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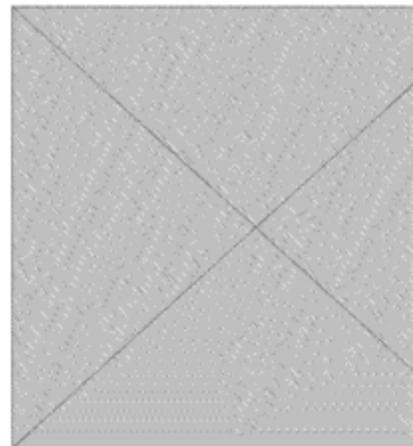
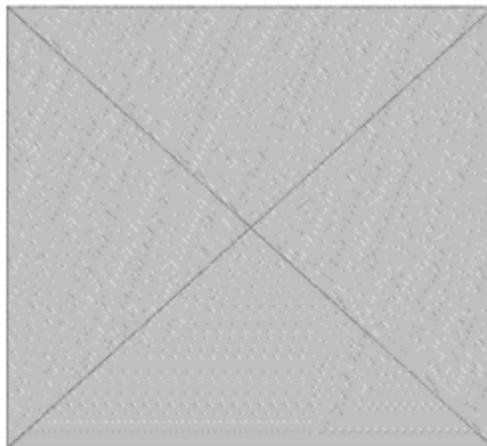
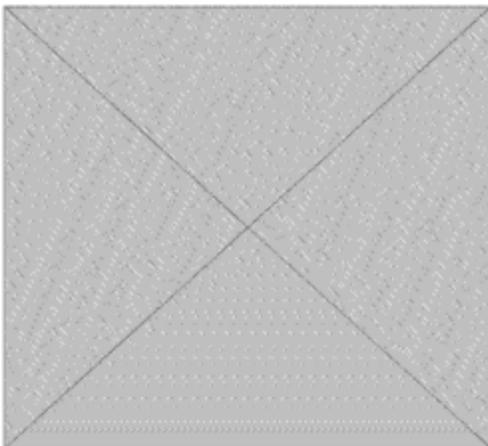
This week on Houzz



New: See why [men really do need a cave](#), [sniff this flower](#) at your own risk, pick your favorite [experimental house](#), and more. **Plus:** Got a design dilemma? [Houzzers can help](#) with everything from paint colors to backsplashes.

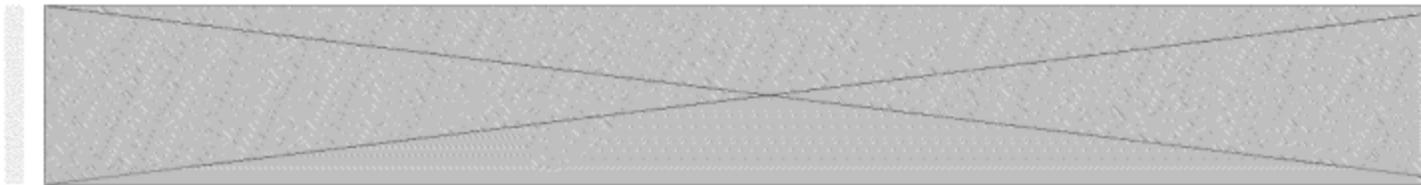
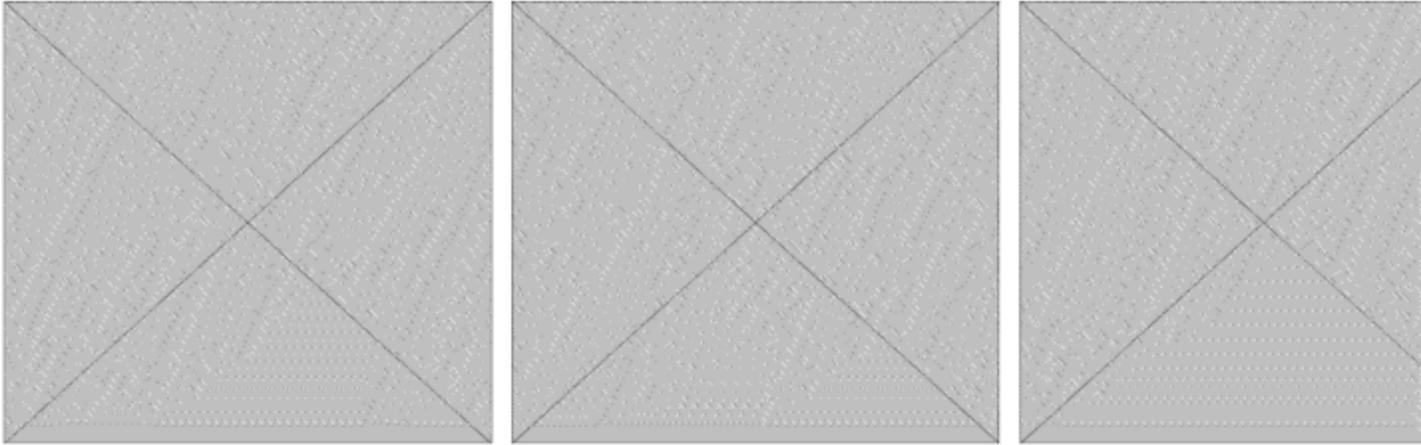
Why Men Really Do Need a Cave »

Calm down, ladies. When a man wants his own space in the house — be it a cave, garage, bar, media room, billiard room, woodshop or bowling alley — it's not a red flag indicating that he's rebelling in your relationship, trying to avoid... more »



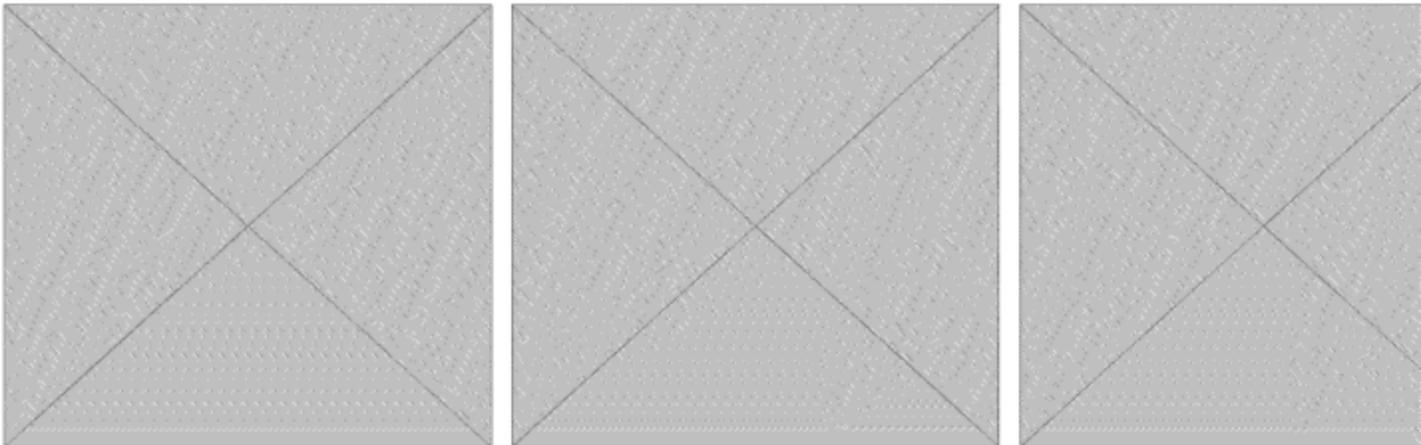
Houzz Tour: See a Maine House With a \$240 Annual Energy Bill »

Maine architect Riley Pratt estimates that the average energy bill for his home is less than \$20 per month. And that's including the \$10 a month he pays just to have service. To put that into perspective, the average homeowner in Maine spends... more »



Smell This Shocking Flower at Your Own Risk »

