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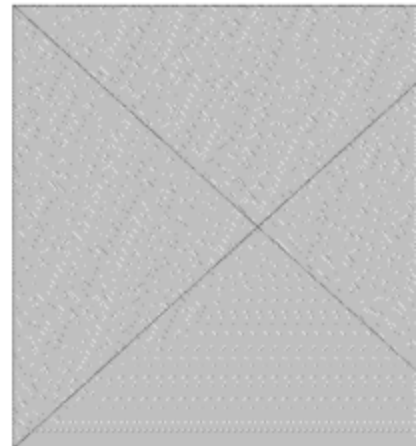
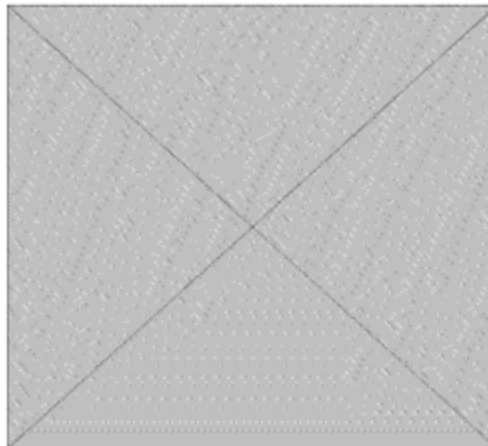
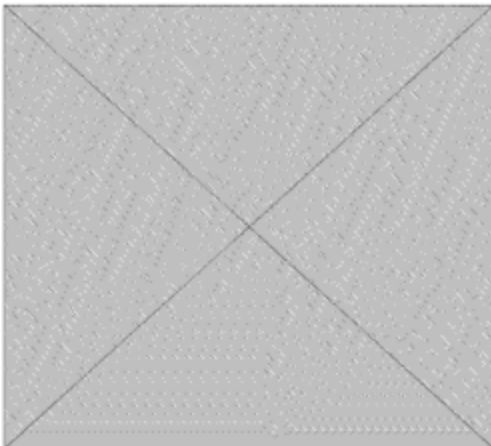
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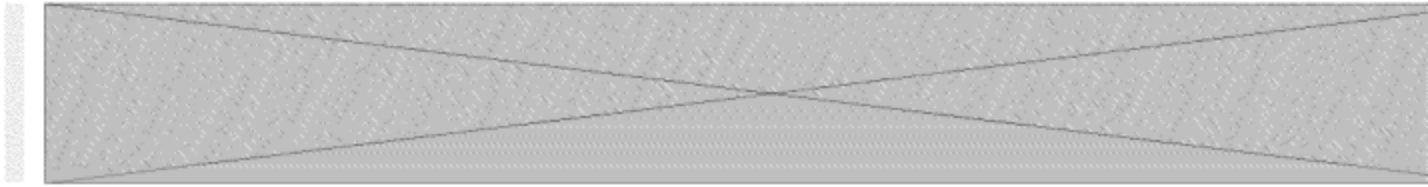
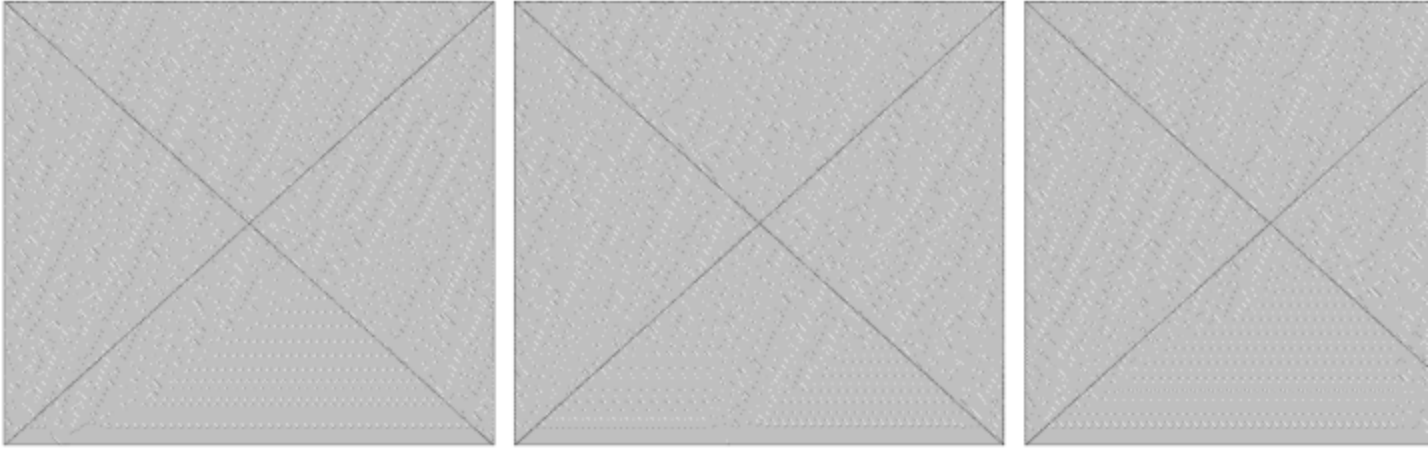
## Houzz Tour: Big Bay Views Buoy a Seattle Floating Home »

The owner of this floating home wanted to be able to enjoy the sublime Pacific Northwest views beyond its walls more than ever. "I had dubbed her existing home "a floating double-wide,"" says interior designer Kim Mankoski of Kim Mankoski Interiors. [more »](#)



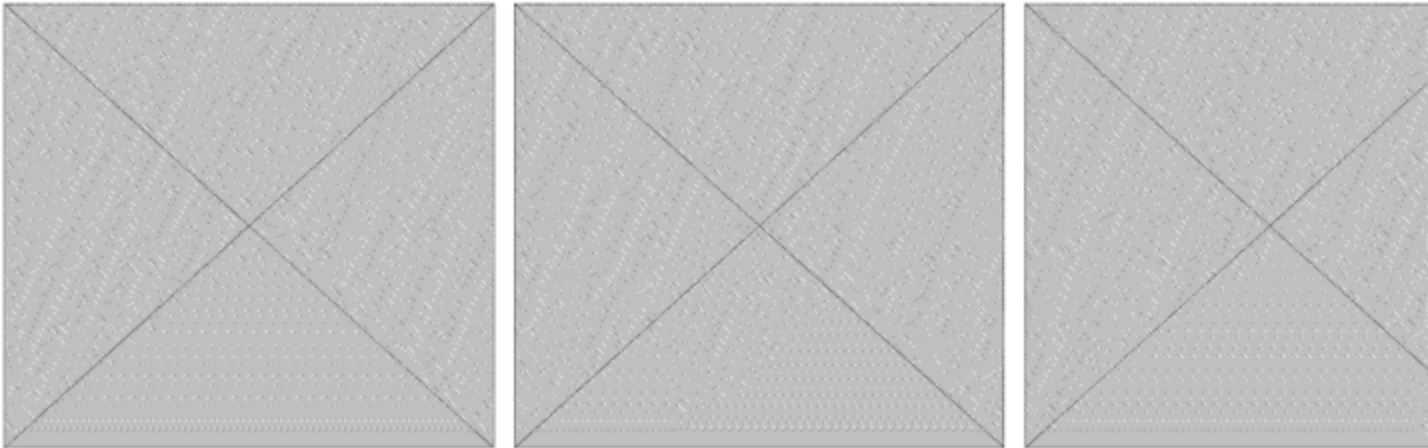
## Stressed Out? Try Hitting the Woodshop »

