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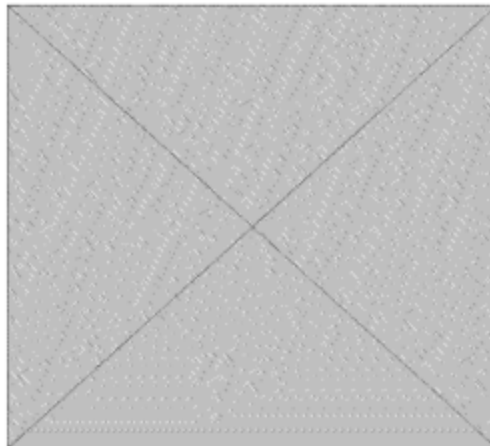
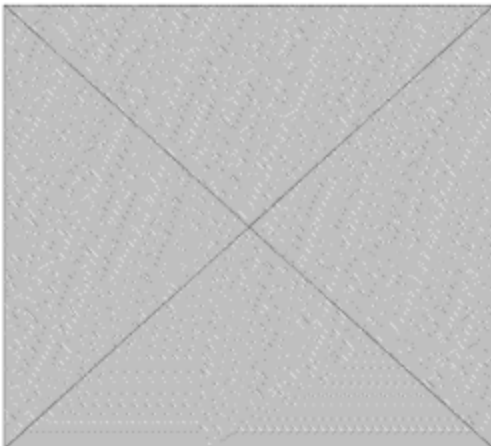
This week on Houzz



See an idyllic [California compound](#) that relaxes into the landscape, a double-duty [basement makeover](#), a clever [kitchen floor](#) solution, and more. Did you just finish a renovation project? Upload your [before and after photos](#).

## Kitchen of the Week: Creativity Shines in Seattle »

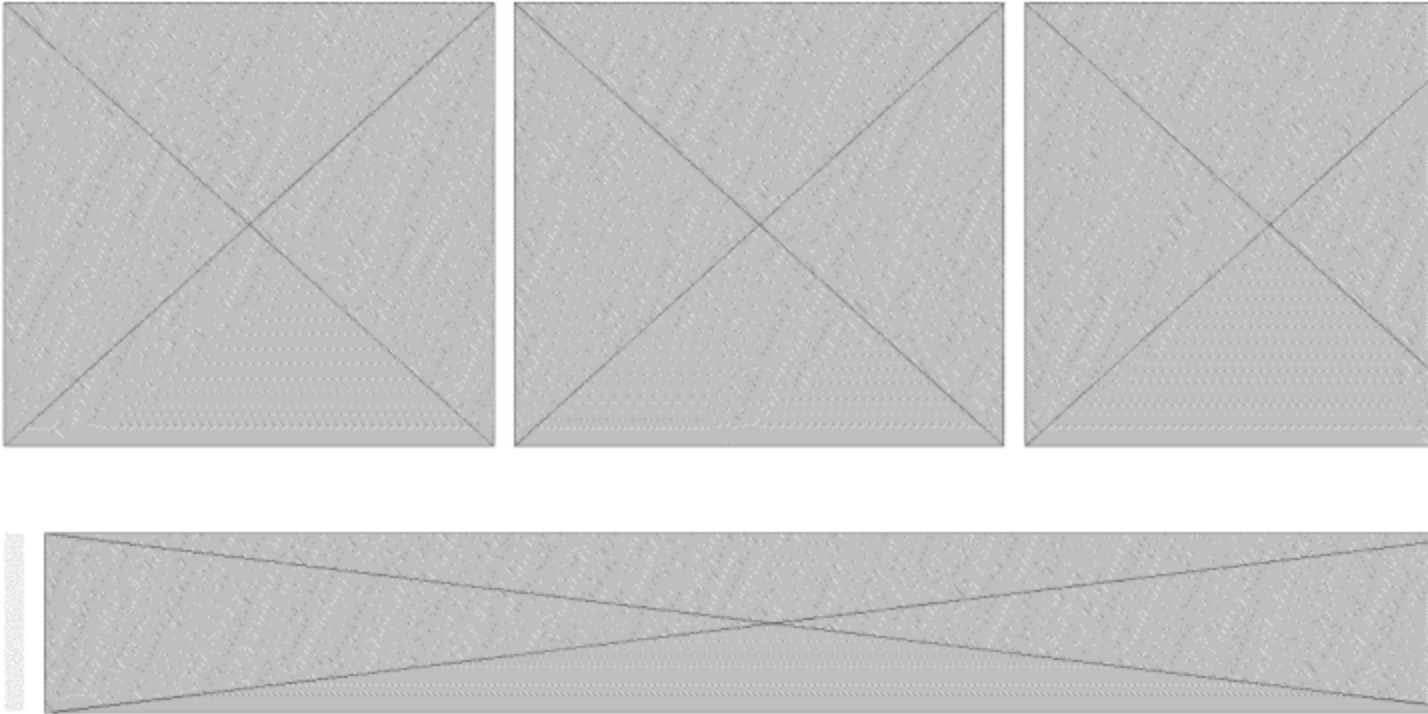
Despite its modern patterned floor and bright orange backsplash, this kitchen has some surprisingly traditional roots. In 1917, this Seattle home previously had only one owner, who had done minimal updates over the years. Although more »



## Houzz Tour: A Nature-Loving Compound Relaxes Into the Landscape »

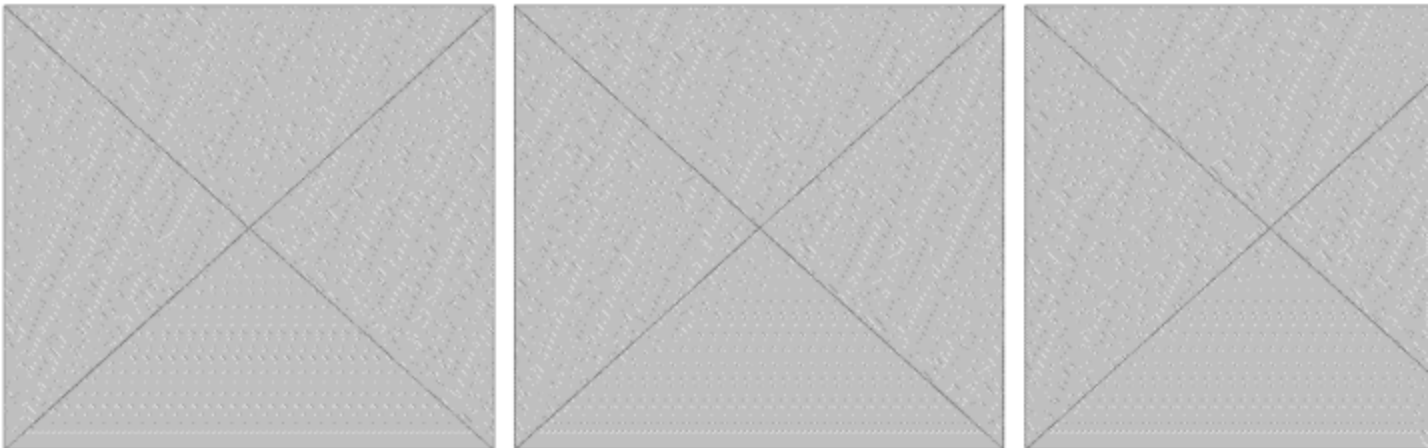
It's a quietly impressive compound: simple forms of a garage, a house and two guest cottages on 4 acres in Three Rivers, California. Architect Polly Osborne remodeled the buildings to nestle into the Sierra foothills landscape, which she fr

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## **My Houzz: Newly Sustainable in New Orleans »**

