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DO-IT-HERSELF HOME CARE AND REPAIR

adorable doors

Are your doors a bore? Transform an interior door with these easy-do ideas using paint, wallpaper, and decorative moldings. Our new Shopgirl, Leslie Segrete, shows you how.

TRY THIS! MAKE A
PLAIN DOOR PRETTY.
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PROJECT PROFILE

COST: \$50
TIME: one day, including drying time.
SUPPLIES: hollow-core door, decorative molding and appliqué pieces, hammer, finish nails with small head, nail set, wood glue, paintable wood filler, primer, paint, paintbrush, wallpaper and wallpaper paste, miter box with saw, and safety glasses



Meet Shopgirl: Television makeover junkies will recognize Leslie's mug from TLC's *While You Were Out* and *Trading Spaces*, where she was a seamstress, carpenter, and designer. These days, she also co-hosts *The Money Pit*, a nationally syndicated home improvement radio program. "We girls can do anything we set our minds to," Leslie says. "All it takes is the courage to try."

GET STARTED Pick a style, any style. If it's wallpaper you want, select that first. It will inspire your choice of decorative moldings. If your existing doors are too dingy to redo, get to the home center and buy a new, unfinished hollow-core door (\$30 from The Home Depot).

MAKE IT Gather supplies (see list, above). Prime and paint the door and moldings, allowing them to dry between coats. Mark your design on the door with pencil. Cut wallpaper pieces to size and adhere; smooth and let dry. Cut all the pieces of trim using a miter box and handsaw. Arrange them on the door before attaching, making sure to get a nice fit at the corners. Apply wood glue to the back of the trim and attach to the door using a hammer and finish nails. Tip: Use wood filler to help join gaps at the corners. Once it's painted you won't see the imperfections. After the pieces are attached, use a nail set to sink the nail heads below the surface of the molding. Fill the nail holes with wood filler; let dry. Touch up the holes with paint, and hang. Dress up with vintage or salvaged knobs and hardware.



To make a corner, cut the molding at a 45-degree angle using a miter box.

SOURCES FOR MOLDINGS

OUTWATER PLASTICS INDUSTRIES, INC.—Don't be fooled by the name. This mega-catalog is chock-full of moldings and so much more. Shopgirl is like a kid in a candy store every time a new catalog arrives in the mail.
Shop it: outwater.com.

VAN DYKES RESTORERS—Oodles of embossed wooden appliques and gingerbread pieces like the ones we used (above left). Plus furniture kits and tools.
Shop it: vandykes.com.

DYKES LUMBER COMPANY—The variety of moldings at Dykes will have you making over every room in your house.
Shop it: dykeslumber.com.

picks of the month

Shopgirl's got the dirt on all the lawn and garden gear you'll need to make your outdoor chores easier this fall.



APRON BY RIENZI

Tough enough for a man but made for a woman, this cotton half apron will be your go-to for every chore. Five pockets hold your hand tools. *Buy it: Rienzi, \$34; rienzinyork.com.*

KANGAROO AND VERSATILE LEAF RAKE BY FISKARS

Fill this lightweight 30-gallon Kangaroo container with yard waste. When you're done, it collapses and hangs on a hook. An extra-wide rake means you'll pick up more leaves in each sweep. The aluminum handle is light and easy to grasp. *Buy it: Fiskars, \$22 for Kangaroo, \$25 for rake; 800/500-4849; fiskars.com.*



GARDEN SCOOT BY GARDENER'S SUPPLY COMPANY

Go easy on your knees and back with this mobile seat. Steer around garden beds without getting up. The wide seat swivels 360 degrees. *Buy it: Gardener's Supply Company, \$70; gardeners.com.*



BLOWER VAC BY HOMELITE

At under 9 pounds, this gas-powered 3-in-1 blower, mulcher, and vacuum tool is the lightest on the market. *Buy it: Homelite, \$99; homelite.com.*



KNEELER BY IMPROVEMENTS

Protect your knees with this cushy support. Or, flip it over and use it as a seat. *Buy it: Improvements, \$40 for kneeler, \$7 for pouch; improvementscatalog.com.*



ADJUSTABLE HAND RAKE BY OXO

The tines of this tiny hand rake lock into place allowing the tool to spread from 3 to 12 inches wide. *Buy it: OXO, \$13; oxo.com.*



REMEMBER TO CLEAN YOUR GARDEN TOOLS BEFORE STORING THEM FOR THE WINTER. REMOVING ANY DIRT OR MOISTURE WITH A DRY RAG PREVENTS RUST. A SOLVENT, SUCH AS LIGHTER FLUID, WILL STRIP OFF STICKY SAP.