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HOME OF THE WEEK

**251 LaCosta Lane,
Dakota Dunes, SD
\$550,000**

Lovely LaCosta Lane, 3044 total SF custom built ranch townhome on a private lot backing up to greenway. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, and 3 stall epoxy floor garage. Hardwood floors in living room & kitchen, granite countertops, heated tile in primary suite, LL suite w/ laundry, plus main floor laundry and great storage space. HOA handles all the exterior work \$250/mo.



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STYLE AT HOME

Holiday style 2022: NOSTALGIC NOEL



Many elements and textures come together to make this tabletop stand out.

KATIE LAUGHRIDGE
Tribune News Service

Certain elements of a holiday look give us that Christmas feeling. Images of holly and mistletoe, twinkling trees and vintage Santas are what I conjure in my mind when thinking of holidays past, and Nostalgic Noel is a look that delivers in spades for me. Classic but fun, this Christmas decor delivers whimsical vibes at every glance.

Because the space features a very traditional home color, and this is an exceptionally fun traditional Christmas look, we knew

it was a match made in heaven. Don't fret, this is a look that will blend with the colors you already have in your home as well.

Nostalgic Noel Christmas tree design

Showstopping colors are featured throughout this color palette. First to greet your eye are the punchy reds, followed by the tinsel-inspired silvers and a mix of bright whites. The red-and-gold ribbon elevates the tree from kitsch to elegant and could create a totally different feeling if used



HANDOUTS/TNS

Punchy reds, silvers and bright whites are the color story of the Nostalgic Noel look.

somewhere else. This tree makes great use of picks, and the holly and berries used here give it a real Christmas feel.

One of my favorite details that sets this vignette apart for me are the use of the classic bubble lights. They instantly remind me of my grandfather and a sweet story from his childhood that included them. He and Grandma still feature bubble lights on a small tree every year, though they no longer use the original set.

Nostalgic Noel holiday decor

Walking into this room feels like immersing myself into a vintage postcard. The decor is full of fun retro shapes amid classic elements, like the bottlebrush trees and wreaths that are always a customer favorite. A spindly tree with cheery white berries is the perfect addition to a tabletop or buffet. This decor would be a fun theme

in which to incorporate nontraditional Christmas colors, like a showstopping teal alongside the standard greens and reds of the season.

This holiday look acts as a cherry on top in an already delectable room. Trees, jovial Santas and frosted snowmen are tucked among the existing chinoiserie and refinery for a full look, creating Christmas vignettes wherever you turn. Paring down this design a little to fit your space does nothing to dull its shine. Thoughtfully placed elements like the two retro gold trees atop the buffet are enough to carry the continuity of the nostalgic Christmas feeling from the tree to the dining room.

Nostalgic Noel tabletop design

This place setting is full of new traditional elements, down to the cheery Christmas color palette. Standard white dishes are the base

of the design, and red and green accents in the dinner and salad plates are easily added for some seasonal fun. There are many textures at play in this tablescape that make it feel cozy and warm, like the block print on the napkins to the bold pink hand-painted cane designs on the drinking glasses.

Items are placed at varying heights for the tabletop centerpiece. An airy white tree is the backdrop for Santa's sleigh about to take flight in the midline focal point. Bottlebrush Christmas trees stand at attention, sprinkled throughout the tabletop. This centerpiece feels full without overcrowding the table and could be effortlessly re-created at home with even fewer elements for an easier sight line from seat to seat.

This room is a joy to be in during the holidays, and I hope it inspired you to bring out a few of those well-worn and well-loved pieces for a little piece of Nostalgic Noel in your own home.

ASK ANGI

What projects can I do this winter?

PAUL F. P. POGUE
Tribune News Service

The colder months after the holidays, especially January and February, will be here before you know it. These tend to be times when we put a lot of home maintenance out of mind. But winter can be an excellent time for home renovations. Pros are less busy, certain supplies experience less demand and thus cost less, and you're not likely to be planning big events around your home for a while after New Year's. Read on for six renovations you can start preparing right now.

