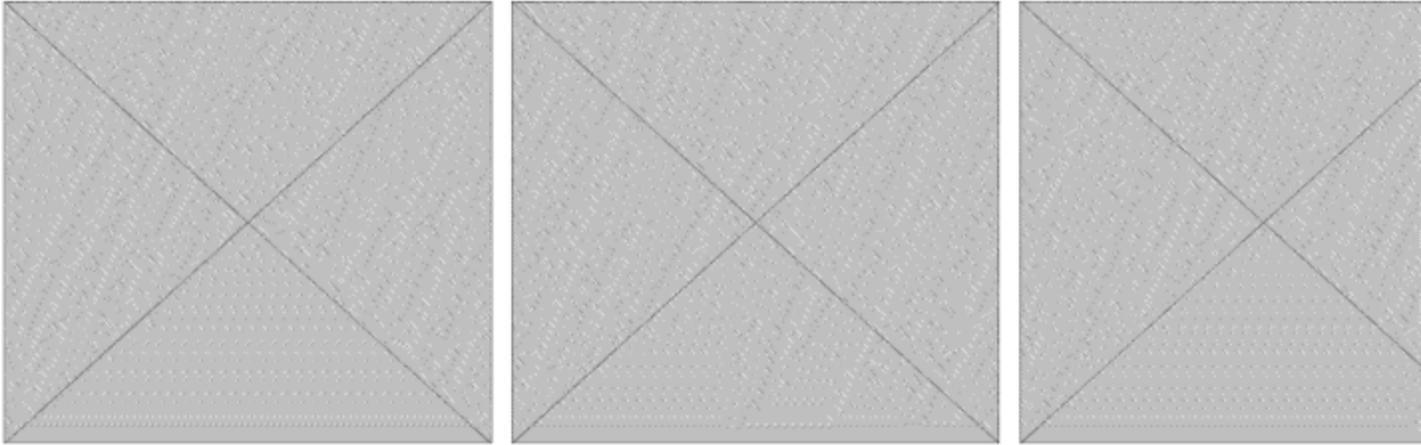
Garden Alert: 22 Plants to Keep Away From Pets »

Plants and pets aren't always a perfect combination. A surprising number of plants, including landscape and houseplant favorites, are toxic and even lethal if Rover or Fluffy decides they're edible. Below are just a few of the more than 300 more »



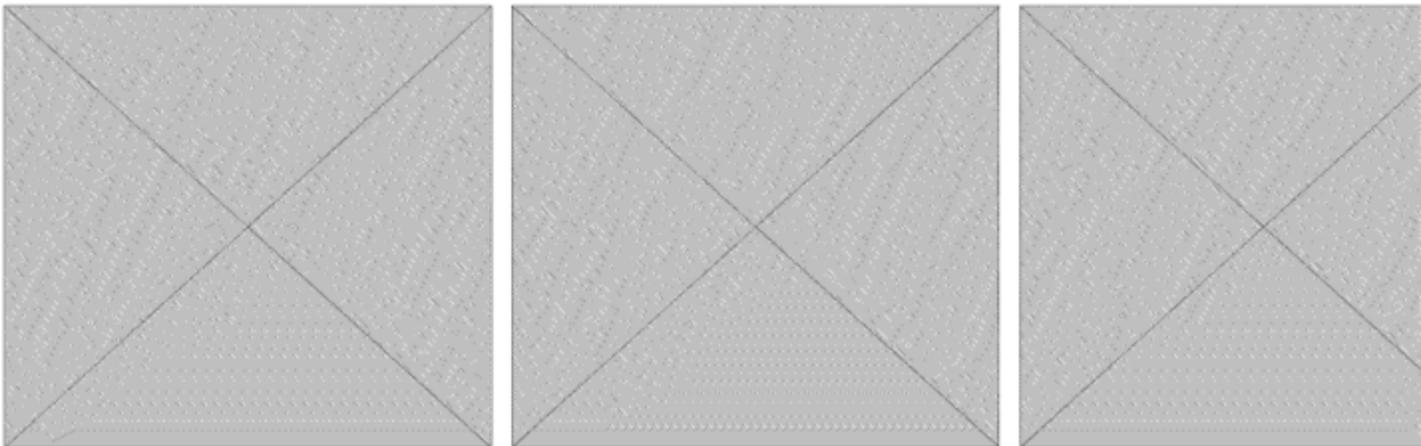
Discover the Rug Type Everyone Wants »

