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Meet the Masthead

Fresh off a kitchen reno, Amy shares a few tips.

COLOR COMBO: Our olive cabinets (*wellborn.com*) pair well with walls and trim in Swiss Coffee by Behr.

BUDGET TIP: For more impact, arrange subway tile in a herringbone pattern.

STATEMENT LIGHT: I love how the "Contemporary Farmhouse" pendant (*shadesoflight.com*) lends a vintage vibe.

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(By the) Numbers

A breakdown of this issue's behind-the-scenes

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Staff field trip to Birmingham, AL's Bandit Pâtisserie

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Bottles of nonalcoholic bubbly consumed in celebration of three expectant staffers

342

Dishes and props carefully relocated to a brand-new storage closet

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On the Cover

A pretty white Murfreesboro, NC, farmhouse sets our old-house-loving hearts all aflutter.

Photograph by Patricia Lyons



WE ALSO LOVED...

This dreamy kitchen by designer Kate Marker—that fridge! that reclaimed island!—also looked lovely with our logo. (Oh, the agony!)

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Paint By Number

Lovely lilacs leave us longing for scratch-and-sniff paint. (\$35; *easy123art.com/countryliving*).

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Required Reading

Get ample bloom service from Washington's famed Floret Farms with *A Year in Flowers* (\$30; *amazon.com*).

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Small Towns

Help Laurel, MS (of HGTV's *Home Town* fame), recover from recent tornadoes by ordering an 11"-by-14" "Hometown Strong" print from Laurel Mercantile (100 percent of proceeds go toward recovery).



Quilt Square

"The House on the Hill" dates to Colonial times, when settlers based quilts on community structures.

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