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here is no better time than the new year to redecorate our homes, and given the season, many people will be looking for cozy and warm touches to help create a winter sanctuary.

Whether it's as simple as new pillow cushions, installing a new light fixture, or going all out with a new design, a new color palette will create a tranquil space to relax, cook and entertain in.

Check out these color palettes that experts at Wren Kitchens have put together to transform your home into a snuggly oasis:

Deep blacks with warm timber

Take a chance with darker color contrasts taps.

to add depth and drama to your home, particularly in large rooms with plenty of natural light.

"We can expect to continue seeing dark matte colors being used for cabinetry finishes as well as hardware accents in our kitchens over the next few years. Dark kitchen cabinets represent elegance and a rich luxurious esthetic, casting a little drama over the room," Wren Kitchens

To soften the deep black color, add touches of warm wood, whether it's in the form of a table and chairs, countertops, or a mantle over your stove. For an even bolder statement, combine the color with muted metals like antique brass handles or muted gold

Earthy green with hints of gold and black

Bring the outdoors in with earthy, warming forest greens, golds, blacks and whites. ultimate winter vibe.

"This traditional yet modern design offers a super sophisticated timeless esthetic. Plus, this versatile color palette is a trend that's here to stay and you can play around with how you accessorize it depending on how you velvet, faux fur and fleecy textures help feel and what season it is. Think deep warm up the look. grays and blacks during the cooler spells and neutral creams and terracotta accents in the summer," Wren Kitchen at ajc.com. Distributed by Tribune Content says.

Rich blues and bright whites

Create a winter scene of deep blue skies and snowy hills by using this color scheme in your home.

"Midnight or navy blue cabinets cre-For a bolder statement, pair forest green ate a rich esthetic, especially when with more deep grays and blacks for the combined with chrome handles and a streak of metallic profiling underneath the cabinets. Glistening snowy white quartz countertops complete this winter scene," says Wren Kitchens.

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How to prepare your home for household emergencies

ousehold problems don't follow a 9-to-5 schedule. Gas leaks, an overflowing toilet and a dripping roof don't always wait until you've had your morning coffee.

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Emergencies are an unfortunate reality of homeownership. Severe weather can arrive at any time, and

many of your home systems are complicated machines that will eventually break down due to wear and tear.

While you can't predict when emergencies will arrive, you can prepare yourself by following these tips.

1. Keep in touch with contractors

Regular maintenance benefits you in more ways than one. Not only do you catch problems early and keep your system in good repair, but you'll build relationships with reliable contractors who are familiar with your systems. That means when you call at 2 a.m. with a burst pipe or a concerning electrical problem, the pro that answers the phone has a head start on the fix. Preferably a professional who already has experience with you and your house.

2. Know what you need to do

Keeping resources at your fingertips will help keep bad situations at bay. Make sure you know your most essential contractors' names and after-hours phone numbers. Yes, you can probably look this up on your phone fairly quickly, but you'll save time and reduce complications during what will likely already be a chaotic situation. In some cases, a pro can talk you through potential solutions right there on the phone.

Another key tip — make sure you know how to shut off your home utilities. You can shut down electricity at your main panel. Water and gas lines usually have a master shut-off point outside or in a basement or crawlspace. If you don't know where these valves are located, ask your pro to point them out for you. You'll be grateful for the know-how if you need to cut off the supply during a gas or water leak.

3. Be prepared for triage

In some fields, emergency calls don't come in on a consistent basis but rather stack up all at once. For example, after a severe storm or wind event, every roofing



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Some household emergencies can't wait and require you to call in help right away, regardless of the hour.

company in the region will be swamped with calls for emergency help. In those cases, experts say that they'll do triage work to prevent the worst of immediate damage by removing the most urgent problem, covering up leaks, and doing their best to bring it under control. There may be cases where major repairs can't be completed immediately. Be patient with your pros during crises; the odds are everyone's doing their best to get problems addressed.

4. Keep your home stocked

Sometimes, severe weather means help could be days away. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) suggests that you keep your home stocked with enough supplies to get you and your family through 72 hours without outside assistance. This kit should be prepared long before a crisis and stored where you can easily find it. Go to ready.gov for a complete list of necessities and tips on managing a crisis.

Also, make sure your home has at least one fire extinguisher, preferably one for each level of your home. If you have only one, put it in the kitchen, and make sure everyone knows where it is as well as how to operate it.

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THE ART OF DESIGN

Is wood-like tile friend or faux?

