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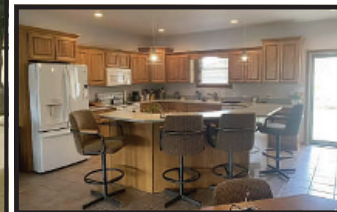
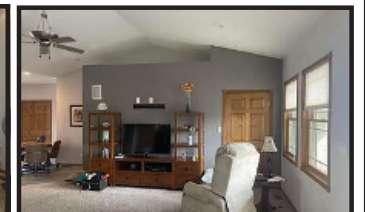


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HOME OF THE WEEK

**100 W Creek Dr.
Lawton, IA**



\$395,000

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2018 Indian Hills Dr., Sioux City
239-3820



1 owner home, that has been very well maintained!! Come check out this great property, located in Lawton!! Vaulted ceilings in spacious living room, open kitchen that features a large island and lots of cabinets, main floor laundry with 3/4 bath, double closet, counters & cabinets, great master bath that offers a master bath & walk-in closet. A bedroom downstairs with double closet & egress window, 3/4 bathroom, office area and a great family room in the lower level!! The backyard has well established landscaping and trees and offers a nice patio area off the back side of the house. Attached oversized 3 stall garage & awesome covered front porch!! This property also includes a 2nd parcel: 110 West Creek Drive, which is located right next to 100 West Creek Drive and it includes a garage with ample room of storage, patio area, electric, heated & air conditioned!! Small town living at its best, minutes from Sioux City!!!

For more information about the Home of the Week, contact:

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DESIGN RECIPES



COURTESY CATHY HOBBS

A pool at a home in the Hamptons is a plus, but it may not be in every community.

5 things that could hurt a home sale

You want to refresh your home. But where do you start? Perhaps you are also thinking about renovation vs. resale value.

Those looking to sell their homes for top dollar in the quickest amount of time also need to keep potential buyers in mind.

CATHY HOBBS

When it comes time to sell a property, it is no longer someone's home, but a product on the market that will be compared with others. Some items that served a homeowner well may be potential negatives.

Here is my list of five decorator/designer items that may hurt a potential real estate sale.

1 Transforming or altering bedrooms

If you have a home that has four bedrooms, you are going to want potential buyers to see four bedrooms. Transforming a bedroom into a walk-in closet or that darkroom you have always wanted may be something you will enjoy while you are living in the home, but it will be a big turnoff to potential buyers.

2 Carpeting

While it is lush to have something soft underfoot, the reality is most potential buyers prefer hardwood flooring. Many will see carpeting as traps for odors such as pet smells, too hard to keep clean or personalized in color.

3 Accent walls

Accent walls are a popular, inexpensive decorating tip. However, many potential buyers view even small, quick fixes like changing paint as money, worry and work.

4 Small appliances

While you may be pressed for space and like the slimline version of your favorite appliance, most buyers prefer to see full-size appliances.

Appliances are expensive, and many homeowners will not want to have to purchase new ones when they buy your home.

5 Pools and hot tubs

These may be a status symbol in

your neighborhood, and if you live in a hot climate, they might be a necessity.

Even so, many buyers see pools as a negative, especially families with young children who may have safety concerns.

Many buyers are also turned off by hot tubs and view them as a potential breeding ground for germs.

Both are seen as potential negatives because of maintenance costs.

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DAKOTA DUNES • \$1,000,000

NEW LISTING
by BARB

1036 PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE

INCREIBLE VIEWS from the deck of this 6 bedroom, 2 story home.

ACREAGE • \$465,000

NEW LISTING
by TIFFANY

4707 STONE PARK BLVD

LINCOLN log home with wrap around covered porch and fabulous views all on 11.82 acres on in town acreage setting.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY • \$300,000

NEW LISTING
by BARB

604 CARDINAL DRIVE

RANCH home with 4 car garage on level lot across the street from Cardinal Park.

MORNINGSIDE • \$189,000

NEW LISTING
by BARB

3410 6TH AVENUE

PRIDE of ownership shows in this 1 1/2 story home on 2 lots.

DAKOTA DUNES • \$2,500,000

PENDING

935 SPYGLASS CIRCLE

STUNNING 4BR/6BA/3 car garage French Country chateau on a meticulously manicured 3 ACRE lot overlooking the river. Includes a guest house w/add. 4 car garage.

DAKOTA DUNES • \$1,100,000

SOLD

715 MONTEREY TRAIL,

CUSTOM BUILT home on signature street with a very open floor plan.

MERRILL • \$650,000

23398 JADE AVE

IMPRESSIVE one owner 2BR/2BA custom build ranch with 6 car garage, 2852 sq.ft. on main, liteform, geothermal, walkout plan on 2.17 ACRES and incredible views.

DAKOTA DUNES • \$630,000

SOLD

865 CROOKED TREE LANE

TOWNHOME with open living and dining rooms on the main and family room in the lower level.

DAKOTA DUNES • \$600,000

PENDING

552 PRAIRIE PASSAGE

TWO STORY home with formal living and dining, great room, den and large eatin kitchen on 2.5 acres with additional shop area and large garden.

WYNSTONE • \$510,000

PENDING

947 WYNSTONE DRIVE

WALKOUT ranch with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms in excellent condition. 10' ceiling in main living areas. Great kitchen space. Finished lower level. Ready for new owners.

