

Better Homes & Gardens.

REMODELING

ROOM BY ROOM™

**IMPROVE
YOUR HOME**
ONE SPACE AT A TIME

**CURB
APPEAL**

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BEFORE

**GET THE
STYLE
YOU LOVE**

—
**OPEN
KITCHEN**

—
**COZY
FIREPLACE**

—
**SMART
BUILT-INS**

2020

EXTERIORS

INCREASE YOUR HOME'S CURB APPEAL (AND RESALE VALUE) BY PUTTING YOUR BEST FACE FORWARD.

Whether you are embarking on an entire renovation, a simple paint change, or new front porch accessories, let creativity open the door to inspired design.

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MAKE A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION

Up close or at a distance, even the little things make a difference when sprucing up your home. Opt for new landscaping and container gardens to accent your home, front porch, or deck. Tidy things up with a new paint job or spend an hour with the power washer. You'll enjoy the fresh look, and your neighbors will admire your efforts.

CHOOSE COMPLEMENTARY ACCENTS

Just like an interior design scheme, an exterior should showcase a thought-out palette. Consider how materials, colors, furniture and accessories, and landscaping work with your home's vernacular to present a united front. Study design magazines or look to other houses in your town for inspiration.



SHOW YOUR PERSONALITY

Make big style statements with small changes. Love modern? Install a sleek, new mailbox. Seeking a bit of tradition? Add a classic outdoor lantern. Feeling cheerful? Repaint your front door in a favorite color. Like to relax? Add a porch swing.





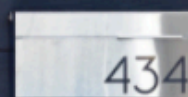
— *FEELING* —
NOSTALGIC

Set in a historic Arlington, Virginia, neighborhood, this 1925 bungalow is updated for modern, low-maintenance living while retaining plenty of old-house charm.

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DESIGN TIP
Add personality
to a traditional
door style by
painting it a
favorite color.



THIS PHOTO and OPPOSITE Saving a historic house takes extra effort. For homeowners Cathy and Andy Liverman, nostalgia drove their desire to restore this Ashton Heights home. Michael Winn of Winn Design + Build took on the challenge and set about cleaning out hazards and updating systems. New energy-efficient windows replaced old ones sealed shut by lead-base paint. The porch's new standing-seam metal roof and hardy ipe wood floor add style and durability. **BEFORE** "The structure was on the verge of failure and required an extensive amount of hazmat remediation," Winn says.

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THE COLORS



PREFINISHED SIDING
IN DEEP OCEAN
jameshardie.com



EARLY DAWN
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benjaminmoore.com

ABOVE An old-fashioned front porch complete with swing exudes nostalgia. When rebuilding this essential space, Winn looked to the neighborhood's original architectural style to design the new porch columns and railing.

ABOVE RIGHT Now squared off, the columns and railing nod to Arts and Crafts style and offer a substantial look.

RIGHT The detached garage and workshop are new. "We wanted a traditional structure that blends with the home and surrounding neighborhood but also features some modern elements," Winn says. Vertical board-and-batten siding reflects historical style, and the garage door was selected for its graphic, modern punch.





“SMALL ACCESSORIES WERE
AN INTENTIONAL BREAK FROM
 THE CLASSIC BUNGALOW STYLE.”

BUILDER MICHAEL WINN



ABOVE Crisp white trim set against blue prefinished fiber-cement board showcases the home's architectural charms. Winn and landscape designer Scott Brinitzer reoriented deck stairs to flow better with the new garden design and garage. **BEFORE** Asbestos-covered, rotted wood siding had to go.

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