A lthough tile that looks like wood has been around for years, I don't think there is a home improvement store or tile distributor anywhere in North America that hasn't succumbed to this tile trend.

Advances in digital technology have made these tiles look as good as real wood floors. They come in a variety of finishes,

JOSEPH PUBILLONES

from glossy to matte, and with the appearance of almost any species of wood. Initially designed for work areas such as kitchen and bathrooms and outdoor areas as well, there are good reasons to choose this type of tile, some

of which might entice you to do your entire home.

First, there is the visual warmth that a wood floor gives. These tiles can be used in all rooms for a unified look, from the entry hall to the living room and dining room to bedrooms. These can eliminate transitions from dry rooms to wet areas such as bathrooms, kitchens and even basements.

Then, there is the ease of maintenance. The cleaning process becomes much easier...no wax or threat of scratches or dents on these "wood" floors. Since they are made of porcelain, these floors can be easily vacuumed or swept and then simply mopped with water. In addition, there isn't the routine sanding and refinishing every couple of years as there is with wood floors.

An additional benefit of this porcelain wood-like tile is temperature control. Porcelain is a great thermal conductor. It will pick up the air temperature whether you are heating or cooling it. If installing in a colder climate, radiant heat can be installed underneath the tile for a warmer experience.

The variety of tile sizes, shapes, color and textures makes wood-like tiles extremely adaptable to any style of decor. Some tiles have knots and patterns in the tile, which can make them more appropriate for a traditional look, more country looking or even for a beach-style decor. Sleeker, evenly colored tiles are more appropriate for transitional or contemporary decor.

Some would argue that these wood-looking tiles also have an environmental benefit. Since these tiles are porcelain, no trees are cut down, thus creating an added bonus. These are some of the reasons wood-looking tiles are so popular today.

There are some caveats when considering wood-like tiles. In kitchens and other areas where one stands for a long period of time, porcelain tile can generally be tough on your feet and back. To mitigate fatigue, gel mats or runners are recommended in the work areas.

Depending on the subfloor of your dwelling, the cost of installation can vary, sometimes even more than wood or other type of flooring. Some installations may require the addition of cement boards or self-leveling mix. Porcelain tile, although considered as one of the most durable flooring, is also susceptible to cracks and chips in heavily trafficked areas.

Finally, as is the case with most trends, wood-like tiles will one day be dated. As a friend, I only recommend these tiles in areas where nothing else will do. Namely water-prone areas and beachfront properties.

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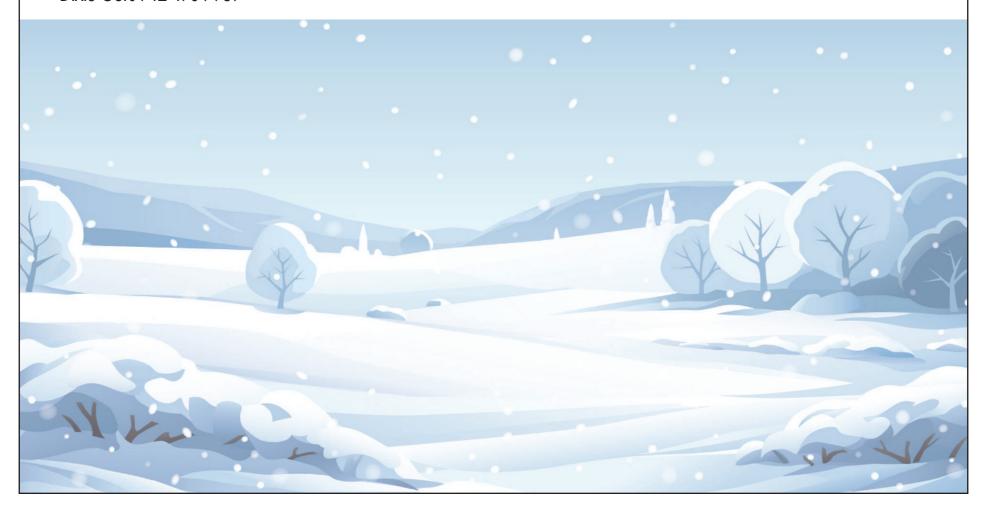
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RACHEL HUTTON

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

ecked in floodlights and smoothed by "homebonis," Minnesota's coolest backyard rinks cultivate winter camaraderie.

About 10 miles outside of Bemidji, Minnesota's most iconic backyard ice rink - smooth as glass, ringed by towering pines, once featured in the pages of Sports Illustrated — is the place where hockey players go to heaven.

