

Tabletop Treasures

Get ready for the entertaining season with these additions for your table.



- 1. **Antler bowl**, \$225. (706) 509-9244 or thecowpelt.com.
- 2. **Acacia wood cloche**, \$89. Visit markandgraham.com.
- 3. **Silver mint julep cups (pair)**, \$65. Visit mrsalice.com.
- 4. **DII black buffalo check 70" round tablecloth**, \$44. (855) 438-8585 or riverbendhome.com.

- 5. **Tank whiskey glasses, copper x2**, \$90. Visit tomdixon.net.
- 6. **Blue/white humble daisy tea towel**, \$12. (855) 396-6100 or lauraashleyusa.com.
- 7. **Home welcoming table sign**, \$26. (469) 638-3376 or originalbarn.com.
- 8. **Farmhouse pottery yellowware pitcher**, \$165. Visit westontable.com.
- 9. **One-of-a-kind roasted maple board**, \$429. Visit poldersoldworldmarket.com.
- 10. **Provence rattan circle tray**, \$215. (888) 501-8101 or tnuck.com.

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Autumn Accessories

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1. **Bundle of 3 dried natural pampas grass**, 40-48", \$36. Visit afloral.com.
2. **Autumn harvest copper wall sign**, \$38. Visit antiquefarmhouse.com.
3. **Watercolor fall leaves throw pillow**, \$20. Visit laurenulrichart.com.
4. **Fall garden pillow**, \$194. (718) 388-4188 or coralandtusk.com.
5. **Monhegan cotton throw**, \$245. (800) 545-9347 or brahmsmount.com.
6. **The four seasons tea towel, fall** \$18. Visit littlethingsstudio.com.
7. **Alpaca throw blanket, gold rush**, \$129. Visit shupaca.com.
8. **Matte ceramic pumpkin tureen with ladle**, \$64.99. Visit kirklands.com.
9. **Felt pumpkin décor**, \$29. (800) 323-8000 or thecompanystore.com.
10. **Blue and white porcelain pumpkins**, starting at \$50. Visit enchantedhome.com.



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Vintage Vision

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A vintage color scheme and antique details arrive at the first finished space in our Project House in Louisiana, and bring fresh perspective to the historic buildings.

In the dining room, Sara continues to tell a vintage story, particularly with the antique table. "It has storage underneath," she says. "Back in the 1930s, everything was crafted on a smaller scale, so you had to use every square inch wisely. I imagine that the resident of this villa might've had a similar table and used the bottom portion to store dishes and linens." Wallpaper and serveware from Laura Ashley complement the table, while an overhead light from Barn Lighting Electric Co. adds a pop of color and brings the eye upward.

IN FULL BLOOM

Florals can work in every space, from a city flat to a country cottage.

And no one does them quite like Laura Ashley. Penne Cairoli, President of Laura Ashley, shares with us how to create a beautifully-designed room inspired by florals.

- **MEET AND GREET.** First, find a focal print. "Start by selecting a master floral print for the space that mirrors the colors, textures and complexity of your floral inspiration," Penne says. Look for designs that evoke the same feeling as your inspiration, then complement this main print with other patterns through wallpaper, curtains, upholstery, rugs and pillows.
- **HARMONY.** Textures in your space should strike a harmonious balance of hard and soft elements. "While we embrace unapologetic feminine, romantic style, every room needs balance," Penne says. "Begin with mixing materials. Offset hardwood or tile flooring with soft rugs in shades of your signature print."
- **COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES.** "Choosing colors can be intimidating," Penne says. "Pull out three principal colors with the same hue and intensity from the original floral inspiration." A successful scheme can have a limited palette with various tones of one color: sky blue, periwinkle and navy, for example.
- **PATTERN PLAY.** Use patterns to add personality to your space. "Just as in nature, blooms are the perfect print, coordinating beautifully with solid colors as they do with checks, stripes or geometric prints," Penne says.
- **GESTURE WITH TEXTURE.** Whatever your design style, everything will come alive as you add texture. "Choosing fabrics with different textures gives the room elegance and character, while layering rugs, curtains, cushions and throws adds dimension," Penne says. "Look to nature and your original floral inspiration to guide the finishing touches."



Happy yellows and soothing blues envelope the first of the newly-renovated Villas at Spanish Court. The historic 130-year-old property contains three buildings with eight different "villas," or efficiency apartments. *American Farmhouse Style* has teamed up with our sister magazine *Cottages and Bungalows* to document the restoration process, as Sara McDaniel of Simply Southern Cottage brings these buildings back to life.