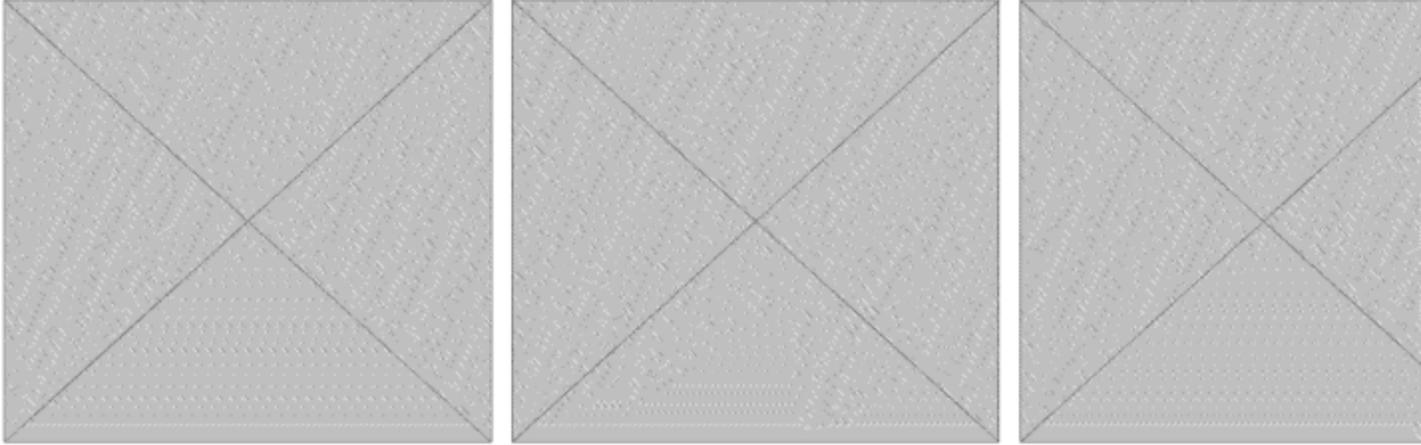
As someone who's smelled more than one Titan Arum in her lifetime, Joan Leonard has the odor's description nailed: "Roadkill with a little sauerkraut and dead fish mixed in." Leonard, program manager at Ohio State University's Biological Sciences... [more »](#)



My Houzz: Modern Settings for Old-School Pieces in a Pittsburgh Loft »

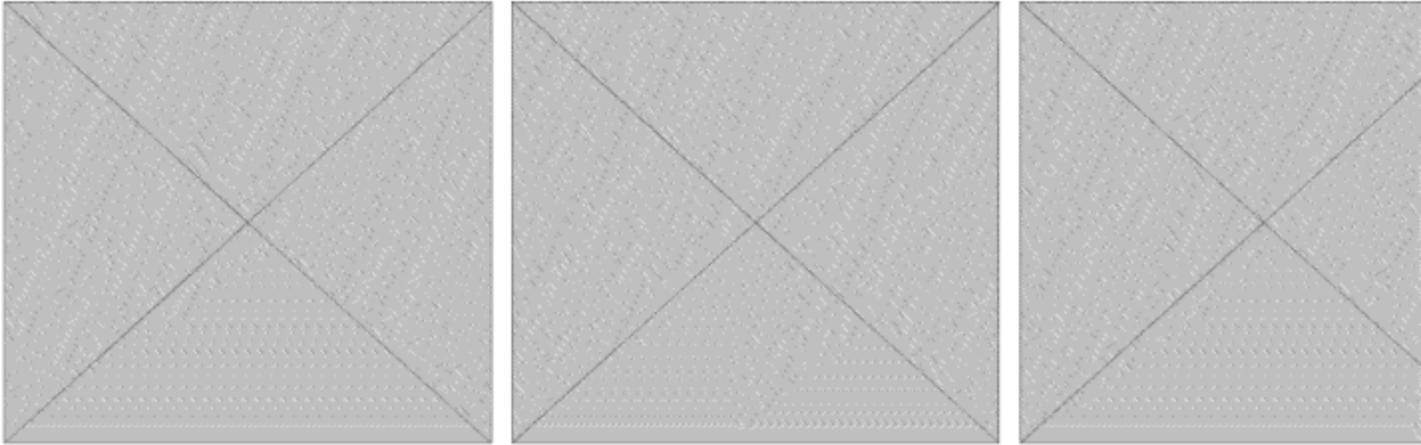
When Stan Adamik and Jason Charney moved from a clapboard Cape Cod-style house in rural Pittsburgh to a modern loft...

10 minutes from downtown, they faced a dilemma: how to make their traditional furnishings work in a more urban setting. Rather... more »



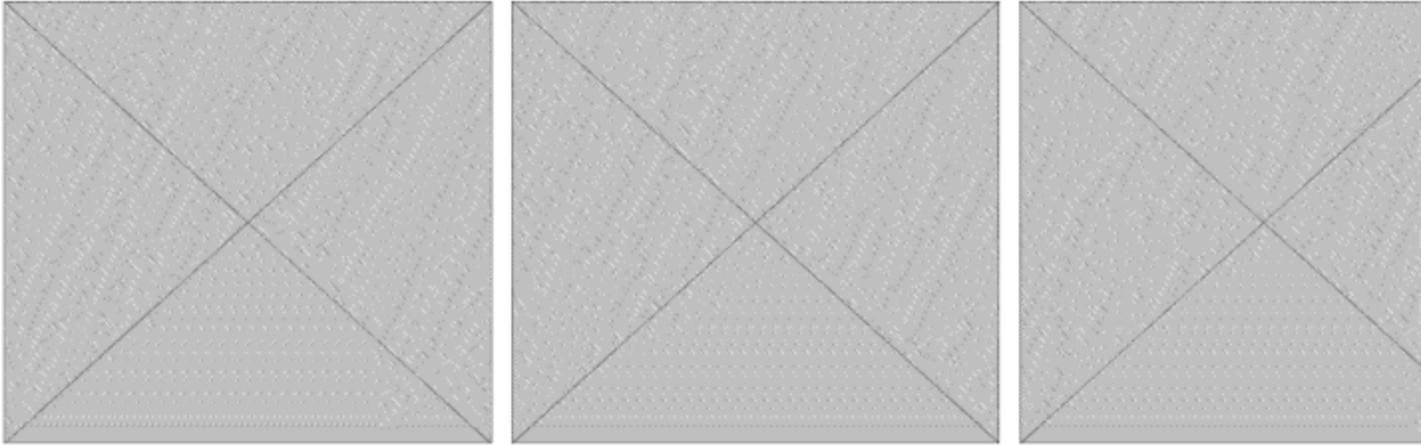
Landscape Tour: Garden Rooms Edge a Lawn in New Jersey »

A while back we took a peek at the groovy lounge-like basement where this bachelor homeowner entertains during winter weather; now that it's spring, we'll take a look at where he entertains outdoors. With help from architect John Conroy of Princeton... more »



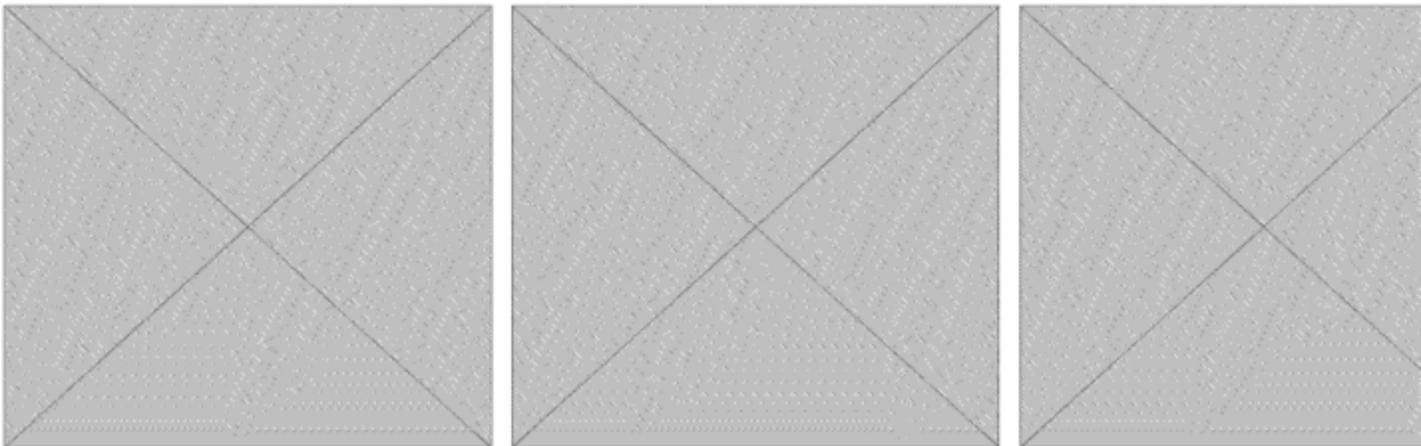
Owners Find Their Bliss in a Wine Country Ranch House »