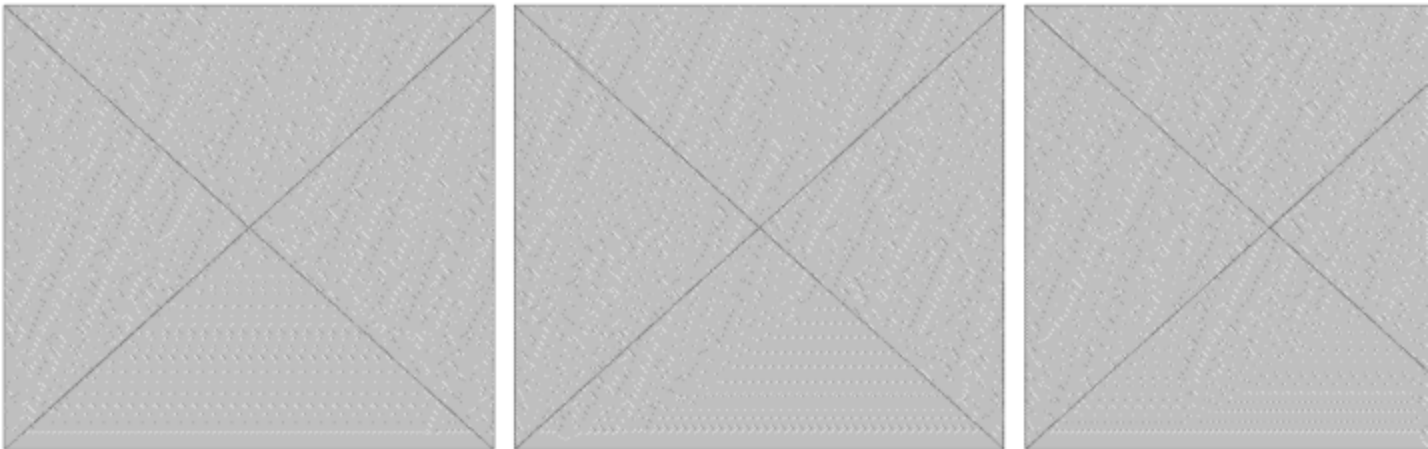
Like so many people in New Orleans, Jared Zeller and Jennifer Pearl had to start their lives over after Hurricane Katrina wrecked their home in 2005. But like many other resilient residents along the Gulf Coast, the couple turned the devastation... [more »](#)



## **See 6 Homes That Rise to the Rural Landscape »**

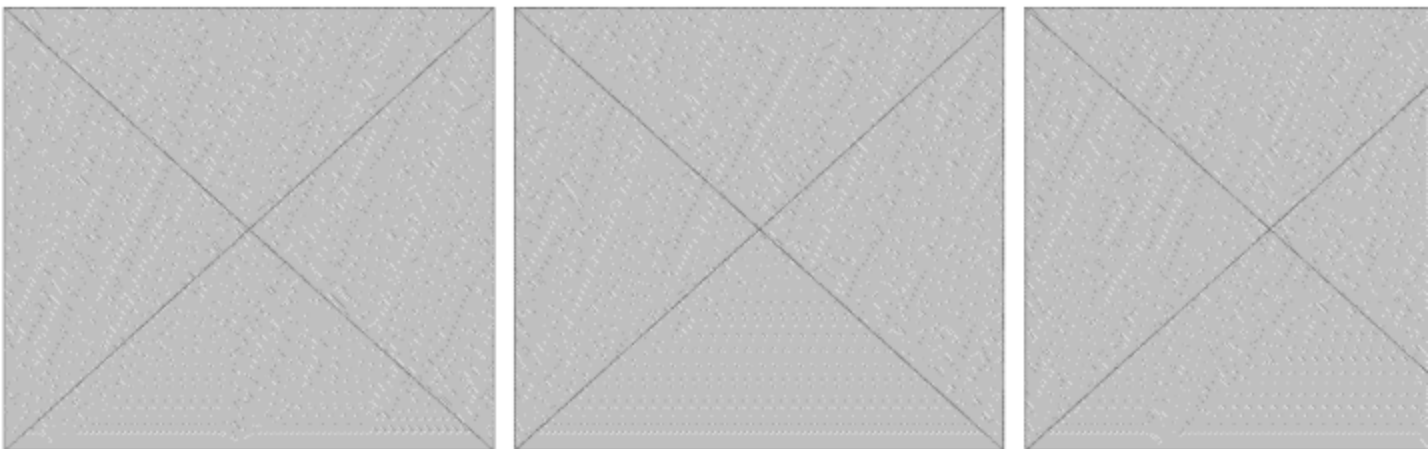
From the dawn of time, humankind has built various forms of shelter in all types of landscapes. Our ancestors' prim

concerns were shelter and protection. Modern design concepts and the notion of building sensitively were not part of the conversation. [more »](#)



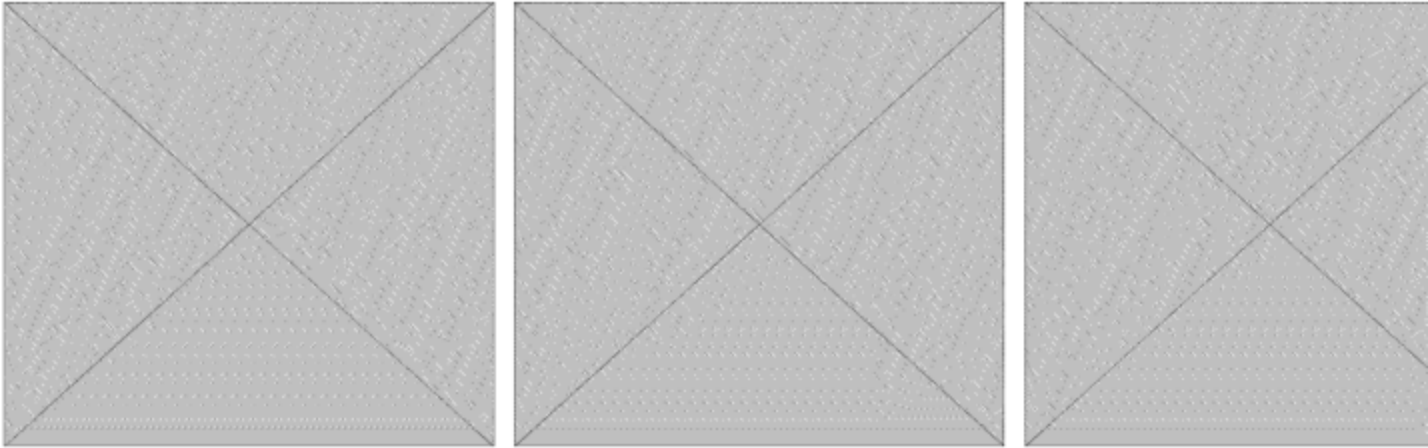
## Roots of Style: Where Did Your House Get Its Look? »

One of the most common questions people have about their own home is, What style is it? This is not always an easy question to answer. "Style" is an elusive term, because it can be applied to many different things, and style is frequently a mix of influences. [an... more »](#)