NORTHSIDE • \$475,000

PENDING

1371 FOX RIDGE TRAIL

BEAUTIFUL 2 story home on quiet northside street. Formal LR & DR, Great Room, Eat In Kitchen & Sunroom.

JEFFERSON • \$460,000

SOLD

939 WYNSTONE DRIVE

1 1/2 STORY on the pond. Newer kitchen, newer deck, new hickory floor on main floor, walkout basement.

MORNINGSIDE • \$450,000

2874 S ST AUBIN ST

CUSTOM built ranch with open floor plan and vaulted ceilings in main living areas. Finished lower level. Four car garage. On culdesac.

DAKOTA DUNES • \$445,000

945 WILLOW DRIVE

CUSTOMIZED 3BR/3BA town home with open floor plan on main with vaulted ceiling in living room with expansive windows.

DAKOTA DUNES • \$440,000

SOLD

423 SOUTH ROYAL TROON

UP TO 6 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms with this updated 1 1/2 story home. Great room with volume ceiling, open to the chen area. Master BR on main floor. Lower level is finished. Circular driveway

DAKOTA DUNES • \$419,000

PENDING

858 CROOKED TREE LANE

CUSTOM designed townhome with spacious floor plan and high end finishes.

DAKOTA DUNES • \$400,000

901 WILLOW

GORGEOUS 3BR/2.5BA ranch townhome with new flooring, new MBR bath, new deck, new sidewalk & front stoop and new carpet in the lower level.

DAKOTA CITY • \$385,000

SOLD

1619 WALNUT

BEAUTIFUL 2BR/2BA one owner ranch home with 4 car garage. Sitting on 3 lots. Open floor plan, office and large main floor family room with wet bar.

NORTHSIDE • \$369,900

2619 E. SOLWAY

HISTORIC charmer in the Heights with 4 BR, 3.5 bath & pool on a .67 acre lot.

N. SIOUX CITY • \$350,000

914 WILDFLOWER BEND

NEW CONSTRUCTION 3BR/3BA ranch with 3 car garage, covered patio. Still time to pick paint colors, carpeting, and counters. At sheetrock stage.

HOMER • \$300,000

SOLD

309 GEORGE STREET

ORIGINAL CHARM AND MODERN UPDATES in this Sears Craftsman Kit home with 5 bedrooms on half acre lot.

SERGEANT BLUFF • \$299,900

SOLD

102 SETTLER DRIVE

5 bedroom, 3 bathroom home in sought after location.

NORTHSIDE • \$170,000

3230 JENNINGS STREET

Brick raised ranch with lots of updates

NORTHSIDE • \$150,000

PENDING

1315 25TH STREET

2 bedroom, 1 bathroom bungalow with some updates in the kitchen. Main floor laundry hookups

MORNINGSIDE • \$150,000

PENDING

1516 S RUSTIN

3 Bed, 2 bath, 1 car garage

WESTSIDE • \$140,000

SOLD

2723 MYRTLE STREET

2 STORY home with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 car garage on level, fenced lot.

NORTHSIDE • \$120,000

2730 VIRGINIA STREET

THE PRIDE of ownership shows and this 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom bungalow could now be yours!

MORNINGSIDE • \$95,000

2540 S CLEVELAND ST

2 bedroom, 1 bathroom ranch home. Finished dormer could be third bedroom or flex space.

LAND FOR SALE

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ASK ANGI



DREAMSTIME

Debris and leaf buildup in your gutters can cause roof and foundation damage. Gutter cleaning is an important step in fall home maintenance.

Add these items to your fall maintenance checklist

Although temperatures may not be dropping across all of the nation, we're entering the fall season, and that means it's time to prepare your home for changes. Here are eight essential tasks to take care of your home over the next few months.

PAUL F. P.
POGUE

Gutter cleaning

This is a deceptively simple but important maintenance task that protects your roof, lawn, attic, foundation and basement. Overflow from clogged gutters can create backup on your roof in freezing weather or pooled water right next to your foundation during non-freezing times. A gutter cleaning ensures smooth drainage every time.

Prep your lawn

Aerate your lawn to improve root development. Put away all lawn equipment

and hoses, as well as drain gasoline. Sow grass seed in bald spots and add fertilizer to help create a healthy lawn in spring.

Inspect your foundation

Foundation repairs can be some of the most expensive repairs your home ever requires. Fortunately, foundation cracks are easier to repair the sooner they're addressed. Once you've discovered structural problems, call a pro as soon as possible to address them.

Get a garage door tuneup

Your garage door needs to be checked out every year or so, and it's better to get it tuned up now than when things go really wrong later on.

An inspector will adjust springs and cables, lubricate moving parts, tighten hardware, and check out safety features. Here's a little hint if you live in cold areas: Apply some petroleum jelly to the bot-

tom of the door, which will help prevent sticking to frozen ground.

Take care of air loss

Caulk, seal and weatherstrip doors and windows where you find drafts. This is one of the easiest and most effective ways to address energy loss. Whether you live in a hot climate or are preparing for a bitter winter, sealing up doors and windows will lower your energy bills and increase comfort.

Check your insulation

Insufficient attic insulation can cause energy loss and contribute to ice dams on your rooftop. The average house should have at least 12 to 14 inches of insulation in the attic.

Experts say they often see only 5 or 6 inches. If your insulation is too short, hire a pro to install new insulation correctly.