Could it be that we're in a renaissance of working with our hands? I mean really working with our hands? You know, using heavy tools that leave calluses, on projects that at the end of the day, week or month give you something that can't be replaced. [more »](#)



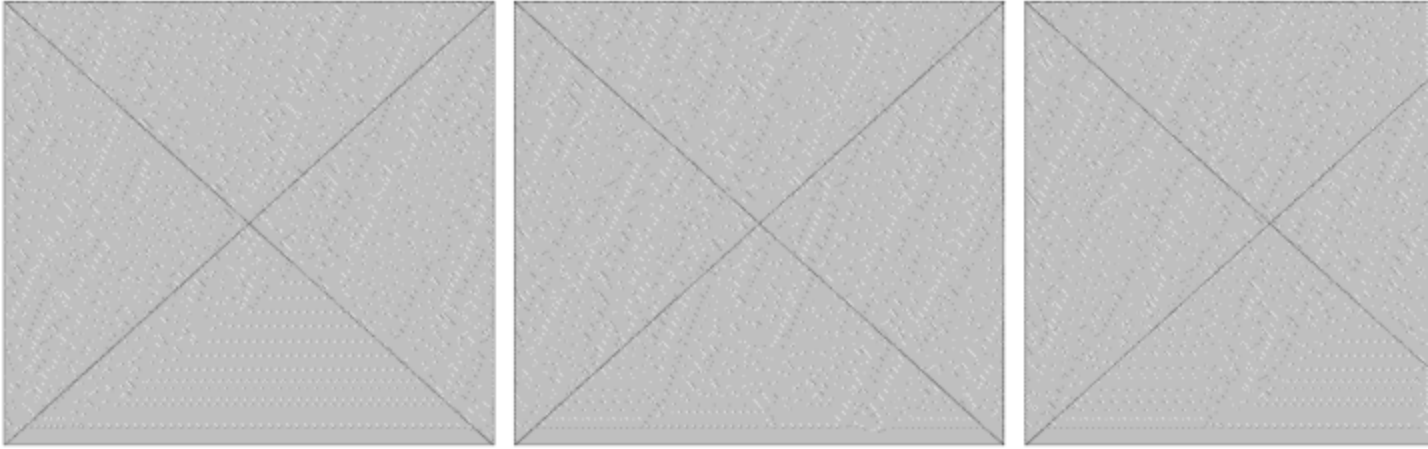
## My Houzz: Feminine Chic Charms in a Chicago Rental »

Alaina Kaczmarski has a knack for design. The proof is in the DIY touches that enhance her Chicago rental unit's ornate architectural details. Kaczmarski, a stylist, writer and cofounder of the blog The Everygirl, used her signature color..



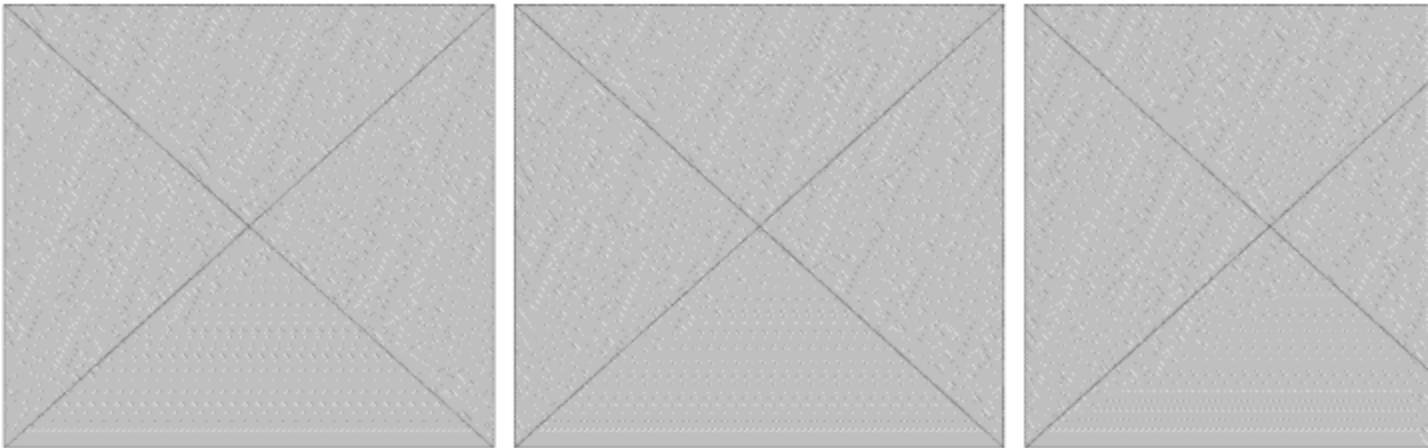
## 'Houses of Maine' Puts Modernism in Its Place — in Nature »

Blue Hill, Maine (population 2,686), is home to Elliott + Elliott Architecture. The company's office occupies a house built in 1835 that the architects say has been "renovated and revised, added to and subtracted from according to the needs of the times." [more »](#)



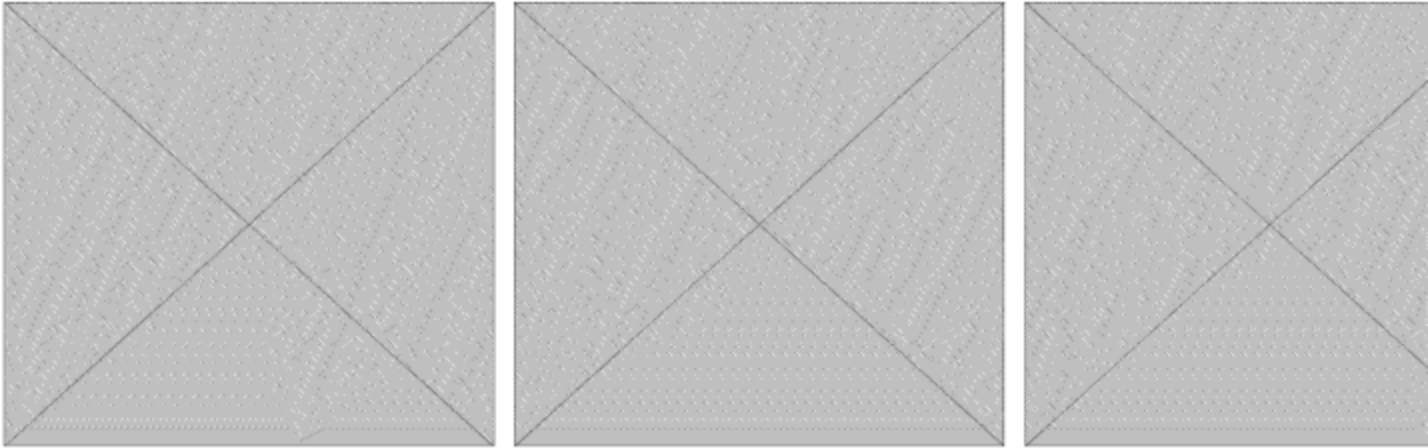
## Bathed in Color: When to Use Bold Orange in the Bath »

Orange is a happy color that we tend to associate with warmth, sociability and creativity. It's a great bathroom color if you live in a cold climate, as it will help warm you up on the chilliest days — those who live in hot climates... more »