The 120-by-65-foot oval, two-thirds the size of what the NHL skates on, is bounded by boards from Bemidji State's old fieldhouse, the home of numerous national champs.

Each winter for the past 20 years, Bryan Hammitt, a local high school teacher, has taken on what amounts to a part-time job of packing snow and dumping nearly 20,000 gallons of water on frozen ground. "It's a huge amount of work," he admits.

But on a cold winter night, when the floodlights switch on, bright as the rapture, even the most stiff-legged, wobbly ankled skater among us can experience the sense of nostalgia and destiny, possibility and pride that Hammitt Rink evokes. No wonder it's been called hockey's Field of

Minnesota is the State of Hockey, producing more Division I and NHL players than any other. It's also home to the most ice arenas per capita, and, though no one keeps statistics, it may also have the highest rate of backyard rinks.

The pandemic has spurred even more fanatics to create their own sheets, noted Grand Rapids-based photographer Matthew Jasper, whose coffee-table book "Home Ice" has positioned him as the state's rink documentarian.

"When you fly into California, you look down and see everybody's backyards with the pools," Jasper said. "If you're flying to Minnesota, you look down and everybody's got a backyard rink now. It's blowing up."

These rink builders — especially those with deluxe setups - spend long, frozen nights melting and chipping ice bumps, filling cracks, and standing out there with a garden hose. They dream of the Zambonis their spouses won't let them buy and settle for "homebonis" they've McGyvered out of hardware-store parts.

That's because good ice is the rinkmakers' love language: a way to share their passion for sport with families, friends and neighbors, and cultivate a sense of community.

rink in his Long Lake, Minnesota, back-



The home rink on Amy Wolff's property is housed inside a barn on the property in Lakeville, Minnesota, on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. Minnesota is the country's capitol for backyard ice rinks.

trolling the area. Neighbors donate electricity for the floodlights and gather by ice-side bonfires. The rink's ability to create camaraderie during hibernation season sealed the deal for a recent homebuyer nearby. "Oddly enough, I see more of my neighbors during the winter," Traff said, over the sound of sticks scraping ice and pucks smacking boards.

The romance, and reality

Indoor ice time was scarce and expensive even before the pandemic temporarily shuttered arenas. Municipal and backyard outdoor rinks make skating far more accessible. And their casual pickup games cultivate a freer style of hockey, Jasper explained, compared with the regimented drills of an arena team practice. "It's organic," he said of fresh-air play. "You go out there to cultivate your skill set or just from the high hundreds to low thousands have a great night under the lights."

These days, home rink-makers of all For Bill Traff, the massive, Olympic-size stripes often turn to the internet for inspiration and advice. John Greco, co-founder yard hosts families who live nearby, youth of the Backyard Ice Rinks Facebook group,

hockey dads who make up the majority of Glen Perkins, converted a shed into a small its nearly 30,000 members.

"Growing up, you loved to play hockey and thought it would be awesome to have your own rink," he said. "Fast-forward 20 years and now you have your own house and it's time to make the dream come true."

Backyard rinks range from tiny to enormous, fleeting to enduring. Duluth's famous hockey family, the Frybergers, is known for having one of the oldest rinks, which has also fostered several Olympians. Bob Sr. started flooding the backyard in 1943, before moving the rink to an adjacent vacant lot and inspiring two subsequent generations to maintain the family ice.

There's a huge range of rink-making materials and methods, including DIY lumber packages and kits with plastic liners, brackets and sideboards, which typically range of dollars.

owned by Amy and Deon Wolff, are on concrete. The previous owner of their sprawlhockey teams, even curious beat cops padescribes the mentality of the hardcore ing Lakeville property, former Twins player

ice arena. It's used several times a week by the Wolffs' youngest child, 12-year-old Dillon, and his hockey-playing friends.

For Deon Wolff, making smooth ice is a point of pride. He recently upgraded his handheld propane torch, for melting imperfections, to a retrofitted roofers' rack, so he can wheel several torches at once.

Rink-makers are famous for their homemade resurfacing contraptions, from PVC pipes and towels dragged behind buckets to tanks hauled on modified golf carts. Traff hooks three snow blowers together to clear his rink and invested in a militarygrade water heater to make fresh coats of ice more robust.

But all home rinks share some universals: sun and warm temps are enemies; post-skate shoveling is a necessity, and late-night flooding is a mystical state.

