



# Guesthouse with Soul

This home away from home brings a passion for vintage style to the forefront.



After living abroad and multiple moves in recent years, this family wanted to get back to their roots, and they landed on a 40-acre property in Magnolia, Texas.

When searching for their new home, the family knew they'd need a guesthouse where friends and relatives could stay when visiting, which is part of what drew them to this property. The main reason, though, is obvious: the land itself. "When you drive up to their home, you just say, 'Wow,'" designer Ashley Moore shares.

To keep their guests feeling cozy, the homeowners leaned on Ashley's design expertise to help retain the natural charm of the guesthouse while adding in vintage-inspired style. This included keeping the whitewashed shiplap walls and ceiling and the stained hardwood floors that match the main house. "Who built this home did a great job picking out the materials to make the home appear that it's been around for 100 years," Ashley says.



Vintage touches appear from the entryway to the rest of the home, even in the smallest details. The bench on the porch is actually an antique church pew that the homeowners found. The basket-adorned wall, Ashley's favorite feature of the guesthouse, displays a collection of thrifted and found pieces, mainly consisting of old offering baskets.

To balance the vintage style of the space, Ashley layered fresh, contemporary accents to bring new life to the interior. Clean lines and a neutral color palette contrast the intricate detailing in the architecture and allow the house itself to shine. She also opted for softer textures for the more modern elements so the natural beauty of the wood and vintage pieces would stand out. Greenery and plants bring a breath of fresh air and a pop of color to the entire home.

Although it appears to be a generations-old cottage nestled in the heart of the woods, this circa-2000 home is the product of beautiful architectural design and a gorgeous plot of land.



When the homeowners brought Ashley on board to design the home, she was already familiar with the property because she and her husband had considered purchasing the house at an earlier time. "I already had ideas in my head of what I wanted to do," she said.





The guesthouse is quaint, and what it lacks in square footage, it makes up for in practicality. The basement area is storage, where the family keeps tools and equipment. Each bedroom can sleep multiple guests thanks to innovative design schemes, including trundle beds in the bunk room.

Most importantly, the main living area of the guesthouse is an open-concept space, allowing for friends and family to gather without missing out on anything. Ashley finds herself partial to the charming breakfast nook right inside the entryway of the home—the perfect spot to chat and decompress after a day of traveling. 🍷

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The bathrooms in the home underwent some of the most extensive renovations, bringing the spaces up to date and making the most of the small square footage. In the main bathroom, however, Ashley kept the sink and the bathtub, which are both original to the home.