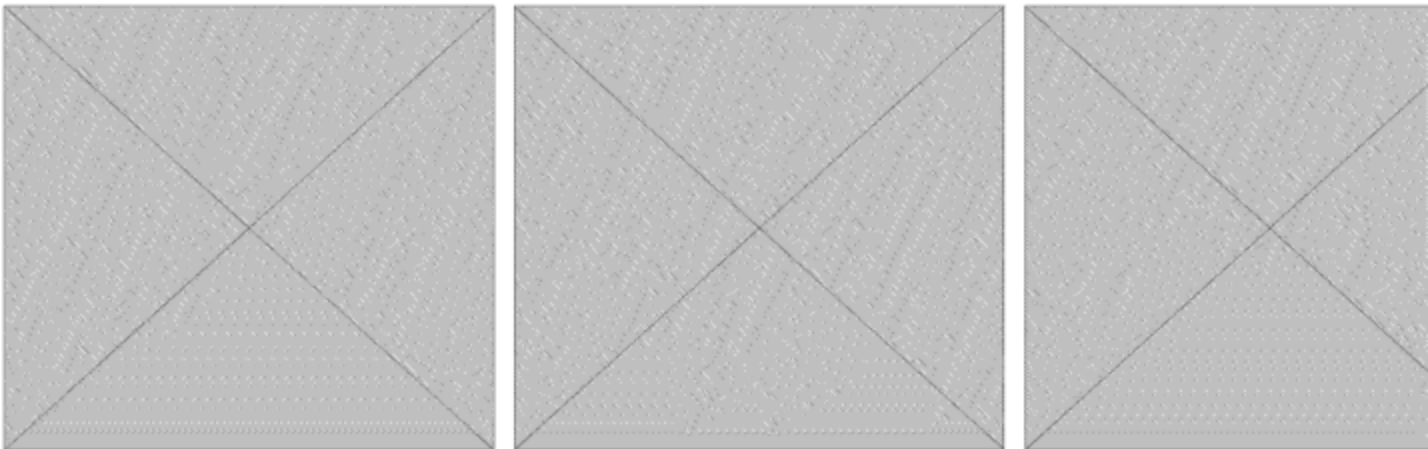
## Three Magic Words for a Clean Home and a Better Life »

Ask anyone who knows me well: For years and years, a passion of mine was cleaning and organizing. This might lead you to believe that our home was a bastion of tidiness and order, but the truth is, I was constantly fighting against chaos. Unfortunately... more »



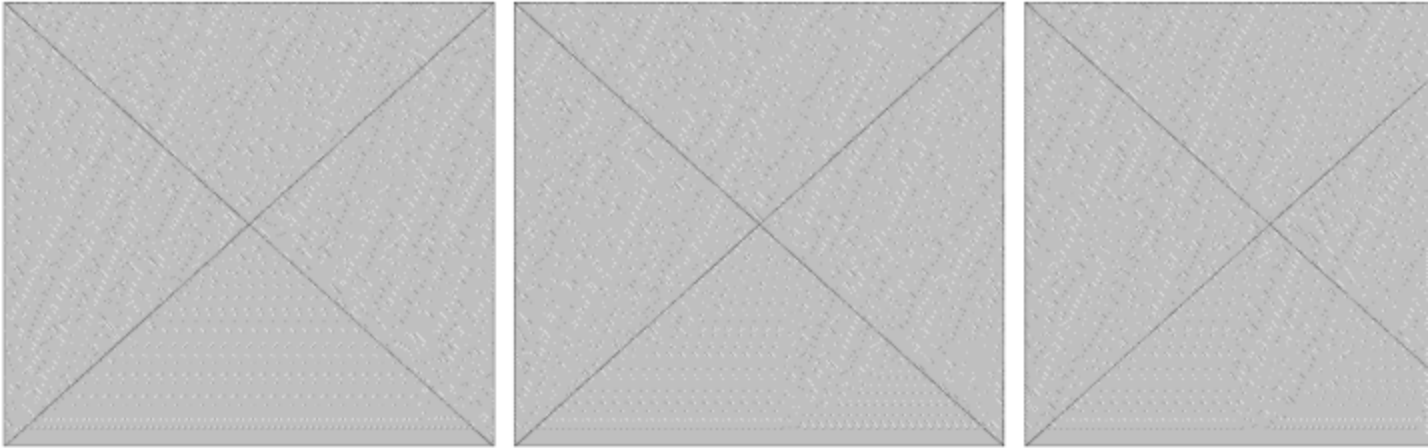
## My Houzz: DIY Love Pays Off in a Small Prague Apartment »

When designer Jaroslav Kašpar bought an apartment in Prague, he had no idea it would turn into a massive DIY project. For example, he found an original wood floor under the carpet, but it wasn't salvageable; he discovered a cool brick wall in the bathroom. [more »](#)



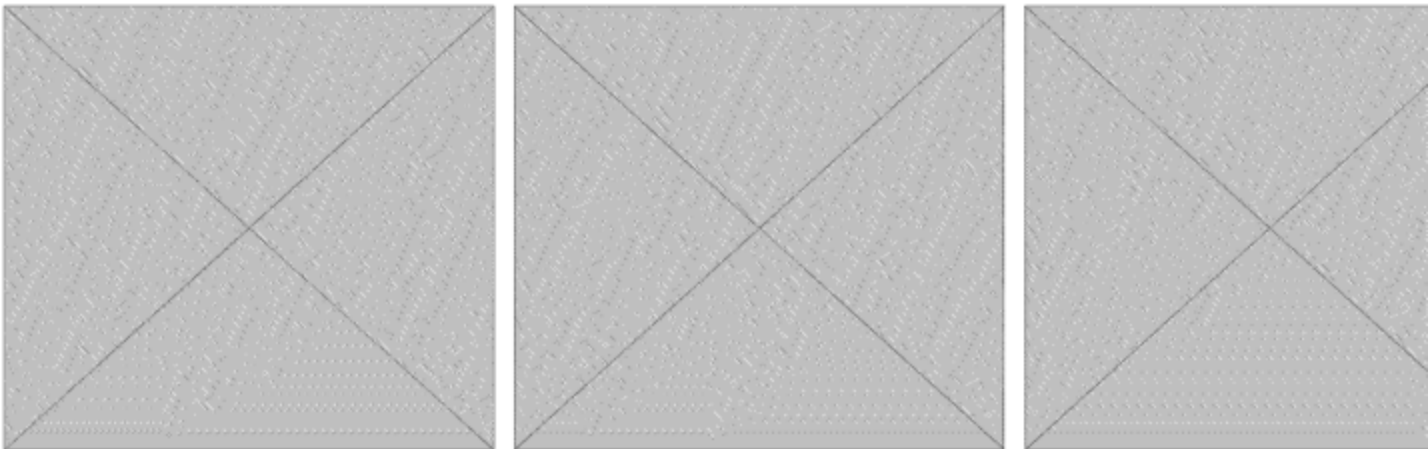
## Hang Your American Flag With Etiquette and Style »

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 this. [more »](#)



