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Another stunning use of wood is in the kitchen. Amidst the crisp white walls, the range hood makes a serious statement. "The hood was the last thing to go up in the kitchen, and we redid it three times," Lauren says. "A hood is an essential part of every kitchen, obviously, and by using reclaimed wood, we were able to create this really cool, old-timey spectacle." The personal history of the wood also gives the new home old character and helps tell the family's story.

## A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN

Though Jeff and Sherrie love spending time together, they also like to have their own private spaces. One of Sherrie's favorite spots is her bathroom, which is hers alone. Lauren designed it as a female papering haven, with pale pink cabinets and hexagon tile flooring that were individually placed by hand.

Meanwhile, Jeff's office makes for a perfect and comfortable man cave. Lauren made



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How do take something that looks old and make it new? When it comes to traditional-style cabinets, all it takes is a pop of color to make it feel modern and fresh.

## **A RAINBOW OF COLOR**

Lauren and Sherrie used countless colors in this farmhouse, but it doesn't feel overwhelmed. Here are a few tips and tricks to help you refresh your home with a sprinkling of shades.

- **EMBRACE NEUTRALS.** Before you select your vibrant hues, consider your backdrop. You can easily introduce splashes of hot pink or neon orange within a calm environment of whites and creams.
- USE DARKS SPARINGLY. You can use subtle touches of brown, navy and black to transition from one space to another. These darker shades act as a palette cleanser before you step into the next room.
- ADD POPS OF PASTEL. Use blue, green and teal for a soothing effect, pink and violet for a romantic allure and orange and yellow for a sunny and upbeat vibe.
- SPREAD 'EM OUT. Lauren is a strong believer that the home should reflect its owners, and thus, her rule is thumb is to use what you love, no matter what. If it feels like too much in one or two rooms, just spread it out.
- MIX AND MATCH. Use bright hues with muted tones to create eye-catching contrast. But be careful when mixing different levels of saturation, as this can overwhelm the room.
- HAVE FUN WITH FABRICS. Use linens, drapes and other textiles to create softer cheer in your home. There are several patterns that speak to farmhouse style, such as paisley, floral and gingham.



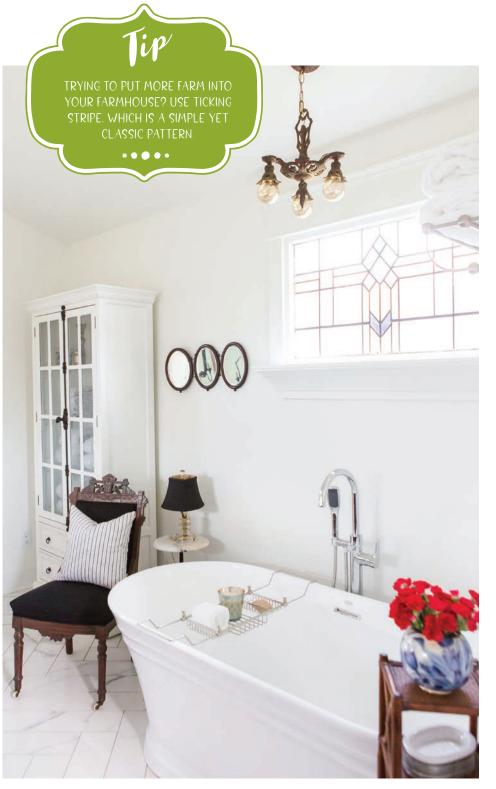
## **WORK & PLAY**

Lauren describes this project as one of her biggest labors of love. "Sherrie is a collector, so there were a lot of items that she wanted in the home," she says. "But she was also incredibly flexible in the way we used items and colors." For instance, they agreed that the washroom cabinets would be teal. Sherrie loves this color, but Lauren knows it can be loud and overwhelming in abundance. So they compromised by placing the color in a smaller room, and offsetting it with light-colored walls and flooring.

While no two rooms are alike, each one blends historic elements with the couple's perky and unequivocally individual sense of style. "It was so much fun working with Sherrie," Lauren says. "She had vintage cloth that became drapes and antique rugs with amazing patterns." And the creativity didn't end there. Lauren ordered chairs flown in from France and covered in crazy velvet material, adding a touch of glamour to the otherwise traditional farmhouse.

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(above) The master bathroom achieves a timeless look, blending traditional furniture with elegant accents. The claw foot tub is a classic choice, while the eccentric chair is an incredible exception to the traditional ambiance.

(left) "We wanted the armoire to stand out," Lauren says. "We made the rest of room light and bright, but we anchored the space with the dark bed frame and curtain rods."











(top left) "We knew that we would be sacrificing this space when the architect put elevation on the house," Lauren says. "But we were able to use gothic windows to open up the space." (above) Retro subway tile, vintage mirrors and pastel pink cabinets blend together in Sherrie's personal bathroom.

## THE FIFTH WALL

Lauren likes to think of the ceiling as a fifth wall, and indeed, a well-planned ceiling can make all the difference. Below, learn about the different ways to treat a ceiling and discover what works best in your own farmhouse.

- HIGH VS. LOW. Vaulted ceilings create a spacious, open-air quality, which is particularly useful in a smaller house. It's also a good choice if you like to play host. However, sometimes homeowners feel that a high ceiling backfires because it makes the house feel too big. So if you're going for a cozy and comforting vibe, consider using a low-hanging ceiling instead.
- PATTERNED VS. PLAIN. Add pattern and texture to the ceiling to upgrade a room from simple to sophisticated. This design strategy works well in rooms with monochromatic walls and minimalist furniture. On the other hand, rooms with funky furniture or wainscoting can feel overwhelmed by a busy ceiling. But that shouldn't stop you from playing with different shades of color.