I recently tried to order a certain flat-weave rug for a client, but it was completely sold out everywhere I looked. Now there was no Hermès bag, but I can't say I was surprised. Flat-weave rugs have become a must-have item in home decor more »



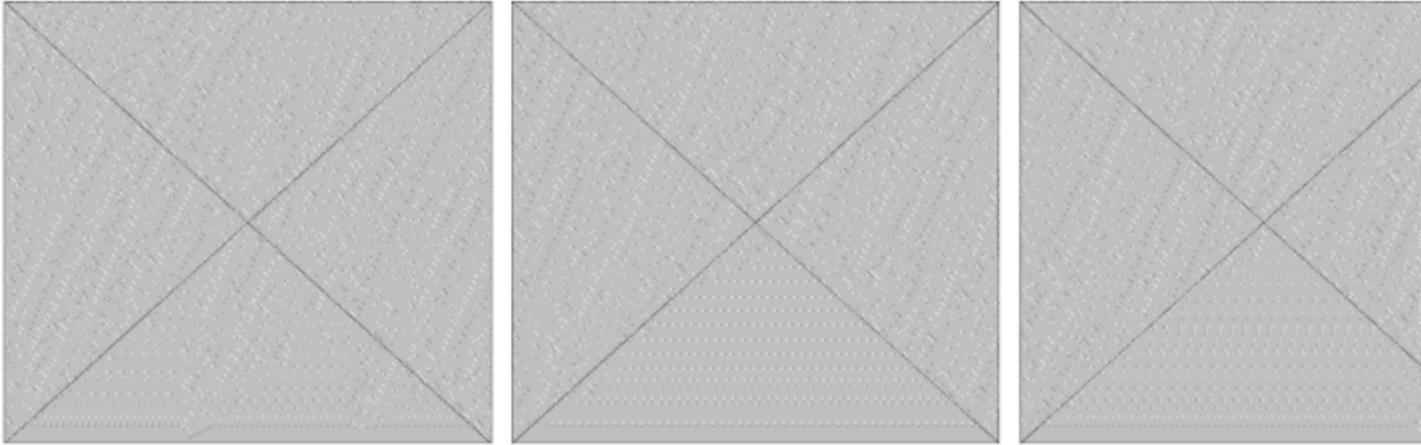
Create Your Own Shangri-la With Bird of Paradise Plants »

If you're looking for a great houseplant to give your decor a tropical flair, Strelitzia, commonly known as bird of paradise, won't disappoint. While it's often incorrectly referred to as a banana plant (it is a cousin), you won't find any bananas more »



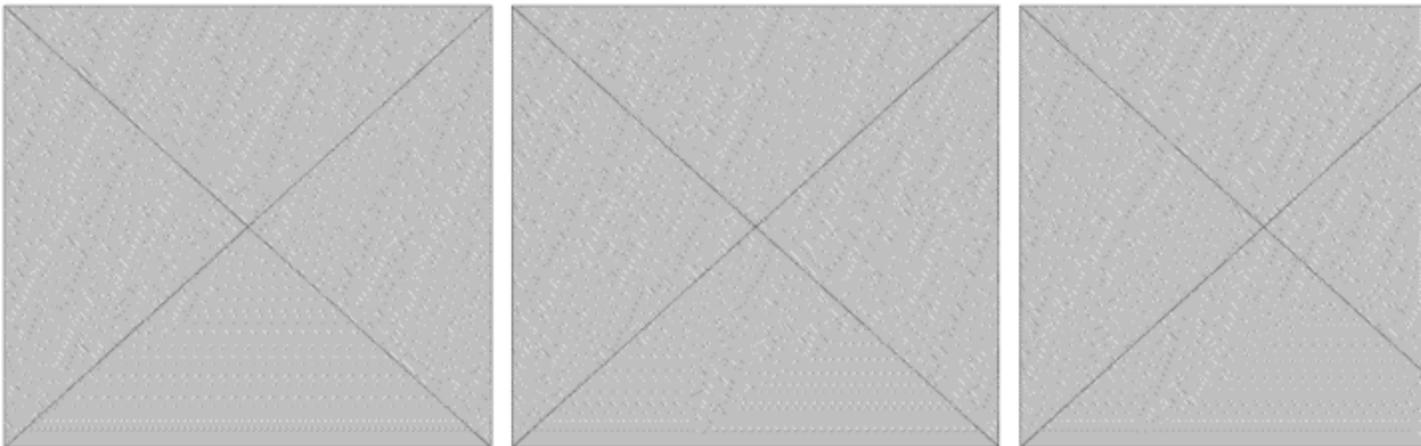
Design Icons: Julia Morgan »

