

SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE

Chatelaine

HOME + FOOD

39 fresh recipes

Finger-Lickin'
Cajun Chicken,
Zesty Shrimp
Skewers

Try Our
**TASTIEST
TOMATO
DISHES**

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flip
me over!

Make This
Salad into a
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**Best
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**NO-STRESS
DINNER
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LOVE YOUR PLACE

TART UP YOUR TO-DO LIST

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This fall, get a fresh start on staying organized with pretty notebooks, perfect for those pesky to-do lists.

POCKET CAHIER KRAFT PATTERN BOOKS, \$15/3, LARGE CAHIER KRAFT PATTERN BOOKS, \$21/3, INDIGO.CA.



4 GO TRIBAL

Give your home a trendy exotic touch.

West Elm opens its first Vancouver store this fall!



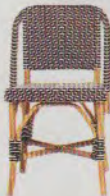
MONKEYBIZ LION, \$150, EATMYWORDS.ORG.

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LOREN KAPLAN CEREAL BOWL, \$8, WESTELM.COM.

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BISTRO L'AFRIQUE DINING CHAIR, \$445, SNOBSTUFF.COM.

3 GET COZY WITH COLOUR

Instantly make over a bedroom with this cheery new bedding collection exclusive to the Bay. PIP STUDIO BIRDS BEDDING SET IN PARADISE KHAKI, STARTING AT \$215, THEBAY.COM.



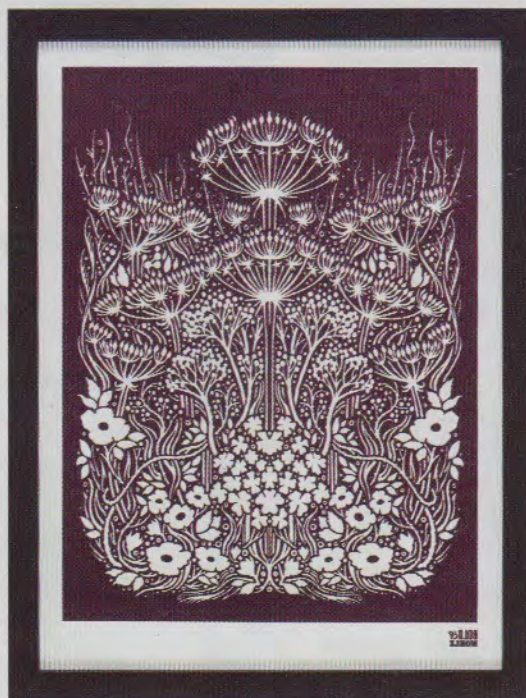
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ADD DEPTH WITH PLUM

Update your home with graphic arts-and-crafts-inspired prints in the season's hottest plum shade.

MEADOW SCREEN PRINT (12 x 16 IN.) IN DARK MULBERRY, \$53, BOLDANDNOBLE.COM.

Under \$100!



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KICK UP YOUR STATIONERY

Who doesn't love new markers in September? Get creative with fun felt-tips in bold shades, from fabric markers to gel highlighters and brush tips. BRUSH-TIP MARKERS, STAINED AND GEL HIGHLIGHTERS, \$2-\$16, SHARPIE.COM.



I love my Nike Free runners. The design is really cool, they travel well, and they keep my feet dry and stink-free no matter how much I run. - Laurie Jennings

CHATELAINE EXPERT

Designer Sarah Richardson hosts *Sarah 101* airing Tuesdays at 8 and 8:30 p.m. EST on HGTV.



Ask Sarah



Q We just renovated our home, and now we need help with our family room's design. We're thinking of built-ins and a fireplace. How do you suggest making the most of this space?
— Brandi, Toronto

A Installing bookshelves is a popular approach, but it's not always the best one, especially when considering the giant expanse of wall you have to deal with. Adding built-ins along the full run could get very expensive, and you'd need hundreds of books to fill them up.

START WITH STORAGE

A low run of cabinetry (5) flanking the future fireplace (if you choose to go ahead with that) will offer storage for kids' toys, so they can be tidied up easily and won't take over the look of your living space. It will also offer you counter surface where you can add ambient lighting and show off your favourite finds—a small display area is often better, since full walls of bookshelves can be overwhelming. I'd suggest anchoring these low cabinets with fairly large decorative lamps (1) that will balance the proportions of your leather furniture.

ADD INTEREST WITH TEXTURE

Stay with the contemporary vibe you already have going with the furniture, but think about bringing in some texture. Try a carved African stool-table (7) and a soft carpet underfoot (2). Since the carpet is pure wool and has a pattern, it will be a nice surface for kids to play on, but it won't show wear and tear the way a solid colour would.

FINISH WITH STYLISH ACCENTS

Dressing up the new cabinetry with fun hardware (4) is a super way to add personality and impact to the classic slab door front. Finally, with the money you saved by not buying built-ins, you'll be able to buy some interesting accessories (3) to finish off the room; I would suggest antique prints (6) to add impact and a decorative element to the walls. Don't lose momentum now—you're off to a great start!

Sarah

Got a decorating dilemma? Send your photos and questions to sarah@chatelaine.com.

ROOM INSPIRATION



GET THIS LOOK | 1. ARTERIORS LAMP, \$575, AMBIENTIMOBILIER.COM. 2. PLAIN TIN CHARCOAL CARPET (5 × 8 FT.), \$564, DASHANDALBERT.COM. 3. ALEX MARSHALL VASES, FROM \$65, HOLLACECLUNY.CA. 4. VENTENA PULLS, IN ANTIQUE BRASS, \$7, LEEVALLEY.COM. 5. AKURUM CABINET WITH NEXUS DOOR, \$153, IKEA.CA. 6. LONG-TAILED WHYDAH PRINT, \$17, COLLECTORSPRINTS.COM. 7. BLONDE BAMILEKE TABLE, \$550, SNOBSTUFF.COM.