"When you're out there at 10 o'clock and Some home rinks are on grass; others it's dark and the wind is still, you can hear cover lakes or ponds; and a few, like the one everything from miles away," Greco said. "Then once you're done, you look at that

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Chip Dulin, 7, moves in on an open net on Bill Traff's Olympic-size rink in Long Lake, Minnesota, on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022.

Ice

From 7

perfect sheet for the morning and you're like, 'This is awesome?"

"The people who do it love the ritual of it," Jasper said of the rink-making process. "But the romance and the reality of the backyard rink are sometimes worlds apart," he warned.

Greco echoed the sentiment. "You have to be willing to put the work in," he advised. "It's not just like, build it and they will come. It's build it — maintain it — and they will come."

Pond hockey

Jesse Turnbull of Forest Lake spent much of his youth threading his skates through his hockey stick and walking to an outdoor rink; a highlight of his high school years was playing in the state hockey tournament.

Hoping to pass the experience on to his three young kids, Turnbull has been building a rink on the lake outside his home since 2017. He uses an ice auger to drill holes for the posts. Then he puts up boards, painted with the Forest Lake Rangers logo. Then

ice to form Ranger Rink and a surrounding skating oval.

The rink's accessories include a fire pit, warming shack and skate sharpener. For maintenance, Turnbull invested in a power broom, ice shaver and small resurfacing machine called a Bambini. And, yes, he relies on a storage unit for all his rink supplies because there's no way they'd fit in the garage. "The truck already sits outside because of other hockey gear in there," he noted.

The windows of Turnbull's home sit outside the range of misfired pucks, but there are other hazards of the rink. Last year, an unexpected warm front softened the ice and a few boards sank in. (Wearing hip waders, Turnbull and a neighbor fished Haapajoki, a popular athlete, died by suithem out.)

Due to the lake, Ranger Rink is subject to ice cracks, which Turnbull fills with a bucket of slush and a hockey puck ("going old school," he says of the method). "Sometimes I ask myself, 'What am I doing?' "He admitted. "But I've got so much time into it that I say, 'This is what we're doing, because we're gonna go skating today."

therapeutic" and appreciates the benefits Hosting so many skaters – among them it has brought his family. "It's been kind of nice to show the kids that if you want to do ily heal from their devastating loss. "It's something, you can put your mind to it and you can do it," he said. "I don't know who has more fun with it - me or them."

Tournament host

Drew Peterson's ice rink outside his Baxter home started years ago with 2-by-4s and a plastic tarp. Today, it's a 100-by-70 sheet with LED lights and signage advertising local businesses — what the low-key dad describes as "fairly extravagant for in the backvard."

In 2018, after Peterson's stepson, Jake cide at age 16, the family began hosting a 3-on-3 hockey tournament to raise scholarship funds through their foundation, Smiles for Jake.

The event has drawn as many as 60 North Dakota. A couple of thousand spectators show up to watch.

he pumps lake water through a hole in the finds the rink-making process "somewhat ter. And there's some very good hockey." Jake's best friends — has helped the fama continual memory maker when you thought the memories are over," Peterson

> During the rest of the season, Peterson estimates the rink attracts 100 skaters a week, including local team practices. Pro players from the area have been known to drop by and offer tips. He started getting so many skating requests from his network that he couldn't field all the calls and texts. "The rule is, If the lights are on, the rink is open, don't even ask," he explained.

> This approach can have its downsides -"I could come home from work and I can't pull in my driveway or get in my house because there might be 30 or 40 vehicles parked," he said with a laugh. But the family has embraced the rink's popularity.

"I didn't know what to expect, but I love teams, from as far as the Twin Cities and that it gets used, and I'd be disappointed if it didn't," Peterson said.

"It's really fun," Peterson said. "A lot of ©2022 StarTribune. Visit at startribune.com. In spite of all the work, Turnbull says he good stories are told. There's lots of laugh - Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

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Use proper blade in various power saws

ear James: I just got out my power saws for a remodeling project and the blades are shot. What types of new blades are best for general work with circular and table

JAMES DULLEY saws? - Aaron M.

Dear Aaron:

Those two saws, along with a compound miter

saw, are pretty indispensable for most remodeling projects. If an old blade is rusty or some of the carbide tips are missing, you can be pretty sure it needs to be replaced. You can also carefully touch the edge of the saw blade removed from the saw and compare its sharpness to a new blade.