Inspect your fireplace, chimney

If you have a fireplace, it needs to be inspected every year to avoid fire hazards.

A professional chimney cleaner will clear out debris, check for structural damage and remove creosote buildup. Look for a pro who follows standards set by the Chimney Safety Institute of America.

Get your water heater drained and flushed

Tank-based water heaters should receive this maintenance at least once a year, and experts say fall is a good time. You can do this job yourself, but it often saves time, money and hassle to hire a plumbing pro.

Tweet your home care questions with #AskAngi and we'll try to answer them in a future column.

ASK THE PLUMBER

Comfort height toilet for multi-user bathroom

Question: Dear Ed: I am scheduled for a medical procedure in a few months and a taller toilet could help while I recover. Since I need a new toilet

ED DEL GRANDE

anyway, would the higher toilet fit my plumbing, and would this be an issue for other family members? —
Steve, Florida

Answer: Residential comfort height toilets have become popular.

First, I want to point out that the height of most comfort height toilets is about the same as a standard dining room chair. So it's not a drastic change from a standard toilet, just a couple inches or so higher to make it a little easier for many people to get on and off the toilet. Because of the small design differences, multi-user applications may not be an issue, but discuss the pros and cons with all involved before you install a comfort height toilet. Speaking of installation, comfort height toilets should fit the same connections as standard toilets and are available in round and elongated bowls.

Finally, high-efficiency comfort height models are available to help give you a leg up on saving water as well.

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701 Pierce St, Ste 100, Sioux City, IA.

3840 JONES STREET • \$389,000

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1:00-2:30



An Exquisite home, is an Understatement when describing this elegant 3 bedroom, 3 bath Ranch Style Townhome, located on a quiet cul de sac in an established Northside neighborhood. Upon entering you'll notice the pride of ownership and attention to detail from the Onyx floor in the entry, to the ornate crown molding, high ceilings, and the beautiful daylight coming through the oversized windows both on the main floor and the lower level walkout!! The flow of the main floor, great for entertaining, or visiting with family at the Holidays. The kitchen complete with double oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, center island with custom cabinetry and millwork, and don't forget the eat-in breakfast bar a great place to enjoy your morning coffee or relax in the evening with a glass of wine. The kitchen is open to the living room with double sided fireplace and beautiful, meticulously cared for backyard!!

3221 ORLEANS AVE • \$239,900

NEW LISTING



The Pride of Ownership Shows in this well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home!! You need to see this home to appreciate it!! This seller has done so much!! The detached 4 stall garage has room for all the extras!! NEW Roof, Vinyl siding, New windows, Soffits, handrails going into the home, privacy fences in the back, Newer front door and storm door, a wonderful 4 season room added to the back, and the list goes on!! Upon entering you'll notice the functional living room opened to the kitchen, with neutral colors throughout!! Off the living room is access to a full bath with 3 nice sized bedrooms, and closets with built-ins!! Off the kitchen you will find the all season room complete with electric fireplace, and ceiling fan!! The lower level, where the garage once was is now a finished room/game room!! A large open area used as a family room and a space where a kitchen could easily be added to where it once was!! A great space with so many options!! You will never want for more storage in this home either!! The detached 4 stall garage off the alley makes a great space to work on cars, or spend more time woodworking!! Don't miss out!!!!

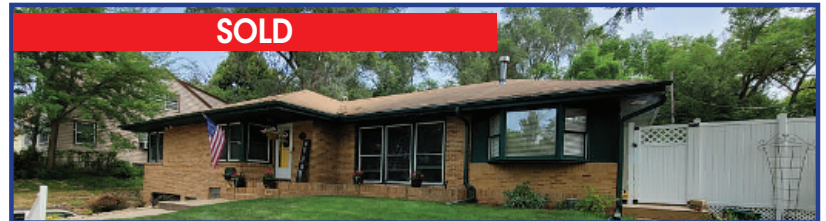
924 46TH ST, SIOUX CITY • \$440,000



Beautiful, Custom Ranch Style Home with Walkout Basement on a 1/2 Acre lot!! Upon entering you can't help but notice the 10 Foot Ceilings, Crown Molding, Plantation Shutters throughout, there's no question the exceptional quality and attention to detail this home showcases!! The beautiful windows welcoming the daylight make this such an inviting home!! The large foyer opens to the formal living room/music room/office space. The formal dining room just off the kitchen making it easy to host large gatherings. The kitchen with lots of daylight windows and don't forget the transom windows, center island, loads of cupboards and counter space, with large center island - great for baking cookies!! Just off the kitchen is access to the wraparound deck, another great space for entertaining!!!

3624 NEBRASKA STREET, SIOUX CITY • \$249,900

SOLD



Spacious raised ranch, updated kitchen with eating island, pantry. Gas fireplace between main floor family room and living room. Large fenced in yard with deck.

4505 CHERRYWOOD LANE • \$195,000

SOLD!



1008 MORNINGSIDE AVE • \$164,500

SOLD!





