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Rustic and Refined

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A mixture of old and new, elegant and cozy, this home exudes a charming style.

Visiting a flea market for the first time can open up a whole new world of décor possibilities. This was the case for Anita Joyce of Cedar Hill Farmhouse blog—when she first went to the Round Top Antique Show, it was a “revelation.” “You see this beautiful French bergère chair with a hay bale behind it,” she says. This combination of refined and rustic now characterizes Anita’s style, and when she worked with a builder to design her Houston, Texas home, she incorporated this dichotomy into every part of the process.

A repeating diamond motif shows up on the mantel and both cabinets flanking the fireplace. Anita’s mantelpiece vignette characteristically pairs ornate brass candleholders with homey, rustic pitchers, antlers and wood.



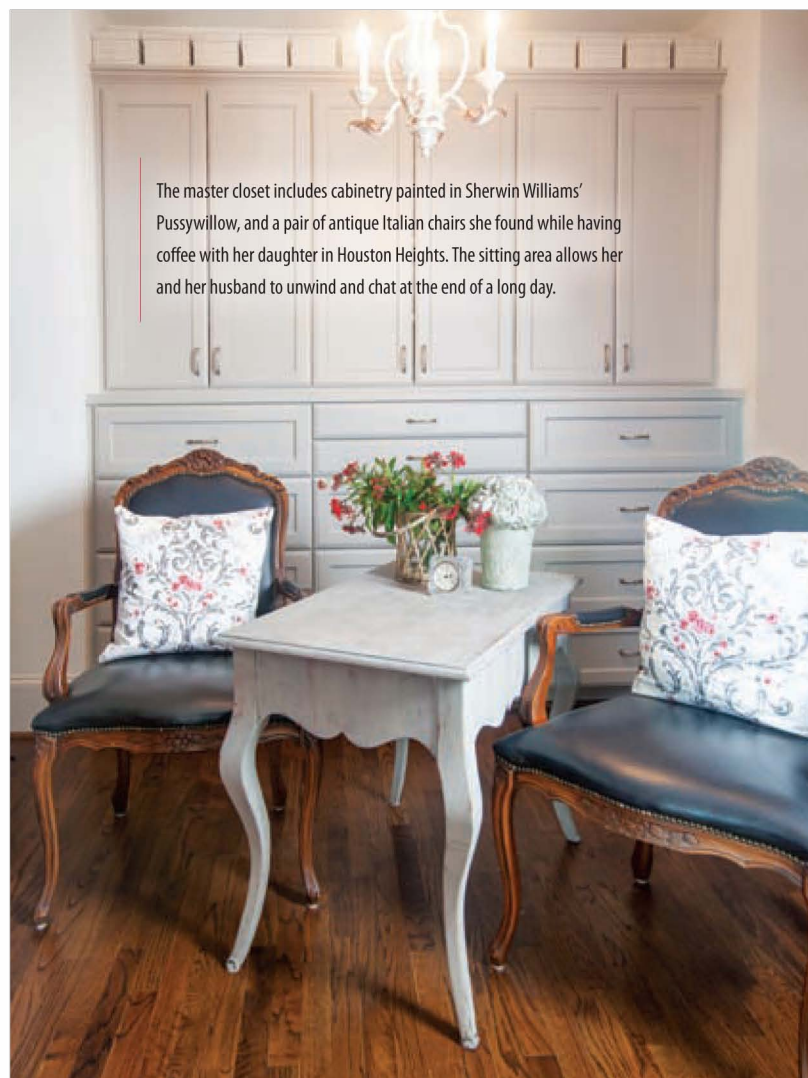
Anita's carpenter built the cabinetry so Anita can display her plates there as well as in the antique armoire.

Tip

To make your own pleated chair skirts, Anita recommends using a ruffler. "It makes the process really easy," she says.



Anita recovered an antique settee with grain sack material. A trio of antique Florentine nesting tables contributes to the elegance while a vintage champagne bucket doubling as a vase adds a playful touch.



