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something different . . .

This edition is a departure from the usual OHJ lineup of departments and features (to return in the Oct./Nov. issue). Instead, it presents the contents of our annual Sourcebook, which normally has a large distribution to bookstores and newsstands. These sellers recently suffered from closures and reduced traffic. If you found us there anyway, welcome! To our Old-House Journal subscribers, you are receiving this content as part of your subscription.

The companies and products listed in these pages are a mind-blowing compendium of period-inspired design. Goods are timeless and of high quality, offering a true alternative to the short-lived trends of big-box stores and even many showrooms. When you own an old house, trendy remodeling is the first thing the next owners will want to tear out. Better to listen to the house, regardless of whether you plan to take a historical or a contemporary approach in its furniture and decorating.

These sometimes hard-to-find companies, in the opinion of our editors and contributors, offer excellent products and good value. In choosing listings, we favor companies of high reputation, products with authenticity, and materials beautiful and traditional. You’ll find smaller companies and artisans selling direct to the customer. You’ll also find the appropriate specialty lines from larger manufacturers.

Look for editorial highlights throughout the issue: inspirational projects; a focus on timeless items “they still make”; house styles; glossaries; and helpful hints on such topics as metal finishes and ceiling decoration. And by all means let us know if you have a suggestion for a company to include next time!

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Some things never go out of style: well-made furniture, wainscoting, Morris patterns, classical lighting, beautifully proportioned moldings, art pottery—and a library of good books. This is the hall of an Elizabethan Revival house on Long Island, N.Y.
CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE Barkcloth is a favorite fabric of the 1940s. (stacygarcia.com or Etsy) • Gaslight-era sconces face upward and retain a gas cock (meyda.com). • Embossed glass tiles are a sparkling option (ultraglas.com). • Iron hardware may have medieval, Spanish, or, as with this door knocker, French precedent (bouvet.com).

BOTTOM The 1963 Hans Wegner-designed Shell Chair is a Modern classic (dwr.com).

OPPOSITE The wallpaper and fabric patterns of English designer William Morris have been in production for 150 years.

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“This is all the good stuff!” said a design-savvy friend, on receiving an earlier edition of Old-House Journal’s sourcebook. Indeed, the restoration market is also the high-quality market—encompassing traditional materials that promise function and beauty; artisan-made goods; and designs that stand the test of time. Every design era is represented, the cream having risen to the top. As a continuum, these offerings make it clear that design of the past can inform any decorating approach. A true period room is possible, with historical treatments joining antiques and reproductions. But so is an eclectic or contemporary room. A classic, old or new, can anchor a space or provide a quirk of personality. BY PATRICIA POORE
Whether you intend to create a historical interior, a period-inspired but eclectic scheme, or a contemporary treatment within the original context, your old house is not a limitation. Far from it; in fact, an old house suggests styles and treatments more creative, and far less trendy, than those found in contemporary showrooms. An old house offers cues and clues for its decoration and furnishing, courtesy of its construction date and style. Once you can recognize the elements that define the interior and lend scale, you'll have a good idea of what may fit. You'll avoid doing things that clash with the underlying architecture—setting up the next remodeling.

If your old house is of indeterminate pedigree, or if it has had its pedigree remodeled right out of it, you can use period design concepts to enhance what it does have to [text cont. on page 18].

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**Post-Victorian Houses**

- **Arts & Crafts Bungalow**
  Low-slung and with exaggerated structure, the Bungalow was in its heyday (ca. 1898–1930) prized for its exotic, Anglo-Indian associations and for the artistic naturalism that tied it to Arts & Crafts.

- **Colonial Revival**
  Popular 1893–1950 in most of the country, variants might be academic reproductions—or freewheeling adaptations of earlier styles. A 20th-century lineage is betrayed by dormers, sunrooms, and garages.

- **American Foursquare**
  These cubic houses date to 1890–1930 and provide lots of space in an efficient, affordable envelope. Earlier examples have Craftsman or Prairie details; in the 1920s they become classical or Colonial.