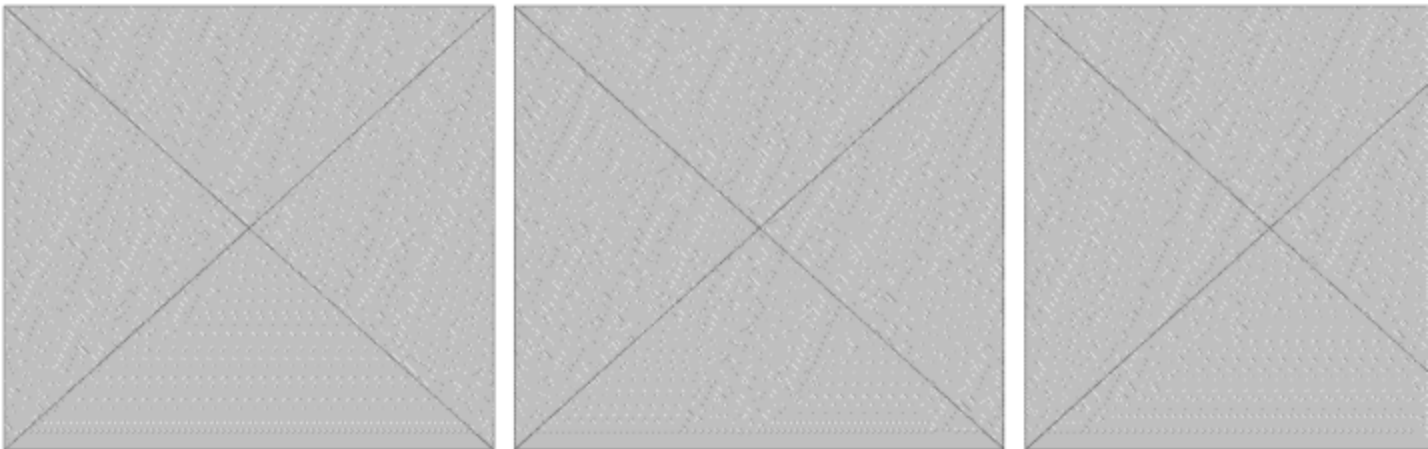
## Do You Dare Bring Home Some Liberace Razzle-Dazzle? »

I just finished watching Making Behind the Candelabra, and it has me more excited than an Austrian rhinestone salesman ready to land a Liberace lover's account. Soderberg, Douglas, Damon, Debbie Reynolds and all of the over-the-top, overdecorated, [... more »](#)



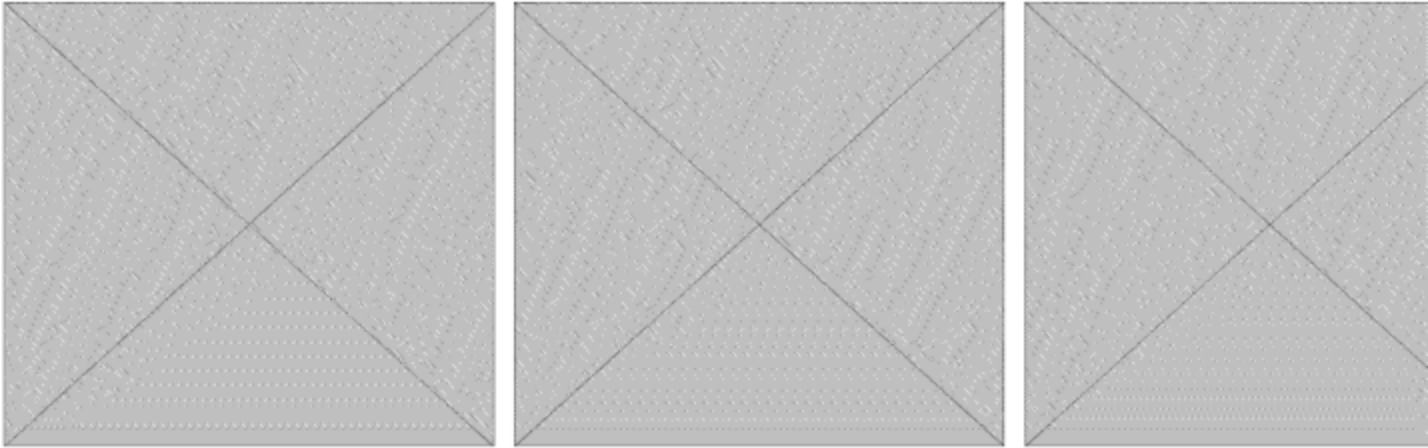
## Spring Patio Fix-Ups: Install an Outdoor Fireplace or Fire Pit »

More than nearly any other outdoor feature I can think of, a fireplace (or fire pit or bowl) instantly makes the yard the place where everyone wants to be. It easily becomes the focal point of a space, drawing friends and family together around the fire. [more »](#)



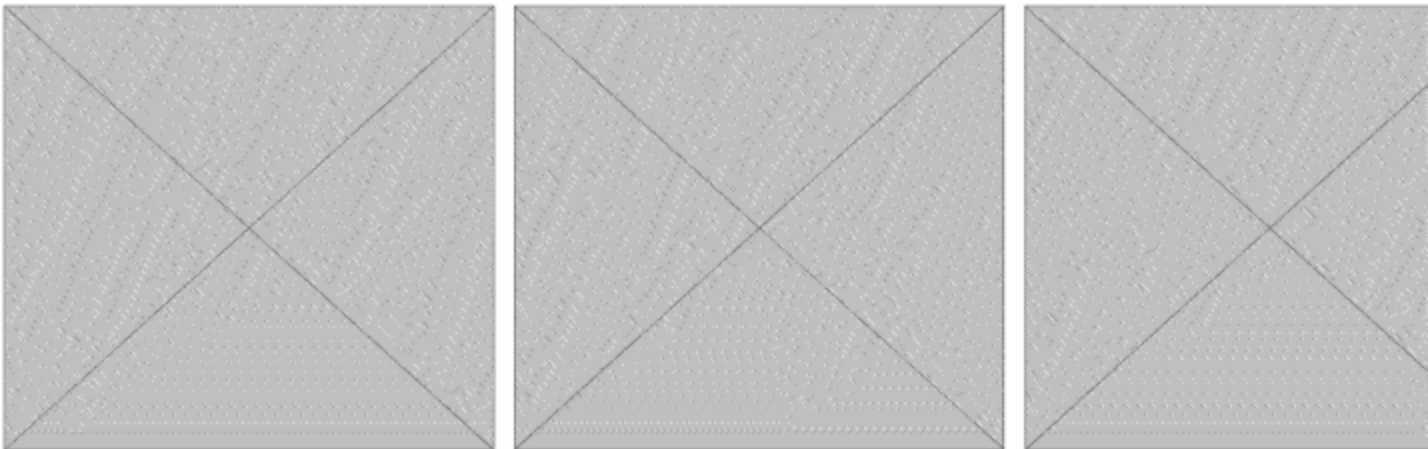
## Neat Little Project: Make a Basic Wood Stand »

Most woodworking projects can be streamlined down to simply making a box. That's essentially what they are. A good first step to enter into the world of hand crafting your own decor and bits of furniture is to start with a basic project that features a simple design. [more »](#)



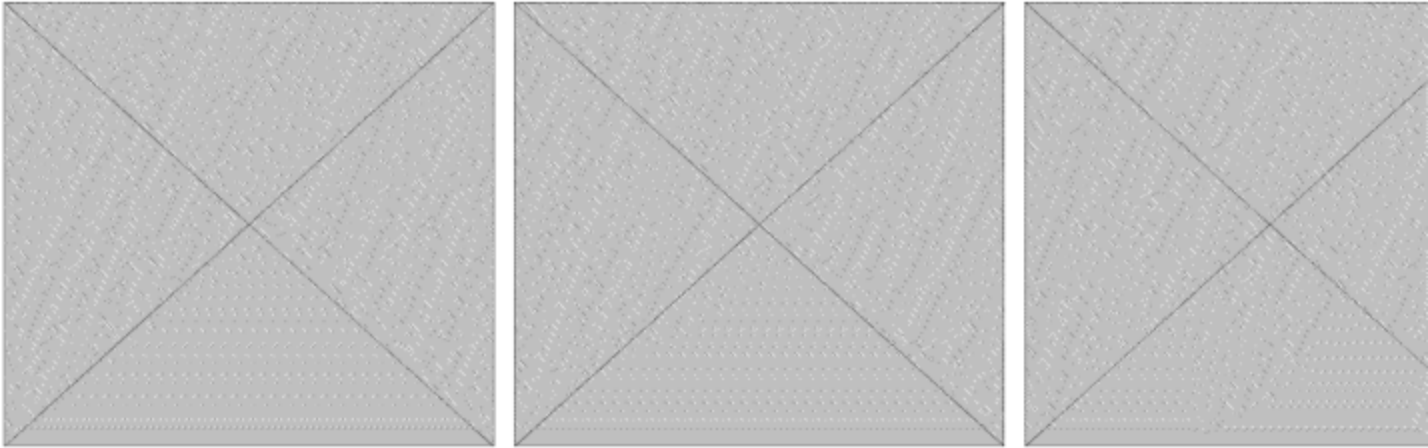
## Bedroom Color: The Secret to More Sex and More Sleep »

