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Editor's Note



Five months have passed since I began the process of creating this magazine, and I'm finally on the last page – this page. This page is almost harder to write than creating the whole magazine. Where do I begin? Figuring out what topic I wanted to cover for the magazine was the easiest part. Like most people, I love feeling at home in my own home, and part of that feeling comes from the items we surround ourselves with.

I am graduating college, and it is the time in my life to finally start ditching the mismatched, stained or broken furniture and decorations and switch them out for nicer "pieces." But I am on a very strict budget, and I do not want to feel guilty for buying myself nice things, and others should not either.

You do not need expensive things in order for them to be nice. You can thrift shop, DIY, remake and remodel in order to get the look you are aiming for. That is where this DIY home decor magazine comes in. It is meant to help spark ideas for furnishing an "adult" home for people who can't necessarily do it the expensive way.

After spending countless hours mood boarding and Pinteresting my life away for inspiration, I finally arrived on the theme you see before you. It is bright, cheery and homemade (not unlike the content itself.)

While I loved doing this whole magazine, the Marie Kondo feature was my favorite to design. I had a lot of fun with it, and I went a little crazy with creating the illustrations. Also, who knew that's how you're supposed to fold your clothes?!

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Steals & Deals

THE BEST PRICES FOR TRENDY ITEMS TO FILL YOUR HOME

Amazon finds: Achieving the modern look for less

Setting up a new kitchen? Check out our guide to what you'll

By Jess Jefferson

Nobody has to pay full price when it comes to creating a beautiful, modern home. When it comes to kitchen gadgets, I can go a little crazy. Walking down the cooking aisle at a store, specialty tools like avocado peelers, strawberry hullers or a teensy-tiny wooden spoon always call my name. Unfortunately, because I don't have the space or the budget to indulge in these semi-impractical kitchen tools, I have to streamline my batterie de cuisine to just the essentials. But what about those essentials every cook should have? These tools are practical and cost effective when you purchase these products on sale. Whether you're looking to minimize your kitchen clutter or start stocking your space from scratch, here are the tools every home cook needs. When it comes to kitchen gadgets, I can go a little crazy. Walking down the cooking aisle at a store, specialty tools like avocado peelers, strawberry hullers or a teensy-tiny wooden spoon always call my name. Unfortunately, because I don't have the space



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Try It Out

DIY'S ARE MEANT TO BE EASY ON THE WALLET



Photos by Rachel Something

These are DIY photo fram lanterns. Each lantern is cute, cheap to make and is 100% customizable to whatever you need to use them for.

4 Fun Dollar Store DIY Home Projects

Don't break the bank to have cute decorations in your home. All you have to do is take a trip to the dollar store, go home and start crafting.

1 Turn picture frames into trendy, decorative lanterns

These will look great on your dining room table, and they allow for plenty of display options. You can put candles, plants or holiday displays inside of them.

Supplies you'll need to do the job

- 4 - 8x10 picture frames, flat sided
- 1 - 8x8 square picture frame
- Needle nose pliers
- Hot glue gun
- 1 shower curtain ring (optional)

Directions

1 Take the backing off of each frame (leave the glass inside), and glue each side together to create a cube with the four frames. Make sure to glue the front of each frame facing the outside.



2 Using the needle nose pliers, break apart the square picture frame and remove the tiny metal pieces holding the sides together. (I left one side together and then separated the other two pieces, as shown above; this will make it easier when constructing the lantern.)



3 With the hot glue gun, glue them to the top of lantern at each corner, making a point at the center.



4 For an optional, yet realistic detail, paint a plastic shower curtain ring and add it to the top. It adds a nice touch.



2 Creating a succulent centerpiece

Some of the best DIY projects are the ones you would never think of doing because they are so simple. This is an example of just that. This super easy candle centerpiece takes less than 10 minutes to put together, but it's eye-catching and cute enough to put anywhere.