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12:00-1:00 2720 Magnolia Ct. \$229,000
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12:30-1:30 1721 Aztec Cir. \$434,500
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3:00-4:00 316 Main St, Pierson, IA. \$155,000
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2:00 - 3:00 1206 197th St, Hubbard \$549,000
Mike Wojcik 712-251-1798

WESTSIDE

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1:00-2:30 2331 West Street \$210,000
Jim Gergeni 712-253-2007

12:00-1:00 1915 W 6th St. \$109,500
Lisa Sissel 712-253-6313

UNITED REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS

12:00-1:00 1601 Helmer St \$179,000
Lee Quade 712-898-1606

ART OF DESIGN



White kitchens always come back in vogue

White kitchens never go out of style. It seems every decade or so the famous All White Kitchen comes around vogueing. Those that love all white kitchens are thrilled, and those who don't often criticize them for being monochromatic and boring.

**JOSEPH
PUBILLONES**

White kitchens are generally bright, tend to look bigger, are great for every season, and complement every style of decor.

In an all white kitchen, any accents stand out better. Accent tiles, marble, granite or quartz countertops are highlighted against an all white background. Any knobs or pulls will also stand out when placed on white cabinets. All white kitchens are versatile, because they can change easily. Here are some ideas to help update your classic or outdated all white kitchen.

■ Shelves over closed upper cabinets are trending right now. Inspired by working kitchens seen in restaurants and hotels, open shelving is a great and easy way to stack dishes, glassware, pots and pans, and even groceries such as canned and boxed goods. Open shelving makes goods easy to reach, but beware — it takes a great deal of organization and house-keeping to keep shelves from looking cluttered.

■ Waterfall countertops are high on most homeowners' and renovators' lists. These countertops meet a vertical piece of the same stone for an almost seamless transition, which creates the side of the cabinet. This continuous counter treatment makes counters look longer, and has a more contemporary feel.

■ One way to change the look is by tackling the walls. White looks beauti-

ful with almost any color. You can either paint the walls a nice soft mint green for a fresh garden feeling, or energize the vibe by painting the walls a bright orange color, or choosing a wallpaper with a great motif of your choice.

■ When paired with wood and stone, white kitchens are warm and create a classic combination. When accented in black, white kitchens create a very graphic and dramatic duo. The key is to use the black in small doses. For example, using black for a specific location such as the cabinetry for an island, or for the legs of a table or chairs. Black also looks great on countertops, but is a bit maintenance-intensive because you can see most every crumb.

■ Add an industrial touch to your all white kitchen by adding chrome or metal shelving for stacking your utensils. Also a great industrial add on are metal ware-

house lighting fixtures over an island or cooktop. A stainless steel hood over the cooktop also works at giving the kitchen a punch.

■ Subway tiles have been in style for over 100 years. Today, subway tiles are made in classic white, but also in a wide variety of tones for a splash of color. They have also been enhanced with stainless steel, glass and even mother of pearl for a creative twist on a classic look.

White kitchens and white appliances are here to stay. While true that they are a bit basic, it is all in the treatment of all other details that can make an ordinary kitchen into an extraordinary place in your home.

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RECENT LISTING



100 W. CREEK DRIVE, LAWTON

"1"owner home, that has been very well maintained! 3 bdrms, 3 baths, main floor laundry, oversized 3 car garage and great family room in lower level. This property also includes an extra lot that has a great garage with ample storage, and it's heated & cooled! Small town living at its best!!

\$395,000



2018 "B" INDIAN HILLS DRIVE

Office space available on the northside, located close to shopping and buslines. Up to 2,000 sq ft, private restrooms, private offices, open lobby, great open room with lots of storage space, located in the basement. Newer building, security system, parking and signage on Indian Hills Drive.

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PENDING

613 Lakeview Drive

Pride of ownership and over the top maintenance at this McCook Lake ranch with 4+ bedrooms, and 3 updated baths. Mature trees, sprinkled yard and wonderful deck to enjoy the fall evenings. Updates since 2016: high quality pergo floors, carpets, main bath, master bath, tile, fixtures, lighting, shower door, window sashes 2019, shingles 2018, deck painted 2021. This home is just waiting for you to make it one your own. Move in ready...

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Janel Pearson

NEW LISTING



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\$99,000
Janel Pearson



880 Country Club Dr., Akron
5BD/2BA
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NEW PRICE



213 Granite St., Onawa
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NEW PRICE



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OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 1-2



207 5th Ave S, Anthon
3BD/3BA
\$220,000
Vicki Kollbaum



31 Edgewater Lane, Dakota Dunes
4BD/2BA
\$399,000
Duster Hoffman

NEW PRICE



3403 Orleans Ave, Sioux City
4BD/1.5BA
\$159,000
Duster Hoffman



31937 477th Ave, Elk Point, SD
2BR/2BA, Acreage
\$499,995
Janel Pearson

NEW PRICE



501 1st St SE, Hartley, IA
3BD/1BA
\$89,000
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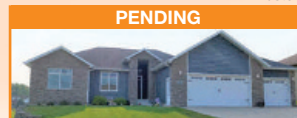
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY



4720 S Lewis Blvd., Sioux City
\$590,000
Duster Hoffman



502 Jefferson Dr., Alcester, SD
2BD/2BA
\$179,900
Janel Pearson



309 Brookside Dr., Kingsley
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\$369,000
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PENDING



193 N Churchill Circle, North Sioux City, SD
5BD/3BA
\$399,000
Dawn Conover



1305 W Main St., Beresford, SD
3BD/1BA
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STYLE AT HOME

Turning the tables for autumn

Just as Taylor Swift predicted, August sipped away like a bottle of wine (cabernet sauvignon, to be exact). I can hardly believe it is already September! This has been one hot and humid summer in the Midwest, and I could not be more ready to bundle up in my sweaters and sip my way through cider season. Besides loving the aesthetics, smells and colors of fall, I am excited to host family and friends (safely) at my home this holiday season. Fall represents to me the beginning of dinner party season.