Home addition

Average cost: \$80-\$200 per square foot

Adding a new room or rooms likely tops the list of things you didn't think you could or should do in the colder months. But winter provides several advantages for building additions. Humidity is low, and the ground is very dry, which makes the work easier for remodelers. Plus, it's easier to protect exposed sections from snow than rain, so your pro will spend less time keeping the elements out of your work.

Install hardwood flooring

Average cost: \$3,000

As with home additions, the cool, dry air provides considerable advantages for flooring work. This climate allows adhesive to dry more quickly and prevents gapping between freshly placed boards.

Flooring receives a great deal of wear and tear during the holidays, so this may already be on your mind. You'll also see an immediate benefit, as new hardwood provides better insulation than worn-out flooring.

For a less intensive remodel, you can refinish an existing floor, which gets the same benefits from the cool, dry air and costs about \$1,800.

Bathroom remodeling

Average cost: \$11,000

Bathroom remodeling is quite popular in winter, and it's no wonder. After all the use it gets and the guests who've been in and out of your house, you may have been considering how you want it to look

in 2023. So, it's a great time to update that bathroom with new fixtures, tubs and sinks, or even a complete overhaul. The cost of your remodel will, of course, depend heavily on the extent of your plans.

Interior painting

Average cost: \$2,000

You probably don't want to put a new coat of paint on your exterior walls in February, but winter is an excellent time for interior painting and giving your rooms a quick spruce-up. Once again, lower humidity plays a role. Paint tends to dry more quickly and evenly in low-humidity conditions, so whether you're hiring or DIYing the work, you'll probably get it done faster.

As a bonus, whatever furniture you need to move around to finish the work will give you a head start on spring cleaning.

Finish a basement

Average cost: \$18,400

Winter makes the job more manageable if you've been thinking about turning that stone-walled basement into a comfortable living area, game room, craft zone, or just plain hang-out space. Basements are prone to mold, but the cooler temperatures make that less of a problem and thus one less thing for remodelers to look out for. In a few days or weeks, you can turn a beat-up storage area into a part of your home you look forward to spending time in!

Re-insulate your home

Average cost: \$5,800

Insulation provides one of the most vital lines of defense for keeping hot and cold air on the right sides of your walls. Renewing your insulation could make a significant difference in both comfort and energy bills all year round. And winter isn't too late to get this work done. Talk to an insulation contractor who can analyze your space, offer you the best options and figure out where you're most losing air. Your cost will be most affected by which insulation material you select.

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



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DESIGN RECIPES

Pretty in pink

CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

Fresh and fun, pastel or bold, pink is one of the most versatile and luxurious colors in the spectrum. Pink can be dressed up or dressed down. And it's also gender-neutral, allowing for use in nearly any room of a home from social areas such as living rooms to children's bedrooms.

What are some ways to make your home or space pretty in pink? Here are some top tips.

DO'S

Do blend tints, tones and shades of pink to sprinkle hints of color throughout a space.

Do use texture to incorporate pink, such as toss pillows, drapery, throws and textiles such as area rugs.

Do use wall art and wall coverings such as wallpaper to introduce pink and pink tones into a room.

Do pair soft shades of pink such as pastel with dark colors such as black, brown or navy to create a sense of contrast.

Do use pink as a foundation for a room's color story.

DON'TS

Don't ignore the opportunity to use pink in social areas such as living or dining rooms.

Don't add too many different shades of pink in the same room to avoid a clash of color.

Don't be afraid to use pink in spaces you wish to feel gender-neutral. Pink can be used successfully in these spaces.

Don't overlook opportunities to introduce pink in unexpected ways such as accessories and florals.

Don't be afraid to use deep shades of pink such as hot pink and richer tones.

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Shades of pink, highlight this teen bedroom.

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PLUMBER

Let your toilet work for you

ED DEL GRANDE
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Question: Ed: I'm installing a new toilet and because of your previous toilet tip columns, we plan to get a high-efficiency model. Along with water-saving options, what are some other working options that we can include with our new toilet?

— Brent, Rhode Island

Answer: A quality high-efficiency toilet can flush with power and save you water. That's a good working option, and along those lines, here are a few other toilet options that can also "work" for you:

1. Toilets that clean as

you flush

Load the special tablets into the built-in tank activator system when needed. Then, just flush as you go to add cleaning power to your bowl. Some toilets even feature a slippery clear coating on the bowl surface to help with the flush and wash concept of these toilets.