Supplies you'll need to do the job

- 10.5" terra cotta pot
- 4.25" terra cotta pot
- 8" terra cotta saucer
- candle in glass votive
- faux succulents
- river pebbles

Directions

1 If your dollar store does not sell faux succulents, you can always try to buy them from Amazon or Hobby Lobby. Fill your larger terracotta pot with potting soil (or sand) and insert the smaller pot in the center. Then, cover the soil with a thin layer of river pebbles.

2 Remove the succulents from their plastic pots and insert them around the pot. I used eleven succulent plants.



3 Add your candle to the center and you've got yourself instant ambiance for a summer's night on the porch.



3 Faking Pottery Barn Barn moss balls

The beautiful moss balls from Pottery Barn inspired this project which I believe to be perfect décor for spring or summer. This is an easy project where most of the material can be found at the dollar store (moss, balls, twine) making it fun and super affordable.

- *Plastic or styrofoam balls*
- *Tacky glue*
- *Faux moss*
- *Sponge brush*
- *Hair spray*

Directions

1 This uses plastic balls that are 3 balls for \$1 at the Dollar Tree, but you could also easily use styrofoam balls.



2 Loosen the moss. If you're using moss from the Dollar Tree I recommend cutting it to get the best results.



3 Spread tacky glue all over the ball, be generous. Press the moss onto the glue.



4 When you are done covering the balls spray adhesive or hair spray to avoid losing moss.



4 Mid-Century modern inspired compact mirror creation

Are you looking for an accent wall mirror? Follow this amazing tutorial to create your own from dollar store compacts. This easy project is a win. Are you looking for an accent wall mirror? Follow this amazing tutorial to create your own from dollar store compacts.



Supplies you'll need to do the job

- Safety glasses
- Pliers
- Hot glue gun
- Spray paint
- Compact mirrors (any color)
- Circular piece of wood

Directions

1 Put on the safety glasses. Open the compact mirrors. Using the pliers, clip the mirrors apart by clipping the piece of plastic between the two mirrors. Don't worry about clipping off too much of the plastic. It adds character.



2 Cut a piece of paper to the same size of the mirror glass. Place this paper on top of the glass before spray painting. This will prevent paint from getting on the glass.



3 Place the circles into the desired shape on the wood. This starts with a row of seven, then two rows of 6, then 5 and so on. When the desired shape is found, hot glue them down. Add a dab of hot glue in between each of the mirrors, and paint the glue the same color as your paint. This gives the illusion of soldering.





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Spark Joy!

Marie Kondo's guide to decluttering and organizing your home. **Now is the time.**



WHO IS Marie Kondo?

By Jess Jefferson

The KonMari method is a system of simplifying and organizing your home by getting rid of physical items that do not bring joy into your life. It was created by organizing consultant Marie Kondo and described in detail in her best-selling book *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*. Marie Kondo's life-changing approach has recently been captured in her new Netflix special which documents the organization-guru's decluttering process with real families who are struggling to tidy up their homes. KonMari teaches you to ask a simple question when you go about tidying up your house. Of each item in your home ask, does it spark joy? If not, get rid of it. The appeal of Marie Kondo's KonMari method is that it can be applied to all of parts of your life. From using KonMari when folding your clothes to changing your perspective when it comes to your relationships!

