SCORE!
Christi snatched up this vintage camp sign, complete with the wood frame, at a Country Living Fair for $50.
Glass of Milk
Sherwin-Williams
WELCOME
VISITORS
PLEASE
REGISTER
HERE

SCORE! This freebie—a small circa 1911 photo of the Wilsons' house—was a gift from the descendants of the original homeowners.

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KEEP WINDOW TREATMENTS MINIMAL

In the bedrooms (master, left; son's, below), forgoing custom-made curtains in favor of store-bought sheer panels kept costs way down. "They make the house feel airy and bright, while adding just the right amount of privacy," Christi says.

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LOOK FOR VINTAGE LIGHTS

Christi tops off each room with a showstopping antique fixture. Even with the cost of rewiring, they ring in for less than brand-new pendants and cast far more ambience.

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TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Christi utilized the same style-for-a-steal strategies in the backyard chicken coop. A farmhouse sconce outside plus a thrift-store armchair and antique oil painting inside take it from hardworking to good-looking.

"WHERE'D YOU FIND THAT?"

Homeowner Christi Wilson shares her secret decorating sources.

WHISTLE STOP ANTIQUES
"I trek to this hole-in-the-wall shop in Giddings, Texas, for ironstone and garden decor. The only problem is having enough room to haul it all home!" *shop whistlestop.com*

HERMANN ANTIQUE MALL
"With more than 25 vendors daily, this Brenham, Texas, joint never disappoints. I always look for accessories like vintage signs and old-fashioned toys." *hermann furniture.com*

COST PLUS WORLD MARKET
"My family uses their cloth napkins every day. They have the best prices and a wonderful selection: Some are traditional, some are trendy, and some are just plain fun!" *worldmarket.com*