- **Dutch Colonial Revival**
  Essentially a new suburban style, it features a gambrel roof, which had become associated with rare Dutch or Flemish originals in New York and New Jersey. Long dormers allow a full second storey.
Listen to the house

Styles from post-medieval Colonials through Atomic Ranch make up the American residential landscape. "What style is my house?" remains the lead question of old-house owners. Many houses don't fit neatly into a category. But discerning the era and intentions of the builder aids in restoration and in the treatment of the interior, even if eclectic finishes and furnishings are preferred over period rooms. (The watercolor drawings on these pages show just a sampling of styles, most of them built all over the U.S.)

ABOVE Eastlake furniture and Aesthetic decoration fit a Late Victorian brownstone in Manhattan. Scale matters even if more contemporary taste prevails.

TOP LEFT How else would you furnish a 1960s vacation cabin that has strong Modern leanings?

FRENCH NORMAN
Cozy and picturesque, this Romantic Revival sub-style is identified by its round entry tower with a conical roof. This cottage variant is the most provincial of several French styles popular 1915-1945.

MEDITERRANEAN
Some may be pinned down as Italian Renaissance or Spanish Colonial. Other houses are better called Mediterranean, as builders used a picturesque mix of French, Spanish, and Italian elements.

STORYBOOK
A whimsical style that appeared in Hollywood, it reached its peak in the years before the Depression. Theatrical and humorous, it features European details, fantasy, tricks of scale, and false aging.

TUDOR REVIVAL
Part of the era's Anglophilia, Tudor style—with steep roofs, casement windows, and decorative half-timbering—was popular for both small suburban homes and wealthy stockbroker enclaves.
"Victorian" describes the English Queen's reign, from 1837 until 1901. Early Victorian-era styles, often called Romantic, include a Gothic Revival, the Italianate in architecture, and furniture from neoclassical to Rococo. During the 1860s and 1870s, the French Second Empire style overlapped the Italian styles, and Renaissance Revival furniture was current. In the 1880s, Stick Style and the beloved Queen Anne, with its English medieval associations, held sway. Look in this period for so-called Eastlake Aesthetic Movement furniture, the Reformed or Modern Gothic, ebonized pieces, and Japonesque ornament. In the eclectic 1890s, the Colonial Revival, the Shingle Style, a return to the Rococo, and Beaux Arts opulence all were popular.
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In the same period, they may have had different names. Some house styles (e.g., Italianate) lasted so long that they span several decorating trends. Just like today, few interiors were purely one style.

Architecture

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offer. A surviving Colonial Revival mantel might be the cue for paneled doors to replace the hollow-core horrors left by a previous owner. A mansard roof suggests a plaster medallion (or simple painted decoration) in the French style for the parlor ceiling. Keep going, and you've got a cohesive interior where once blandness or confusion reigned.

Furnishing a house is a very personal matter. Most people do it without a lot of forethought, mixing what they have and what they like in an idiosyncratic overlap of function and whimsy. A percentage rely on a professional decorator or interior designer to help them sort through the seemingly endless possibilities, and to protect them from expensive mistakes.

Still, many decorators gravitate toward trends, rather than considering timeless qualities that have staying power. This book gives you a head start on alternatives—materials and furnishings rooted in the past, but often adapted for modern taste and use. From wide-plank floors to true linoleum, primitive stencils to Arts & Crafts pendant fringes, big porcelain farm sinks to Sputnik chandeliers: you can find it. You may discover a material that your roofer or hardware-store clerk insists "isn't made anymore." In the last chapter, we even list maintenance and retrofitting options, from compatible wood epoxies to small-duct air conditioning.

It's not only the restoration crowd who has embraced this specialty market. People with all-too-generic homes, and those seeking to build a new house with character, are excited to find art tile and fusion furniture. What's more, most of it is priced on a par with designer goods, and often, sold direct, for even less.
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Today's bathrooms run to traditional, classic, and retro design: white subway tile or painted beadboard, classic fixtures, historical lighting. Baths of the early 20th century are good models, as the basic three fixtures are familiar still. Owners of 19th-century houses find it easy to incorporate Victorian details such as electrified gaslight-era fixtures and a few antiques. Creating a colorful Art Deco or mid-century room is another approach, since many bathrooms were updated in those years.
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CIRCA 1930 KITCHEN REDO

Functionally modern but thoroughly vintage, this Depression-era kitchen adds character to a Colonial Revival mid-1920s house in Connecticut.