When a San Francisco couple was looking for a second home in Sonoma, California, they saw past the dark and awkward spaces in this 1940s ranch house, the former home and office of a beloved local doctor. They knew a renovation, modern suite... more »



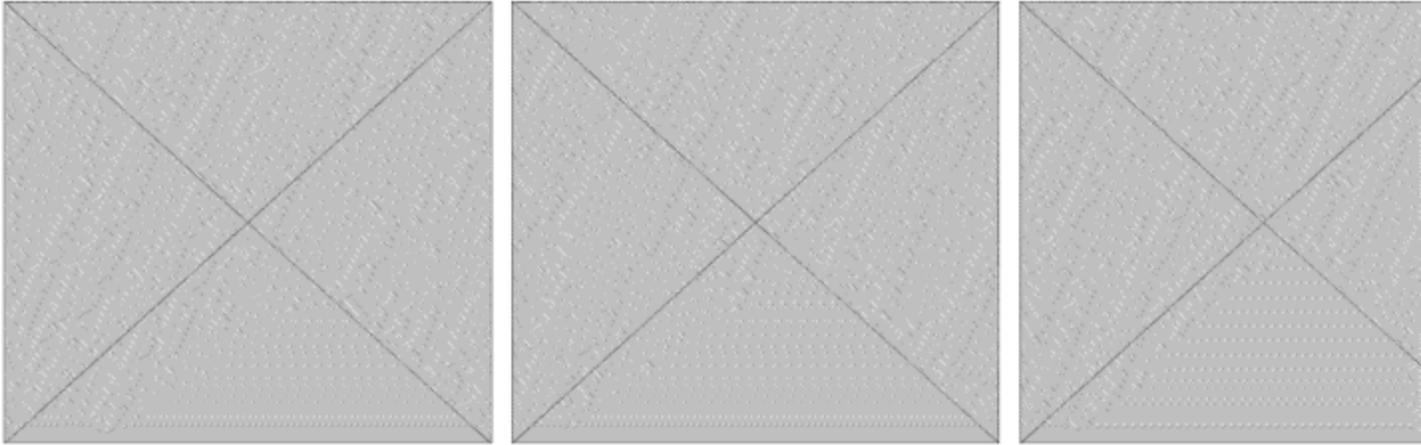
Are These the Best Houses in the World? »

A white box covered in Teflon-coated fiberglass fabric in the Netherlands. A Cor-Ten-clad volume cantilevering over a shop in Pittsburgh. A house in Tokyo composed solely of glass and small platforms of white steel. A raised concrete
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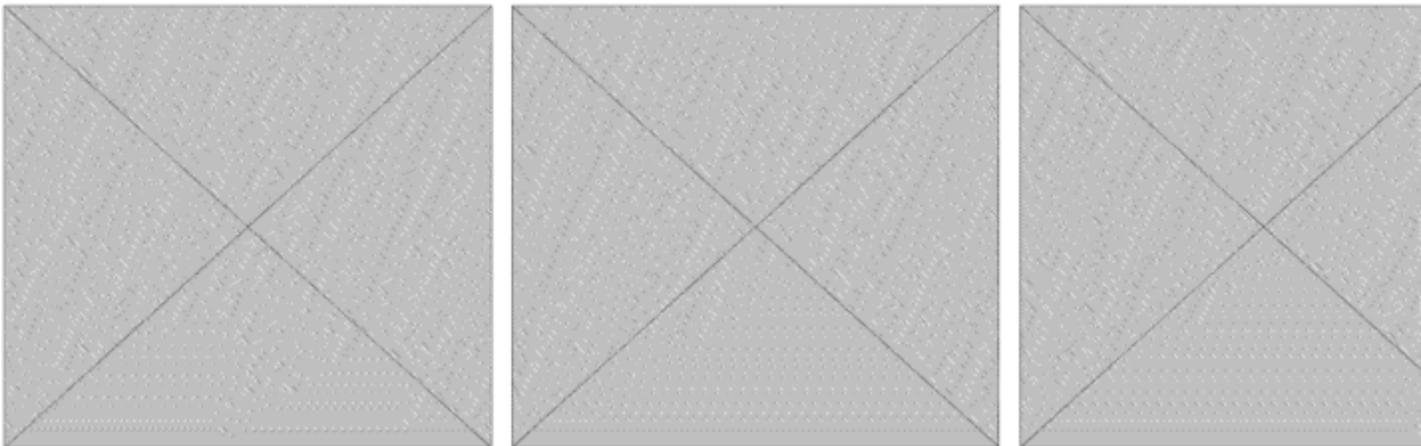
New TV Remote Controls Promise to Do More — Without the Struggle »

Mad Men fans might have noticed that in the last season or two, the television remote control has made an appearance on the show. The series began in 1960. But the current season takes place in the late '60s, and that's when TV remotes
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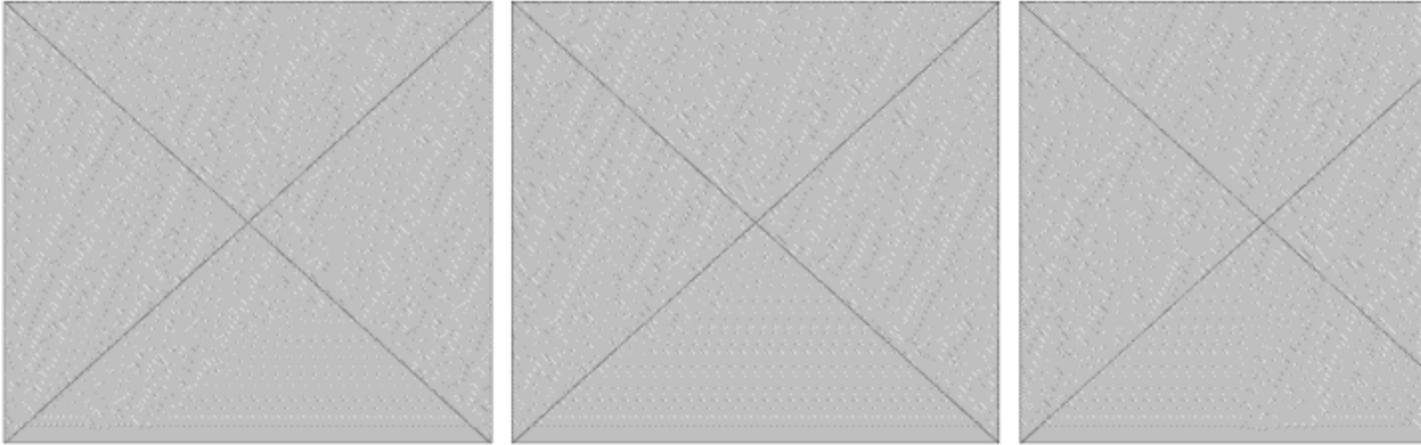
9 Tips for an Outdoor Kitchen That Lets You Enjoy the Party »