2. Wider footprint toilet

Flared styling at the base of these toilets can help cover old floor marks from a previous toilet.

3. Semi-skirted toilet bowl

Inspired by the full-skirted models, concealed trapway or semi-skirted toilets feature some smooth

flat areas on the outside of the bowl for easier cleaning. But unlike most full-skirted toilets, no extra installation requirements are usually needed for these versatile and attractive toilets — proving once again that a miniskirt can be an eye-catching option.

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Replace old windows with block windows for security

JAMES DULLEY

Here's How

Dear Jim: My windows are old and not secure. I like the security of glass block windows. Are they efficient and are there designs that open for natural ventilation?—Donna H.

Dear Donna: There are several reasons glass block windows are more secure than standard double-pane glass windows. Although it is possible to hammer your way through glass block windows, it certainly is much more difficult and noisy than breaking through standard pane glass windows.

If the individual blocks are mounted with concrete between them, this makes it even more difficult to get through. For the greatest security, completely solid glass blocks are available. These are less energy efficient than standard hollow glass blocks and are very heavy to install. These are more often used in high-security commercial applications.

Although most people think glass blocks are solid, most residential blocks are actually hollow. Two hollow halves are fused together under high heat. Once they are sealed and cool down, the air inside them contracts. This creates a partial vacuum which increases their insulation and efficiency.

Another efficient option is plastic blocks which look identical to glass blocks. They are often molded from acrylic plastic and are also hollow for efficiency and lighter weight. Acrylic plastic does not yellow over time and its natural properties block nearly all the sun's UV (ultraviolet) fading rays.

Both glass and plastic blocks now have high-efficiency features of regular windows. For example, low-emissivity coatings are deposited on the inside surface of the block before it is fused together. This helps to keep heat indoors during winter and the sun's heat out during summer.

The most efficient plastic block win-



dows have a film stretched in between the two halves. This creates two dead air spaces inside the block. A low-emissivity coating is deposited on this film to produce R-3 insulation.

During summer, block windows act like mini-louveres to reduce the sun's heat. The concrete, or other opaque material, in between the blocks creates shade, particularly on south-facing windows when the sun is high in the sky. During winter, the rays from the lower sun shine through for solar heating.

There are several options for ventilation through a block window. One is to replace several of the blocks with a narrow horizontal awning window which can be opened. The small opening is too small for someone to crawl through.

Another ventilation option is to install a casement window made entirely of plastic blocks. This swings open similar to a standard casement window and has multiple latches for security. This type of block window is installed just like a standard replacement window in the existing wall opening. I installed a Hy-Lite plastic one in my own garage.

The following companies offer glass and plastic block windows: Circle Redmont, (800) 358-3888, www.circledredmont.com; Hy-Lite Products, (888) 256-2599, www.hy-lite.com; Pacific Glass Block, (888) 522-4527, www.pacificglassblock.com; and Seves Glass Block, (877) 738-3711, www.sevesglassblock.com.

Dear Jim: We are remodeling our kitchen and getting all new appliances.

Although most people think glass blocks are solid, most residential blocks are actually hollow. Two hollow halves are fused together under high heat. Once they are sealed and cool down, the air inside them contracts. This creates a partial vacuum which increases their insulation and efficiency.

We want to be as efficient as possible. Does it make much difference where we locate the various appliances in the kitchen?—Randy P.

Dear Randy: The location does have an impact on the cost to operate kitchen appliances. The most important factor though is still the efficiency of the appliance itself. Select ones which are Energy Star qualified.

Locate the refrigerator in the coolest location. This means not in the direct sun from a window or next to the range or oven. Locate the range or oven away from drafts (window or door) which might carry away heat. Locate countertop areas near natural light sources.

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ASK THE PLUMBER

Another choice to consider when installing multiple water filters

ED DEL GRANDE
Tribune News Service

Question: Ed: For cooking and drinking water we have a water filter at our kitchen faucet and a second filter on our refrigerator ice maker line. I would like to add a third filter for showering. Do they make water filters for showerheads?