And now we have our first (almost) finished space. This villa has been dubbed The Laura in honor of its sponsor, Laura Ashley. "Everything is driven by a yellow and blue color scheme and the feminine floral print of the wallpaper," says Sara. "It embodies the Laura Ashley aesthetic."



The kitchen is still a work in progress, but the bones are in place, including cheery yellow cabinets, new wood floors from Mullican Flooring and charming blue lights from Barn Light Electric Co. The archways are original to the villa, and some had to be reconstructed when Sara's team started the restoration process.

GROUND FLOOR

There's nothing quite like vintage-inspired hardwood flooring. It's the foundation for any farmhouse and mixes both contemporary and antique elements. Pat Oakley, vice president of Mullican Flooring, shares how Mullican helped find the right flooring for The Laura villa and what to consider when looking for vintage-inspired flooring for your own home.

- **COMPLETELY FLOORED.** Restorations call for vintage flooring. "While this look can be achieved by using reclaimed wood planks, they can be quite expensive and challenging to obtain," Pat says. "The vintage look is more easily accomplished by using new flooring, and comes with additional surface treatments that give it the aged appearance of old wood."
- **HICKORY DICKORY.** The floor for this villa is Hadley Hickory Stone engineered hardwood from Mullican Flooring. The company worked with Sara to provide durable flooring that's beautiful as well as authentic to the original design of the villa.
- **RARE SPECIES.** Wood species that work well for vintage style include hickory and maple. Hickory is one of the hardest wood species, making it a great investment for a long-lasting floor. Its striking grain patterns add old-world character, and it's naturally light in color with dark accents through the knots and graining. Maple is also a hard-wearing species that offers a delicate grain pattern with naturally pale, blonde undertones.
- **WALK THE PLANK.** "Homeowners can take the vintage look a step further by choosing wood planks enhanced with surface treatments, such as hand scraping or wire brushing," Pat says. Since original wood floors in historic homes were often installed using planks of uneven widths and lengths, you can emulate that authenticity by choosing flooring that comes pre-sorted into different widths and lengths.



(above, right) Sara's original plan for the backsplash was to save the original tile, but then tragedy struck. "When we were installing the countertop, the tile shattered into a million pieces," she says. So now the kitchen waits for plan B, a new kitchen backsplash.



RIGHT LIGHT

The industrial-inspired light fixtures by Barn Lighting Electric Co. in this villa show how lighting can transform a room. Samantha Decker, director of marketing and customer relations, shares her expertise for picking the right fixtures for your home.

- **FOR THE KITCHEN:** As the heart of your home, the correct lighting in your kitchen is key. Besides installing overhead lighting for a bright space, "Pendant lights are a great way to add character to your kitchen island and spread light evenly across a long surface, while also being very functional," Samantha says.
- **FOR THE DINING ROOM:** There's nothing like a dynamic chandelier over your table. "Chandeliers are an ideal choice for large dining room tables and create a wonderful focal point in the room," Samantha says.
- **FOR THE BATHROOM:** Wall mounted fixtures, such as wall sconces, can go either above the mirror or on either side of the mirror to focus the light on you when you stand in front of the vanity.
- **FOR THE BEDROOM:** It's always important to layer your lighting, so when you think of your bedroom, make sure to outline various layers. "Overhead lighting as your main source, such as a handful of recessed lights; a main light in the center of the room, most people incorporate this lighting with use of a ceiling fan; then accented bedside lighting, such as a table lamp, works well," Samantha says.

VISION FOR A VILLA

It's easy to imagine lingering at the dining table with a hot cup of morning coffee right before a busy day of sightseeing in the charming town of Minden, Louisiana. Sara added vintage details throughout the villa, with a cottage-industrial style light fixture from Barn Light Electric Co. and a table from the 1950s. "I love that the table is one-of-a-kind," Sara says. The new dining chairs and Laura Ashley tableware work as a tableau that's both vintage and fashion-forward.

QUAINT KITCHEN

Tranquil beauty continues in the kitchen. "The cabinet color is called Peaceful Yellow," Sara says. "It's bright and joyful and, along with the wallpaper, creates a happy, peaceful space." The color pairs well with the new Mullican Flooring hardwood floors, mimicking the original kitchen—but with modern conveniences like a dishwasher and microwave.

With the villa's character woven into the design and accented by timeless pieces, it looks almost ready for another addition to its story: guests.

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