**KATIE
LAUGHRIDGE**

While summer barbecues and pool days are fun, for me nothing beats the cozy comfort of an intimate evening of drinks and dining during these few months (or weeks) of perfect temperatures and cool evening breezes. Besides, what better way to prepare for Thanksgiving than with some practice runs of table decor? We've easily turned our tables from summer chic to festive fall by adding touches of autumn textures and elements to our settings.

It is no secret that I love to go all out when it comes to a centerpiece for our tables. I adore the drama and flair it brings to a dining space. While spring and summer are all well and good for fresh blooms, fall is the perfect time to start thinking outside the backyard bouquet. People forget that there are so many other decorative items that make for a stunning statement. In fact, before the 1850s, fresh blooms weren't used at all for centerpieces — they were considered unsophisticated and cheap. However, while tradition has changed in that regard, the beauty of using figurines and faux florals and vegetation has stayed constant. This time of year is all about the harvest, so playing with pumpkins, feathers and pampas grass to make an earthy chic display is always a great choice.

If you aren't one for a large central display, textiles are the next place I look to make a big splash. Start switching out your florals for plaids and your summer hues for the colors of a crisp changing autumn. There are so many areas in a well-designed table to introduce fall-inspired fabrics. When I can't find a tablecloth or runner that meets my needs, I go straight to the fabric section. A few yards of your



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With a couple classic additions, it is simple and quick to transform your dining room for the new season.

favorite textile can easily be turned into your next favorite table covering. I also love using fall throw blankets on the diagonal for a fun and unexpected twist. If you aren't ready for a complete textile makeover, start with place mats and napkins for a simple fall refresh.

These foundational adjustments to your table settings leave a canvas ready for future inspiration as the months go by. You can always add a splash with additional accoutrements like seasonal salt and pepper shakers, fall-inspired table toppers and napkin rings to level up your transitional table.

Adapted from nellhills.com. Katie Laughridge is the owner of Kansas City interior design destination Nell Hill's. For more information, contact Katie at info@nellhills.com.



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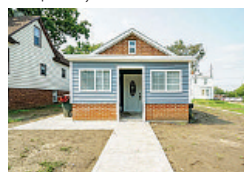
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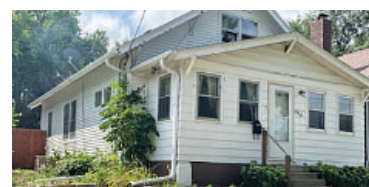
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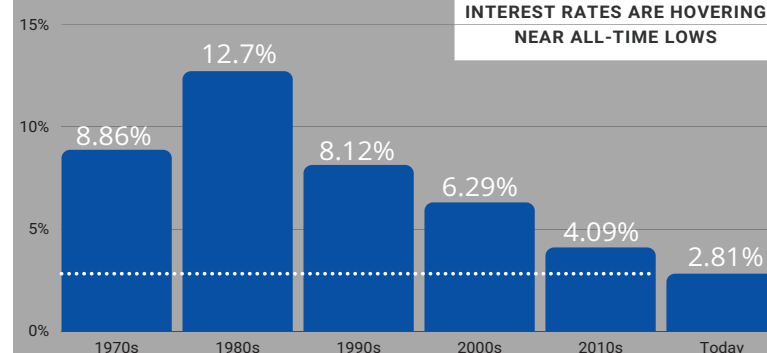
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HERE’S HOW

Store extension cords and hoses for easy use

Dear James: I am a do-it-yourself type of guy. It always is frustrating trying to untangle extension cords and air hoses. What is the best method to store them after each use? — *Clark H.*

JAMES DULLEY
Dear Clark: Many people now use lithium cordless tools, so cord storage is not a problem.

If you do a lot of substantial do-it-yourself projects, high ampere corded and pneumatic tools are an excellent choice. They both provide limitless runtime, and pneumatic tools provide very high torque and power. This is why professionals use them.

Untangling extension cords can be a hassle that is similar to getting the Christmas tree lights out each year. Air hoses are much bulkier. They do not tangle as much, but they are stiffer and more difficult to untangle. There may also be water that collects inside air hoses, so hold it up to drain before storage.

When air is compressed, generally to about 90 pounds per square inch for home tool use, water vapor in the air may condense. Opening the air tank drain valve not only releases the pressure, but it also allows any condensed water to drain from the air tank. If it is not drained, it will cause corrosion that weakens the tank.

Water vapor may also condense inside the individual pneumatic tools. After each use, disconnect the air hose and put a few drops of oil into the air inlet into the tool. Reattach the hose and just tap its trigger. This will distribute the oil throughout the moving parts inside the tool. Put in another drop of oil before using it next time.

Most of your electric power tools require little maintenance except for brushing off any metal and wood chips or sawdust. Some electric saws have an oil hole to lubricate a moving blade. Lubricate it before each use. If any tools, such as a vertical drill, have a belt drive, check the tension of the belt. Always unplug it first before getting your hands anywhere near belts and pulleys.

