

# Idea File

DECOR TIPS ON A DIME

**Why You Love Hobby Lobby**  
 For more than just craft supplies: Readers such as Danielle Byers go for the “awesome deals on cool decor” (ginger jar, \$26; towel ring, \$7)



**MAKE IT!**

## BIRCH BEAUTY

Perk up a plain planter with small squares of birch bark (\$5 for 10" by 10" sheet, save-on-crafts.com). Starting from the bottom, hot-glue wood pieces around the pot, making sure to layer each row over the one below it as shown.

**YOU ASKED**

## 4 Great... Loungers

Which new spruce-up-the-patio piece did most readers want for summer? Thirty percent picked lounge chairs. Check out these chic under-\$500 chaises



**1 POTTERY BARN**

**\$478** | Thanks to a moisture-resistant eucalyptus frame and comfy, cheery cushions, this chaise has real staying power

**2 OVERSTOCK**

**\$150** | A classic match-anything lounger, it easily folds for storage once summer's come and gone

**3 L.L.BEAN**

**\$400** | Tougher than treated wood: This Adirondack chair with footrest is crafted from recycled milk containers

**4 TARGET**

**\$300** | A streamlined Javanese-mahogany frame plus bright apple-green pillows give Smith & Hawken's lounger a fresh look

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**FREE  
WALL-  
PAPER**

**40 rolls of  
wallpaper**

Ten readers will win \$280 worth of wallpaper from the Candice Olson Collection for York Wallcoverings, shown here in Whisper (\$70 per roll)

GH Facebook fans most wanted HGTV's Candice Olson to address their decor dilemmas



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# Design, Refined

**Q** Help! My beige great room looks like the kitchen threw up oatmeal. How can I make it more exciting?

—Shelli Striker Green, via Facebook

**A** Think of beige as a backdrop for a spectacular room; all you need is a little contrast. A dark sofa or colorful drapes will pop against light walls, and a large painting or a grouping of art adds instant personality. Or, rev up a neutral room with wallpaper (*see left*) on an accent wall.

**A** This is the first-impression area, but no one lingers for long—so impact is key! Start from the ground up by laying down a multitone carpet in cool shades like blues or grays to contrast with the warmth of the floor; select one of those colors and use it to paint the wall. Then set the stage for a beautiful scene with a narrow console table for mail and keys, a pair of tall buffet lamps (*see below*), and a metallic-finish mirror.

**Q** How do I decorate an empty entryway that has pretty wood floors and not much else?

—Carol Moore Whitmore, via Facebook



**FREE  
LAMPS**

**Two lamps**

Up for grabs: One pair of these gorgeous hand-blown glass lamps (\$359 each) from Candice Olson for AF Lighting



**FREE  
PAINT**

**50 gallons of paint**

Pick a can of Benjamin Moore's Natura paint (\$57 per gallon)—a Green GH Seal holder with no VOCs—in one of Candice Olson Designer Picks Collection's hues