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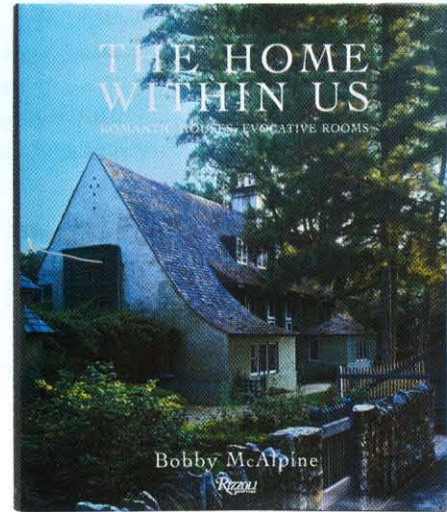
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The Nicki II slipcovered sofa from Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams is 88" long, through Elte, Celadon Collection and Brougham Interiors.



Napoli vintage linens by Libeco in (from left) Fog, Natural, Cafenoir and Flax.



My favourite new book to inspire, by Bobby McAlpine (Rizzoli, 2010).

A Little Country

When is “distressed and worn” a good thing? When it’s country style. *Lynda Reeves* explains.

No matter where you live or what style you like, chances are a little “country” is finding its way into your rooms this season. Partly because it’s the holidays and dressing our rooms with pine cones and aromatic boughs is our Canadian tradition. But more than that, it seems that elements of nature and the casual feel of country furniture and textiles are an essential part of today’s hot mix. Rough-hewn wood against smooth plaster walls, humble woven mats on fine polished floors, dressy with casual, yin and yang — it’s that contrast that gives a room attitude.

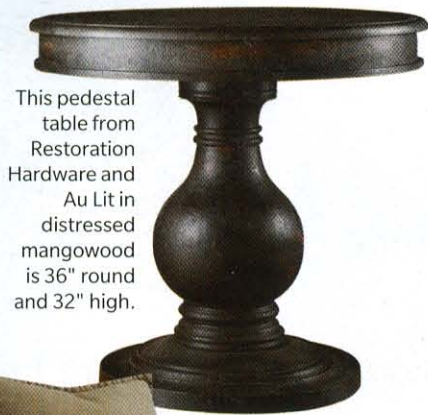
Country has been creeping into my rooms in the city for some time. When the tree-stump cocktail table came into vogue, I bought a pair for my modern office, stained espresso brown. And I can’t pass a handsome basket or woven tray without buying it, and anything carved in waxed English pine gives me tingles.

Like me, you probably have at least one accessory sporting the look of greyed white oak that is, it seems, everywhere. From breadboards to

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A bamboo version of the farmhouse apron sink, from Lenova Sinks.



This pedestal table from Restoration Hardware and Au Lit in distressed mangowood is 36" round and 32" high.



The six-drawer Hemnes chest from Ikea is 52" tall.



This Bali faucet in polished chrome by Graff is a modern take on a farmhouse pump.



From Lee Industries, this armchair features a hot new trend: raw exposed seams.