

# THE ENTRYWAY:

## 5 tips to make an entrance in your home.



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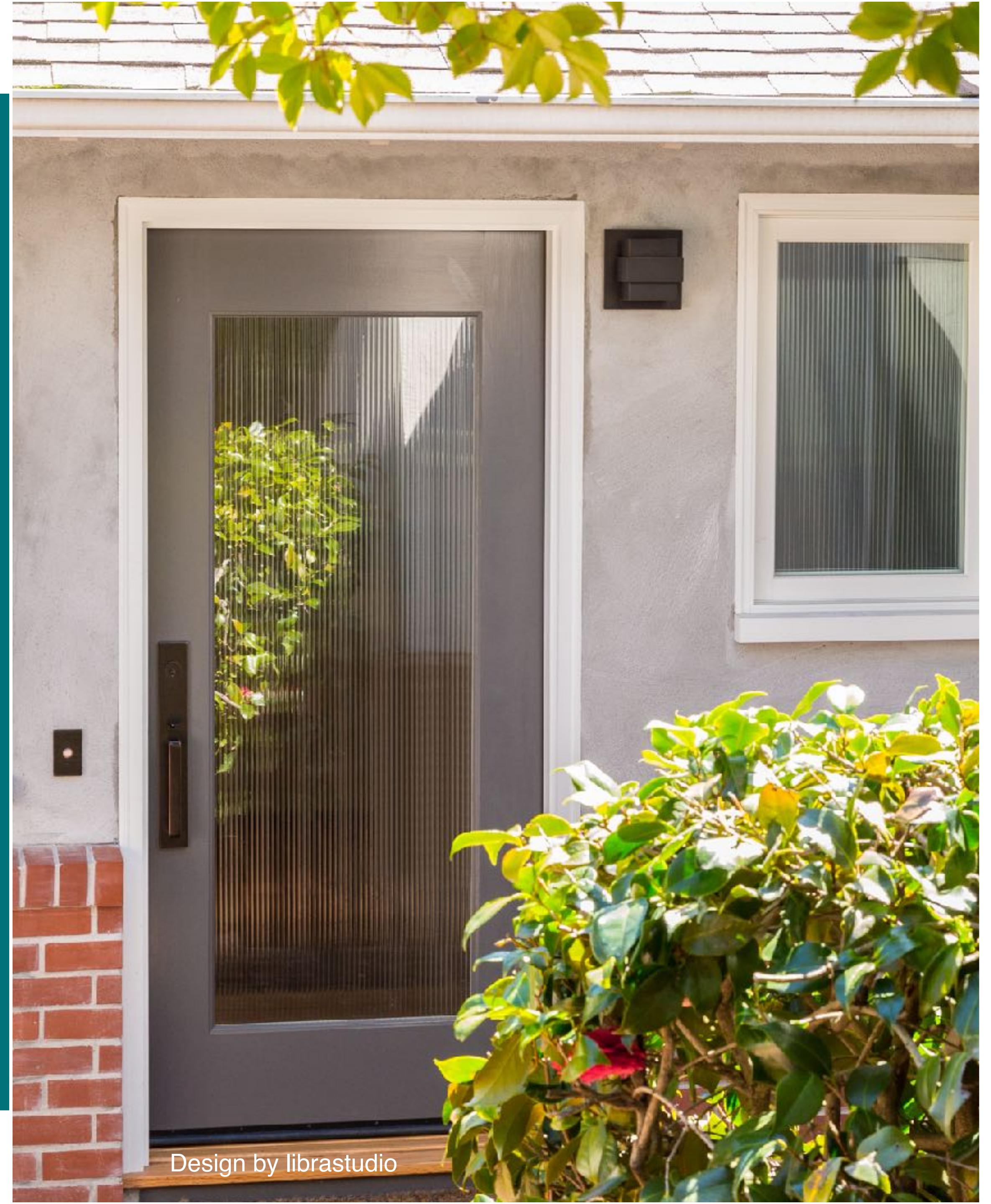
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TIP #1:  
CONSIDER THE HARDWARE.

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Front door, back door, mudroom. No matter where you enter from, the first point of contact sets the stage for the rest of your experience.

