

# A HOUSE TO D.I.Y. FOR

Crafts and custom touches make this home awesome.

**DIYed**  
Hand-drawn  
decals

**DIYed**  
A cool pegboard  
display

**DIYed**  
Caned panels on  
cabinet doors

**— CRAFTS ROOM —**  
“I like having all my materials at hand and within sight—it’s inspiring and serves as ever-changing decor,” says master crafter Rebecca Propes. Everything pops against the white furniture and walls, which comes in handy for taking photos of her many projects.

Homeowner  
Rebecca Propes in  
her happy place

Matthew and Rebecca with, from left, Blake, 11, Bennett, 9, and Brandt, 12



**— LIVING ROOM —**

Originally, the windows on either side of the TV were trim-less and looked kind of naked. “Installing trim was easier than I expected,” says Rebecca. She warmed up the room with various shades of pink and wood finishes, including a sideboard from Living Spaces and that stunner of a rug from Anthropologie. A matte black wall adds edginess. And yes, that’s a white sectional (by Downeast Home) in a home with three boys. “We have a ‘no food outside the kitchen’ policy,” says Rebecca. “Once, my mom brought out sandwiches... and the kids tattled!”

**DIYed**  
Wall painted Black Boudoir by Behr

**DIYed**  
New wood trim for the windows

**DIYed**  
Gallery wall

It’s fair to say that having itchy fingers for DIYing and decorating is a family trait for Rebecca Propes. “As a kid, I marveled at my grandma’s shaggy yarn wall hangings, the incredible metallic wallpaper in her dining room, and her basement walls that were decoupaged with covers from *The New Yorker*,” she says. These days, Rebecca is an impressive crafter in her own right. Her 61,900 devoted Instagram followers look to her for colorful, often rainbow-inspired projects and her funky style (you can’t miss those signature oversize glasses). When the family moved to a newly built home in Gilbert, AZ, she really had to roll up her sleeves. It needed an injection of character and personality, not to mention new everything, as the couple had sold their last home fully furnished. Rebecca put in bold wallpaper, art, and rugs—“a lack of color gives me anxiety!”—for a supercool and super-friendly vibe. Of course, a dedicated DIYer can’t stop there: “Our place will continue to be an evolution,” she says. “But I know my grandma would be very proud of this eclectic home.”



**DIYed**  
Major pattern  
play with Hygge  
& West wallpaper

**DIYed**  
Rebecca shined  
up a Target mirror  
with gold wax and  
revived a thrifted  
sideboard with  
Sunset Pink paint  
by Behr.



**DINING ROOM**

"We are not formal dining room people, so I wanted fun and playful," says Rebecca. She made a plain mirror look like a fab estate piece with ornate wood appliques and Rub 'n Buff gold wax, and brought in lighthearted cow-print chairs from World Market and a globe chandelier by Mitzi. Propping up art on the sideboard makes rotating pieces a no-brainer, and also helps the space feel casual.

“DIYing is personally satisfying, but it’s also about creating functional designs that work for your family—and literally *making* them happy.”  
—Rebecca

"We are a big fajitas and taco house!" says Rebecca. "I'm also all about anything you can dip into a sauce—I'm known as The Dip Queen."

**DIYed**  
Rebecca  
designed the  
shiplap-clad  
hood.



**KITCHEN**

As soon as she started on this room, Rebecca fell hard for the kaleidoscopic porcelain tile from Lowe's. She spread that love all over the back wall, from counter to ceiling. And for a neat effect on the hood's wood overlay, she left the bottom piece of poplar unpainted. The giant quartz-top island—it's 10 feet by 10 feet—is where Rebecca spreads out her sewing projects. Those tawny leather counter stools are from Overstock, and the perky peacock print is from Target.

### MAIN BEDROOM

This wall is one of Rebecca's favorite projects. She used the Anthropologie pillow shams as inspo for the colors, but the design was straight out of her imagination. "Not having a plan was the plan," she says, and the result is perfectly imperfect. The teal curtains, coverlet, and a beaded chandelier (from World Market) bring just the right amount of contrast. Rebecca placed small dressers from Living Spaces by the bed to help fill the 19-foot-by-18-foot space. "Nightstands would have looked like little dollhouse furniture," she says.

**DIYed**  
It was painted with a broom!



**DIYed**  
Simple gold-toned hardware updates the vanity.

### BATHROOM

Sometimes you just want a room that says *aaah*, although if you're Rebecca, you want *oooh* too. She made it airy with a mostly white palette and mod with geometric wallpaper from Graham & Brown. "It almost looks like tile," she says...at a fraction of the cost. The rest of the elements are low-key, from the matte black faucets by Moen to the earth-toned rug from Target.