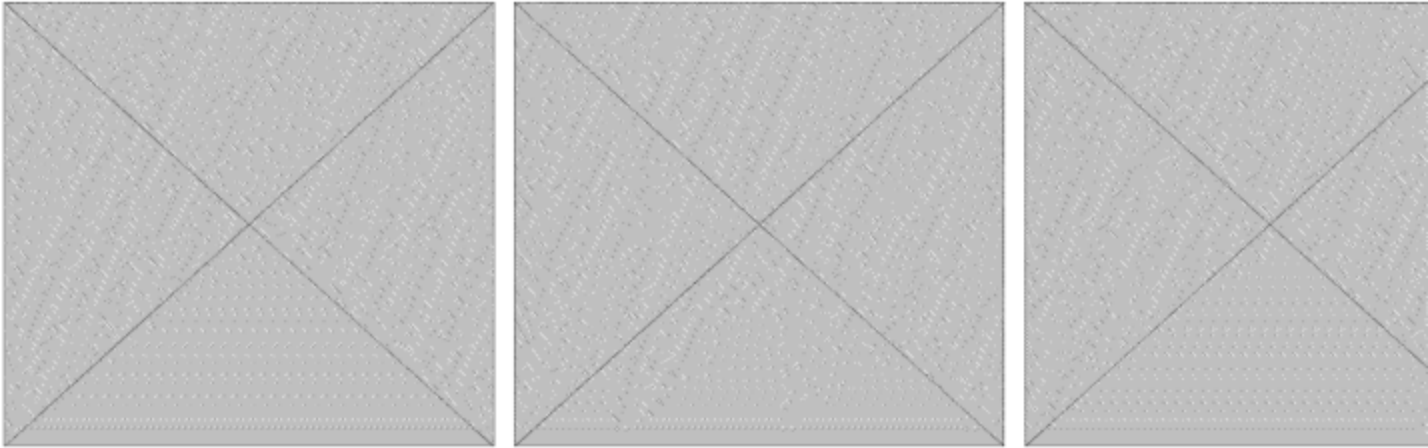
### 3 Shower Sound Systems That Beat Your Clunky Old Radio »

Waterproof sound systems for listening to music and radio in the shower have been around for decades. First came waterproof radios. Then waterproof CD players. And, of course, now people listen via gadgets linked to smart phones or a wireless... more »



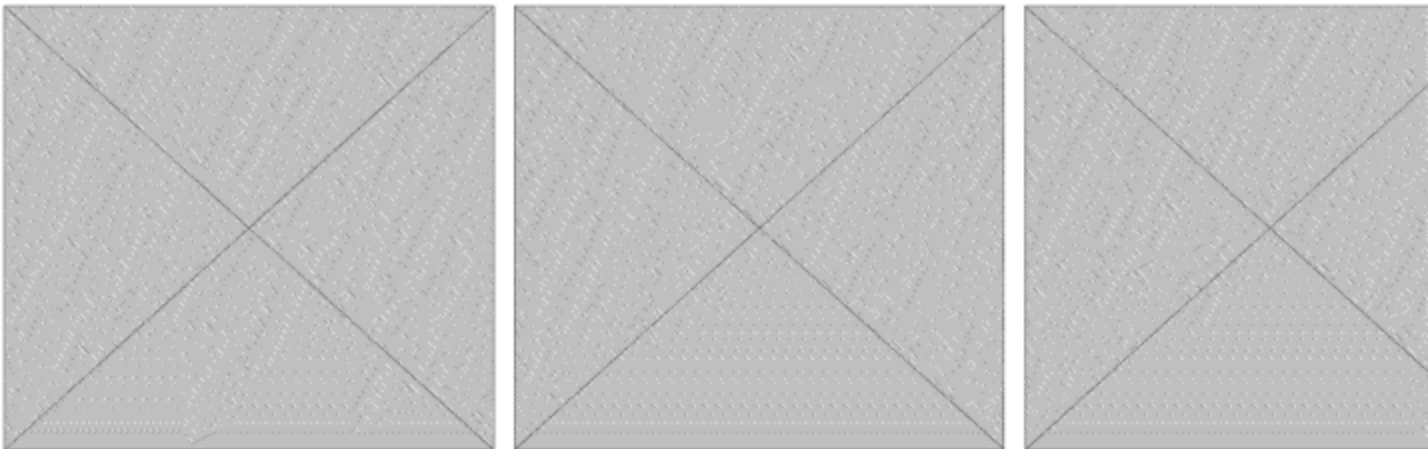
### Cool Tip: Mimic Stain With a DIY Color Wash »

Not many folks dislike the look of stained natural wood. It enhances the beauty of the grain and over time patinates to a luster that entices you to run your fingers across the wood's surface. However, the process of applying an oil-based color wash... more »



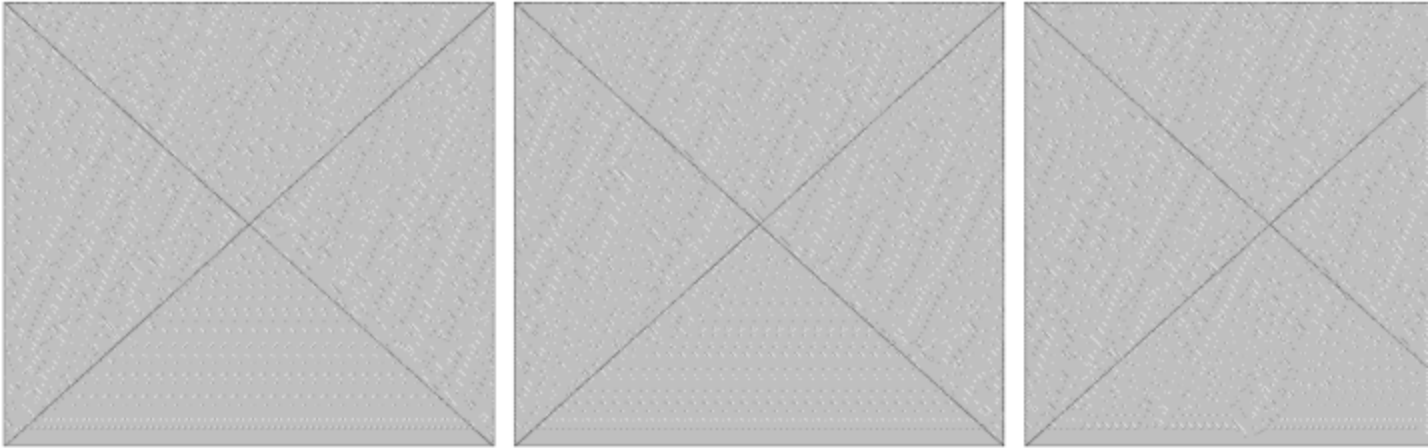
## 8 Stylish Sink Types for Kitchens of All Kinds »

Don't underestimate the style impact of your kitchen sink. It's worth going beyond the basics for this kitchen workhorse. There are hundreds of design elements that can make your kitchen beautiful, but the sink can really set the stage. Consider... [more »](#)