For most home DIY remodeling projects, you will use the circular saw for rough cuts of studs and plywood sheets. Table saws are particularly useful for ripping lumber and plywood. Ripping is cutting a long piece to make it narrower. An example would be cutting a 2x4 stud down to just one inch wide to fit a particular spot.

In the old days, there was just one basic type of blade that was used in power saws. Today there are five basic styles of power saw blades for various types of cuts,

materials and budgets. It is not difficult to change blades in saws, so you should probably get several different types for various

The first type of power saw blade is FTG (flat top grind). This is a very durable saw blade with high-rake-angle teeth, which are not extremely sharp by design and produce a fairly rough cut. It requires more force to push these saw blades through the work piece. These are some of the least expensive saw blades.

FTG blades are best for a circular saw where the quality of the cut edge is not critical. They can be used to cut most materials from pine lumber to nonferrous metals. This durable design is ideal for demolition work where the intent is to just get the saw to cut through the material.

A more common type of allpurpose saw blade is the ATB (alternate top bevel) design. You will find this type of blade on many new power saws. These blade tips are very sharp, so be careful when handling one. The sharpness and thin-kerf design make ripping and crosscutting easy with little force.

These are not the most durable blades, and they may not have the longest life. This type of

blade is especially good for miter and circular saws. You can use this blade on all types of wood and some soft aluminum. This type of blade is a must for your workshop.

A combination blade uses a combination of the two above types of blade teeth. These often have groups of four ATB teeth and one FTG tooth. This is also a good all-purpose blade to have for your table saw. It rips and crosscuts almost all wood and composite materials effectively.

If you are planning to saw extremely hard materials or ones that melt when they get warm, select a TCG (triple-chip grind) blade. It is designed to cut slowly. and it stays relatively cool.

For doing fine detailed cutting, particularly of woods that tend to splinter such as cabinet-grade plywood, use a HiATB (hi alternate top bevel) blade. It makes very crisp cuts in a table saw. The cutting edges on this blade are extremely sharp and pointed up at a steep angle.

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HOME Do-it-Yourself

Saw Blades

Each type of saw blade is designed to cut different materials. Be certain the blade you choose is suitable for the material you need to cut and that it fits your saw.

FTG (flat top grind)

FTG blades are intended primarily for ripping wood with the grain. A flat top grind is very efficient at removing large chips from the kerf, and is a very durable grind.

TCG (triple-chip grind)

The triple-chip grind also combines two different tooth grinds in one blade: a flat top grind and a trapezoidal grind, which is essentially a flat top tooth with chamfered top.

ATB (alternate top bevel)

ATB blades offer a versatile grind with a bevel across the top of the tooth that angles from the outside in, alternating between the left and right sides.

Combination tooth blade

This blade has a combination tooth configuration with groups of five teeth four ATBs and one flat - and a large gullet after each group, which allows for chip removal.

Creators.com Bob Kast

Propagating vegetables from table scraps

cience fair season is coming up. Many kids want to work with plants. One set of experiments that is common is trying to grow seeds in a variety of media, such as water, milk and cola. The seeds will sprout in all of

RUGG

those conditions, but they won't grow well as a plant in all of them.

Another experiment is more of a demonstration,

and that is trying to grow a variety of fruits and vegetables from table scraps. In this case it is important to know which parts of a plant are capable of growing.

The basic parts of a plant are the root, stem, leaf, flower, fruit and seed. It should be obvious that a new plant

will grow from a seed. If you stab an avocado seed with toothpicks and balance it atop a glass of water, it should sprout and grow.

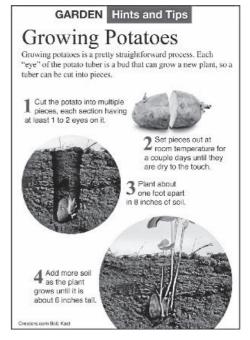
It may not be as obvious, but if you take a slice of tomato and lay it on the soil in a flowerpot, the seeds may grow without much extra effort. An ear of corn placed in a pan of water for a few weeks may also have many seeds that sprout. Seeds from apples, oranges and lemons will also grow. Seeds from plants normally grown in northern climates may need to spend a period of time in the refrigerator to mimic winter before they sprout, but southern plants don't need to wait.

We eat the flower buds of artichokes. broccoli and cauliflower, and the flowers of violets, nasturtiums and roses are edible. We eat the leaves of cabbage, kale, lettuce, spinach, onion and garlic. We eat the leaf petiole (the part that connects the leaf to the stem) in celery and rhubarb. We also eat the taproots of beets, carrots and radishes. Flowers, leaves and roots do not have buds for new plants.

