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A Dining Nook, Dissected

Designer Heather Chadduck Hillegas's 100-year-old Alabama farmhouse is artfully layered with milky white materials and timeless silhouettes.

SITTING PRETTY
STREAMLINED WINGBACKS

Petite proportions give these seats a leg up in small spaces.

Oatmeal Wingback
 \$376; homedepot.com

"Cheswold" Wingback
 \$290; target.com

"Bacall" Dining Chair
 \$233; overstock.com

COUNTRY CLASSIC
TILT-TOP TABLE

Made popular in England, this space-saving silhouette (also referred to as "pillar and claw") rose to popularity stateside in the 1800s thanks to its associations with social decorum (read: implied practice of "tea time"). Fun fact: In 1986, a Philadelphia tilt-top was the first piece of American furniture to fetch \$1,000,000 at auction.

\$1,200; englishmansfurniture.com

SPLURGE VS. SAVE
MILK GLASS LIGHTING

Schoolhouse silhouettes and high-contrast hardware give these fixtures an antique feel, regardless of budget.

Modern Pendant
 \$1,259; lighttopiaonline.com

"Botkins" Pendant \$55; wayfair.com

STYLE SHORTCUT
TILE DECALS

While the floor at right is custom-painted, Charleston, South Carolina-based Mirth Studio (long beloved for its decorative wood tiles) has made its coveted designs available as 12" by 12" peel-and-stick vinyl decals. (And nope, they won't compromise the floor beneath.)

"Cafe" Decals \$112 for a pack of 16 square feet; mirthstudio.com

FOREVER FURNITURE
PERFORMANCE UPHOLSTERY

A dining setting + neutral fabric may send shudders down the spines of some (lookin' at you, red wine drinkers!), but a host of new stain-resistant performance fabrics means spills will bead as opposed to blenheim. To get the look at right, re-cover a Centennial-style chair, known for its ball-and-claw front feet, with a linen-like pick.

Crypton in French Vanilla
 \$35 per yard; joann.com

PAINT PICK
SWISS COFFEE

The floor, walls, and ceiling of this refined space are coated in this warm and creamy Behr hue, which allows the darker woods to pop. Testing picks on your own? Be sure to assess paint samples in the morning, noon, and evening, as colors will shift throughout the day.



COLLECT CALLING
IRONSTONE

Glass-front, built-in cabinetry provides the perfect spot to showcase a 300-piece ironstone collection. Originally intended for usage in washrooms, an ironstone pitcher-basin combo is now put to use as a hydrangea-filled centerpiece. (See page 55 for more tips on collecting ironstone.)

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