Have you ever found yourself running back and forth between cooking indoors and cooking outdoors on a warm aftern...
The best way to prevent this from happening is to properly design your outdoor kitchen so that it can function like yo...
indoor... more »



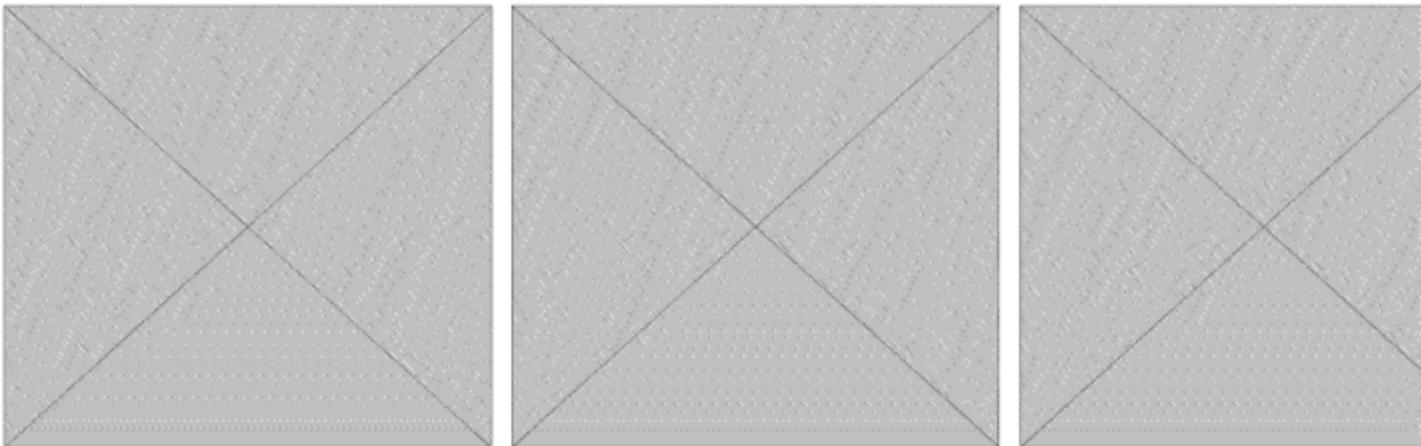
How to Design Anything »

Design might seem difficult, mainly because it is, but with the right approach, you can overcome even the most diffi...
challenge. more »



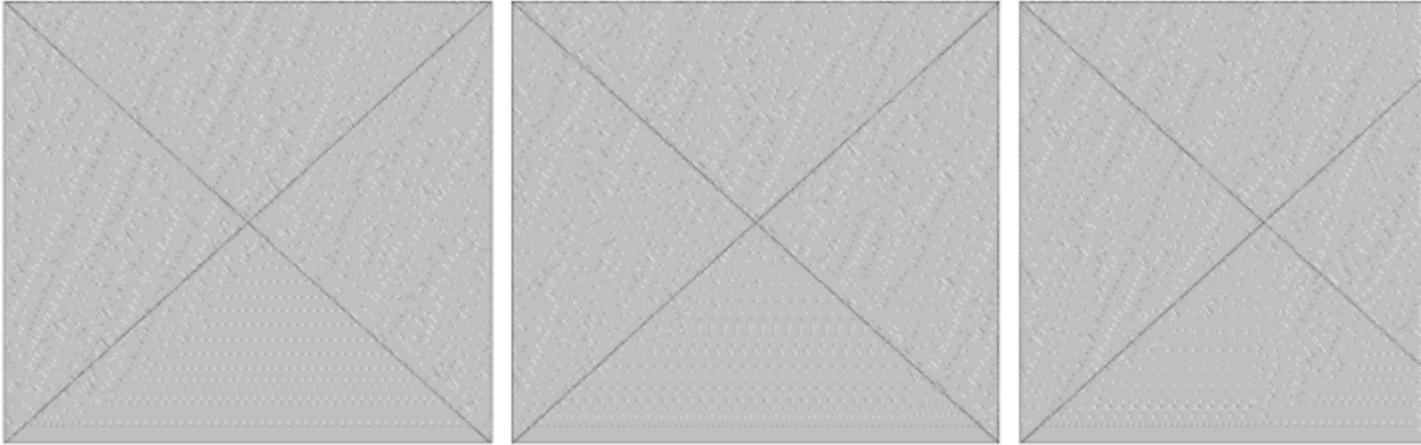
3-D Printing Takes Furnishings to New Heights at ICFE 2013 »

Today's printers do so much more than put ink on paper. Now printers use layers of plastics and metals to create custom decor and even building materials. Not too long ago, new fabrication technologies like 3-D printing and laser cutting were more »



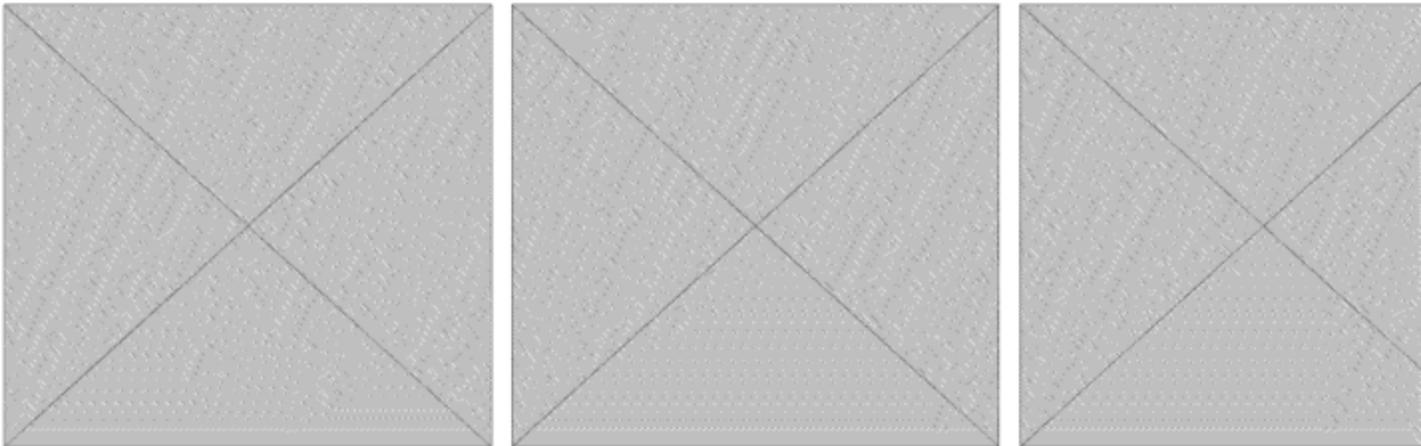
My Houzz: 'Minimalist Meets Manic' Style in Los Angeles »

When someone works in a vintage shop whose fanatic following includes set designers for Mad Men, you'd expect their person's home to be something of a knockout. Self-professed thrift queen and part-time Casa Victoria employee Nicole Paulus and... more »