- Keyless Entry will make coming home a smoother experience. The main types to look for are:
- Smart locks- opens with an app + your phone or a key fob.
- Touch pad- All you have to do is remember your code. There's never a key to lose.

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Shown here, [Baldwin Hardware](#)

**N**ew Door Handles. Yes, this seemingly innocuous and simple upgrade can actually make a difference.

We all know the classic round. Here are some other styles to consider:

- Thumb latch, Egg knob, Lever
- Push-pull-rotate, (bottom right) by [Brinks](#). Not as sophisticated as the others, but ultra convenient; ideal for a back or side door.

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All styles, [Baldwin Hardware](#), except bottom right, [Brinks](#)



# TIP #2: THE LANDING SPOT.

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**A** **Landing Spot** gives you a sense of arrival and ease.

- You walk in, arms full, looking around for a spot to put your things. The day has been hard and you just want to unload and relax. Yet, without a designated place, even the smallest mess becomes a stressor. You might even bemoan how you don't have any space (even if there's plenty). The result: you feel unwelcome in your own home. Psychologically speaking, it's like a tiny rejection. It may even trigger a fight-flight-freeze response from your vagus nerve. This is the polar opposite of how you want to feel coming home.
- The entry will always be an area that gets easily congested. It's a pass-through room, where you unload after an outing. No one stays in the entry, they move through it. With an organized landing spot and well-planned furniture, you can mitigate some of the natural chaos that is inherent to every entryway.



Custom printmakers cabinet and shelves,  
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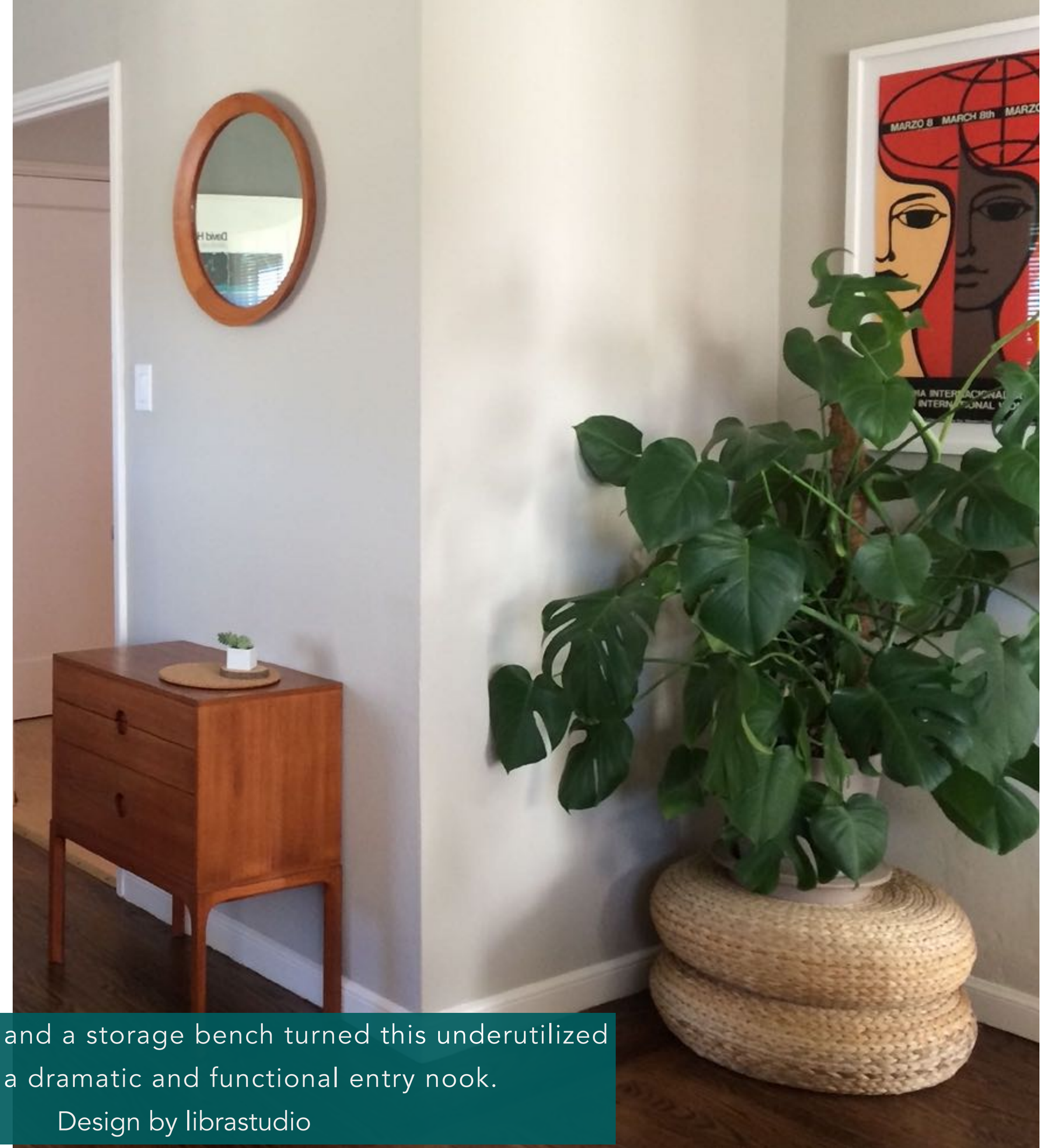