HOME

Do-it-Yourself


Extension Cords

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that extension cords cause about 4,700 residential fires each year. Here are some checks you can make in your home today to ensure electrical safety:

CORD SELECTION
Make sure the extension cord is heavy enough for the intended load. Extension cords are labeled with the size and wattage rating of the cord. (Lower gauge cords are bigger; for example, a 12-gauge cord is larger than a 14-gauge cord.) Here is a general guideline for extension cord size:

Cord Gauge	Max Amps	Max Watts
18	10	1250
16	13	1625
14	15	1875
12	15	1875
10	20	2500

AMPS TO WATTS
If the tool or appliance rating is listed in amps rather than watts, simply multiply the amps by 125 to get your wattage (for example, a 10 amp tool will require 1250 watts).



Creators.com Bob Kast

You will likely have several types of long electric power cords to use with your tools. There is a minimum gauge (thickness of copper wire) depending upon the electric current draw of the particular tool you are using. You could

just buy all very heavy (lower gauge number means thicker wire) cords, but they are more expensive, heavier and more difficult to handle. Also, outdoor-

A GREENER VIEW

Here’s what to do about oak wilt and peach tree suckers

Question: I have an old oak tree. During the recent cicada invasion, this tree took a mighty hit from those insects. Numerous small branches began to fall. I assumed they were falling because of the cicadas having made slits in the branches to lay eggs. Then, later, the tree began to literally dry up. The moss on part of its bark began to fade and dry. Some bark fell off. Leaves look wilted. I had no idea what was happening until I read about oak wilt in your article.

JEFF RUGG
Could the injuries caused by the cicadas (like pruning during the growing season) have given entry to the fungus that causes oak wilt? Thank you so much for giving me some insight into what may be killing my tree. It is huge, towering over the two-story house and will have to be taken down by a crane if it doesn’t recover. I pray it can. Is there any treatment for this disease?

Answer: The huge number of cicadas by themselves are a problem for trees, but on a large tree like yours they shouldn’t be fatal. However, if they allowed oak wilt or another disease into the tree, there is a problem. You need to have a licensed arborist or someone on the extension service in your county take a look at the tree.

Q: I had a peach tree removed this spring that had been continually diseased. It had peach leaf curl disease and has also been eaten by Japanese beetles the past few years, so I had it removed. Now there is a “peach bush” sprouting from the stump. If I cut back all the suckers except for one, will it grow into a fruit-bearing peach tree, or should I just have the stump removed? If I let all of the suckers grow into a bush, will they bear fruit? I am thinking that maybe this tree really does want to survive, and I should give it another chance.

A: My main question would be: Was the original peach tree grafted or growing

Rugg

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on its own roots? You may not know, but maybe you know the variety or where it was purchased and with some research it can be determined. If the trunk was cut off below the graft, the suckers that are coming up are from the rootstock and won't be the same kind of peach that was originally there. That may be good if the new shoots are more disease- or beetle-resistant or better tasting, but those things are all unlikely, or that peach variety is what would have been grown and sold before. If the tree was not grafted, then the new shoots are the same as the old tree. In either case, you can keep a shoot or two to find out what the new peaches look and taste like.

The best way to do that is to look at where the shoots are coming from. They can be coming from the sides of the remains of the trunk or directly from a root. As the trunk is going to decay away, a new large trunk growing from the sides of the rotting trunk will not be strongly attached to it in the future. It is a much better choice to keep a shoot that's coming up directly off a root. Look for a shoot from a root that is farthest away from the old trunk. If no shoots come from a root, pick the one farthest away from the trunk, with the strongest growth. Cut off all the rest to force the roots to send their energy to the one you keep. You can keep a couple this year to see which one starts growing best next year. You can leave a few if you want to try to keep them short to create a bush effect. In that case, keep branches that grow across through the middle cut off to allow sun and air circulation into the center. Also, you should do the peach leaf curl spray program starting this fall.

Email questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenerview.com.

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rated cords have heavier, tougher insulation than indoor cords.

Most people end up just looping the cord over their arm and hanging it on a nail or on a peg board. You may get by doing this with a very light cord, but it is not good. Wrapping the cord in this way may cause it to twist. Hanging it on a thin nail may kink the cord and insulation, which makes it fail.

It works much better to put the two ends of the cord together and then drape it back and forth over your arm. Wrap the last couple of feet around the cord leaving a loop on the end. Hang this loop over a two-by-four or a large round handle.

When storing heavier electric cords, double the cord and loosely braid it into a long chain. Don't try to bend this heavy gauge wire too tightly. The air hose can be coiled similarly to a garden hose and hung on a hose holder.

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3714 Stone Ave - \$185,000



Lovingly maintained Morningside bungalow! 4 bedroom, 1.25 bathroom and a 2 car garage. This home features a large living room/dining combo with updated carpet, an updated oak kitchen with space for a breakfast table, hardwood floors under the carpet, updated windows and roof shingles. There is also a nice sun/mud room off of the kitchen, with newer carpeting. The basement is partially finished with two living spaces separated by the original colonnades from upstairs and real wood paneling. Downstairs, you'll also find a separate tub/shower surround in the storage room, with a vintage cabinet storage area. Seller added an egress window in the furnace room, too!

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DESIGN RECIPES

10 TIPS FOR STUNNING VIGNETTES

The successful decoration of a space often hinges on the proper selection of the appropriate accents and accessories. Often this is greatly influenced by not only what pieces are selected, but

CATHY HOBBS

how various objects are placed or grouped together. Enter the vignette.