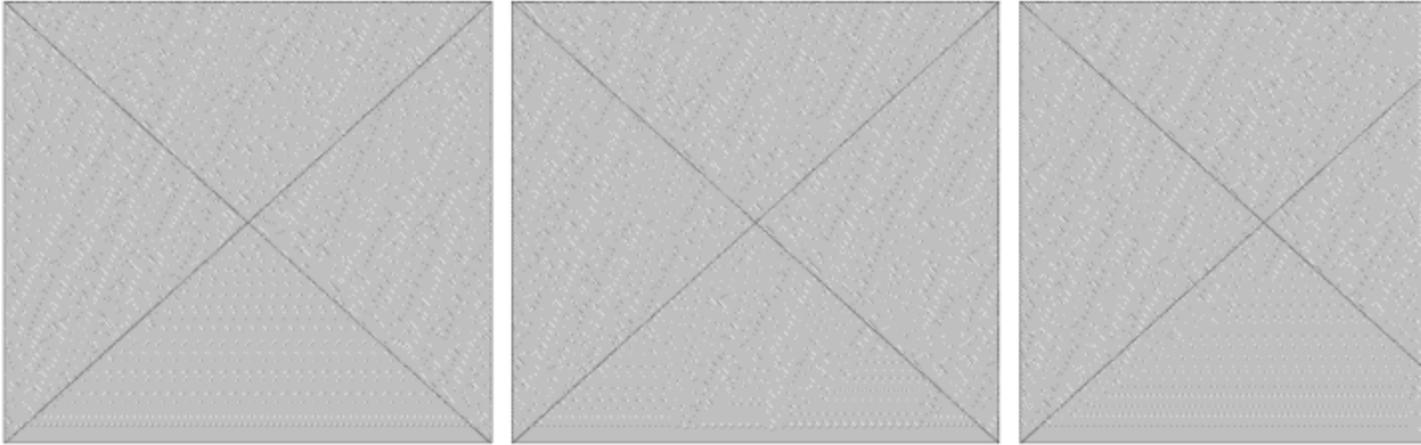
Bathed in Color: Favorite Yellows and Golds for the Bath »

From pale, soft buttery yellows to bold, zingy citrus hues, yellow is a happy color that can bring energy and warmth to any space. It's an especially smart color choice for those who live in cold climates or where sunshine is in short supply.



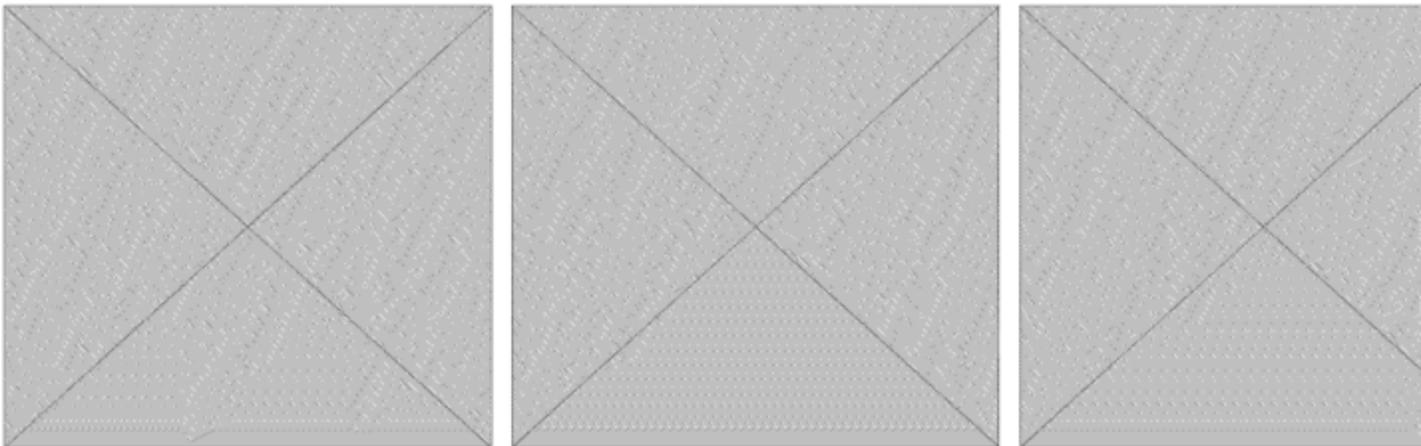
8 Outdoor Playspace Ideas to Nurture Kids' Imaginations »

Isn't it funny that so many of our young children ignore their presents in favor of the box? And why not? A box isn't just a box. It's a fort, a rocket ship, a car, a boat ... And the same idea goes for outdoor playscapes. Jungle gyms... more



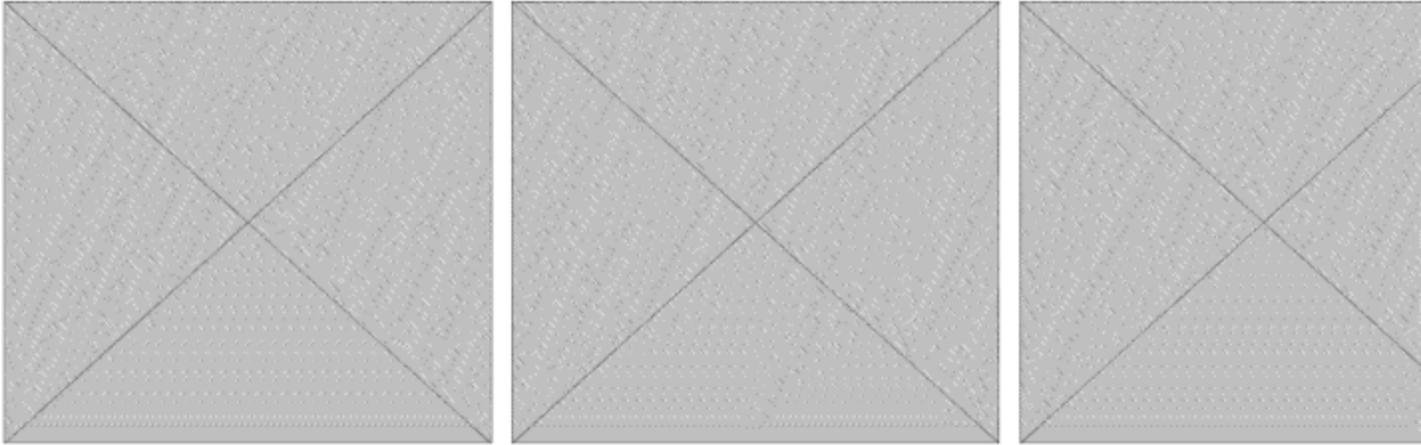
Hang Your American Flag With Etiquette and Style »

The day before my house burned down, I was thinking about flags. It was the end of June, and we were in the midst of painting our home's exterior. The front and back and one side were finished, and I was closing in on the fourth. It looks like I'll be done soon. [more »](#)



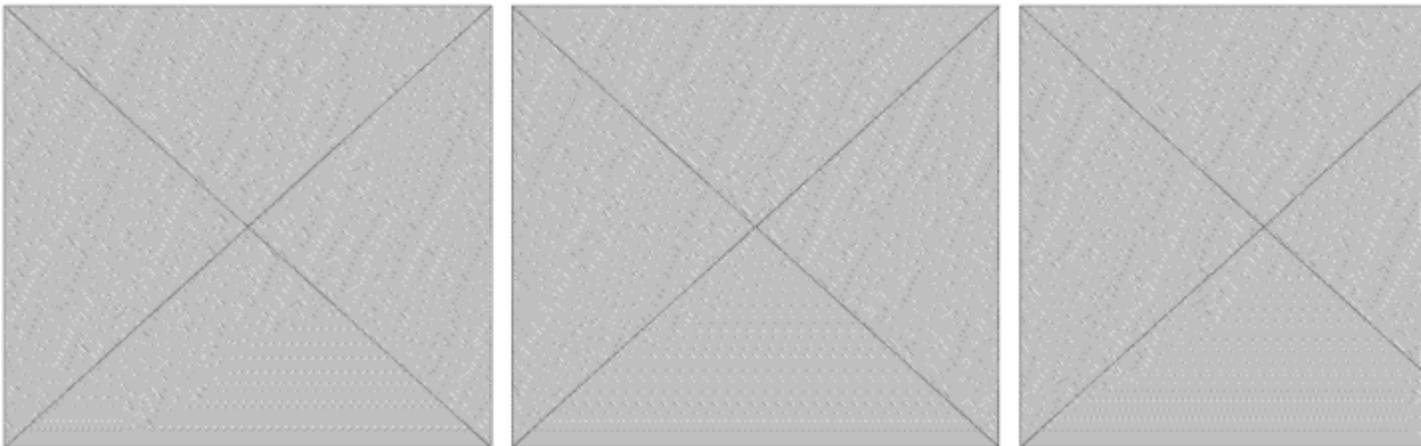
Great Design Plant: Aeonium »