Photos by Steve Gross & Susan Daley

The old house had some charm but lacked a defining style. "An architect who looked at it called it 'higgledy-piggledy,'" says Bill Ticineto, who owns the house with his wife, Jill Chase.

The couple have spent years gently nudging planer aspects of house toward the Colonial Revival style. Inside, the showstopper is the galley-style kitchen, which the two envisioned and built with attention to the smallest details. (The sculpted cabinet feet are attached by magnets so they can be removed for easy cleaning!) "There's no wasted space," says Bill, who built cabinets in his workshop. A modern Liebherr fridge is behind the icebox façade.

Glass-front cabinets hold uranium glass; vintage glass and jadeite are accessible near the sink.

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Obvious pairings of furniture and architecture (Renaissance Revival furniture in an Italianate parlor) is not your only option. We’ve seen Mid-century Modern furniture alongside bold American Craftsman pieces, for example, in a rustic lake house of the 1930s. Learn about design periods, read books, ask for help, make a buying plan—then buy what you love, one piece at a time. Good furniture is expensive, an investment in longevity. Cheap furniture will be a disappointment from the start, and headed for the trash before it even has patina.

TOP LEFT Redware is made of clay; different clays and ethnic traditions created regional variants. This slip-decorated redware was made by Greg and Mary Shooner in Ohio. [See eBay and Etsy.]

ABOVE Historic-reproduction chairs were made, under license from the Historic Natchez Foundation, by Henredon [henredon.com].

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LEARN MORE > FURNITURE CLASSICS

Iconic pieces emerge in every age, then cycle through periods of revival. Choose a classic, of any period, as the room's anchor—or a departure. Others that come to mind: the stenciled Hitchcock chair, the Boston rocker, sleigh beds and brass beds, the Duncan Phyfe pedestal dining table, the Victorian walnut étagère, the sturdy bow-arm Morris chair of the Arts & Crafts period.

THE WING CHAIR

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Known for its sturdy yet elegant spindle construction, the Windsor chair was the 18th century's all-around utility chair, moving easily from room to room or even outdoors for impromptu garden seating. The design is a simple one: a shaped seat is supported by turned legs with a spindled back, held in place either by a medial stretcher and headboard, or a slender continuous bow. Variations included the bowback, fanback, sackback, and many more. Among the most desirable is the comb-back Windsor, with its high back resembling an old-fashioned hair comb. Made by fifth-generation master craftsman Douglas P. Dimes, the Queen Anne Comb-back is based on an exceptionally rare American Windsor made in Philadelphia about 1780. The cabriole legs give it a bold, upright appearance. Other fine details include the rolled backrest, the turned medial stretcher, and the Pennsylvania blunt-arrow turned legs. D.R. Dimes, (603) 905-9048, drdimes.com
Inside and out, this 1916 house in Spokane, Washington, retained all of the original detailing. The owners brought out its inherent charm.

Photos by William Wright

These DIY owners were looking for "the worst house in the best neighborhood" and came upon a bungalow down on its luck. Roof shingles curled with black mildew, a mattress leaned against one side, and Christmas icicle lights still dangled across the front. Side stairs had been cut straight through the front porch. Inside, incontinent cats had run amok.

But the layout had never been changed; original windows sparkled, and the woodwork was intact, albeit under layers of paint. In this living room, the Craftsman fireplace had been covered with unattractive bricks in the 1970s. So they installed vintage (salvaged) Grueby tiles over the brick, and gave the fireplace more presence with a wide mantel that replicates profiles of the original woodwork.

1. ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Vintage items lend style and all-important patina to the restored room. The antique Tiffany desk set and a mica lamp rest on a vintage Stickley Brothers table, next to an original Gustav Stickley #60 Willow armchair.

