

COUNTRY HOME APRIL 2006 ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

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THE NEST: PATCHWORK PROJECTS -- Page 29

Patchworking – that utilitarian sewing craft – has stood the test of time. The look is enjoying a boost in popularity this year, appearing on everything from fashion to interior design. With its endless variations, it's a direct route to personalized style. For a crafty twist on traditional wall covering, *Country Home* took pre-pasted wallpaper samples in varying sizes and pattern and layered them on a wall as art work. We also added some punch to throw pillows and spiced up a hanging glass lamp from Ikea.

SHOPGIRL: TACKLING KITCHEN CLUTTER -- Page 51

Where's my whisk? The grater's gone missing! ShopGirl helps you control clutter and confusion in an overstuffed kitchen with these classy organizers, including cool drawer organizers, stainless-steel tubular wall accessories and a dish rack to flip for.

COLLECT IT: BAMBOO BASKETS -- Page 65

With a sophisticated presence and intricate textures, bamboo baskets often feature elegant handles of twisted wisteria branches or mulberry roots. The baskets have long been recognized as art, as their prices reflect: While a small, simple basket may start at around \$85, a large, exquisitely worked piece by a well-known artist can top \$10,000! We'll show you different types of baskets that are perfectly suited for stashing your stuff or artful enough to stand as a woven sculpture.

HAVE A SPRING FLING -- Page 134

A party that's big on fun and light on work makes for a relaxed hostess and a good time, start to finish. Check out our ultra-doable porch party with its easy decorating idea and no-stress menu. We'll show you how to dress the table with unexpected twists like knitting needles as swizzle sticks and garden-fresh peonies floating in a shallow tray as a centerpiece. Our do-ahead menu includes a **Tropical Shrimp Bowl, Chilled Yellow Pepper & Garlic Soup, Onion-Stuffed Pork Tenderloin** and **Strawberry-Rhubarb Tartlets**.

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