Vignettes are groupings of objects that look harmonious and appealing when placed together and help to enhance the overall look and feel of a space. When looking to create vignettes, there are some key tips to keep in mind.

- 1** Create a vignette upon entry. A foyer or entry vestibule is the perfect place to place an appealing and welcoming vignette that can also serve to introduce the overall style of a home.
- 2** Look for objects that are of varying heights. This will help add interest for the eye.
- 3** Consider using items that add a sense of contrast, such as placing black and white objects together.
- 4** Create sets of vignettes on longer surfaces.
- 5** Build a vignette around an inspirational or dynamic piece. In other words, select an object that may be a focal point and then choose other items that will be complementary.
- 6** Place vignettes on larger surfaces such as consoles, sideboards and coffee tables, as opposed to smaller surfaces such as side tables to avoid crowding a surface.
- 7** Incorporate greenery whenever possible. Add blooms for more color and texture.
- 8** Consider incorporating finishes into the colors of your vignettes such as brass or silver.
- 9** Pair objects of similar colors together, such as a vignette of mostly black objects.
- 10** Look for ways to create a wow factor with unique or unexpected pieces.

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A long expansive case good (sideboard) is adorned with three vignettes to help add interest and color.



An entry console is enhanced through the use of artwork incorporated into its tabletop vignette.

newly listed directory
 Saturday, September 25th, 2021



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DEAR MONTY

The pros and cons of homebuyer love letters

Dear Monty: What are the pros and cons of homebuyer love letters that many real estate agents suggest to homebuyers? We will soon be looking for a home, and we are in a market that remains overheated. People in our circle of influence have a variety of opinions about love letters. Do you have any ideas you can share?

RICHARD MONTGOMERY

Monty's Answer: Love letters, as they have become known, are not new. They have been around for decades. They are currently in vogue because of competition in many markets that suffer from low inventory and below-market interest rates. The below-market interest rates bring large numbers of potential homebuyers into the market. The low inventory causes home sellers to fear they will not find a suitable replacement. The perfect elixir for rising home prices.

Fair housing and privacy

Complaints from consumers over fair housing and privacy violations have cap-

tured the attention of both regulators and politicians. They called for more vigorous enforcement and penalties to discourage the practice. The National Association of Realtors has also taken notice. Many local NAR associations and MLS's have beefed up and modified their rules and regulations to educate their membership. They caution real estate agents to advise their homebuyer customers not to submit love letters or seek legal advice before they proceed. Here is a link on the subject from the NAR website. <https://www.nar.realtor/fair-housing-corner/love-letters-or-liability-letters>

The Exceptions

Some consumers will continue to write love letters. Some real estate agents will continue to encourage them. Many times, the cause will be a lack of knowledge. Another reason is with most legislation, the laws are complex and offer exemptions. For example, the fair housing law has several exclusions, one of which is a single-family home when no real estate broker is involved. Here is a link to the

Fair Housing Handbook where you can learn more. https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/FHEO_BOOKLET_ENG.PDF. Privacy law is handled state by state and varies widely. Here is a link that shares information where you can check out where your state stands. <https://www.ncsl.org/research/telecommunications-and-information-technology/state-laws-related-to-internet-privacy.aspx>

The pros and cons of a love letter

With the background provided above, this writer takes no position on love letters. I can share what I have observed through my real estate experience.

■ **Pros:** Love letters are known to positively influence sellers in a negotiation, and it takes little effort to write one.

■ **Cons:** In a negotiation, love letters are known to turn off home sellers or just not be considered, and they could have unintended legal repercussions.

Additional tidbits

Anecdotally, some sellers will ask for a

love letter. In the distant past, writing or receiving a love letter was not as complicated as today.

It would be wise to bring yourself up to date on the federal fair housing laws and any privacy laws that exist in your state.

Photographs included in a home's promotion are one of the triggers for privacy law violations. Another trigger may be electronic listening or video devices of which the prospective buyer is unaware. Because homeowners not utilizing real estate brokers are exempt, real estate brokers appear to be the target of enforcement actions.

When using the services of a broker, consider questioning the agent's love letter awareness.

Richard Montgomery is the author of "House Money—An Insider's Secrets to Saving Thousands When You Buy or Sell a Home." He advocates industry reform and offers readers unbiased real estate advice. Follow him on Twitter at @dearmonty, or at DearMonty.com

ASK THE PLUMBER

Trending kitchen sink colors are naturally beautiful

Question: Dear Ed: I'm planning my dream kitchen for our remodeling project this fall. I'm going with a cast-iron kitchen sink because of all the color choices. I want to be up to date, so what trending cast-iron color choices do you suggest I look at? — *Tina, Tennessee*

ED DEL GRANDE

Answer: Aside from the large selection of colors, cast iron is a good material choice for a kitchen sink. It's strong, durable, quiet and utilizes recycled materials.

Like the fashion world, trending cast-iron sink colors often change. From what I've seen, natural and earthy colors seem to be popular.

Here are some of my favorites:

■ **Light tones:** White (always in), Sea

Salt (speckled white), Biscuit (off-white)

■ **Medium tones:** Ice Gray (lighter gray), Cashmere (brown-gray), Almond (beige-type)

■ **Dark tones:** Indigo Blue (deep blue), Thunder Gray (dark grey), Black Plum (purple/black).