Aeonium is a genus whose species are prized as some of the most ornamental succulents, with foliage that ranges from vibrant chartreuse to nearly black, and that's solid colored, banded or striped. The 35 species have distinct sizes and shapes. [more »](#)



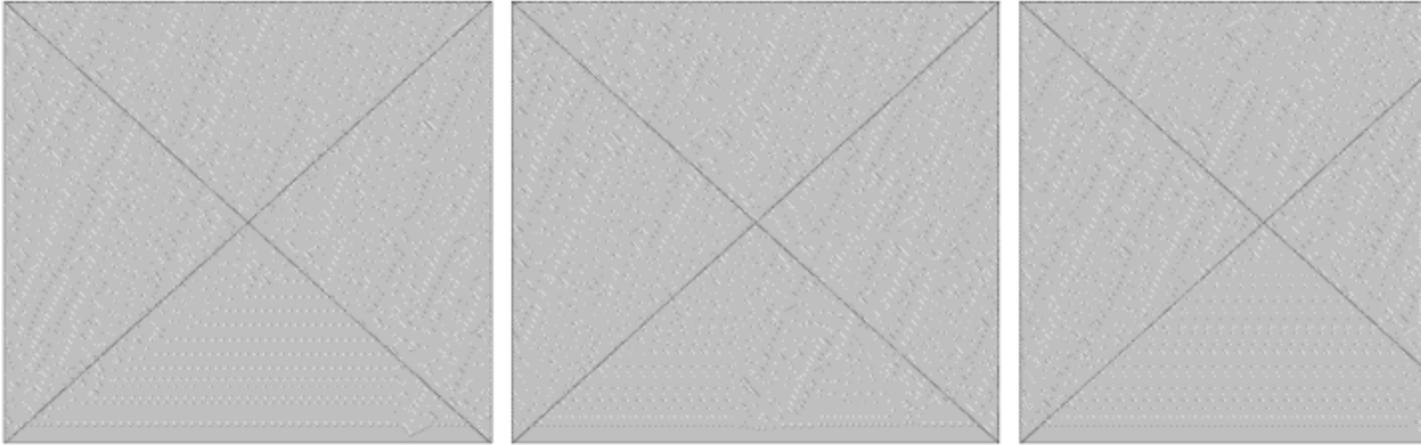
8 Mirror Types for a Fantastic Kitchen Backsplash »

Mirror was used everywhere in the house in the 1980s. Today it's making a strong comeback on kitchen backsplashes. Today's mirror treatments are so varied that it's easy to find a style that can work in your home. From traditional to antiqued,... more »



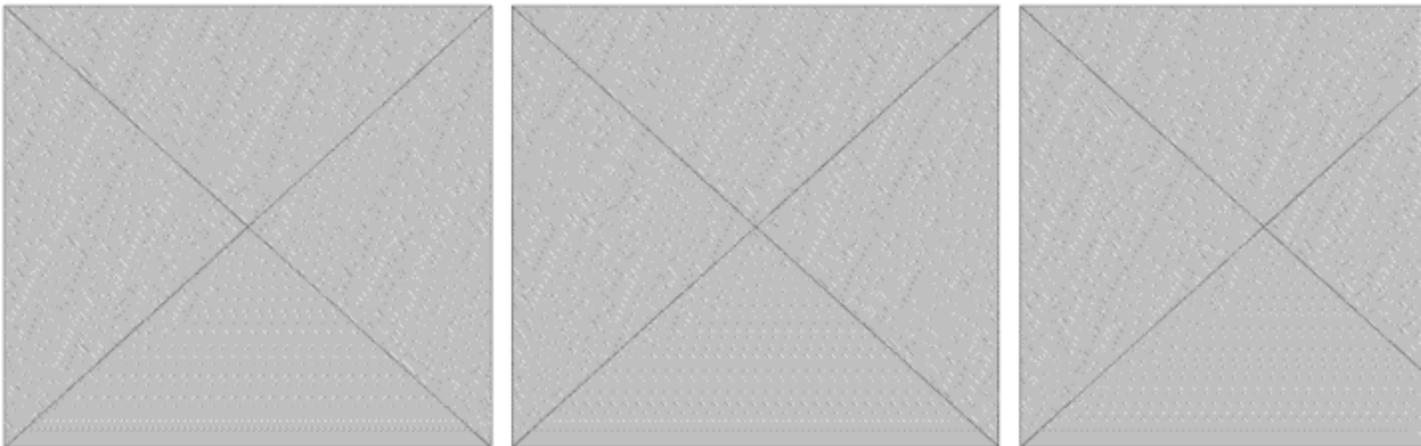
Strike a Balance: Stuff vs. Space in the Garden »

I bet I know what you're doing right now. You're looking for ideas for your garden, hoping to find that one inspiring picture that starts your creative juices flowing. The one that results in an "ah ha!" moment and breaks a stubborn case... more »



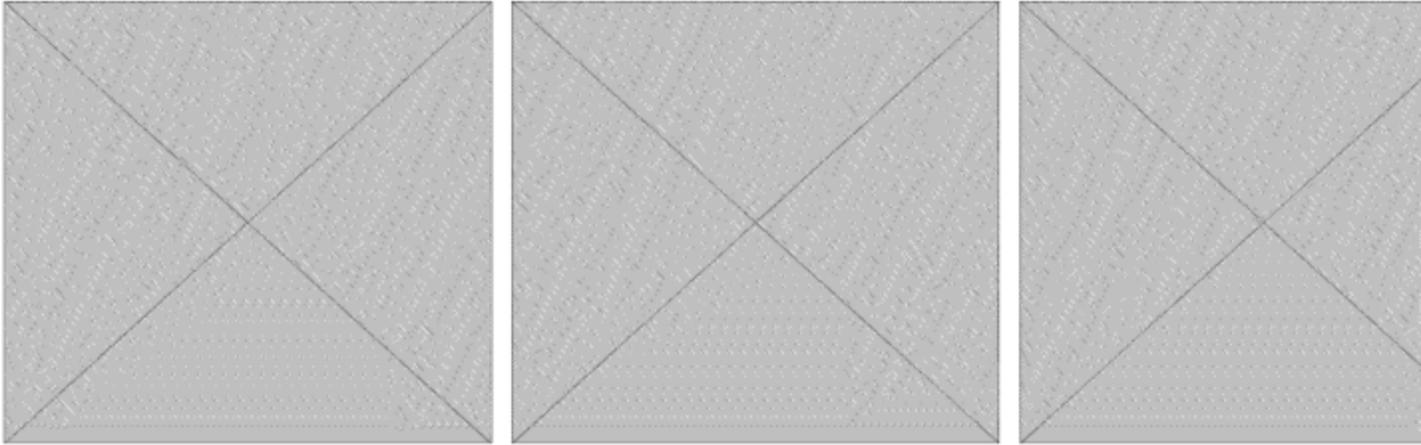
Upholstery in 3-D Comes to ICFF 2013 »

With a design of the future on top and a nod to the past on the base, this eclectic chair mixes iconic and innovative in an award-winning piece of furniture. Katie Lee, a product design student at the University of Oregon, designed this more »



