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Inspiring, real-life tales of makeover magic, for those who pine for pocket doors and wide-plank floors

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FIELD NOTES

TIPS, TRICKS, AND TACTICS FOR MARCH IN THE NOT-SO-WILD

HUNTING GROUND

Spot the Difference

Can you identify the eight differences between these two hardware-store hodgepodes created by antiques-lovers Jackie Greaney and Paul Havel?

(Want a larger version? Print them out at countryliving.com/eye-spy.)



1. Wood box at top left has been closed. 2. House number changed from 3 to 8. 3. Items in center box swapped sides. 4. Hammer now faces opposite direction. 5. Paint brush now has white paint. 6. Number of screws on book has increased. 7. Measuring tape has retracted. 8. Flashlight has turned on.

ANSWERS:



MERIT BADGE

Be a Better Bird Feeder

First, opt for single-ingredient bags (try sunflower seeds or cracked corn). Those colorful mixes you often see sold in bulk contain “filler” seeds, like red millet and flax, that lack nutritional value and will likely be tossed aside by discerning feathered friends. Place the food source near a bush or tree to provide natural shelter options. To avoid window collisions, place feeders 3 to 10 feet away, which will prevent fleeting birds from gaining enough momentum to cause any harm.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JACKIE GREANEY AND PAUL HAVEL. ILLUSTRATIONS BY MELINDA JOSIE.

IDENTIFICATION KEY

Cabinet Doors

Here, six timeless styles to know before you embark on a kitchen reno

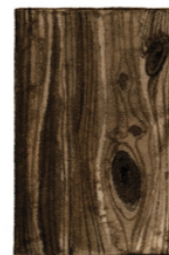


Cambridge
Offers a traditional, sculpted finish

Raised Panel
Adds interest with subtle angled carvings



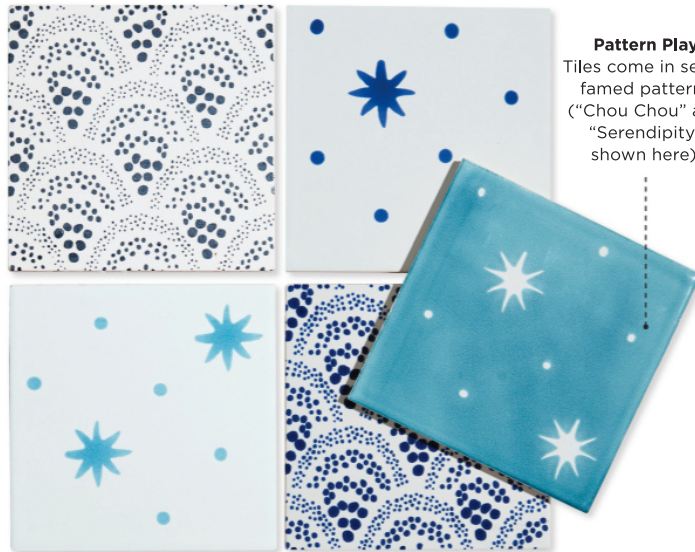
Slat
Tends to feel more minimalist and modern



PERFECT SPECIMEN

The Sister Parish Tile Collection

Known for its fabrics and wallcoverings (Jackie Kennedy Onassis was a fan!), heritage brand Sister Parish has teamed up with Country Floors to translate its iconic designs into ceramic tiles.

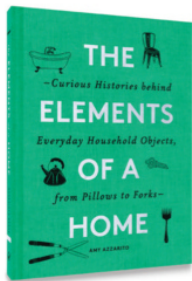


Pattern Play
Tiles come in seven famed patterns ("Chou Chou" and "Serendipity" shown here).

Strong Finish
The six-inch tiles come in a durable ceramic and other colorways and coordinating solids.

Sister Parish Design Collection
\$48/sq. ft.; countryfloors.com

TILES AND HOWDY MAT, BRIAN WOODCOCK; STYLING BY SARA CLARK.



COMPENDIUM OF CURIOSITIES

The Elements of a Home

Ever wonder why a coupe glass is shaped like it is or how the rocking chair came to be? In this quirky fact-filled book (available March 17) about everyday domestic objects, Amy Azzarito dives into everything from the history of the sofa to the Renaissance attitudes that sparked the parquet floor trend. You'll also learn how the picnic basket got its name.

The Elements of a Home \$20; amazon.com



Shaker
Pays tribute to the 19th-century design style

Louvered
Popular in cottages and coastal settings



Beadboard
Warms up a kitchen with classic country texture

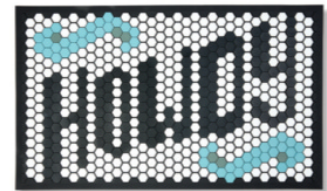


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HAVING A MOMENT

Faux-Tile Mats

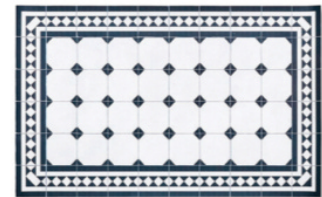
A new crop of no-mess mats offers the look of custom flooring—no grout necessary.



FOR THE KIDS' BATHROOM

This clever customizable mat lets you create your own greeting.

\$75 for 18"-by-30";
letterfolk.com



FOR THE POWDER ROOM

Inspired by Parisian floors, this durable mat lends old-world charm to a space.

\$98 for 38"-by-24";
food52.com



FOR THE BREAKFAST NOOK

A cafe-inspired vinyl mat makes coffee cleanup a cinch.

\$57 for 20"-by-32";
amara.com