



chapter 1

windows, floors, walls, and more

page 6 Set the style of your room by starting with the background. Painted finishes, wallpaper and stock molding, and traditional crafts, such as stenciling, stamping, and decoupage, all bring a personal touch to your living space.

furniture fix-ups



chapter 2

page 30 Give a new look to your faithful old furniture or recent garage sale finds with slipcovers, upholstery, or trim. Unfinished pieces take a turn at dressing up too. You'll also learn how to transform unusual objects into useful accessories.



chapter 3

bed and bath

page 48 Bedrooms and bathrooms are great places to go out on a decorating limb, show a bit of flair, and have fun with color and style. Unusual headboards, custom-painted linens, ribbon-trimmed towels, and other special touches take these rooms from so-so to so fantastic.



chapter 4

finishing touches

page 66 Pictures, pillows, and other personal items separate a real home from a cold, sterile show house. Learn how to make one-of-a-kind accessories in just a few hours. You'll even find ways to shed some light on your decorating scene with custom-designed lampshades.

simply wonderful windows



chapter 5

page 98 What to put on the windows isn't always an open-and-shut case. Turn plain panels from the discount store into stylish window treatments with the addition of a few trims. Valances add both color and a touch of privacy. Just for fun, consider indoor window boxes.



chapter 6

the great outdoors

page 118 For many families, the new living room is located outside the home's structural walls. Add color and fun to your outdoor areas, making them just as well-appointed and welcoming as the rooms inside.