**BRANDT'S BEDROOM**

Necessity is the mother of invention, they say, so when this mom couldn't find a wallpaper whimsical enough for her eldest son's interests, she got out her iPad and started drawing—pizza slices, science stuff, a video game controller—and had it printed by a wallpaper-maker friend. To deck out the wall behind the desk, Rebecca painted \$1.50 wood slats from the hardware store; the lively colors are in the wallpaper too.

**DIYed**  
Colorful desk backdrop

**DIYed**  
Rebecca designed this wallpaper.



**DIYed**  
Edgy shiplap

**DIYed**  
Butcher-block countertops



**LAUNDRY ROOM**

With bold wallpaper by Bari J. and a swath of shiplap that Rebecca flipped vertically and painted Black by Behr, this space makes folding clothes kinda fun.

**BACKYARD**

"When we moved in, the area was a giant pile of dirt," says Rebecca, who transformed it into a modern oasis. Look closely: That's more of the kitchen tile on the fountain base. Sandblasted marble pavers (read: not slippery when wet) and turf keep the space cool during hot Arizona summers. The scalloped umbrella is from Safavieh.

**DIYed**  
Paver and turf design



# NOW GET THE LOOK



**chair**  
Loon Peak Renn polyester-blend, vinyl, and wood chairs, \$480 for a set of 2, wayfair.com



**pillows**  
Clockwise from left: Rizzy Home Textured 20" x 20" cotton and polyester pillow in yellow, \$80, kohls.com; Sunny Day Stripes standard polyester shams in peach, \$40 for a set of 2, society6.com; Whimsical Floral 14" x 24" linen and cotton pillow in blue and green, \$54, spoonflower.com



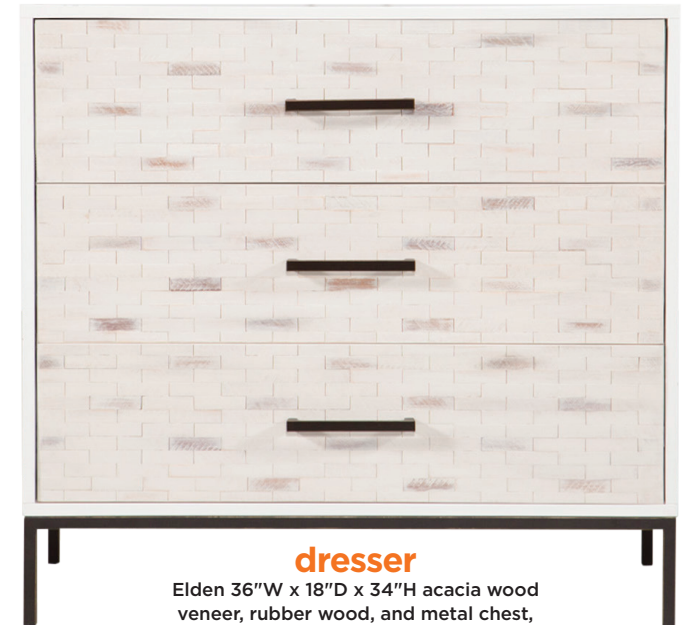
**dining table**  
Smoked 80"W x 37"D x 30"H oak and brass-finished-iron dining table, \$1,998, anthropologie.com



**planter**  
Llama 8 1/4"-tall ceramic planter, \$32, naturallife.com



**pendant**  
Headlands Bell 14"-diameter rattan pendant in natural, \$298, serenaandlily.com



**dresser**  
Elden 36"W x 18"D x 34"H acacia wood veneer, rubber wood, and metal chest, \$395, livingspaces.com



**mirror**  
Double Loop Petal 18 1/4"-diameter rattan mirror, \$70, kirklands.com



**sideboard**  
Pasadena 55"W x 18"D x 30"H wood sideboard, \$1,888, apt2b.com



**art**  
Tropical Peacock by Lindsay Brackeen 11" x 14" unframed print, \$33, lindsaybrackeen.etsy.com



**rug**  
Safavieh Bellagio Gracia 6' x 9' wool rug in red, pink, and ivory, \$183.50, overstock.com



**sconce**  
Renee 22"-tall steel sconce in aged brass and black finish, \$190, mitzi.com

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## WALLPAPERS



Daydream wallpaper in gray, \$175 per roll, hyggeandwest.com



Peace wallpaper in pink, from \$4.50 per square foot, muralswallpaper.com



Balance wallpaper in white and rose gold, \$120 per roll, grahambrown.com



Bari J. Meadow removable wallpaper, \$48 per 2' x 4' panel, wallalternatives.com