More sleep and more sex? Yes, please! A new survey involving 2,000 Brits shows a strong correlation between the color of your bedroom walls and decor with how much sleep and sex you're having. The takeaway: People with blue rooms tend to be... more »



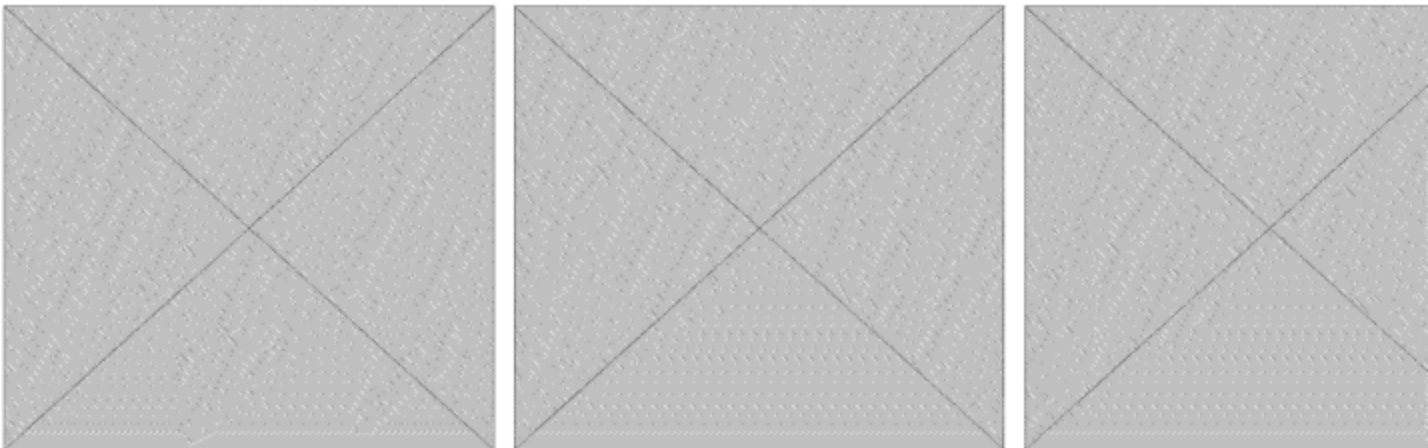
## My Houzz: Color and Pattern Make a Manhattan Apartment Shine

Transitioning from a blank canvas to highly personalized style often takes time, collaboration and a little elbow grease. This was the case for New Yorker Amanda Barlow, a marketing director for the United States Council for International Business,... more »



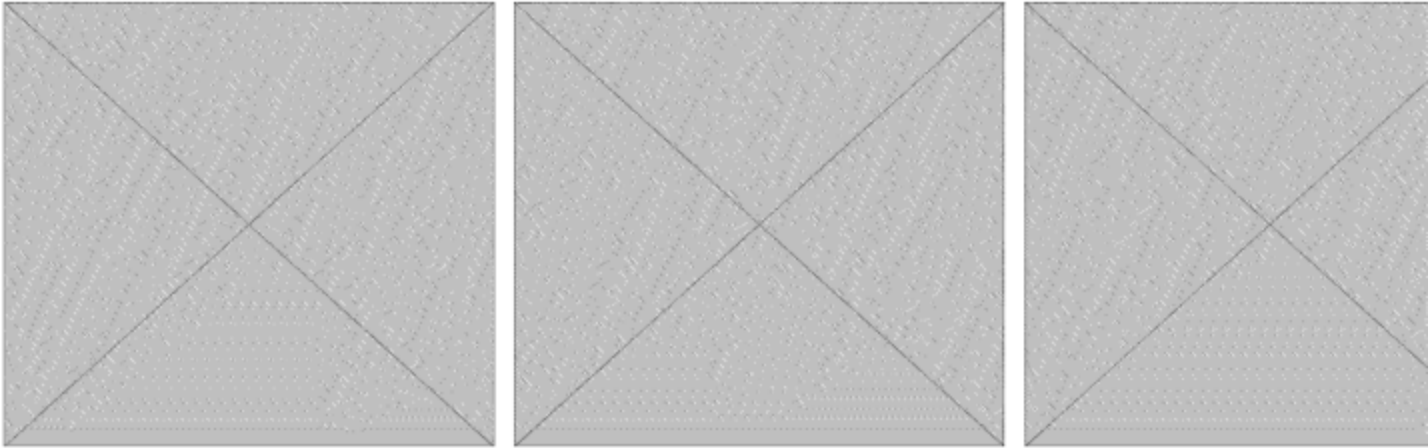
## Basement of the Week: Modern Style Converts an Empty Concrete Box »

This Minneapolis couple needed more living room: a space where they could hang out together, where they could eat something that could double as a guest suite. But their lot size and city restrictions would have made an addition difficult. [more »](#)



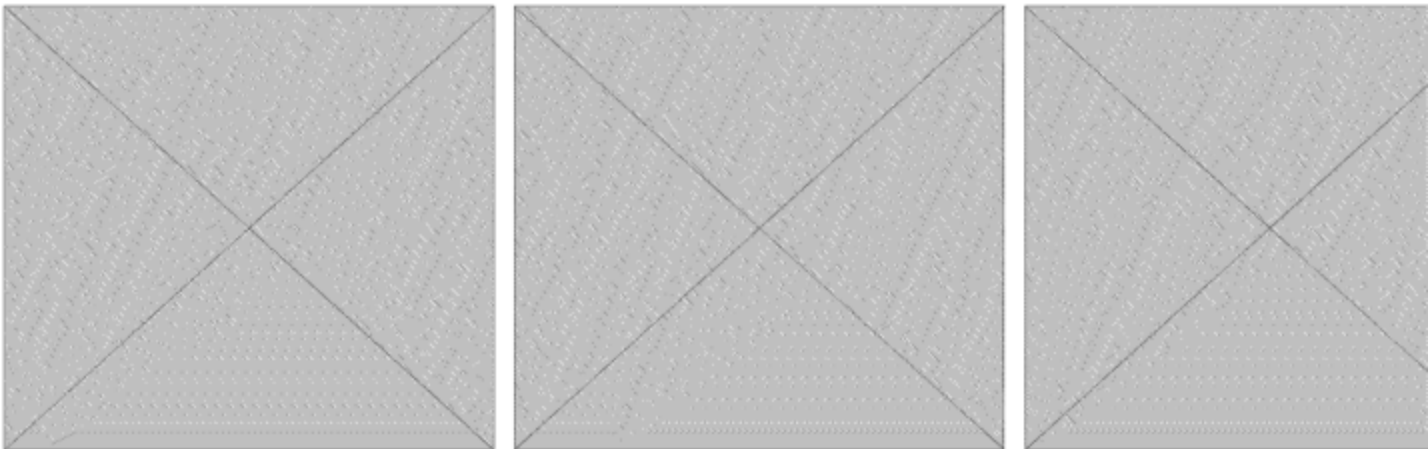
## Great Design Plant: Paddle Plant »