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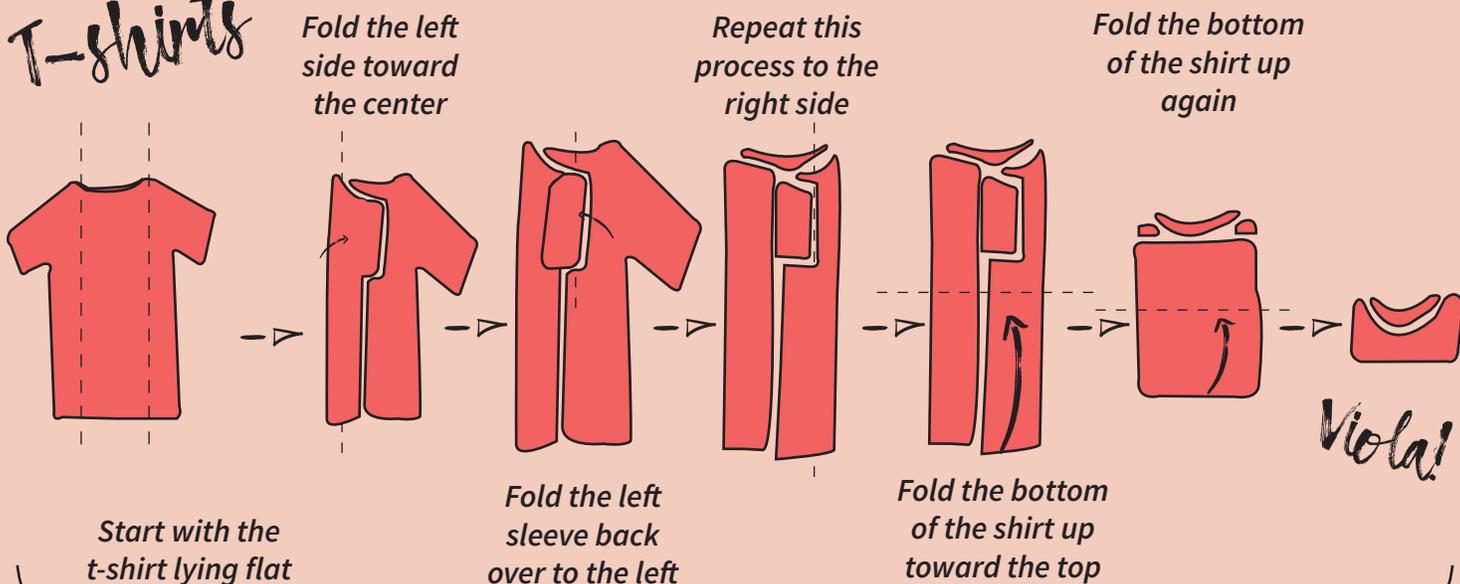
This graphic novel brings Kondo's life-changing tidying method to life with the fun, quirky story of a woman who transforms her home using Kondo's advice.

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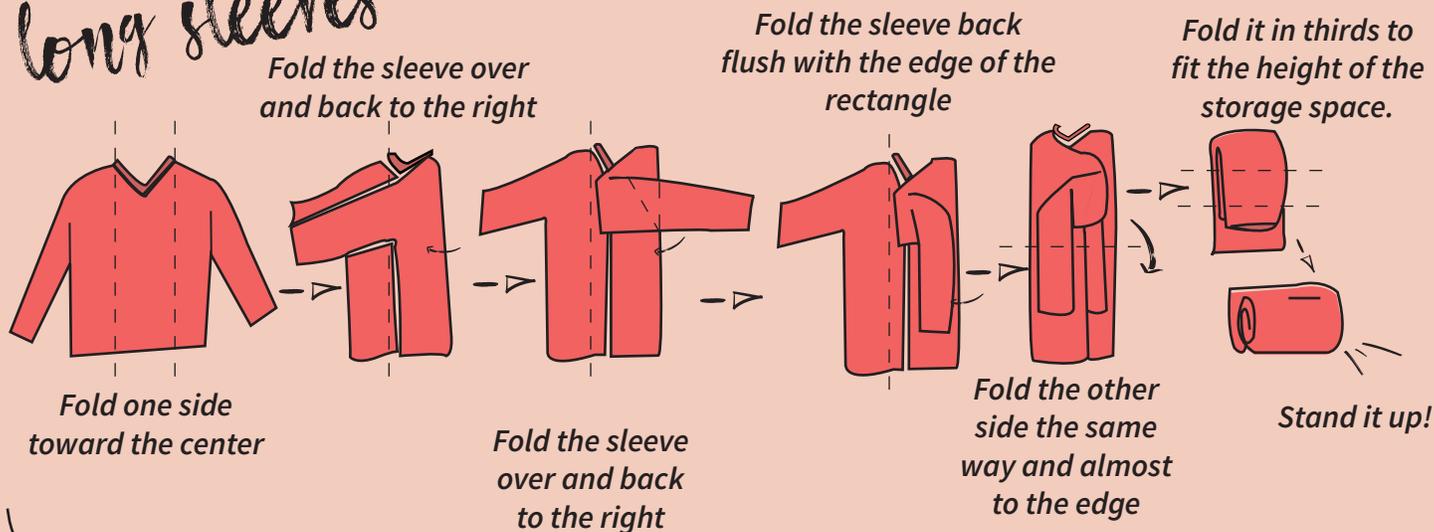
KonMari folding method