2. BOLD BUNGALOW WOODWORK

The 1916 house retained its robust, Craftsman-style details, including heavy brackets, wood windows, and trim. The fireplace wall had been remodeled; antique Grueby tiles and a well-designed mantel brought back its warm, bungalow-era appearance.
3. RESTFUL PALETTE
Rich tones bring out the wood; white or pastels would create too much contrast. Cued by the carpet and tiles, paint colors complement a reddish undertone in woodwork. Walls are painted in Thyme (Benjamin Moore). The ceiling wears White Hyacinth (Sherwin-Williams).

4. SOFTENING TEXTILES
American Arts & Crafts rooms need soft furnishings, which add warmth and balance the rather severe, rectilinear furniture. The curtains, rug, and embroidered and appliqued chair cushions and pillows supply color accents and texture, lending period style.

THE LOOK ...

GuildCraft's Voysey Collection features seven designs ca. 1900 by English architect C.F.A. Voysey. Colorways are authentic to coordinate with period furnishings and wallpapers. The 'Magnolia' rug is shown in two colorways; 5'x7' is $1,715. shop.guildcraftcarpets.com

The William Morris Studio crafts lamps inspired by the Arts & Crafts movement: intricate pieces that are as much art as light fixtures. The Bungalow Series 'TAO' lamp has a base by Ephraim Faience Pottery and a 19" mica shade with real ginkgo leaves. Overall height 21\(\frac{1}{2}\); it's $1,025. williammorrisstudio.com

Brian Brace makes artisan furniture using carefully selected wood and traditional joinery. His 'Slant Arm Slat Morris Chair' is based on the originals designed by Gustav Stickley just after 1900. Quarter-sawn white oak, dye-stained. Upholstery labor (but not fabric price) is included: $3400. brianbracefinefurniture.com

Traditional, handcrafted copper accessories are made by Cobre, a Fair Trade company that partners with artisan workshops in Central Mexico, where copper has been worked by the Purepecha people since pre-Columbian times. Shown are three copper vases, 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)" to 17" tall, priced $115 to $425. ecobre.com
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Textiles do not have to be excessive to be effective. The homespun, damasks, and quilts of early American interiors added color and comfort without fussiness. Similarly, the American Arts & Crafts Movement (ca. 1895–1930) relied on appliqued and stenciled pillows, embroidered window curtains and portieres (or interior doorway curtains), and stenciled table scarves. While drapery traditionally has been a significant use of fabric, layered treatments may be done in stages, over time. Roller shades, Venetian blinds, and lace curtains, used on their own, satisfy modern tastes.

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EARLY WINDOW DRESSINGS

Decades before the lavish, multi-layered drapery of the Victorian era, artful window dressings graced Georgian and Federal homes. Master weaver and textile historian Rabbit Goody created this ensemble for the Music Room at the Schuyler Mansion in Albany, New York, interpreted to ca. 1780-90. Under-curtains are gossamer dimity in cotton, with hand-woven cut fringe. Swagged valances are moireed dark-blue silk, with a center bell of yellow damask sewn onto the swags and tails. Handmade cording gathers the swags.

Goody’s Thistle Hill Weavers creates historic-reproduction fabrics of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, working with museums, the film industry, and individual designers and homeowners. Signature offerings include Venetian and ingrain carpet, dimities, worsted camblet, baize, fancy figured worsteds, tapes, and fringes. Goody maintains an extensive library and consults for clients. Hers is one of the only mills in the country that will weave short runs of custom luxury fabrics: thistlehillweavers.com

LEARN MORE > In colonial America, shiny fabrics with complex patterns were the province of a wealthy elite. As the 19th century dawned, advances in production techniques meant more people could afford fancier fabrics. Until recently, reproductions were hard to find. Only glazed printed cotton—the flowered “chintz” of Colonial Revival interiors—was mass-produced. Now accurate reproductions of early upholstery and drapery fabrics in worsted wool, linen, and even silk, give us wonderful options for re-creating period interiors.