Julia Morgan (1872 to 1957) was a prolific California architect who produced more than 700 buildings in her long career, most in her home state. Nevertheless, one project overshadows them all: the California hilltop estate for William Randolph... more »



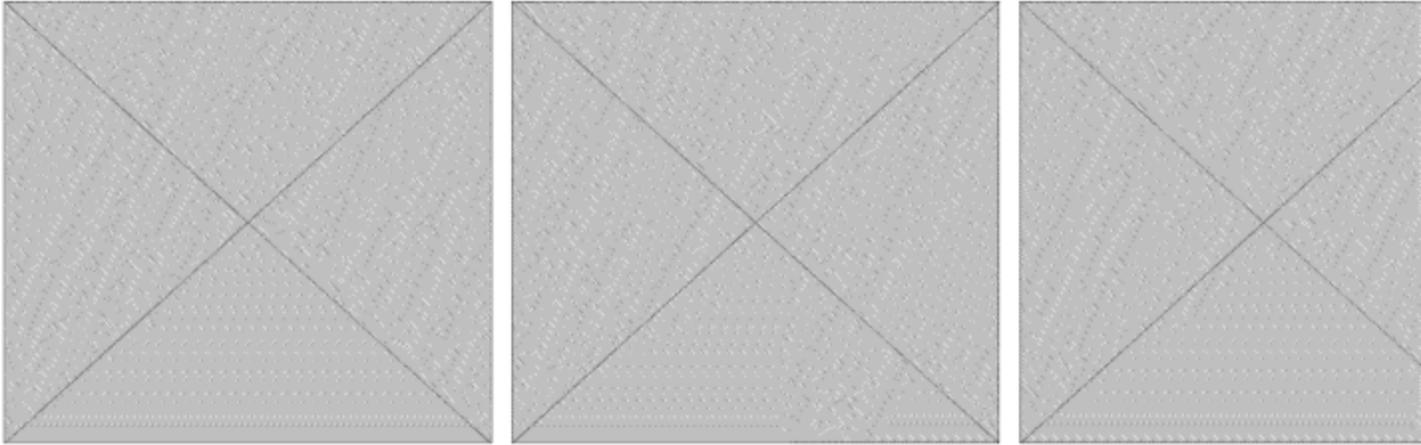
Great Design Plant: Rozanne Cranesbill »

For those of us looking for lower-maintenance gardens, it is easy to dismiss this hardy geranium as just another perennial that will need fussing with. To discount it so readily would be to deny yourself one of the best summer performers I've seen. You'll... more »



Celebrate a Sunny Climate With the Right Leafy Palm for Your Site »

No plant embodies the tropics better than the palm tree. While the majority of these palms are for gardeners in the subtropics (USDA zones 9 to 11), I've also included some choices for those of you who get freezes every now and then. You'll... more »

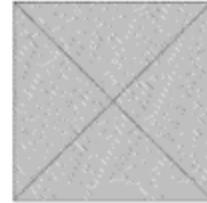


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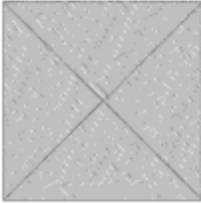
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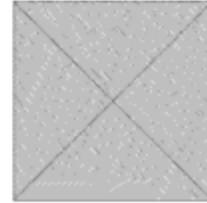
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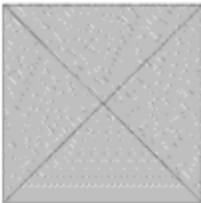
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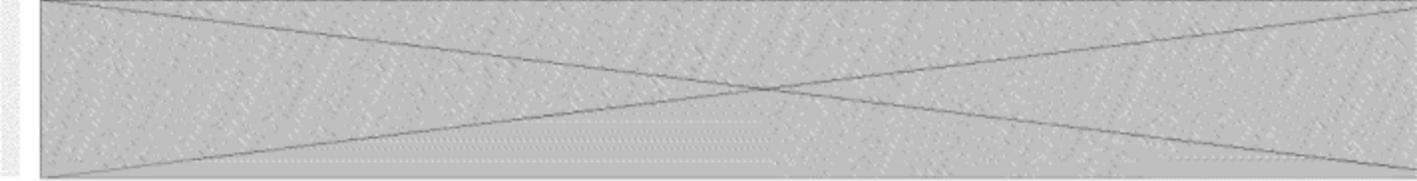
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