Arguably the most revolutionary Kondo tidying tool is her folding technique. The instructions are complex, though, which is why we illustrated it below. In short: Rather than haphazardly laying things flat in a drawer, they should stand upright; the more folds there are, the less wrinkled the item will be when you are ready to wear it. While the space-saving benefits are pretty far-reaching, Kondo's other objective is to grant clothes—everything from coats to sweaters to socks—the respect they deserve by touching, appreciating, and properly storing each item.

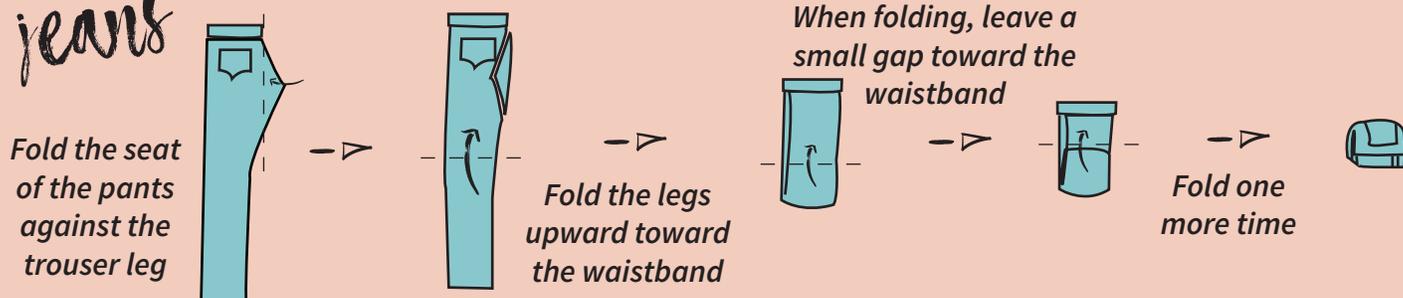
T-shirts



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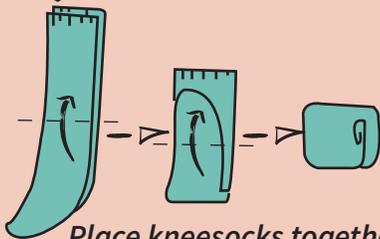
Place short socks together and fold in half before storing

Ankle socks



Place ankle socks together and fold them in thirds before storing

Knee Socks



Place kneesocks together, fold them in half or thirds, depending on the length

Organizational methods

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It's a very strange phenomenon, but when we reduce what we own and essentially 'detox' our house, it has a detox effect on our bodies as well."