AFTER



BEFORE



Custom wall panels and a storage bench turned this underutilized corner into a dramatic and functional entry nook.

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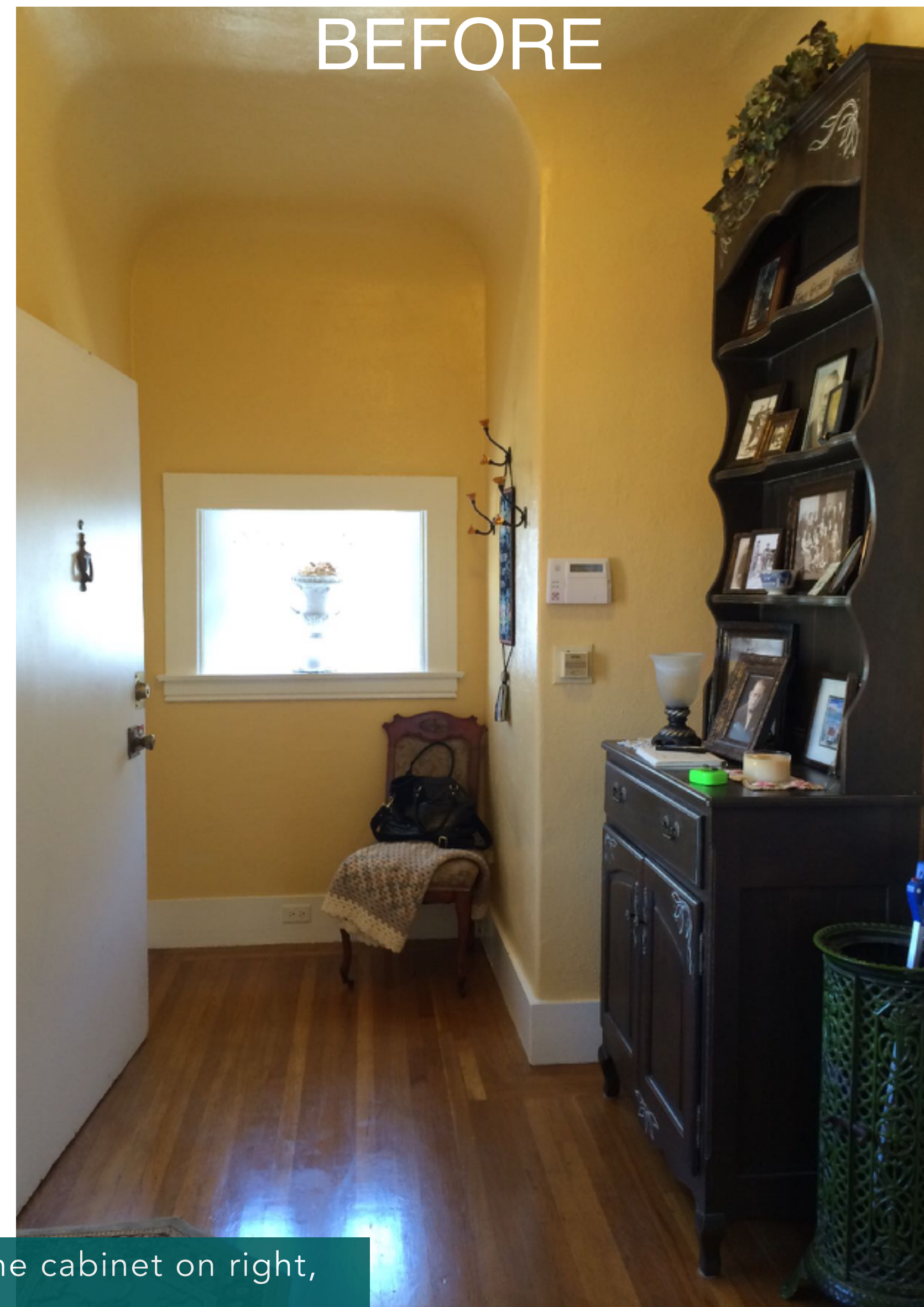
BEFORE