Source: Lumberiocks

That leaves us with stems and modified stems. There are a lot of different kinds of stems including corms, crowns, rhizomes and tubers. Stems are the plant part that has buds for growing new plant, and they work great for growing new plants from table scraps.

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Lisa Guerra joins United Real Estate Solutions team

SIOUX CITY - United Real Estate Solutions, Inc. is proud to announce Lisa Guerra has joined the company as the newest member of the residential sales team. Guerra has a strong background in both banking and insurance, serving as a manager in both industries. Known for her great customer service, she is looking forward to guiding her real estate clients through the home buying and selling process.

"My clients can expect loyalty, integrity, City, Neb. home for almost 20 years. She is satisfaction, and attention to detail," said fluent in both English and Spanish. Guerra Guerra. "I'm also tech savvy, personable and her husband have four daughters and and incredibly patient. In today's real es- a dog named Misha. She is also an active



Guerra

to have someone who takes the time to get to know their clients and their needs, as well as the ability to market their property in the best manner possible."

Guerra grew up in Sergeant Bluff and Sioux City, but has called South Sioux

a religious education teacher for the past com. United Real Estate Solutions has 15 years.

"Our diverse community is a wonderful place to raise a family and I love to see how much it continues to grow every day," said Guerra. "I'm looking forward to serving Siouxland."

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tate market it is important in her church by volunteering her time as 6549 or LisaGuerra@myunitedagent. professional sales associates licensed in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. The company has three offices located at 302 Jones St. in Sioux City, 1913 Dakota Ave. in South Sioux City, Neb. and 400 Gold Circle in Dakota Dunes, S.D. They can be found online at www.unitedrealestate solutions.com.



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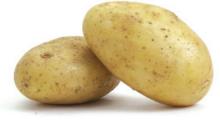
A crown is a short stem growing near ground level that has roots growing down and leaves growing up. The top of a carrot is a crown with one root and several leaves. If you cut off the carrot crown with an inch of the taproot and set it in water, it will stay alive and may eventually regrow the missing root. A tuberous root is a swollen section of a root that has a single crown of stem tissue on one end that can grow a new plant. Cassava and sweet potatoes are tuberous roots.

A tuber is a modified section of underground stem that stores carbohydrates and has several buds for new stems and roots. Each "eye" of the potato tuber is a bud that can grow a new plant, so a tuber can be cut into pieces with at least one eye on each piece that will grow new plants.

A corm is an underground swollen stem tissue that is often called a bulb. They can be small like a crocus corm (not edible) or large like the several-pound taro corm. Like the corms, true bulb onions and garlic have a basal plate of stem tissue at the base that grows roots down and edible storage leaves up. Instead of throwing away the basal plate section of the onion, set it in a shallow dish of water and it will probably grow new leaves and roots.

Rhizomes are stems growing sideways just under the soil surface. The ginger root you get at the store is actually a rhizome. Rhizomes have nodes along their length that like the tuber can be cut into pieces to grow several new plants.

The term "stalk" can be confusing. It can describe any supporting structure on a plant, animal or object. An asparagus stalk is actually a stem that grows from



a crown. The celery stalk is a leaf petiole that grows from a crown. The celery crown is chopped in half in the farm field and the bottom half with the roots is left in the field. If there is enough crown stem tissue at the base of the part you purchase, it may grow new leaves and roots if you set it in a shallow dish of water. The base of a head of cabbage is stem tissue that may also grow this way.

You don't have to wait for a science fair to start growing your own vegetables from table scrap stems.

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DESIGN RECIPES

Tile on trend

You're looking to retile your kitchen or bathroom and are at a loss as to which color tile to choose. As a tile choice can often make or break a room, the dilemma is understandable. What is

CATHY HOBBS on trend? One trend and color palette we have spotted repeatedly recently does seem pervasive: the colors white and gray.

While this may not surprise you and may even seem to be a bit bland, there are some advantages — namely its timeless appeal and neutrality. We have spotted this color palette from kitchen countertops to backsplashes and bathrooms. Here are some ways to make the right selection for your next renovation project.