While some of these historic fabrics may be familiar, the special finishes applied to fancy furnishings textiles may not be. Here are some key terms:

CIRÉ From the French cirer, to wax; in modern usage, glazed.
CALENDER A process in which fabric (or paper) is given a smooth, shiny surface by being run through heated, pressurized metal cylinders. In the 18th and 19th centuries, glazed fabric was sometimes referred to as calendered.
EMBOSSED MOIRE A fabric that has been embossed to resemble moiré.
GAUFRAGE Embossed fabric or paper, from another French term, gaufré, meaning embossed.
MOIRE Fabric with a wavy or “watered” pattern produced by putting two or more layers of fabric between two heated metal plates or cylinders under intense pressure.

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The Persian Carpet offers several designs by or after the English architect C.F.A. Voysey. This is ‘The Duleek’, designed in 1903 as a madras fabric and later produced as a carpet sold by Liberty’s of London. It depicts a tranquil forest in tones of teal, apple green, and olive; available in multiple sizes. The Persian Carpet, persiancarpet.com
The 'Pental' mini pendant is made from steel and comes in six metallic finishes. It's from Hubbardton Forge (hubbardtonforge.com). This reversible latch in solid brass adds curves to Tudor or Colonial Revival casement windows. Isignaturehardware.com.

Mission sconces. Electric-era designs come in styles Colonial Revival to Sputnik.

HARDWARE STYLES repeat in cycles. The 1910s and '20s saw such revivals as crystal and glass doorknobs, and hammered iron entry sets. By the 1930s, rustic black strap hinges could be found in timbered Tudors and Spanish Colonial haciendas. Jazz Age hardware shows machine-age origins; postwar designs may flaunt Modern style and materials.

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CORNICE The "crown" moulding, usually made of plaster or wood, at the top of the wall just below the ceiling.

CHAMFER On a ceiling beam, an edge that has been beveled or angled off, usually at 45 degrees, lending a more finished look.

COFFER A sunken panel; a coffered ceiling is one with a grid of sunken and raised areas, whether in plaster, stone, or wood. Once offering structure with reduced weight, it is now generally a decorative device.

CORNER FAN Ornamental design, usually in the form of a quarter circle, bridging the right angles of an intersection or corner.

COVE A concave moulding or curved surface (as in plaster) forming a junction between walls and ceiling.

CROWN DECORATION An encircling band of ornament that unites wall and ceiling as one decorative whole. Usually includes the picture rail, frieze, cornice, and enrichment bands.

ENRICHMENT A pattern, often a small geometric, richer in coloring than normally used on a full wall. May be used as a dado, in wall panels, in the cove, or as filling in ceiling designs.

FILLING The main portion of a wall between the dado and frieze. Also, any ceiling portion within borders.

FRIEZE A decorative horizontal band along the upper part of a wall, or the design intended for that space.

MEDALLION Circular, oval, or square relief embellishment, most often in plaster, at the center of the ceiling, often surrounding the canopy of a hanging light fixture. When round and petal-like, also called a rosette.

PICTURE RAIL A moulding (often 18" below the cornice) from which framed pictures could be suspended without damaging the wall surface. The area above the rail might be treated as part of the wall or part of the ceiling.

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Despite its imposing Second Empire façade, the 1855 Victorian was a farmhouse at heart.

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The homeowner, a former florist and self-taught gardener, has been romancing her family's 150-acre property in New York State for many years. At Uplands Farm, the main block of the house is a Victorian manse: robust, with severe lines and a tall mansard roof. Rooms inside were dark, so she added wings at either side with plenty of windows, and an expansive porch. She designed a jewel box-shaped conservatory to add more light and to serve as a bright spot for hosting dinner parties.

To soften the house, the owner went against the prevailing trend of the 1980s, which touted shrubbery and foundation plantings. "I didn't want the house to lose identity with its history," she says. That meant flowers in a garden sprinkled with raised beds and borders. She added "destinations," including a pool pavilion and many benches, both on porches and in the garden: wicker, scallop-back wood, and iron. Still, she was careful to retain the agricultural flavor of the place, keeping things casual rather than grandiose. — Tovah Martin

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