Have a front door that is used by guests, but not you? A simple console for keys and phones shows you're a good host with great taste.

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This deep pocket entry serves as the perfect home office. The cabinet on right, functions as landing spot and office supply storage. Both desk and cabinet are custom. Design by librastudio



TIP #3:  
SIGHT, SCENT, SOUND.

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# Sight: Change your perspective.

- Use greeters to welcome you. A buddha figure, a calming piece of art, a favorite plant, these are “greeter” elements, which greet you at the door, triggering the **Aaahh** response, *I’m home now, I can relax.*
- Timers are your friend! There’s no reason to ever walk into a dark house. Schedule twinkle lights and small lamps to turn on when you arrive.

- Lighting is everything! And color temperature is king. For domestic spaces, 2700K is ideal for warm white color. 3000k is fine for a home desk area. Anything higher becomes can quickly become unflattering.
- Lumens matter, too. Lower # of lumens = lower brightness. It’s where I see clients getting disappointed with their light fixture, when the issue is really the light output (lumens) of the bulb. With LED bulbs, I find that the lumens are more important than the wattage equivalency
- Consider investing in the Phillips HUE system, for total light control. Or Cree bulbs, for individual bulb replacements, when making the switch from incandescent to LED.





**S**cent: Smells can transport you like nothing else.

- Flowers- Lillys, Magnolias, or sprigs of Eucalyptus all have lasting fragrance.
- Reed diffusers are no brainers. Set it and forget it.
- Candles or Room sprays, for use upon arrival. I love Voluspa candles, which are made with coconut oil, not soy; they burn cleaner and smell delicious!