- 1. Select the slab in person when it comes to large surfaces such as a countertop or overscale backsplash. In many instances, a customer can visit a stone yard in person to make their own selection.
- 2. Be aware of background color and shades. Not all whites and grays blend together, so be sure to place tiles side by side to ensure color matching.
- 3. Consider using tile on larger surfaces to create an interesting wall feature.
- 4. Mix patterns. It is not unusual to have one pattern on the wall and another on a floor.
- 5. Consider mosaic and glass tiles. If you choose this route, be sure to hire an installer.
- 6. Select a custom grout color. This is often an overlooked design element.
- 7. Choose rectangular tiles as opposed to those that are square for a more modern look.
- 8. Consider using tile to introduce both texture and color into a space.
- 9. Look for interesting ways to lay tile in a pattern.
- 10. Consider pairing tile that is dissimilar but of the same color palette to add interest and depth.

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Calacatta marble is used on a large surface kitchen island.



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Darker veined white and gray marble is used as a blacksplash in this kitchen and paired with a charcoal gray countertop.

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PLUMBER

Shedding some light on kitchen lighting questions

Question: Ed: We're doing a kitchen remodel to include light fixtures and I have a few questions. What is pendant lighting? Is it different

ED DEL GRANDE from chandelier lighting? If so, how do the costs compare and are there advantages to pendant light-

ing fixtures?

- Gail, Michigan

Answer: From conversations I've had with lighting sales-people, the basic explanation on a pendant light seems to be that it hangs from the ceiling and through a various length wire, tube or chain, it supports only one decorative light.

This may differ from a chandelier that can support multiple lights on a single fixture. But definitions can be open for discussion, since lighting is a huge category with many variations.

As far as pendant light costs compared to chandeliers, you need to compare apples to apples and with that, chandeliers may cost more per fixture. However, you may need a few pendant fixtures in place of one chandelier light. For custom lighting, strategically placed pendant lights can have advantages.

Finally, for a bright idea you can even group several pendant lights for a fun chandelier-like look.

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A pendant light hangs from the ceiling and through a various length wire, tube or chain, it supports only one decorative light.

DEAR MONTY

Family real estate transactions need independent guidance

brothers, Bill and Jerry.
Bill and Jerry purchased a property together in October 2016. Bill, with his wife, also bought a property in Sep-

RICHARD MONTGOMERY tember 2019.
Jerry and I are looking to buy a property together. We plan

to sell Bill and Jerry's property
to buy this property. Here are
my questions: 1) Do we need to
sell the property that Bill purchased in September 2019 before three years have elapsed?
Bill purchased the second
property for tax benefit purposes. 2) Let's say the property
Bill and Jerry will like
different answers bec
tax code bases taxes of
individual's circumst
Length of ownership
one of many question
would be best to have
certified public accor
(CPA) answer your qu
as there would likely to
taxes to consider on a
That person will also
ditional information.

Jerry's property). How much do Bill and Jerry owe in terms of taxes?

Monty's Answer: Thanks for reaching out with your tax questions. Unfortunately, I cannot answer your questions. The U.S. Tax Code is a complicated document, and you must answer many questions to reach a conclusion. Bill and Jerry will likely have different answers because the tax code bases taxes on each individual's circumstances. Length of ownership is only one of many questions. It would be best to have a local certified public accountant (CPA) answer your questions as there would likely be state taxes to consider on a sale. That person will also need ad-

This arrangement sounds peculiar

You did not ask me for advice on the transaction you and Jerry contemplate. Still, I feel obligated to share my observations about the information you shared with me. A seasoned investor would not have asked me for the answers. It doesn't feel like a transaction a sophisticated real estate investor would undertake. You state that a new property you and Jerry would buy is worth \$1,800,00. I suspect you meant \$1,800,000. Assuming that \$1.8 million is correct, have you and Jerry agreed upon the percentage of ownership each of you would have? Are you going to match Jerry's contribution to keep the ownership percentages equal at

50/50? Is the property Jerry and Bill own free and clear? Is that partnership a 50/50 deal? Jerry will get \$400,000 of the sale proceeds if it is free and clear of a mortgage. You will need to come up with \$400,000 of your own funds. And then, you and Jerry will still need to borrow \$1 million unless you are putting up the million or some lesser amount in cash.

Consider outside guidance

The way you have described this venture raises the question in my mind as to whether you all have representation guiding you. As you described it in your question, the deal does not appear to be financially advantageous unless you were all on a winning lottery ticket. Assuming the investment Jerry and Bill made

together is performing well, why would they sell it if only one of them is joining in the new venture? If they are selling because it isn't performing well, is \$800,000 realistic? If loans are being made between the three of you to make the new project work, those loans also have their tax consequences. It simply doesn't sound easy, even before you get to borrowing the million dollars.