-Marie Kondo

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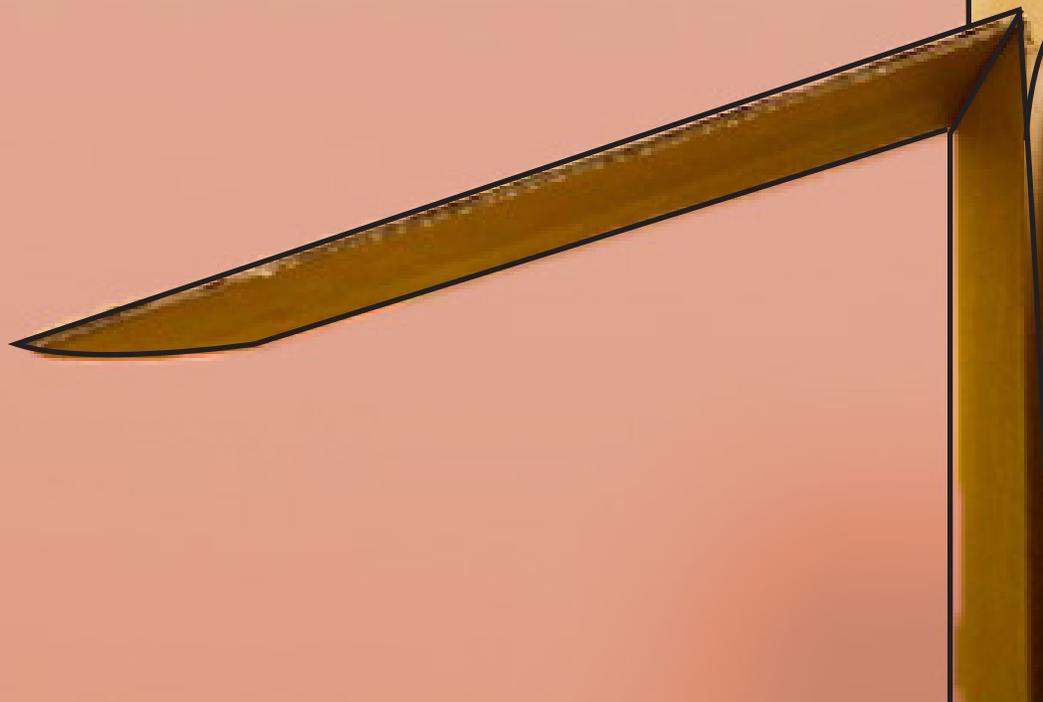
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MOVING WITH PETS

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TIPS FOR MOVING WITH DOGS AND CATS

Moving isn't just stressful on you, it can also be stressful to your pets, but it doesn't have to be if you are well-prepared. Here are some tips for before, during and after the move to help make the process easier.

By Jess Jefferson

Moving can be stressful for people, so just imagine how anxious it can make your pets. They can easily get stressed out when there's unexpected activity in their home or when they're introduced to a new environment. I've moved with four cats and a fish, and it's not an easy task. These challenges don't come with a formula solution, but here are some tips that should make the experience a bit calmer for your beloved companion(s).

During the move itself, the best way to reduce

stress on an animal is to keep them in the quietest area possible.

If you don't want to leave them with a friend or a kennel for the day (which is recommended), at least remove them from the action. This could mean emptying a bedroom on another floor and closing the door, or putting them in their carrier or kennel in the garage or car (take proper caution to ensure they'll be at a safe temperature and that they have water and food if they will be there for some time).

Make sure you check in on them regularly, and try to feed or walk them at the time you usually would; having some sense of a routine in the

midst of all the changes will help a lot.

If you're moving out of the area, inform your vet so you can take records and any prescription medications with you.

They can recommend another vet in your new neighborhood. If you don't want to leave them with a friend or a kennel for the day (which is recommended), at least remove them from the action. This could mean emptying a bedroom on another floor and closing the door,

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1 BEFORE THE MOVE: PREPARING YOUR PETS

Getting Started

When it's time to move into your new house, whether it's across town or across the country, your moving day checklist includes packing up your four-legged family members. And while moving with pets is a stressful time for you...it's undoubtedly just as stressful for your pets. Here are some tips to make moving into your new home as stress-free as possible for everyone in your family especially your pets!

Dogs vs. Cats

First of all, start by looking at the move from your pet's point of view. Their current home is more than their home; it's their territory. Cats, especially, are very sensitive and prefer to be in a familiar environment. Dogs tend to adjust much more easily to moves than cats. That's because new puppy owners are encouraged to socialize their puppy to get him used to new people, new smells and other dogs. So from

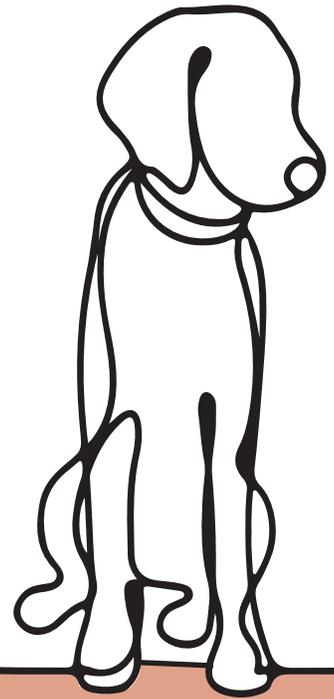
the time they're young, dogs are out and about.