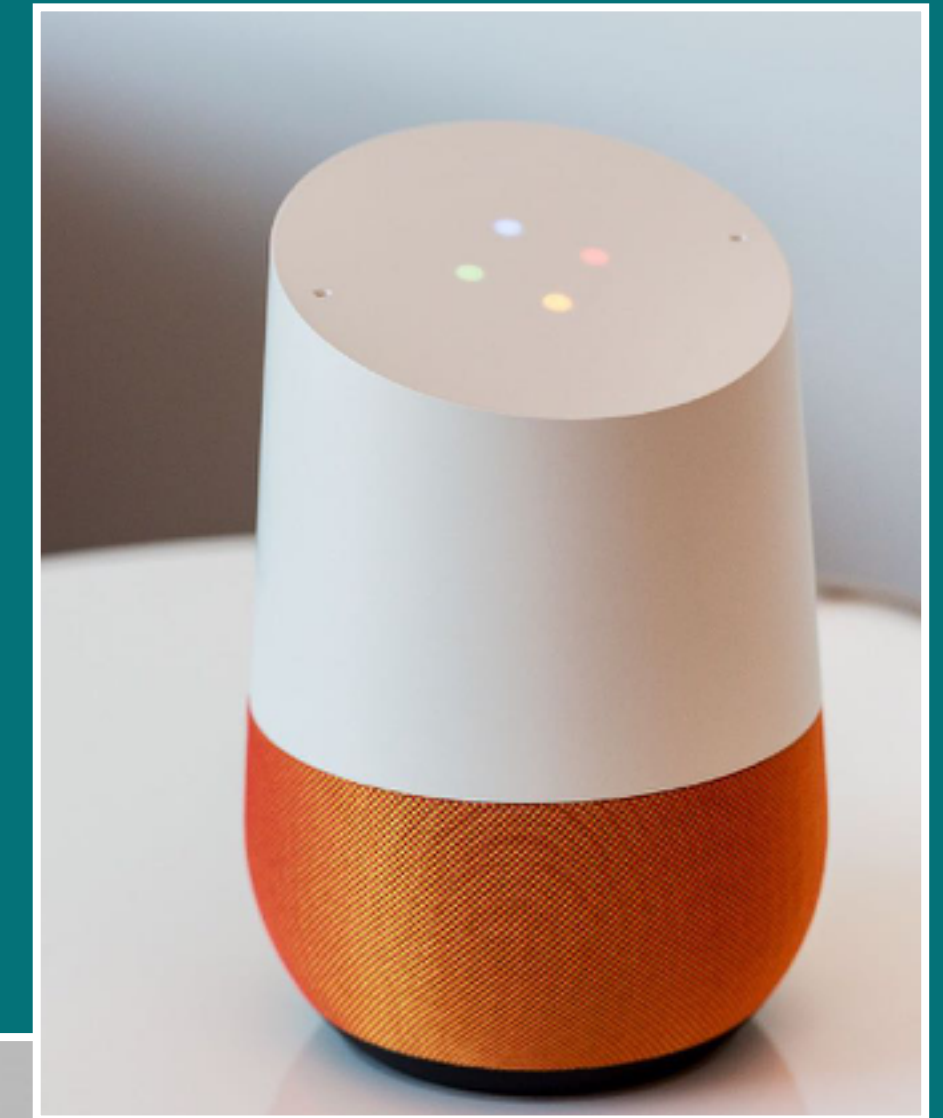


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# Sound: Use technology to your advantage.