Paddle plant offers high impact even for a succulent. There are more than 125 species in the *Kalanchoe* genus, but *Kalanchoe luciae* is distinct. Its flat, stacking leaves contribute to its popularity in the world of succulent landscape design. [more »](#)



## My Houzz: A Dream Indoor-Outdoor Home in Nicaragua »

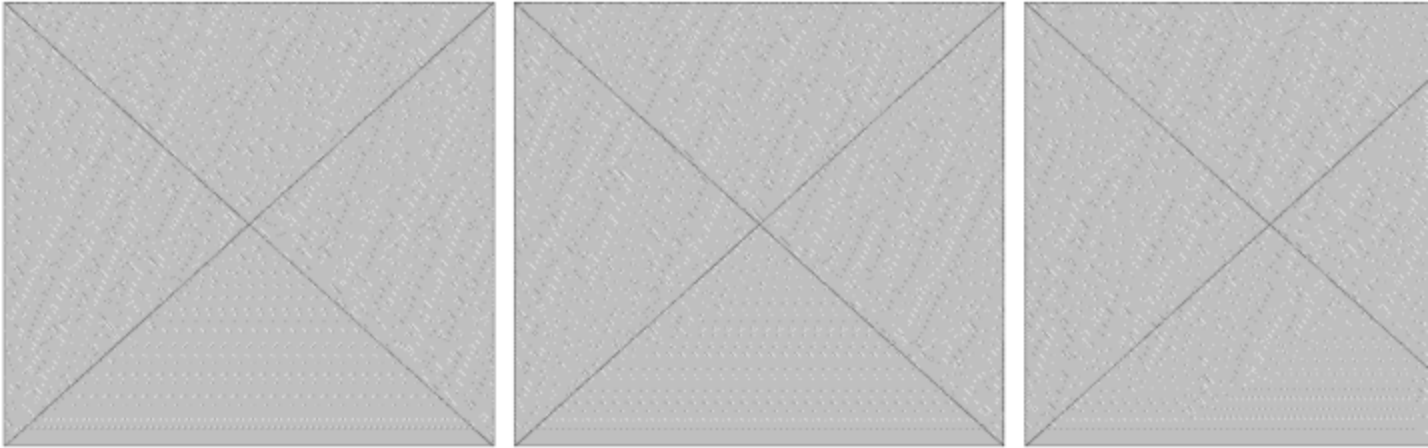
Peta Kaplan and Ben Sandzer-Bell first traveled from Chicago to Nicaragua in 2005 for a family vacation, but volcanic  
wildlife, markets, colonial architecture and beaches made them want to call the area home. "On the last day of our trip  
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## Decorate With Intention: Design Your Ideal Dining Room »

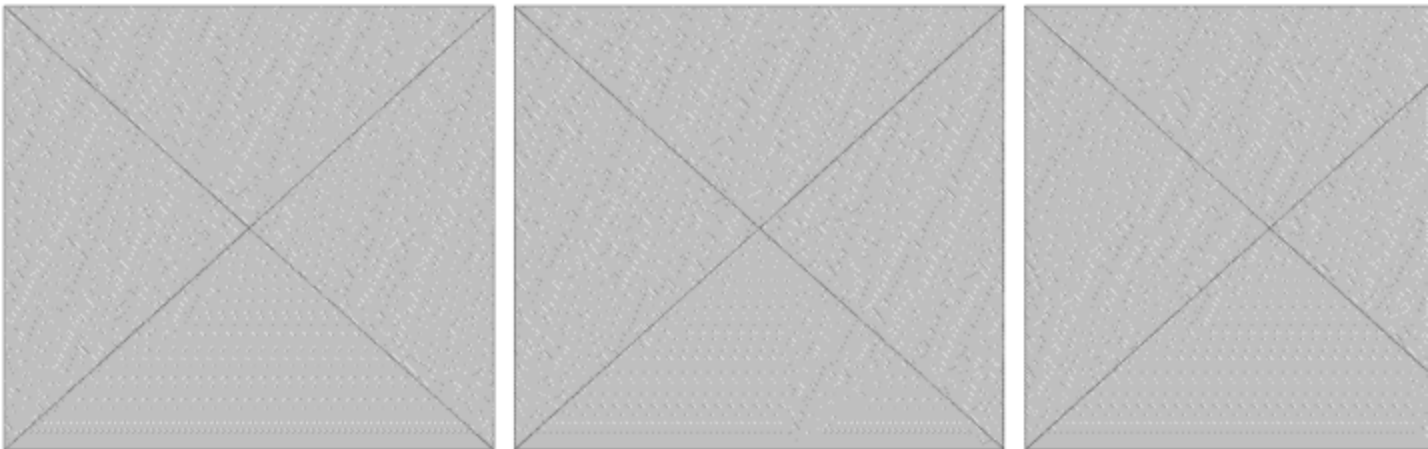
Living rooms get a lot of attention, but a dining room that suits your style and fits your needs can make each day a better  
So why not give yours a little extra love? If you haven't been using your dining room, it could be that setting... more »





## Look to the Sun for More of Your Home's Lighting »

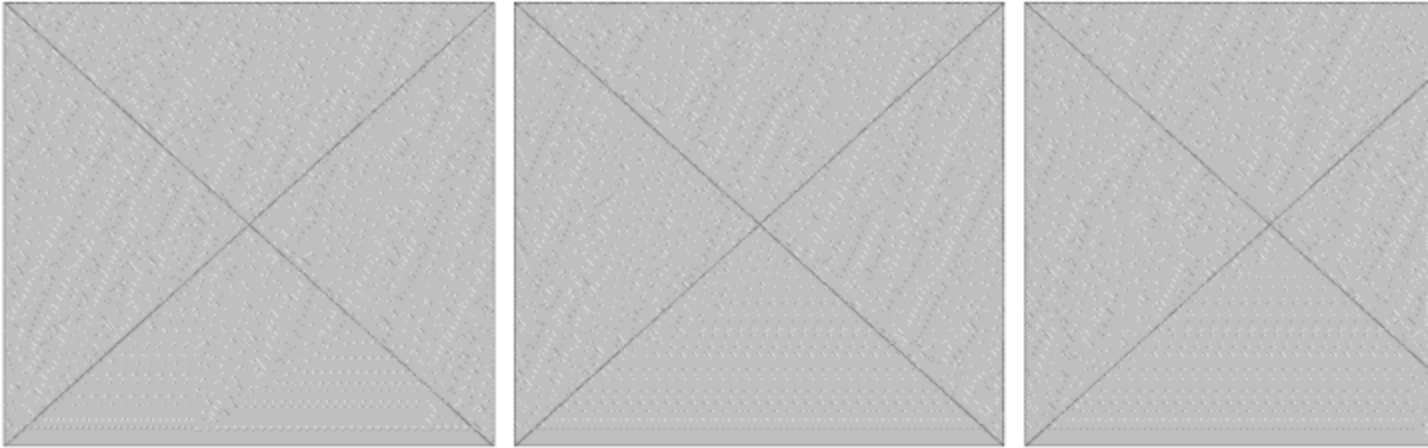
With the rising costs of energy, the depletion of finite resources, and the projected long-term effects of emitting carbon into the atmosphere, using less energy for heating, cooling, ventilating and lighting a house is becoming extremely important. [more »](#)