For both cats and dogs, sticking to the routine after the move is very important. Maintaining the same schedule for treats, grooming and bedtime will help your pets acclimate even more quickly. And walking your dog at

How to Transition

the same time each day will also help him transition into his new home. If you've moved a long distance, now is the perfect time to ask your new neighbors to recommend a new veterinarian for your pets. Schedule a "get to know you" visit for your pets as soon as possible so you have a vet in the event of a veterinary emergency.

Just like people, every pet is unique and has a personality all their own. Because you know your pet better than anyone, you can probably predict how smoothly the transition will go. If you know that your pet is extremely skittish,



HOW DOGS ADJUST TO A NEW HOME

It might be less stressful for your family and your dog if you have a dog-loving friend watch your dog for moving day.

1 *Your dog will most likely want a VIP tour of his new home. Once the movers have left and you and your dog have the house to yourself, let him make the rounds inside and outside.*

2 *Just like cats, dogs will appreciate getting back to the established routine as soon as possible. Taking walks at your usual time and sticking to the same route for several days will help your dog adjust.*

3 *Do not leave your dog unattended outside during this adjustment period.*

2 IT'S MOVING DAY: WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY PETS?

Be Careful

On moving day (weather permitting), the cat carrier makes a great place for your kitty to stay in the car - ready for the drive to your new home. If it's too hot or cold, the bathroom is a great second choice. Be sure to provide her litter box, her cat carrier, food and water - and a closed door, of course. A sign indicating "KEEP CLOSED - ESCAPE CAT INSIDE!" is also helpful.

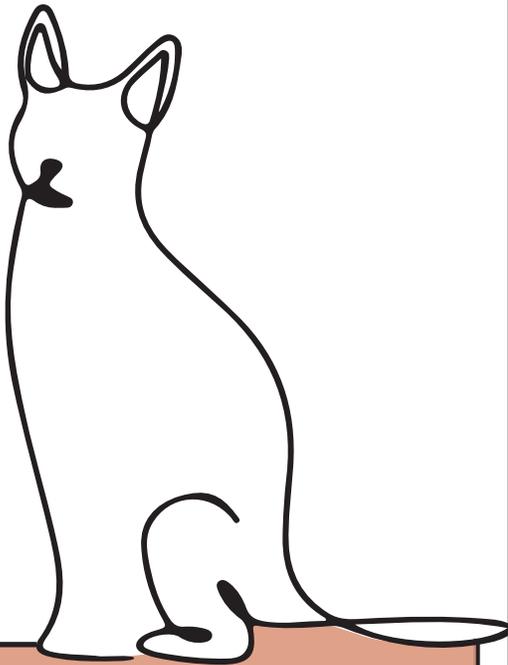
What about your dog? One option is to assign a responsible family member to be the dedicated dog sitter (choose someone who won't be responsible for packing or moving on moving day). But it might be less stressful for your family and your dog if you have a dog-loving friend watch your dog for the day.

If your move is long-distance, your pets will need to be crate-trained well before your move.

Take All Precautions

On the day of your move, your pets should be wearing collars including up-to-date rabies tags and your new address and phone number. If you're driving, plan stops along the way to ensure you'll find pet friendly hotels. If your trip involves air travel, be sure to ask the airline about their pet travel requirements. You'll need to keep a copy of your pet's veterinarian records in your carry-on luggage.

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WELCOMING YOUR CAT TO YOUR NEW HOME

Before you let your cat into your new house, make sure to inspect it from her point of view - inside and out. Remove any dangling cords from drapes or blinds to help keep your pet safe.

