

This Old House

Free
booklet!
Hardwood
floor
buyer's
guide

100
easy
upgrades
under
\$100

P. 100

add curb
appeal
from every
angle
P. 94

Get cash
back
with these
7 energy
savers

Bonus Projects

Bath storage, vintage style
Flip-top trash shed
Tidy pet-feeding station

OCTOBER 2009

THISOLDHOUSE.COM

Getting the Tudor treatment

Trimwork spruces up a plain facade, while a gabled addition makes room for a family's growing boys *By DEBORAH SNOONIAN + Photo Illustration by HOWARD DIGITAL*



{ before }

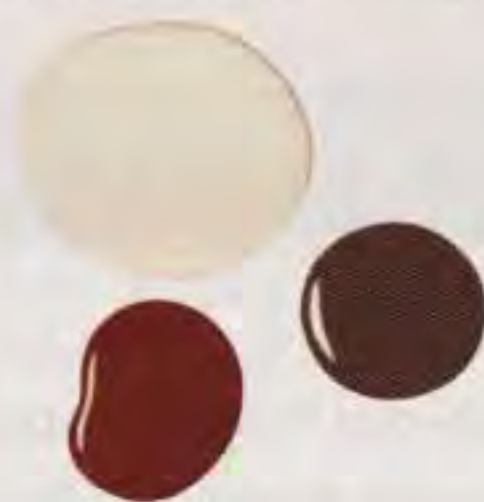


"We plan to live in our house for a while, and I think it's got enough potential to justify an overhaul," says Gretchen Polachic, who shares this 1950 home in Alberta, Canada, with her husband, Chris, and twin 2-year-old boys. So *This Old House* asked architect Erica Broberg Smith to enhance the home's plain exterior.

The stuccoed facade and steeply pitched roof inspired Broberg Smith to recast the house with Tudor-style elements, such as the neutral color palette and trimwork under the gable ends. "These details create visual interest by breaking up the front of the house into smaller elements," she says. A portico and boxed-bay bumpout add variety to the house's contours while offering a modest increase in floor space. The gabled second-story addition facing the street is, admittedly, a much bigger investment, but Broberg Smith says it's a smart option if the couple wants to stay put as their sons grow. "This addition boosts curb appeal and square footage, both of which add value," she says. And that's just what Gretchen and Chris are looking for. ■

Finishing touches

Rustic accents with traditional styling work well for a Tudor-influenced makeover.



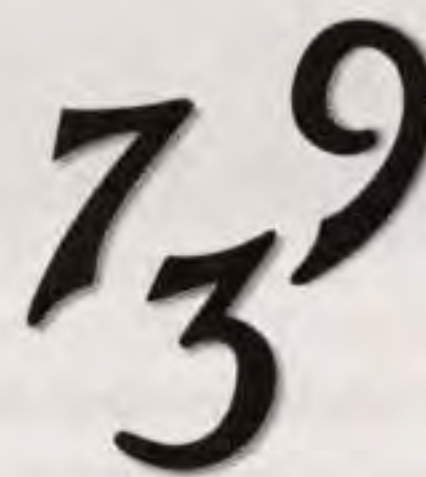
paint

The tawny-red door sets off a classic cream-and-Tudor-brown combo. From top: Woodlawn Lace, Humboldt Earth, and Posh Red by Valspar; \$33 per gallon



onion lantern

While this nautical-inspired fixture isn't Tudor, it evokes an old-world feel. Cape Cod Weathervane Company; \$271



house numbers

Cast-iron details are durable and style-appropriate. Signature Hardware; \$4 each



window box

Colorful blooms in chunky cedar boxes, a common Tudor touch, always add charm. Ciliberto Woodworking; \$50

WANT A PHOTOSHOP REDO? Send snapshots to redo@thisoldhouse.com