## Reinvent It: Antique Glass Goes Door to Door »

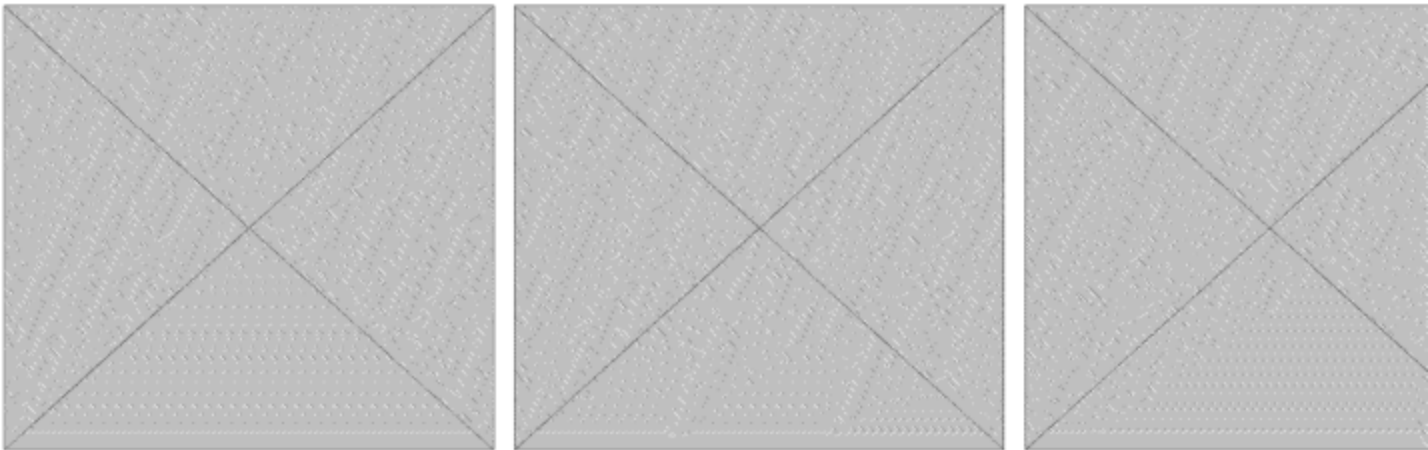
Using architectural salvage can make all the difference in retaining an older home's original character and style during renovations. For this 1906 colonial home in New Castle, New Hampshire, period elements like this reclaimed door enhance... [more »](#)





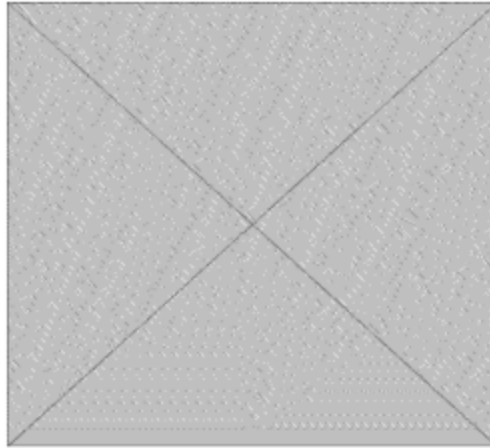
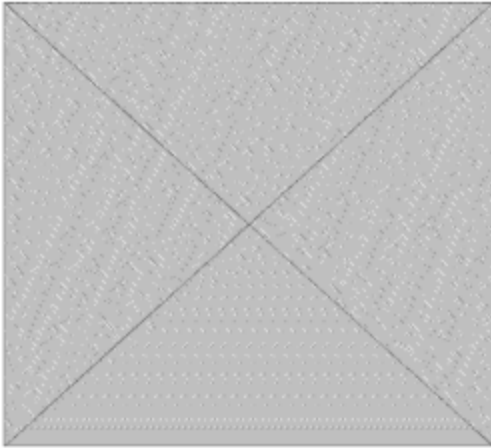
## Guest Picks: 20 Pieces Full of Farmhouse Charm »

Many of us dream of living in a centuries-old farmhouse far away from the hustle and bustle of city life. But just because you might not be able to turn that dream into a reality, it doesn't mean you can't bring a little bit of farmhouse style...



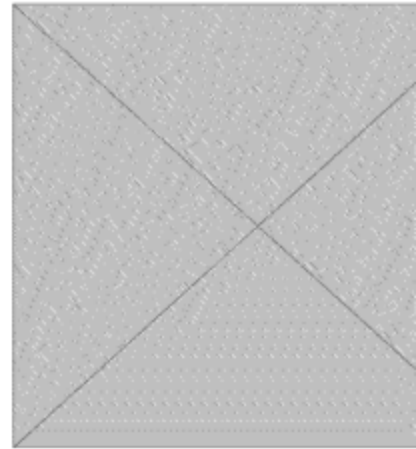
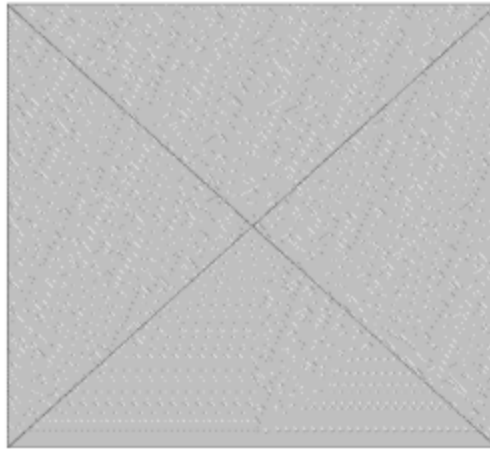
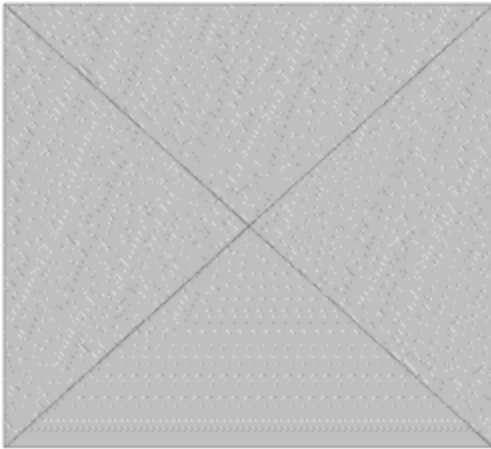
## Attract Hummingbirds and Bees With These Beautiful Summer Flowers »

Landscapes sustain us by giving us food to eat, air to breathe and space to live in — let's repay the favor. When choosing what we plant, it's important to respect our natural landscapes and the wildlife they support. Sustainable garden practices more »



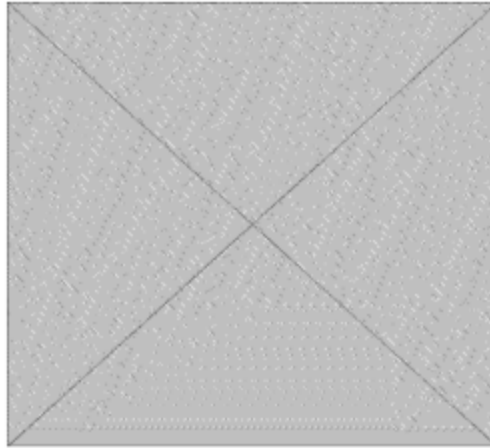
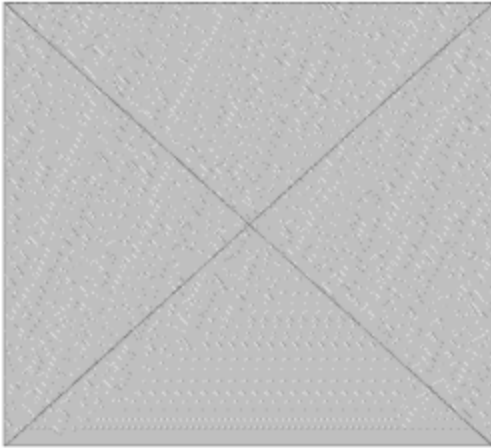
## How to Choose the Right Hood Fan for Your Kitchen »