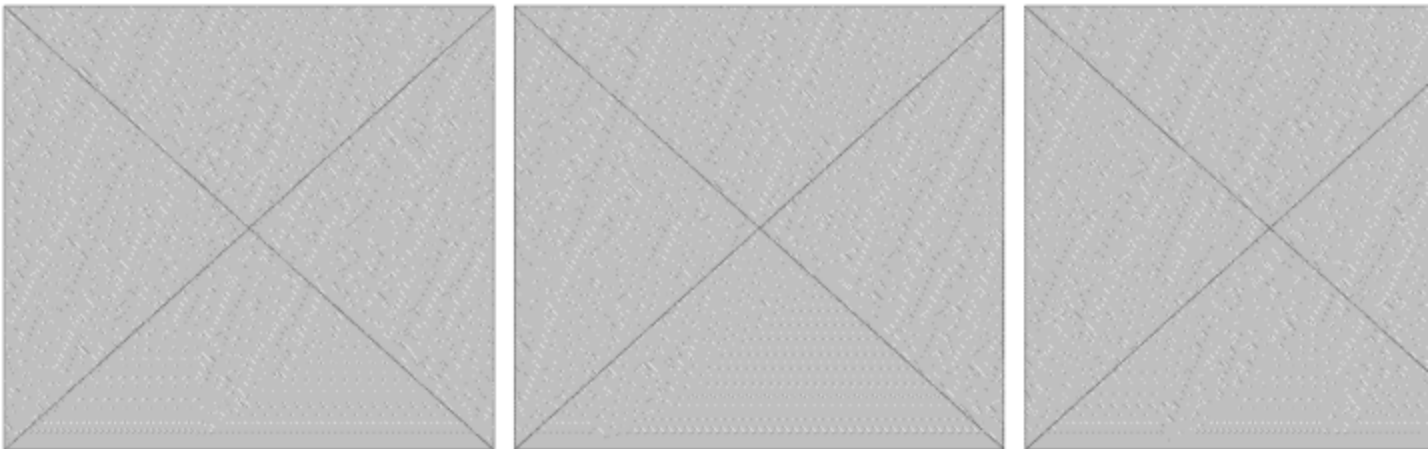
## Great Design Plant: Partridge Feather »

Partridge feather has a unique and lovely appearance that's best enjoyed where it can be seen easily and often: near walkways, decks and patios. An evergreen subshrub with a woody base, partridge feather is the perfect accent plant. the... [more »](#)



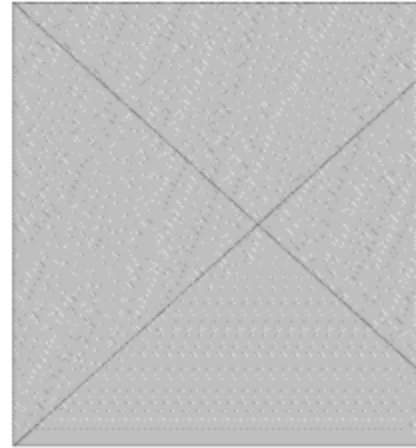
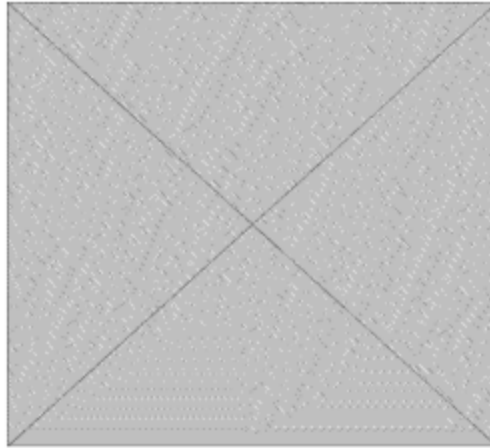
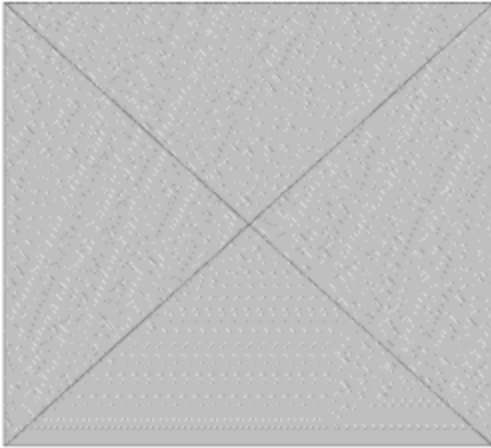
## Spring Patio Fix-Ups: 6 Ways to Light Your Outdoor Room »

Enhance those long, leisurely evenings on the patio with the right lighting. From subtle landscape lighting and string lights that cast a soft glow to sconces, pendants and more, these ideas will help spark your imagination and plan that perfect evening more »



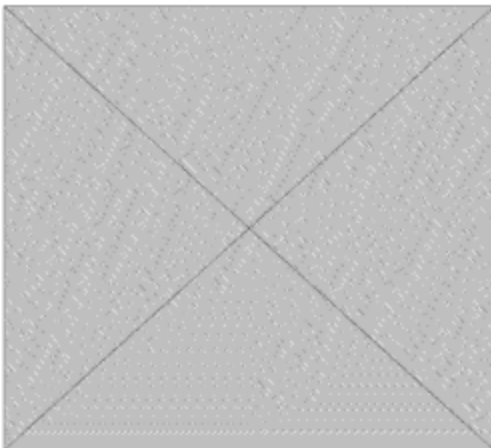
## Guest Picks: Get Starry-Eyed Over Constellation Designs »

I may not be a daily horoscope reader, but I am over the moon for all the constellation designs popping up in home decor. Here are 20 starry finds that can add a little cosmic chic to your abode. — Jen from The Haystack Needle more »



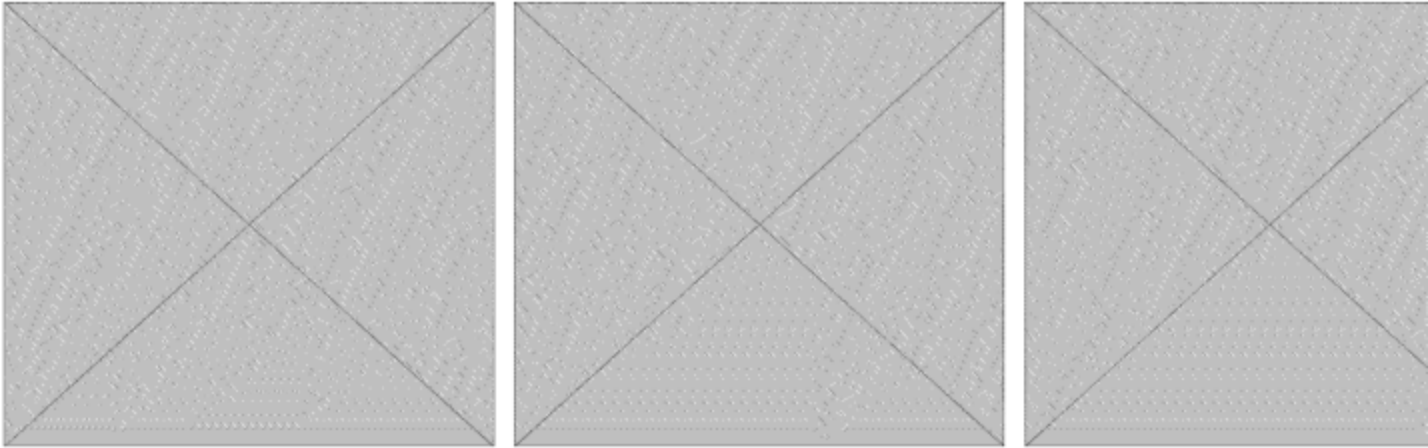
## **My Houzz: Culture and History Enrich a Traditional Montreal Home »**

