

Outside In

A designer gives her cottage a rustic redo with recycled materials and colors borrowed from nature.

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“An entryway should be inviting,” says Jen Tidwell. She cozied hers up with a thick cushion and pillows on the built-in bench, a favorite reading spot for 5-year-old Ryder.



Jen saved money by installing upper cabinets without doors in the kitchen. She chose reclaimed wainscoting as a backsplash instead of pricier tile.





The Tidwells painted their home, *above*, dark brown so it would blend with its natural surroundings.

The kids use the sunroom, *above*, as a playroom. Jen found inexpensive shelves that fit beneath the windows. “They look built-in,” she says. The sectional—a piece that Jen picked out for Gannon when she was hired to design his bachelor pad—has become an anchor for the living room, *right*. “I ended up being married to both,” Jen says.