The kitchen for many is a sophisticated workshop where we whip up mouthwatering meals to nourish ourselves and loved ones. But the wonderful cooking process has some unfortunate by-products: grease, moisture and odor. The ventilation... more »



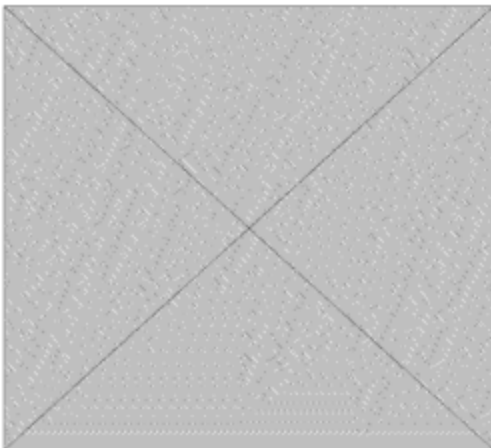
## Runway to Room: Fall in Line With Camouflage »

Since fashion and home decor have long been kindred spirits, it's no surprise to see the fashion du jour, camouflage, popping up in home design. Spring 2013 fashion collections by designers like Perry Ellis, Michael Kors and Valentino showcased... more »



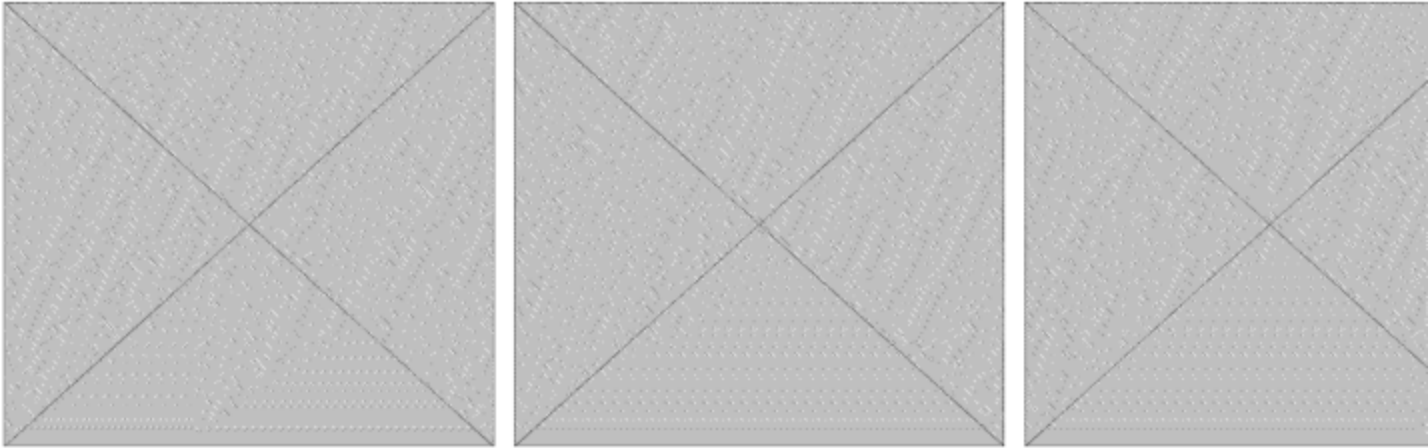
## Take Your Garden on a Rural Route With Plant-Dominant Designs »

Bringing the countryside to the contemporary landscape is a popular movement, both in town planning and also in garden design — the spectacular opening ceremony at last year's London Olympics even included an idyllic pastoral scene with sheep,... more »



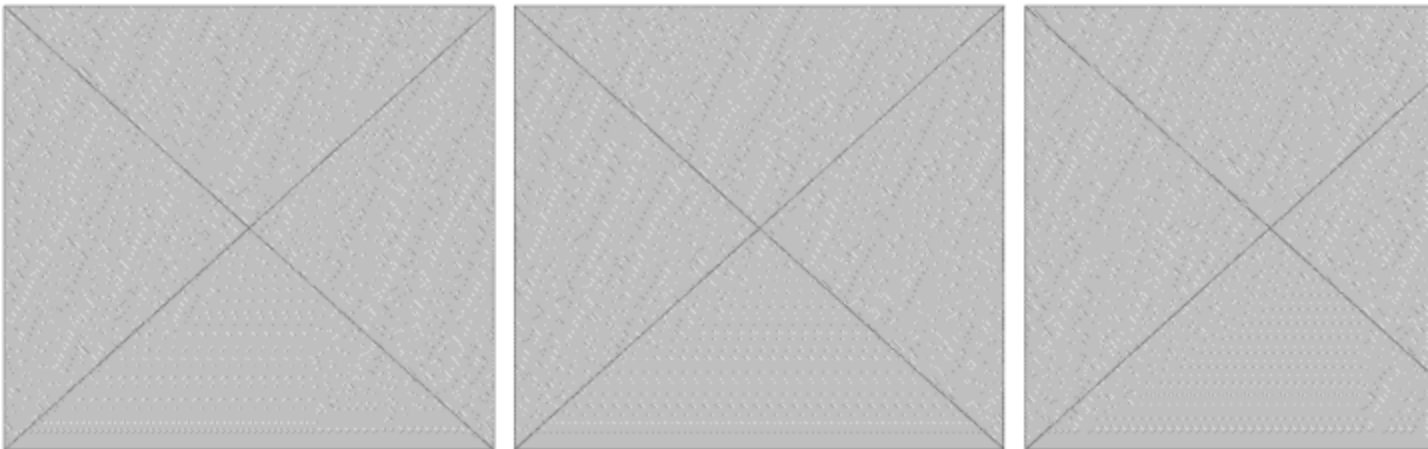
## Opening the Kitchen? Make the Most of That Support Post »

Before you tear down a wall to open your kitchen to the dining or living room, you must determine if it is holding up your ceiling. If it is, you will need to install a header beam and one or more posts in its place to provide the necessary support,... more »



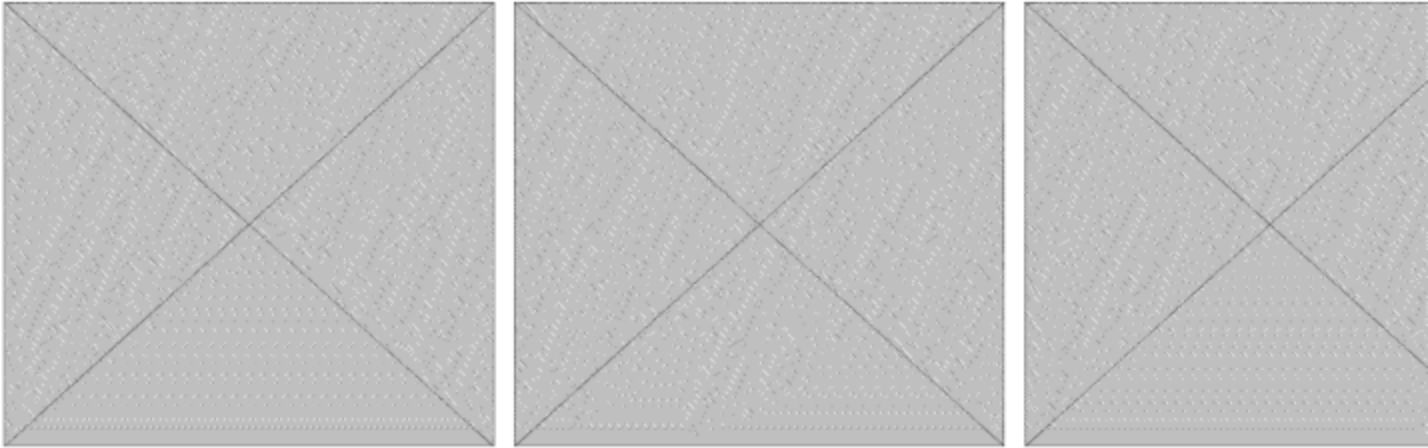
## Guest Picks: 20 Coasters From Cool to Classic »

