

# COUNTRY HOME SEPTEMBER 2006 ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

## -Country Home Editors Available For Interviews-

### **DESERT ROSE: 2006 COUNTRY HOME SHOWHOUSE** -- Page 130

Welcome to *Country Home*'s 5,100-square-foot playhouse. Inspired by Arizona's Sonoran Desert, *Country Home* designers use their annual dream home to share ideas for creating comfortable rooms for modern living. Follow tips for decorating alcoves, incorporating easy-living features in the kitchen, creating an outside living space, and more.

### **THE NEST: HANDS-ON STENCIL STYLE** -- Page 25

Why pay someone to spruce up your home when you can embrace your inner artist and decorate like a pro? From daring stencil patterns to turning bookshelf clutter into chic, *Country Home* shows you the easiest ways to DIY in style.

### **COLLECT IT** -- Page 41

Join the *Country Home* Junk Market Masters as they document their travels with souvenir state plates, perfect for mixing kitsch with history and showing where you've been. Plus, check out projects for your family's furry friend and the best antique shows this fall.

### **WE LOVE IT: CLASSIC MUST-HAVE BELTS FOR FALL** -- Page 67

Only one accessory needed to add flair to dresses, office wear and even bags? This fall, bulky belts are the item to turn old favorites into new threads. Think outside the loop: Cinch a blazer; mix it with a delicate dress; or wear it low around your hips over a chunky sweater.

### **SHOPGIRL: CHALK IT UP** -- Page 93

This month, *Country Home*'s Shopgirl gets some classroom inspiration and shows how easy it is to create your own chalkboard at home, perfect for shopping lists and notes to the family. Looking to enhance plain walls? Check out Shopgirl's picks for moldings, an easy way to add a little jazz.

### **SWEET GRASS RANCH** -- Page 124

At the Carroccia family's working guest ranch in southwest Montana you can ride side by side with wranglers, drive Angus cattle and help with ranch chores. But you can also fish, hike, relax on the porch and eat home-cooked meals, ranging from whole-grain breads, made-from-scratch desserts and local organic produce. Try some of their recipes, **Maple-Blueberry Whole-Wheat Braid**, **Orange Raisin Cake** and **Margarita Salmon with Wheat Berry Salad** to bring a bit of Big Sky Country into your home.

### **THE DISH: ITALIAN FRESHENED UP** -- Page 149

Take advantage of fresh vegetables and herbs that have been soaking in flavor all summer long and add serious taste to pesto recipes like **Almond Pesto** and **Classic Genovese Pesto**, great for their simplicity as well as their taste. You can thank us later. Also, compliment your pesto with our favorite pasta, sauces and antipastos – all available online.

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