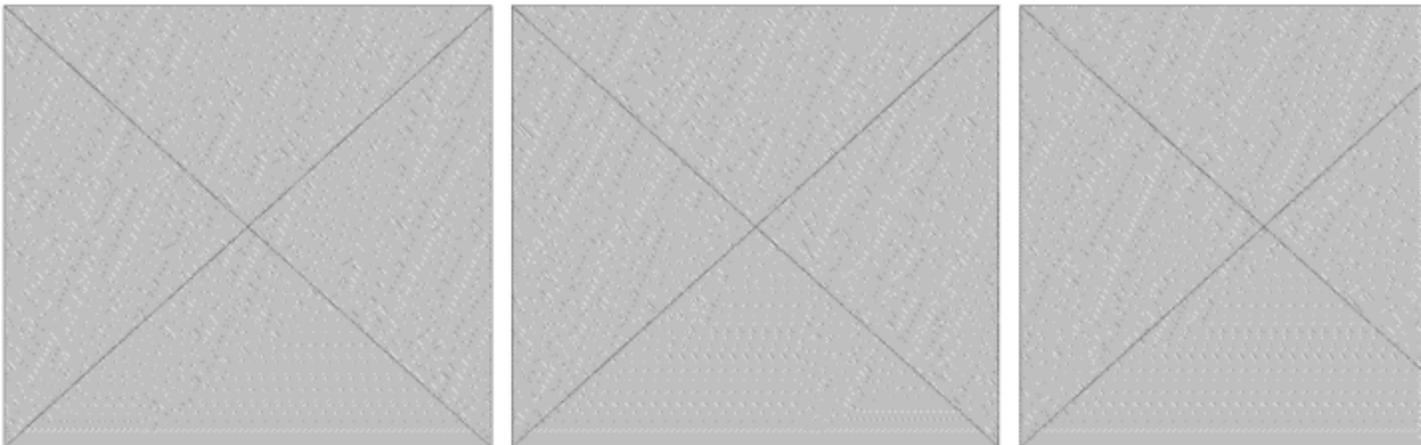
14 Ways to Style Your Mantel for Spring and Summer »

The mantel is often the focal point of the living room in winter, but it can be hard to know how to decorate the fireplace when warmer weather arrives. Do you play it up with fresh colors and artwork, or let it hide out behind strategically... more »



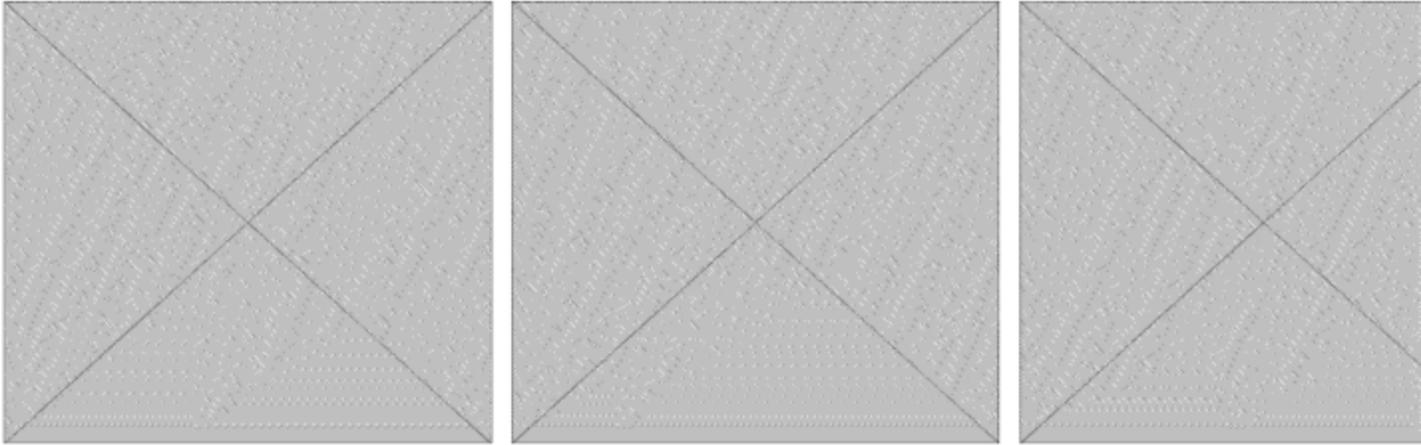
Reinvent It: An Eclectic Texas Garden Grows From Creative Salvaging »

By snapping up the teardown next door, this retired Texas business owner was able to expand her garden to the east of her Fort Worth home. "East-side gardens are very desirable in Texas, due to the intense afternoon sun from the west. Now... more »



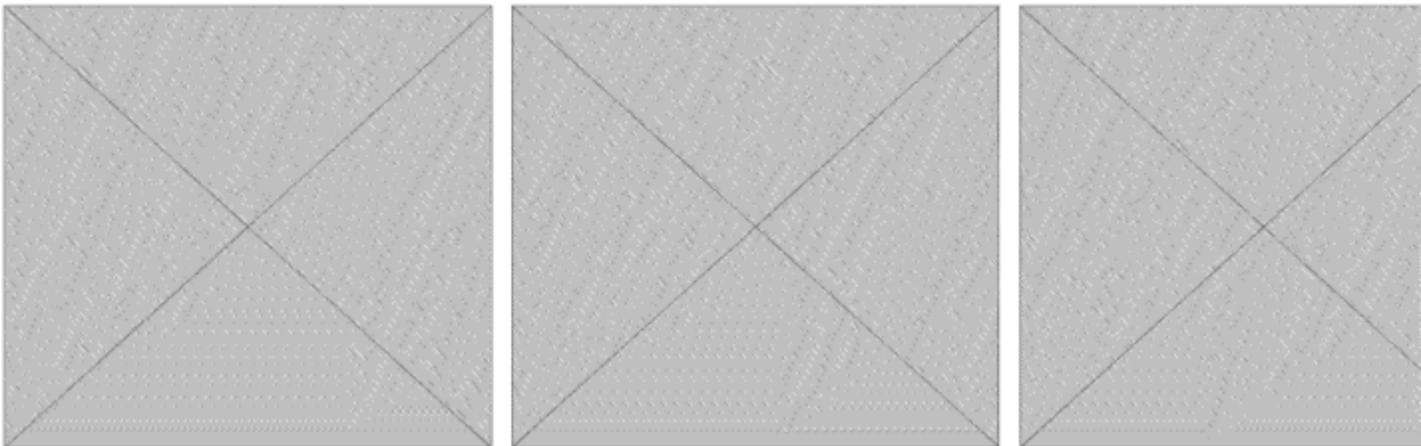
Lay Out Your Living Room: Floor Plan Ideas for Rooms Small to Large »

One of the first things I do when I see a room for the first time is study the options for furniture arrangement. Sometimes there can be more than one great option. Occasionally, things like windows, a fireplace or doorways can limit options. Now... more »



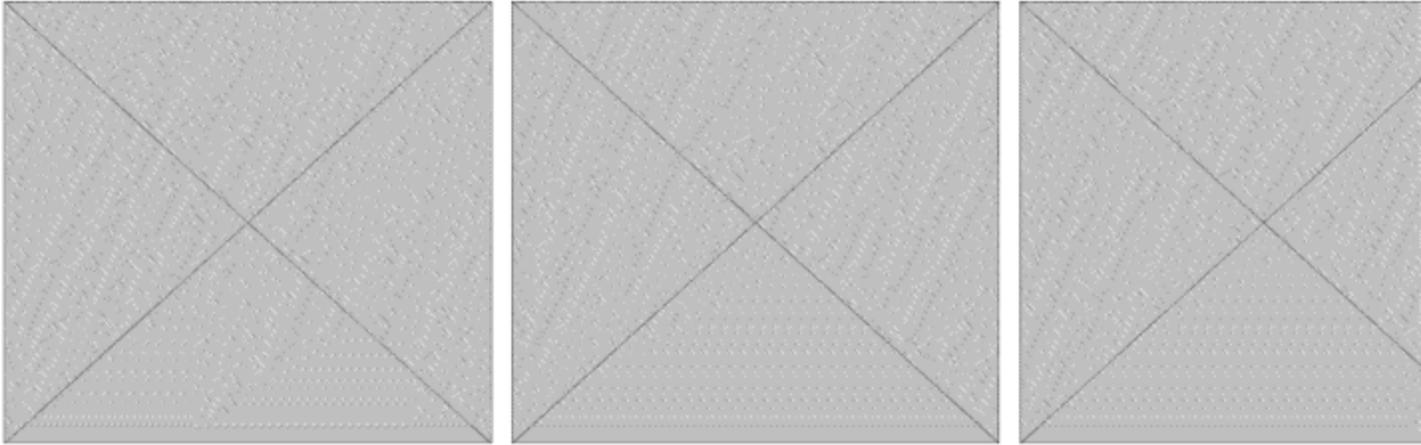
Guest Picks: 20 Outdoor Planters to Green Up Your Patio »