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- 2** *Once in your new home, don't be surprised if your cat "disappears" for a few days. She may choose her cat carrier, a closet or underneath a bed.*
- 3** *Encourage her to eat as she used to, and try to avoid having visitors. Anything you can do to get things back to normal will be helpful.*

3 PLANNING FOR A LONG-DISTANCE MOVE

Keep in Mind

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Photos by Rachel Something

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Renovations

LOW-COST IDEAS FOR LUXURY TOUCHES

Paint isn't just for the walls

This once dark and dated kitchen got a refreshed look thanks to the homeowner's DIY spirit and a lot of paint. finish finish finish finish fin

By Jess Jefferson

Jessica Davis went back and forth about remodeling her New Jersey kitchen for so long that she finally tired of the talk. Figuring a paint-centric facelift would tide her over, the interior and hardware designer overhauled the cabinets with easy-to-apply chalk-finish paint in a mossy sage green.

"The color has a lot of historical reference, so it fit with the 1879 house," she says. Plus, it distracted from the reddish-brown patches in the granite countertops. "I realized I needed to think of it like makeup," she says. "If you're trying to hide red spots, you use concealer with green in it."

About the Decor

Other updates included hardware from her Nest Studio collection and a graphic pattern she stenciled and painted right onto the existing tile floor. "I thought the makeover was going to be a Band-Aid, but it looks great." A counter-height table doubles as an island. "The room became so much more useful once we added it," she says.

Jessica mixed an even ratio of two paint colors (Provence and Chateau Grey Chalk Paint by Annie Sloan) to get the right green. "If you see two colors and want something between them, play around by mixing sample pots," she says. "A 50/50 mix is pretty simple." The range slips into what originally was a cooking fireplace. Adding panels on each side gives it the look of a built-in.

Jessica painted upper cabinets white for brightness but left the window trim stained to tie in with her island table and the interiors of glass-front cabinets on the opposite wall.

A few key updates went a long way in revamping Jessica's kitchen. "I wanted to honor the style of the house," she says. Making

decisions through that filter helped her pull together the details. The 1990s stained cabinetry made the room dark and looked out of place in the 1879 Victorian. The cabinetry's new green hue has enough gray in it to avoid being jarring. She connected the dots with an unexpected choice for the backsplash tile. "I wanted a backsplash that didn't feel too modern and that tied into the style of the house," Jessica says. She chose penny tile—typically used on floors—for its texture and vintage look.

Changing Out Hardware

Oil-rubbed bronze pulls from Nest Studio's Mod series balance the cabinets' traditional profile. "I like a dark finish because it can look both modern and traditional at the same time," she says. "I painted right onto the existing tile floor. "I thought the makeover was going to be a Band-Aid, but it looks great." A counter-height table doubles as an island. "The room became so much more useful once we added it," she says.

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Lower Cabinets

*Provence and Chateau
Grey Chalk Paint by
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Upper Cabinets