One look inside Evan and Osnat Feldman's Montreal home and it's clear that their family and heritage mean everything to them. After an unsuccessful attempt to expand their previous home due to city restrictions, the Feldmans moved two blocks... [more »](#)



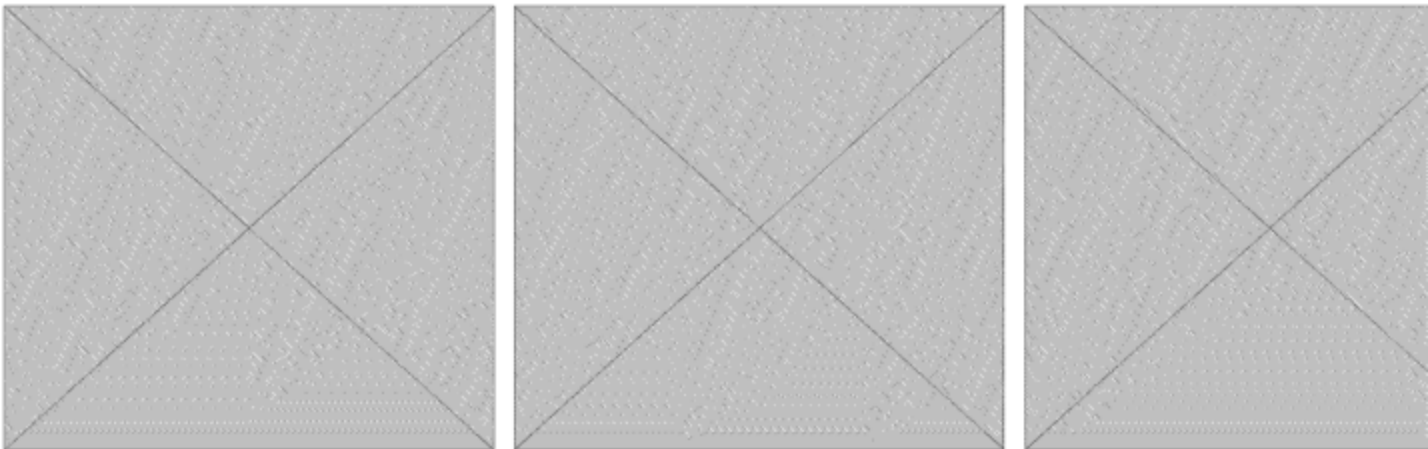
## **Give the Vintage Globe Trend a New Spin »**

I've been looking at trends (such as vintage typewriters and suitcases) that were sweeping design blogs when I started Houzz several years ago, charting their tipping points and how designers are freshening them up after their ubiquity. Vintage... [more »](#)



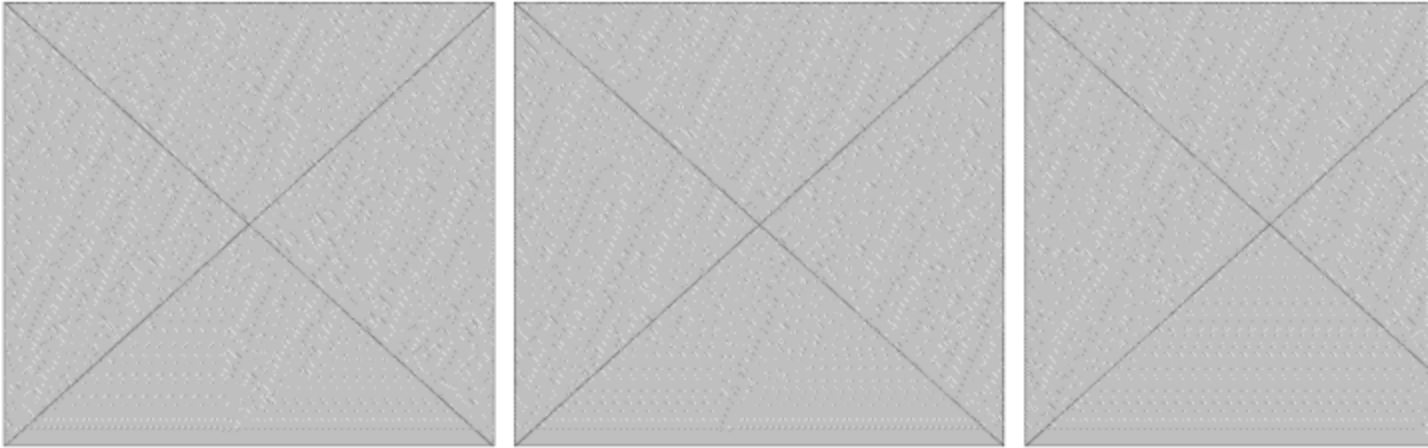
## Twist Up a Room's Look With Tie-Dye »

Just so we're clear, the hippies did not invent tie-dye. Yes, they may have perfected the psychedelic variety and forever linked the technique to the Summer of Love, but tie-dyeing is actually an ancient method used all over the world. Japanese... more »



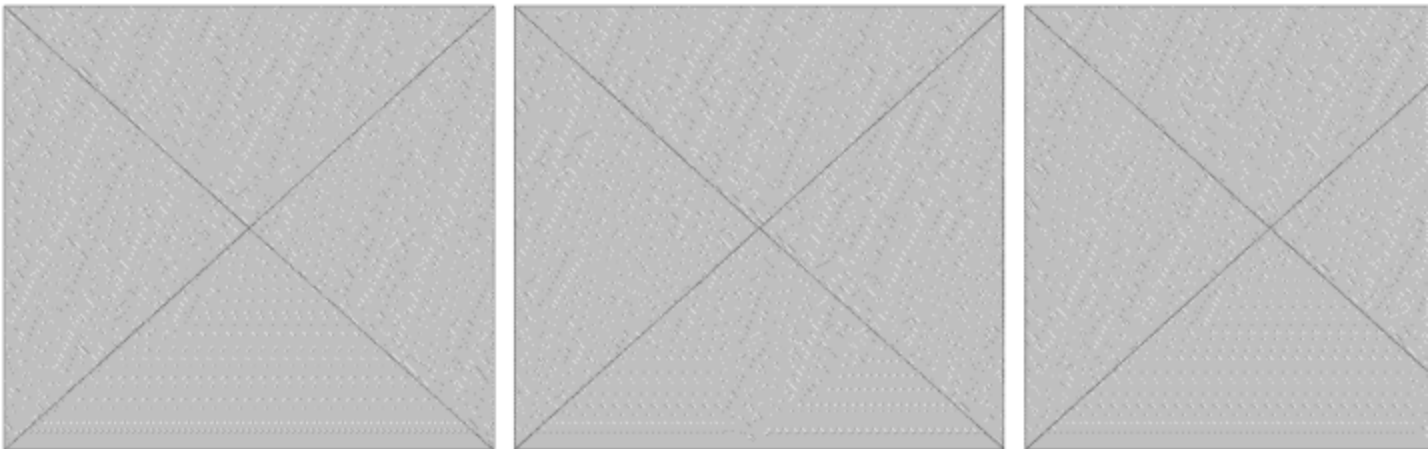
## Outfit a Beach House From Deck to Drawer Knobs »

Whether you are in the process of fixing up a beach house or dream of owning one, this ideabook is chock-full of ideas for fixing up your getaway. Here you'll find products, ideas and color schemes, from outdoor showers and wraparound porches to more »



