



Writing on the Wall

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We remodeled a room as a nursery for our new baby, Sage. I had seen word stencils at a crafts store, but they cost \$50 for each set (upper- and lowercase). My mom told me I could make my own, so I picked a letter style from the computer, enlarged the font, then bought sheets of stencil acetate and cut each letter out with a crafts knife. I ended up paying \$15 instead of \$100. We get compliments from everyone who sees the room. People cannot believe how great it looks and that we did it ourselves.

Mirror Magic

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Anxious for an attractive outbuilding in which to put the flotsam and jetsam of our basement, we built this shed *above* for \$990 on a concrete slab. The mirrored "window" reflects nearby vegetation.



Pond Improvement

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My daughter gave me the spring 2001 issue of *Do It Yourself* magazine so I could use the instructions for the "Watering Can Filtration System" (page

39). I built my outdoor pond five years ago and need to change the sponge every three to five days, so this project was appealing. The whole process took about three hours. It has lent a soothing atmosphere to my pond, *above*. We are all enjoying it—even my goldfish!

Coming in the spring issue ...

This kitchen redo will amaze you. Learn how to fill in a doorway, recess an appliance, copy the concrete-and-beam floor, and plank your walls.



Pipes aren't just for plumbing: Use them to build this table and wine rack, and a wall-mount menu board.

Be inspired by this formerly grass-only yard, where the homeowners brought in leafy plantings, a wood-and-steel arbor and fence, and a welcoming path.



PLUS

- A garden swing you can build
- Simple and inexpensive ways to decorate plain flowerpots
- A collection of quick and easy projects to do this weekend
- An adorable nursery full of ideas for displaying treasures

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