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A French CONNECTION

Explore a new home inspired by the charm of an Old World farmhouse and updated for urban family living.

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The colors

inside interior designer Terrie Day's house may be all whites and creams, but visitors needn't worry if they spill their drink. "My home may be white, but I invite guests in to put their feet up and curl up in one of my many knit throw blankets," says Terrie. "My family very much lives in our home. Our sofa is slipcovered, our coffee table is rustic wood, and all of the whites and creams can be bleached and washed."

Terrie lives with her husband and three daughters in historic Jacksonville, Oregon, in what she calls her "Urban French Farm." When the couple bought the property in 2012, there was no house, just an acre of dirt. After looking at hundreds of house designs, Terrie ultimately chose a beautiful French

home she had pinned on Pinterest. "We tried to emulate the exterior of that home and then designed the interior to reflect French and Italian farm style," says Terrie, who is owner of Allure Décor Design and Event Planning Company.

Terrie is not only inspired by French and Italian décor, but the décor of other European countries too, and will even make an exception to her white and cream décor if sufficiently impressed. "For example, the pink walls in my two younger girls' shared room and my marble bathrooms were all inspired by my trip to London, where we visited this beautiful bakery, the all-pink Peggy Porschen Parlour."

She also made a color exception in her teenaged daughter's room, painting the vintage barn doors her daughter loves teal. "Teal is her favorite color," says Terrie. "My husband built the barn doors, and I sourced the vintage hardware to give her room more personality that fit her style."

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chic linen slipcover, a tan and white rug from Pottery Barn and linen oak-washed side chairs from Restoration Hardware.

Terrie's heirloom pieces come from her husband's native country, Switzerland. "My husband's desk and my gray-washed farm table in the entry are a few of the pieces that were sent over on a ship several years back," she says.

While Terrie loves the European sense of all the rooms throughout her home, she encourages her clients to make their rooms a reflection of themselves. "Try to bring your personality in that space," she says.

THE LIVING ROOM COUCH has a linen slipcover, adding a bit of modern to the Old World décor.

THE CHIC LINEN OAK-WASHED SIDE CHAIR from Restoration Hardware complements the linen-covered living room couch.



DESIGNER TIPS: *Urban French Farm*

TERRIE DAY'S ESSENTIAL HOME
DÉCOR ADVICE

For most of her clients, Terrie suggests they begin decorating by using neutrals and mix in patterns and texture for interest. For example, she advises mixing and matching printed medallion pillows with a larger striped set of pillows and throwing on a cable-knit blanket for warmth—a look similar to her home's décor.

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Some of Terrie's favorite brands include Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware and Restoration Hardware's children's line, RH Baby & Child, which she uses for adult decor. "Baby & Child is where most of my chandeliers come from. I love the classic lines of their children's furnishings for adult spaces. I often use this kids' collection to decorate my clients' beautiful homes."



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