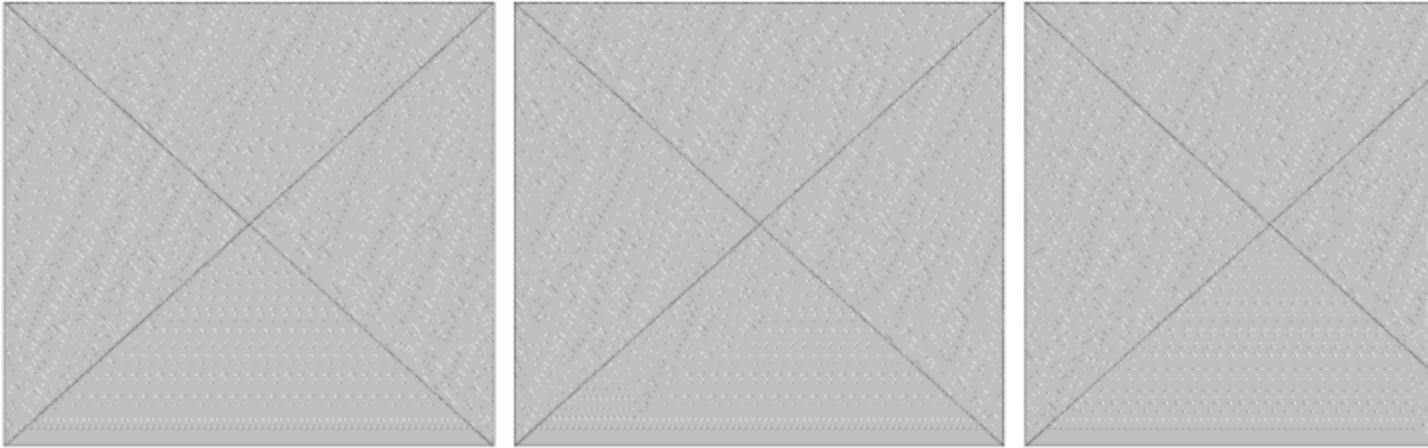
## How to Pick a Mulch — and Why Your Soil Wants It »

The word "mulch" has fallen into common and nearly exclusive use as the descriptive name for shredded wood or bark products; the truth is that mulch is an umbrella term for any product — organic or inorganic — that serves as a topdressing... more »



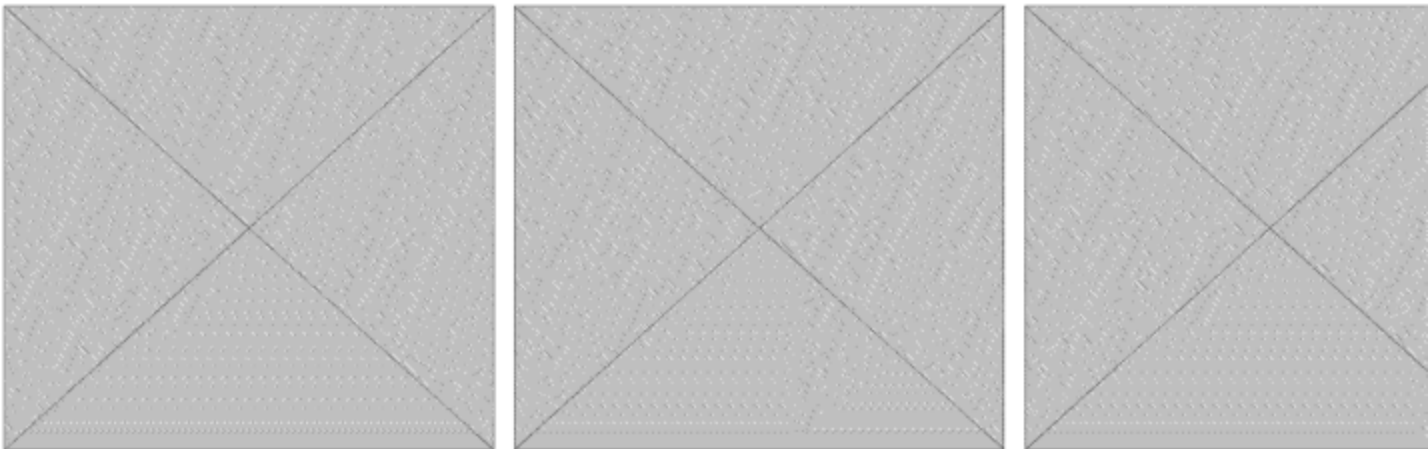
## 12 Smart Ideas for Decorating Empty Corners »

I was a fairly well-behaved child in school, so I don't recall ever getting sent to a corner. If I had, I'm sure I would have done the same thing I do in any other space: think about how to decorate it. Corners are not just for time-outs; corners... more »



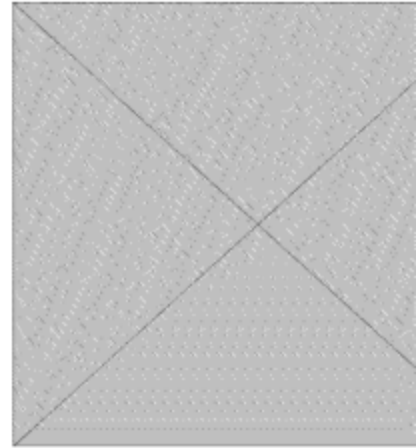
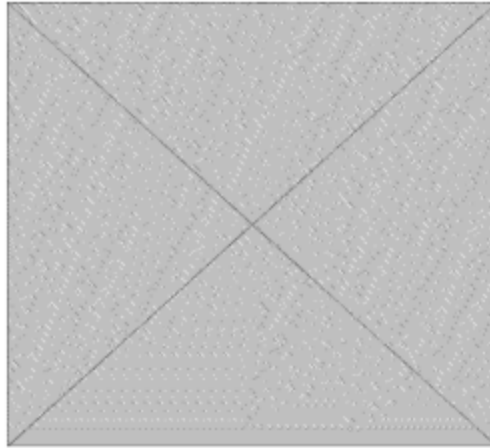
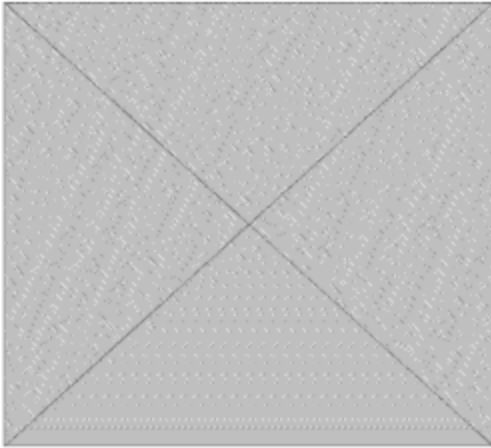
## Great Native Plant: Baptisia »

You want a shrub in that dry corner, but no shrub will work. You want something that looks different. You want super maintenance. I've got just the right perennial for you: Baptisia is a quick-growing, uniquely blooming wildflower native to the Southeast. [more »](#)