The master closet includes cabinetry painted in Sherwin Williams' Pussywillow, and a pair of antique Italian chairs she found while having coffee with her daughter in Houston Heights. The sitting area allows her and her husband to unwind and chat at the end of a long day.

BUILDING BLOCKS

While the home was a new build, Anita worked to incorporate classic features along with modern conveniences. The exterior is Craftsman style, and for the interior, Anita wanted everything to be "classical, clean and white." Throughout the home, countertops of White River granite look classic and stand up well to life's messes. Traditional hexagonal tiles in the girls' bathroom also contribute to the classic feel.

The house is located near a historic district, so Anita and the builder picked out ceiling beams from a local salvage yard. The floors are also reclaimed wood, and the wooden textures bring in farmhouse warmth and a sense of age.

Anita also commissioned a carpenter, who created a recurring theme of diamond shapes on the mantel, the cabinetry bookending the fireplace, island cabinetry and details above the kitchen range. Working with a carpenter as part of the team building a house from scratch meant Anita could incorporate some of her own designs like pilasters on the island for an Old World architectural touch.

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Anita “had fun pulling this room together” with a mix of antique, vintage and new items. An antique olive jug, French chairs, vintage dishware and a new table and ottoman harmonize for French farmhouse character.



RIGHT. Classic floating shelves in the butler's pantry keep the room from feeling closed off. The Walker Zanger Grammercy Park subway tile is another classic choice.

BOTTOM. Anita sets textures in juxtaposition with a French pastry table, grain sack cloth and rusty wire basket for that inviting elegance that epitomizes her style.





Beautiful counter-to-ceiling glass front cabinets are perfect for storing and displaying dishware. Exposed beams and reclaimed oak flooring imbibe warmth while the chandeliers add sparkle.

She also incorporated an iron garden post she found into the stairway railing. While it wasn't built for this purpose, she persisted until the team found a way to make it work.

OLD WORLD DÉCOR

Anita's home includes many vintage and antique items, many with French and Italian Old World elegance. She pairs this style with nubby grain sacks and the clean simplicity of linen. In several rooms, Anita displays beautiful antique chairs and sofas with wood frames. She wanted to freshly cover the chairs without obscuring the wood, so she added linen slipcovers with holes along the edges to allow the frames to show through. On an antique settee in the master bedroom, she added a few strips of grain sack to give contrast and texture. The grain sack material also appears as pillowcases and decorative fabrics throughout the house.

While Anita loves the craftsmanship of old things, she's also adept at making new things look aged. "You can get an Old World look using new things," she says, which is more cost effective than buying expensive antiques. For instance, in one of the bedrooms, Anita painted shutters she bought at Home Depot, then "antiqued" them by distressing the paint so it has textured patina. Sometimes blending new pieces is a matter of style or material. Anita's attraction to grain sack texture means woven shades and oyster baskets feel at home here, whatever their age.

For all the décor in her home, Anita says, "The whole essence of my style is mixing refined with rustic." She infuses elegant pieces with rustic warmth with the help of details like "hand-blown bottles, breadboards, chippy paint" and "nubby materials and rusty elements."

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Anita made this bedspread and the linen slipcover on the antique armchair, which match the set from the living room.



This room also features several antiques like the bedframe, repurposed urns-turned-lamps, dancing statuettes and a mirror, alongside new pieces like a Laura Ashley pillow and dust ruffle bedspread from Pottery Barn.

Tip

To prevent a rusty antique bedframe from chipping on your bed linens, first scrub off the rust and then spray it with a sealer.



Anita displays several towels in the master bath. Clear jars for lavender bath salts and repurposed crates are full of farmhouse charm, while the linen-covered antique chair lends a clean yet luxurious profile.

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Old and new mix seamlessly in this room, from the antique lamps to the newly made “antiqued” shutters. When Anita threatened to get rid of the lamps, her daughter quickly said, “No! They look like paradise!”