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With accessories you can take your favorite place setting from a reindeer forest theme to a fresh outdoor garden look quicker than a dinner guest can say pass the salt.

How to transition your tables for spring

y, my, my, how the tables have turned... turned into spring, that is. I love a time of transition, especially when it comes to tabletops.

As sea-

KATIE LAUGHRIDGE sons end, I

sometimes find myself not quite ready to put away my favorite dishes and place settings. This is when the fun begins, and the creativity starts to flow. I've gone back into our photo archives from 2019 to show how a few simple moves can create a whole new seasonal look while still using some of

One of the biggest ways to transition a tabletop is by transitioning your tex-

the same plates.

tiles. A change of a table runner, tablecloth and napkin can not only transform your table, but it's a great foundation on which to build the rest of your look. As we move toward springtime, we trade our heavy and dark holidayhued traditional plaids for fresher alternatives, like simple black-and-white designs that support a lighter, brighter color scheme. A small change can completely change how your plates look, and to me it is especially obvious with the cabbage leafinspired plates. They look so at home on my winter table, and when I see them in my spring settings, I wonder how I would ever see them in any other way. Now is also the time to

break out the floral patterns, leafy greens and sky blues that have been hibernating all winter.

After textiles, I like to focus on changing up my chargers and accessories. With accessories, you can take your favorite place setting from a reindeer forest theme to a fresh outdoor garden look quicker than a dinner guest can say pass the salt. Without all the fanfare that accompanies the holidays, it is the perfect time to switch your sparkled and intricate chargers for natural alternatives, like wood and marble, to create a clean and simple backdrop for your dishes. Speaking of simple, while we tend to bust out our show-stopping holiday



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A few simple moves can create a whole new seasonal look while still using some of the same plates.

starts to peak through, I crave a simple and bright table. By editing down some of your dish selections, you will have a better canvas for the fresh accessories that come along with spring. Once you've traded out your evergreen wreaths for

tricky, I like to think of them as a great challenge and a segue into the next big change of home decor.

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BEST OF TREASURES

Expressive Vicari bust is an impressive find

This marble bust is signed "Vicari." It has been in the family for at least 100 years. We are trying to determine the value. Are you able to help us?

Thank you, B. A.

HELAINE FENDELMAN AND JOE ROSSON **Dear B. A.:**Busts like
this one made
by European
sculptors from
the early years

of the 20th century are not uncommon. Most are rather vapid, soulless representations of young women and look like they could have been cranked out by the dozen.

more easily carved than more easily

This one, however, is different because the portrait of a young woman in a jaunty hat covering springy curls shows a person with a small mouth and deep, expressive eyes. The clothing is rather conventional for this sort of bust, but the face and expression are engaging.

The artist who crafted the piece was Cristoforo Vicari (the large "C" is lightly superimposed over the "V" in Vicari). Vicari was born in 1848 in the Swiss municipality of Caslano, which is in the Canton area of Ticino (which looks a bit like a long beak thrust into Northern Italy).

Vicari studied art at the Academy of Fine Arts of Brera in Milan. After completing his studies, Vacari worked for a time in Zurich. At some point, he came to Lugano, Switzerland, where he worked, exhibited and died in 1913.

range.

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B. A. can find a listing for Vicari in Emmanuel Benezit's Dictionnaire des Peintres, Sculpteurs, Dessinateurs et Graveurs, which was first published in French between 1911 and 1923. Several editions have been printed since then, including one in 1999, which has the Vacari's listing on page 207 of Vol. 14.

An English edition was published in 2006. The reference set is considered one of the most important and seminal sources for information on professional artists.

In his letter, B. A. refers to the piece as having been made from marble, and it very well may have been. But we have also found references to similar busts made from alabaster. Alabaster is a relatively soft form of translucent gypsum and is much more easily carved than marble, which is metamorphosed limestone.

We do not know which mineral this one happens to be, but we are not sure it matters all that much for the purposes of today's question. Value is the question here, and we can report a similar piece was sold at Hart Galleries in Houston in August 2004 for \$1,500. Unfortunately, that was a long time ago, and more current sales figures seem to suggest the price has declined.

In recent years, large, important Vicari sculptures have sold for more than \$100,000 at auction, but his smaller more commercial efforts do appear to be down a bit. But at about 18 inches tall we still feel the piece should retail in the \$1,500 to \$2,000 range.

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