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SOUTHERN CHARM

*A Houston home, stuck in the '90s, gets
a floor-to-ceiling farmhouse face-lift.*

▶ **BATHING BEAUTY**

The Clarkes' master bath featured a turn-of-the-century tub—the wrong century. (It gave off 1990s sunken-tub splendor instead of 1880s sophistication.) The family upgraded to a Victoria and Albert soaking tub that both parents and children can enjoy.

▼ **LOOKING UP**

Big-box staples, like Pottery Barn lamps and bedding and a Restoration Hardware upholstered headboard, mingle effortlessly with the antique mirror over the bed. To add dimension, shiplap was affixed to only the top portion of the walls, drawing the eyes up and making the ceilings look taller.



A STARBURST MIRROR CAN BE CRAFTED FROM WOOD SCRAPS OR PAINT-STIR STICKS.



and living room. Areas were further softened with numerous weathered accessories, such as artwork, demijohn bottles and architectural salvage (many sourced at the Marburger Farm Antique Show in Round Top, Texas).

While niceties like pretty textiles and tchotchkes next-leveled the majority of the home, the kitchen took a bit more elbow grease. After revising the layout, hardworking materials were incorporated, including virtually indestructible quartz countertops. Wanting the kitchen to have an open, farmhouse aesthetic without feeling too country-kitsch, Mathis masterfully mixed vernacular favorites (think open shelving, shiplap, subway tile) with modern details. (Don't miss those metal Tolix dining chairs!)

"We gave the house some farmhouse flair that's still in keeping with a classic two-story brick suburban house," says Mathis. "It feels fresh, effortlessly walks between town and country and, most of all, is an incredibly hospitable place to come home to." ■