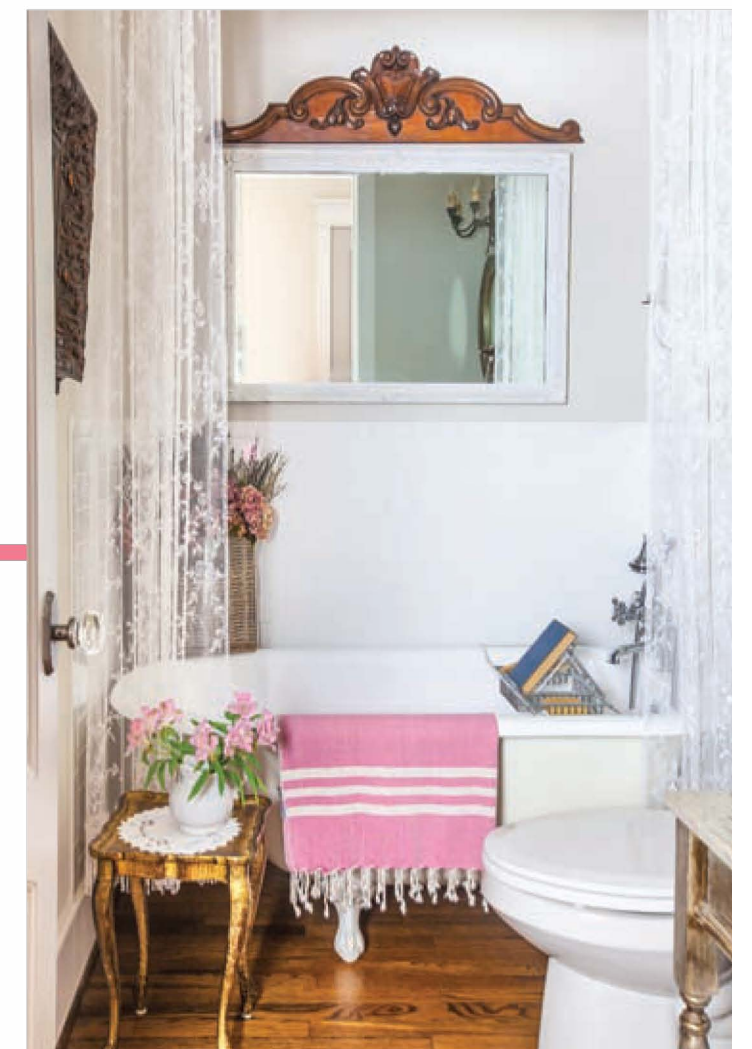
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Not everyone is a decorator, and often, it's hard to know where to start. Anita has recorded some of what she's learned through her work as a décor blogger and shop-owner in her book *French Accents*. Before developing a decorating plan, she suggests you first examine each room and offers a list of questions to get you started.

1. What is the first thing you notice about the room?
2. What feeling does it evoke?
3. Does it feel warm and inviting?
4. Is this a room you enjoy being in?
5. Does it feel dated?
6. What do you like about the room?
7. What would you like to change about the room?
8. Do you like the colors in the room?
9. Does the room feel cluttered?
10. Does the room flow or does it feel choppy?
11. Does it feel balanced?
12. Do the colors and patterns work together or feel like they are fighting?
13. Is the furniture functional for the room?
14. Is the furniture layout working for the room?

RIGHT, TOP. Anita loves those exquisite antique sconces, but she has not been able to find information about their provenance. The antique mirror, on the other hand, has a story. She got it with black painted on the frame and painted over it—not realizing until she met someone in France that the black paint was historic, too. When Napoleon III lost Alsace to Germany, the region's residents painted black on their furniture as a symbol of mourning.

RIGHT, BOTTOM. While the clawfoot tub and sink cabinetry may look vintage, they're actually new. An antique table and mirror, however, add authentic age.



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