Summer is right around the corner, and it's time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. From classic square planters to modern and stylish urns, this seasonal selection offers all you need to make your patio and porch stand out. [Show... more »](#)



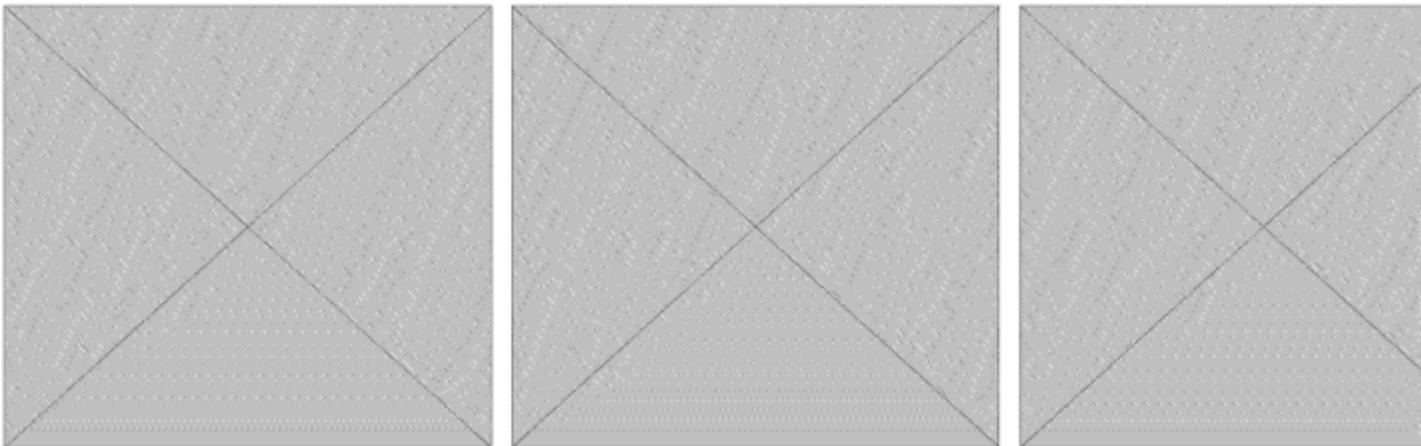
My Houzz: Remodeling Modernizes a Neoclassical Dutch Home »

In 1908 in Haarlem, the Netherlands (yes, New York City's Harlem neighborhood was named after this city), architect J.A.G. van der Steur built a neoclassical-style orphanage and a residence next door for its director. By 1988 federal authorities... [more »](#)



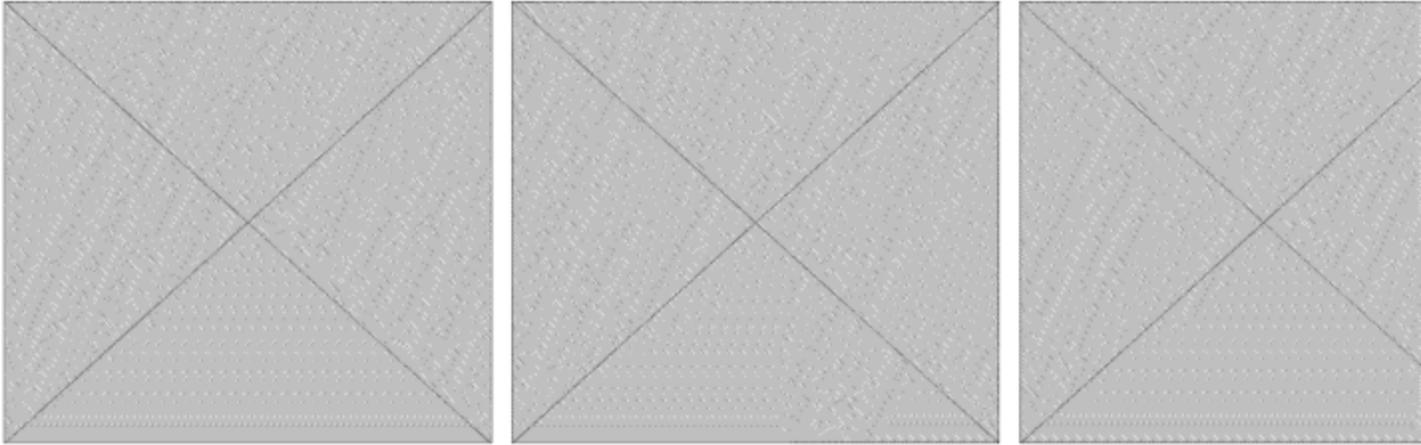
Guest Picks: Make Your Nursery a Hoot With Owl Fabric »

Owls are still a hot accessory in the design world, and their graphic eyes and shape, as well as their reputation as the souls of the forest, make them a perfect design element or inspiration for a nursery. If you are considering a woodland nursery, owl fabric is a great choice. [more »](#)



Want Compelling Garden Minimalism? Think One Plant, One Planter »

It seems like choices for planter filling have become very polarized these days. Gardeners either opt for a stiff boxwood hedge to impart minimalist European flair or an ever-more-complex assortment of carefully studied annuals. I am proudly. [more »](#)

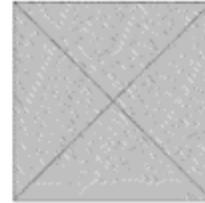


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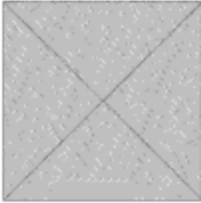
Back splash advice - What type and color back splash would work with my cherry cabinets and black granite counter tops?? [more »](#)

by lanafriedman · 41 comments



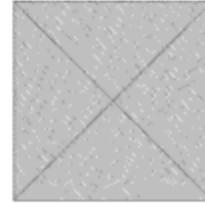
Boring family room in open plan. It has been in our house for almost 20 years. The family room is so boring.

by kam995 · 26 comments



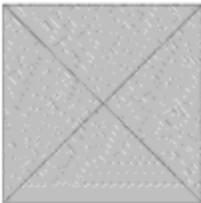
Should I stain the top of my dining table black? I have a toast colored dining table with black chairs. It is about 7... [more »](#)

by jen2207 · 45 comments



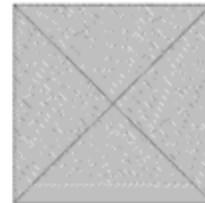
Need help with my living room. We just moved in to our first house and I need help on how to arrange our living room.

by Lisa Lampley · 15 comments



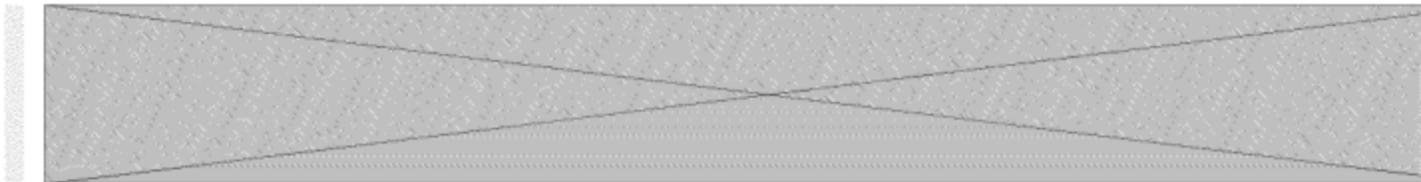
Fresh paint colors - I am in dilemma about painting these doors, which are on other side of the front of the house.... [more »](#)

by martha2468 · 16 comments



Laundry room/mud room. I am looking for some ideas for how to arrange it with a bench and hooks.

by lauriellicciardi · 11 comments



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