Old White by Annie Sloan

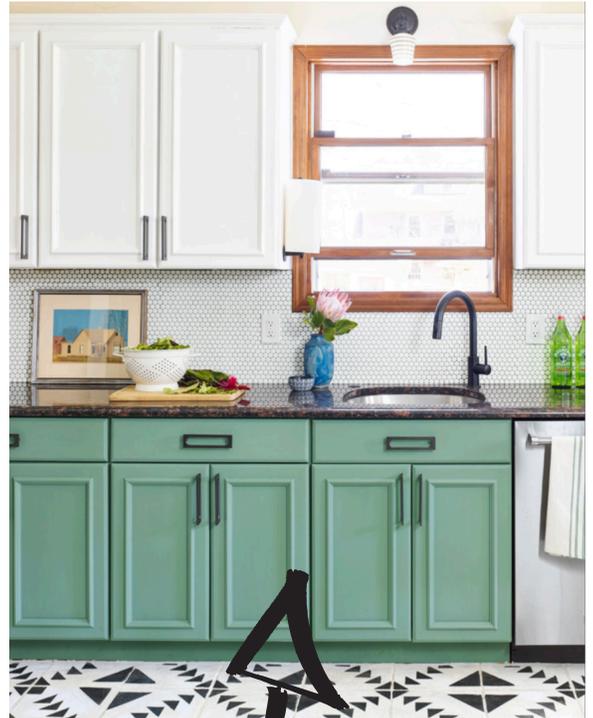
Floors

*White chalk-finish paint
with a black stenciled
pattern, paint
by Annie Sloan*

All: \$37.99/ gallon

Before

Jessica mixed an even ratio of two paint colors (Provence and Chateau Grey Chalk Paint by Annie Sloan) to get the right green. "If you see two colors and want something between them, play around by mixing sample pots," she says. "A 50/50 range slips into what originally was a cooking fireplace."



& After



Before

A few key updates went a long way in revamping Jessica's kitchen. "I wanted to honor the style of the house," she says. Making decisions through that filter helped her pull together the details. The 1990s stained cabinetry made the room dark and looked out of place in the 1879 Victorian. The cabinetry's new green hue has enough gray in it to avoid being jarring.

& After



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Kick it up a notch

Oil-rubbed bronze pulls from Nest Studio's Mod series balance the cabinets' traditional profile. "I like a dark finish because it can look both modern and traditional at the same time," she says. To get the look of unglazed encaustic tiles, Jessica applied white chalk-finish paint to the existing 10 1/2-inch porcelain tiles then stenciled a black pattern on top. For a similar look, try Royal Design Studio's Concrete Quilt Stencil. Two coats of sealer protect

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Decorator's Dialogue

WHAT'S IN, WHAT'S OUT?

Goodbye Gray, HELLO Earth Tones

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Paint manufacturers and color experts have shared their predictions on the color trends to come in 2020, and the wide range of forecasted shades has something for everyone. If you love rich earthy hues, soft pastels, or moody blues, our roundup of popular paint colors can help inspire your next room refresh. These are the top paint picks you'll be seeing everywhere in 2020. Nature-inspired shades reminiscent of the changing seasons will influence home color selections in 2020, paint manufacturers predict.

Rich Earth Tones

Warm brown undertones form the foundation of earthy colors, which vary in saturation from paler hues like beige and tan to bold shades like chocolatey browns. When mixed with crisp white, the complex undertones in earthy colors instantly stand out and make a beautiful statement on walls and cabinetry alike. Try painting an accent wall with a dark earth tone, such as this relaxing bedroom.



1. *Peppercorn* by Sherwin Williams, \$42.34/ Gallon

Muted Colors

As the popular neutral shades of the last decade give way to more saturated hues, color experts predict subtle coloration will resonate with consumers in the year ahead. In other words, color is making a comeback, but the movement toward bolder hues will be



2. *Inchyra Blue* No. 289 by Farrow & Ball, \$115/ Gallon

gradual by way of soft, muted shades.

Moody Blues

As blue continues to trend in 2020, look for a shift toward deep, moody shades with rich undertones reminiscent of a stormy sea or midnight sky. Sue Wadden, director of color marketing at Sherwin-Williams, notes that the use of color in design is shifting from a focus on the overall look to an emphasis on how the space makes you feel.



3. *Naval* by Sherwin Williams, \$42.39/ Gallon

Warmed-up Neutrals

Color experts predict a move from balanced, neutral undertones to warmer neutrals, such as beiges, tans, and warmer grays. If the space has very little natural light, consider a slightly cooler neutral color to brighten the room and offset the lack of sunlight. For brighter spaces, consider a warmer neutral to balance the abundance of daylight.



4. *Stone 3* by Portola Paints, Samples \$10

Organic Greens

Green is forecasted to strongly resonate with consumers in the year ahead, with organic, less-saturated shades such as sage, moss, and olive gaining more popularity than traditional primary greens. As anticipated, the move into more earthy, natural hues, greens reminiscent of nature and foliage as the forecasted to trend, and foliage as



5. *Back To Nature* by BEHR, \$16.48/ Gallon