— Tony, Massachusetts

Answer: First, I'd like to mention that filtering water to several home plumbing fixtures could also be accomplished with a whole-house water filter. A professionally installed whole-house water filter can be piped in on the house side of a plumbing system and installed according to local codes.

Since these water filters are usually located on a central cold water line inside your home, multiple fixtures may benefit from this one larger water filter setup. In many cases this could be a more convenient solution over having a few separate point-of-use water filters located throughout a home.

But if you feel that for some reason a whole-house water filter may not be your best option, I do have good news.

Getting back to your original question, dedicated showerhead water filters are available. These special shower stall water filters come in many styles and price ranges to fit most shower fixture setups, including hand showers.

Bottom line: If you're looking to filter the water that cleans you up in the shower, explore all your home water filter options first before making a clear choice.

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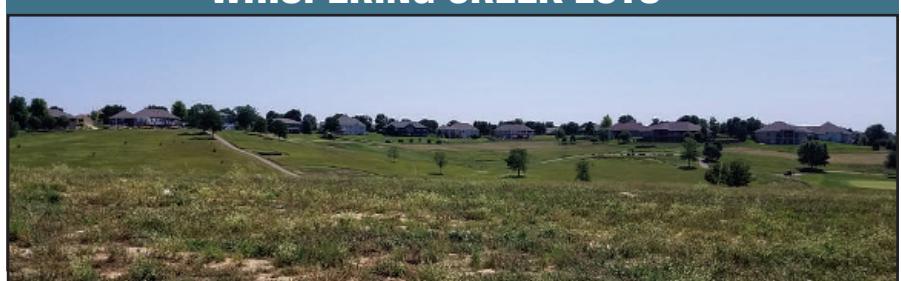
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What home services can I buy as gifts?

BRIGITTA SHANNON ROSE

Tribune News Service

Holidays mean family, friends, food and gift-giving. If you're looking to give unique presents this year, consider buying your loved ones things they can use in their homes. Here are 12 great gift suggestions for homeowners this year.

Contact your pro for the best way to give a service as a gift. In some cases, you can buy the service directly; other pros offer gift certificates.

Indoor and outdoor lighting

Changing the lighting scheme in a home can give it a fresh, new look. Whether installing inset or track lighting in your kitchen or bathrooms or adding lights to your deck, a professional can help you safely and efficiently brighten your surroundings. Check with electrical pros to see what services they offer as gifts for others.

Heating and cooling service

Pros recommend having your HVAC system serviced at least twice a year. Mak-

ing sure the filters are new and ensuring the AC and furnace are in tip-top shape are essential to keeping a climate-controlled environment in your home. Many HVAC pros offer yearly service contracts, which themselves can make an excellent gift.

Another way to help maintain a steady temperature is through a programmable thermostat. While you can do this yourself, hiring a professional ensures the system works properly with minimal complications.

Gutter cleaning

Clogged gutters can lead to bigger problems with leaks and water damage, so cleaning them out is a necessary task for any homeowner. Purchasing this service for your loved one keeps them off their roof while saving them time and energy, so they can enjoy their autumn and spring fun.

Snow removal services

'Tis the season for snow (in some regions), and shoveling takes time and energy you might not have to spare. A snowblower can help alleviate some physical

demands of clearing the fluffy white stuff from your sidewalks. But having a snow removal service do the work for you saves you time and physical effort (vital for those who experience mobility issues). Look for a professional to provide this service to your loved ones this holiday season.

Landscaping and lawn care service

While the snow is falling, we don't always think of our spring green lawns. But the seasons change, and soon the grass will need tending to. Setting up a company to take care of your loved one's lawn now will save them time and money once the seasons change. Also, if someone plans some landscaping changes once warmer weather arrives, you can give them a head start with a gift card from a local landscaping company.

Cleaning service

A clean house brings tranquility and order to one's mind. And the gift of a clean home can mean a lot to people who are on the go or suffer from mobility or



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Giving housecleaning as a holiday gift means less hassle after holiday parties.

health issues. Cleaners provide a variety of options for helping keep a tidy home. Maid services can range from wiping down surfaces to deep cleaning, while window washing professionals can keep your windows bright and shiny. Carpet cleaners help remove the deep-down dirt in your carpets and rugs, giving your feet a healthy place to tread in the home.

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