Note that lighter tones tend to hide water and soap spots better than darker tones. Also, choose a color that is not a flash in the pan — you'll want your new kitchen sink to stay in style for a while.

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While thinking about cast-iron kitchen sink color options, keep in mind that lighter tones tend to hide water and soap spots better than darker tones.

TREASURES IN THE ATTIC

Pitcher is artistically attractive, but out of fashion

Dear Helaine and Joe: The picture of a fancy pitcher in our local newspaper (Reading Eagle) reminded me of a fancy pitcher we have. We would like to know as much about it as possible — age, origin, value. The mark on the bottom is unclear.

HELAINE FENDELMAN AND JOE ROSSON

Thank you, D. F., Pottstown, Pennsylvania

Dear D. F.: The information about the company that made the piece is wildly contradictory, but thanks to the website of the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Museum (plus some other sources), we think we have a so-called handle on the subject.

This piece is hazily marked “Fischer J”

over the word “Budapest,” and that along with the ewer itself — which is a vase-shaped “fancy” pitcher — tells us the story. Ignac Fischer began his career at his father’s pottery in the village of Tata-Tovaras (Tata is the Hungarian village on a hill, while Tovaras is adjacent and on a lake), which is about 43 miles north-

west of Budapest, the Hungarian capital. In 1864, Fischer became employed as a decorator at the famous Herend factory in the city of the same name.

Fischer founded his own factory in 1867 in the town of Pest, across the Danube River from Buda — together they form Budapest. Fischer and his company will probably be remembered most for the wonderful reticulated faience wares such as the one in today’s question.

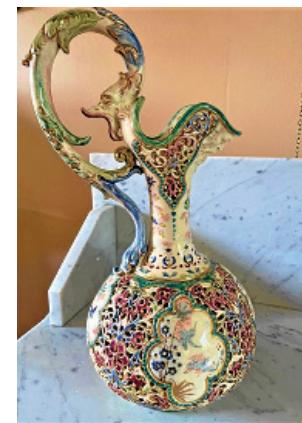
First, let us explain “reticulated,” which in pottery and porcelain terms generally refers to pierced work resulting in patterns — in this case a floral design.

The ewer is a double walled vessel, and an artist cut through the outer wall to form an intricate interlacing pattern of flowers and arabesques and created areas for cartouches or blank areas surrounded by an ornamental frame. Inside the frame, artists in this case painted scenes of butterflies among flowers and herons wading in a wetland.

The handle of this piece is a dolphin — rather fierce-looking, but still a dolphin — and under the spout, a mask of a bearded man, possibly the Roman god Neptune overseeing both fresh water and the sea. The mark found on D. F.’s ewer was reportedly in use from 1867 to 1895. Ignac Fischer gave over his company to his son Emile in 1885, and Emil presided either in its failure and/or its absorption into the Zsolnay factory of Pecs, Hungary, by the turn of the 20th century.

The ewer is artistically attractive, but this kind of ceramic is a tad out of fashion at the moment. If this piece is 12 to 14 inches tall, it should be valued in the \$750 to \$1,000 range.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques.



This is a fancy pitcher with a fierce dolphin-shaped handle.

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STYLE AT HOME



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Treat buckets aren't just for trick-or-treating! Use them before Oct. 31 by adding them to your table as an eye-catching centerpiece.

Celebrate a spooky chic Halloween

Halloween is going to be here before we know it. As a seasonal decor fanatic I can hardly wait for the weather to start cooling off and the jack-o'-lanterns to begin glowing. As a mother to a candy obsessed 3-year-old (and a person with quite the sweet tooth myself) I am especially excited to decorate our home to the nines this year to start instilling a love of holiday traditions with our family beyond trick-or-treating.

Halloween was a big deal in my own home growing up. Trips to the pumpkin patch and carving sessions will always be among my most beloved memories.

But as deep as my love for Hallow-

een is, I am also someone who prefers "spooky chic" to outright scary, and you won't find any cotton webs in my corners. Thankfully, seasonal decor is really having a moment right now with tons of cute and whimsical items that can elevate tabletops, mantels and any nook and cranny you need to fill.

Black and white is a classic year-round and timeless color combination. It just so happens to be the perfect Halloween pairing too. Add in a touch of orange and a dose of green or purple and you have the perfect spooky palette. Pick muted or dusty colors for a vintage vibe, or opt for punchy brights for a youthful, fun Halloween mix.

When it comes to patterns, my favor-

ites for the holiday are stripes (stripes, always!!) and polka dots.

When designing your centerpieces, we always recommend height. With so many baubles and details on the table, it is nice to elevate a few pieces you can see from across the room.

From simple pumpkins to tricked-out treat buckets, there is no limit on what you can place on a few pedestals to create a huge impact. Remember to space them out enough so you can see your guests across your lovely tablescape.

Another way to add height is to use your ceiling space. One of our go-to decor tricks is hanging ornaments from the ceiling or from your light fixtures with your favorite seasonal ribbon. It's a great

way to draw the eye up.

Let's not forget place settings. Switch up each setting by alternating different creatures like jack-o'-lanterns, cats and skeletons. The settings will still be cohesively themed, but it adds texture and depth to a table that can afford to be a little unpredictable. Another creative twist is changing out traditional names on place cards for silly Halloween sayings and movie quotes. This is a great conversation starter and takes your table to the next level!

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