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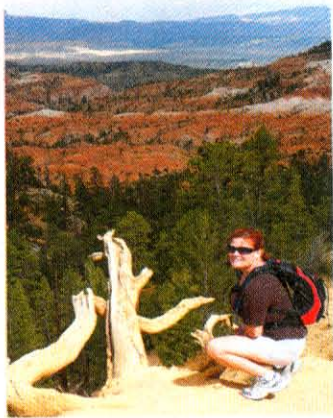
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WHILE ON A HIKING TRIP TO BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK TWO YEARS AGO, I had an epiphany. Intoxicated by the fragrances of nature and feeling in touch with my spiritual side, it dawned on me that creativity and inspiration had taken a backseat in my life. I reflected on how I had allowed living in the "real world" to hinder me from living in an inspired world of my own making. I also thought about how there never seemed to be quite enough time for me to fully connect to my creative side. After a strenuous hike, I arrived on a plateau overlooking a breathtaking vista. Tired yet exhilarated, I promised myself that I would never again lapse into the tunnel vision of the daily grind. I returned from the trip with renewed energy and a commitment to make more time for creativity and inspiration in my life. I'd love to say that I've been living in creative bliss ever since this self-revelation, but "real" life eventually slid back into the driver's seat and soon enough shifted me into high gear. It wasn't until recently that part two of my epiphany came into focus.

While putting this issue together, I've had the privilege of meeting some truly imaginative people who seem to have a handle on incorporating creative inspiration into their daily lives. And as I interviewed designers and homeowners, read blogs and assembled content, I began to see a pattern: These people aren't simply making time for creativity; they are actually allowing creativity to guide and influence their choices every day.

Take design enthusiast Michelle Hinckley, who, inspired by a wall silhouette at a home decorating store (and equally uninspired by its hefty price tag), used resourcefulness and imagination to create wall art for her master bedroom (page 14). Professional closet designer Lisa Adams finds inherent inspiration in neat and orderly spaces, so she made it her life's mission to teach others how to stay organized (page 72). And interior designer Barry Dixon believes that inspiration can be found everywhere—from exotic locales to the views right outside your bedroom window. Once you see the incredible designs featured in his phenomenal new book, I'm guessing you'll agree (page 88).

From a variety of decorating ideas to a range of beautifully designed bedrooms and bathrooms to dozens of amazing product resources, I know you'll find creative inspiration on virtually every page of this issue. But it's my sincerest hope that you also find creative inspiration around every corner.

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