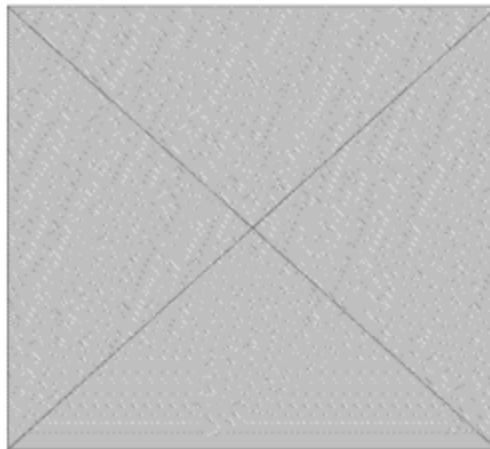
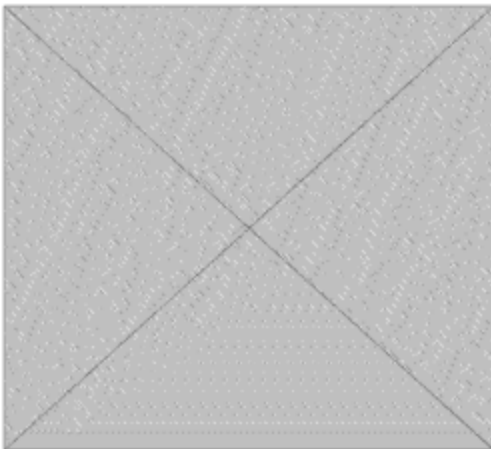
## Classic Summer Furniture: The Adirondak Chair »

Yep, it really was designed in the Adirondak Mountains in New York. In 1903, to be exact. Throughout its next 110 years of life, the Adirondak chair has become an iconic image of summer. It's synonymous with front porches, lake house, fire pits, and more. [more »](#)



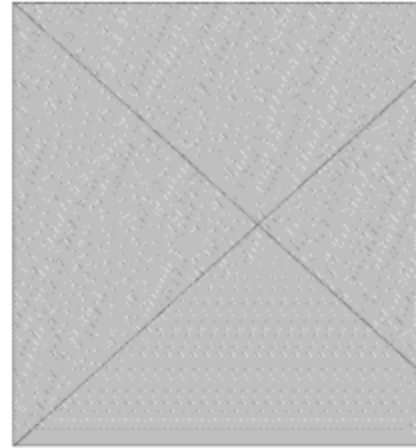
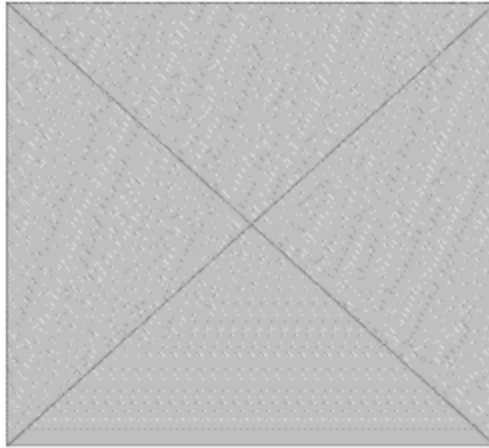
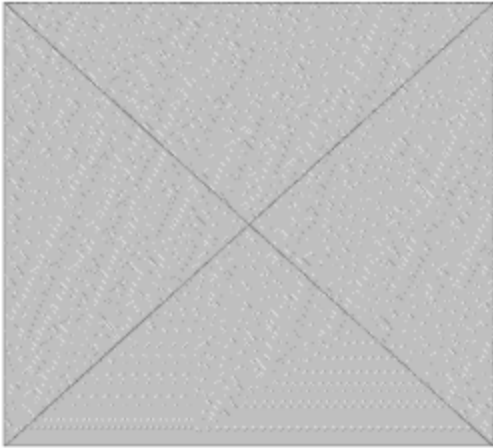
## Summer Crops: How to Grow Beans »

Green beans are probably one of the most readily available vegetables at the grocery store. So why grow your own? They're easy and quick to produce, making them a good choice for a beginning gardener. Second, and probably more important,...



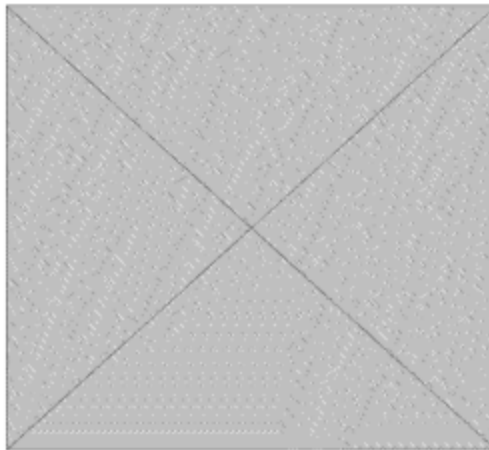
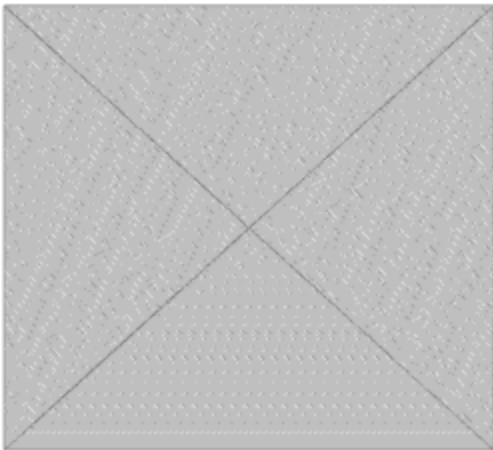
## Know Your House: Post and Beam Construction Basics »

Simple and transparent while being an elegant expression of craft, post and beam construction has a lot to offer. It's one of my favorite building methods. First, post and beam construction is just so simple. We just can't get any more direct. ...



## Guest Picks: Fun With Lamp Finials »

Lighting is a designer's best friend. It can make a room feel cozy, romantic or energetic with the twist of a switch. However, the function is only part of the allure of proper lighting, as a good lamp should also be a beautiful one. Lately, I have... more »



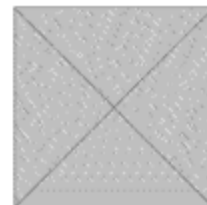
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Need help with colors in my kitchen!!!  
PLEASE - My kitchen is on hiatus for the moment. Unfortunately my budget is... more »

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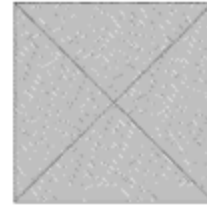
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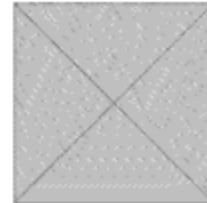
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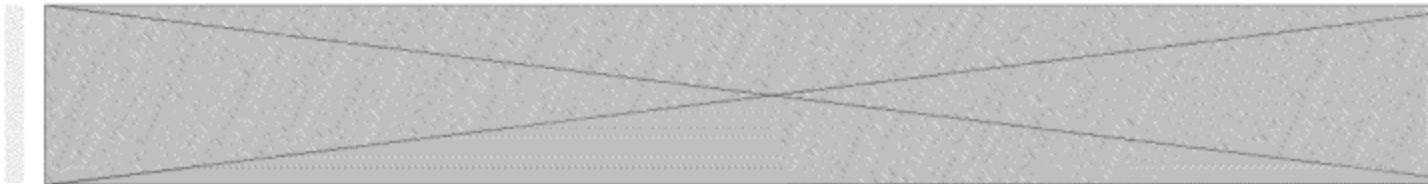
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