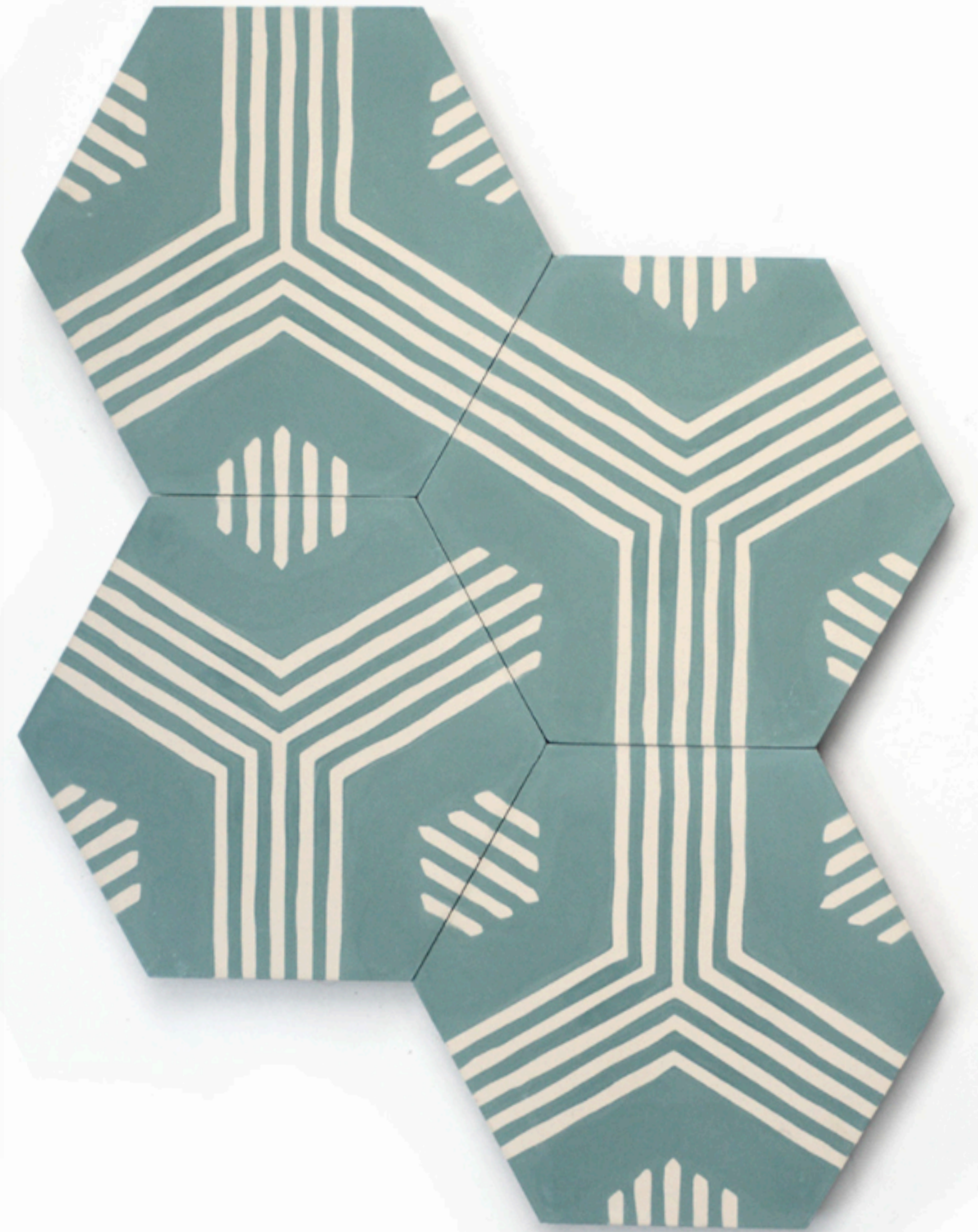
- Create a 'relaxing playlist' using your favorite music app and your smart home device. When you get home, simply say, "Hey Google, Alexa, whatever, play *relaxing playlist*". Et Voila!
- A white noise machine can mask the din of a noisy street...and have it turn on automatically with a digital timer.





TIP #4:  
THE FLOOR!

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You can afford to be dramatic and bold in pass-through rooms like an entry or a mudroom.

- Tile adds unexpected texture and it cleans easily!
- Luxury vinyl planks for a cost-friendly, durable alternative to hardwood
- Don't forget the area rug for capturing dirt, adding color, and dampening sound.

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Vinyl planks by [Fusion](#), Tile by [WOW](#), and [Zia Tile](#)



This foyer has it all- patterned tiles (these were stenciled), storage bench, and keyless entry w/ keypad.



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What a great entryway! Wool rugs are wonderful, but can be costly to clean professionally (and they take forever to dry if you clean them yourself!!).



For easy care, especially in humid environments, look for rugs made of recycled plastics (PETs) or synthetics like polypropylene.



TIP #5:  
TAKE NOTE  
&  
HAVE A PLAN.

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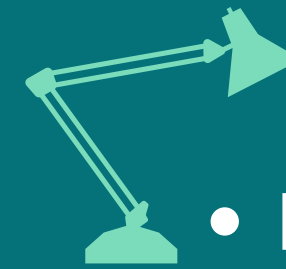


**B**egin to take note of how you move through the space. Use the biofeedback of your lifestyle to make your home work for you.

- First notice, what natural cues you are being given?
  - Does stuff always end up piled up in a hallway/pathway/doorway? Can you add a small shelf or storage there?



- Do you have a chair where you organically feel like you need a flat surface? Do you find yourself reaching for scissors near the backdoor, but they are always in the front?



- Now, look at the style. Are your furnishings speaking to the vibe that you want? Are you holding on to things, like art or tchotchkes, that are no longer YOU? Or worse, that bring up negative emotions every time you look at them? It's okay to let go of things that once sparked joy, but no longer do.
- The interior of our home gives us an opportunity to express our individuality in a highly rewarding way. And to see the beauty in your space reflect back to you on a daily basis, can create a domino effect that ripples inward, and outward. Start with your entry and see what happens.



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