Savvy hosts know that coasters are key to entertaining in style. While protecting your beloved furniture from any mishaps, coasters also bring an extra special dose of personality to your coffee table. Take a peek below to see 20 examples... [more »](#)



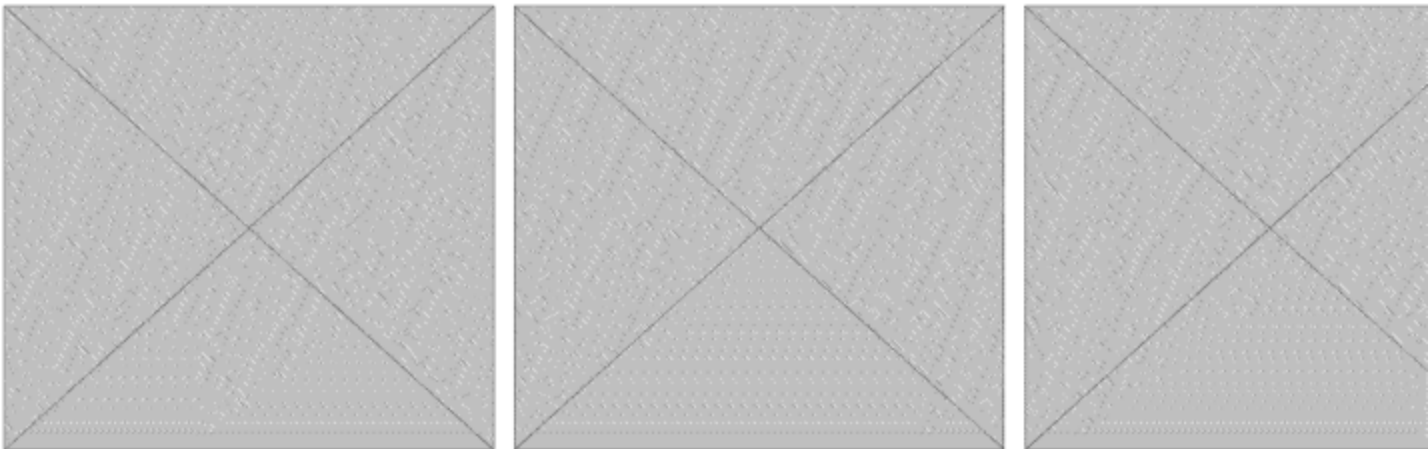
## My Houzz: Budget-Minded Comfort for a 1940s Hollywood Bungalow »

Chad Foydl ran his Realtor ragged while house hunting all over Los Angeles. He wanted to find something just right centrally located with a decent-enough skeleton he could spiff up. The persistence paid off. "I knew the moment I walked into... [more »](#)



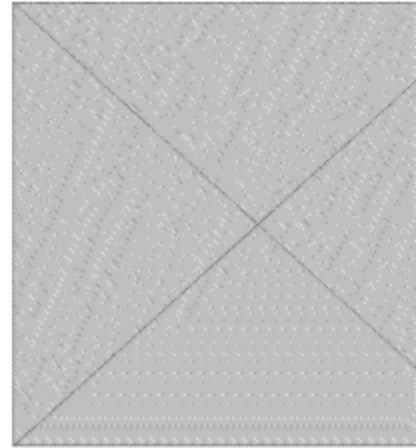
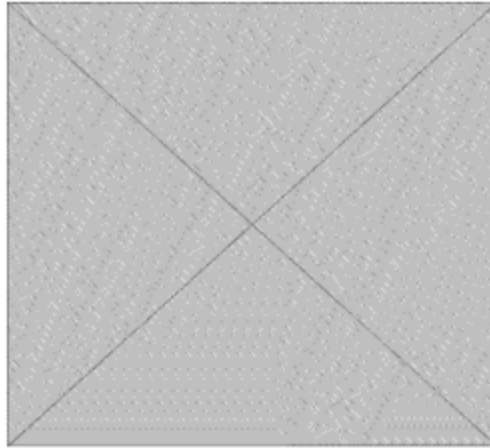
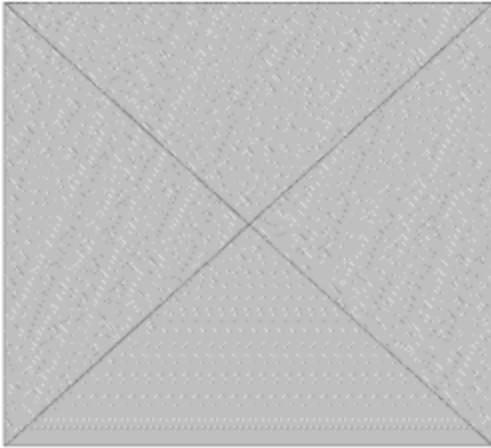
## Great Native Plant: Angelita Daisy »

The sunny flowers of angelita daisy (*Tetrandeureis acaulis*) will brighten any landscape, but if you look beyond the pretty flowers of this Southwestern native, you will find that it packs a few surprises. Angelita daisies thrive in the hot temperatures... [more »](#)

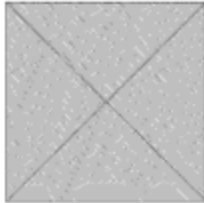


## Guest Picks: 20 Fetching Pieces for a Retro Kitchen »

The kitchen is the one room in the house that begs for some retro style. Polka dots, chrome and bright colors are easy to give your kitchen that retro vibe. Pair with another style to keep from feeling too thematic, or go all out for kitschy... [more »](#)

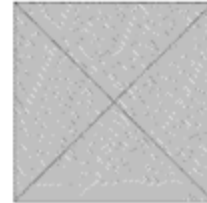


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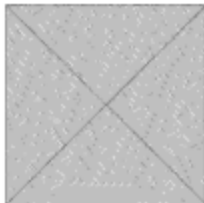
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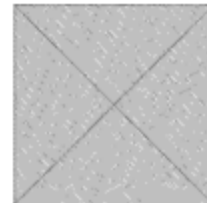
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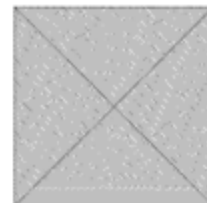
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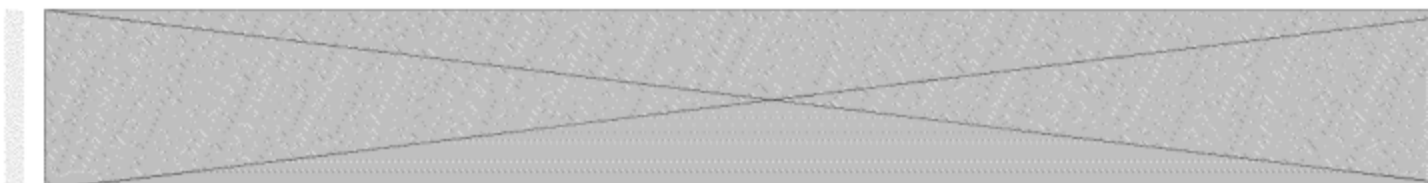
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