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## Change of Season get ready!

Add on for  
family fun

Pack a fall picnic

Plan a girls'  
night in

Start a reading club

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Real-life makeover tips & how-to



POTLUCK FLIRT



Want to use a pretty fabric in a high-use area? Consider having the fabric laminated with flexible vinyl; then you can simply wipe it down with a damp sponge. For small jobs, try do-it-yourself iron-on vinyl. For larger projects, check with an upholsterer or fabric store to find a fabric laminator in your area.

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in New England. "I pointed and waved my arms a lot at the cabinet guy," she says, describing how she conveyed the look she wanted. Layers of crown molding, beaded board, and a mix of accessories take the kitchen back to another era. "It's not a vintage kitchen, but it looks that way," says Sue.

Best of all, Sue continues to live with the things she loves. "I don't remember ever not having those chairs," she says of the broad-backed seats around the breakfast table. "I've re-covered them four times myself."

Given Sue's practical bent, any piece of furniture has the opportunity for a second act even if it's in another part of the house. She confidently adds, "I know what I have and I'm not afraid to move things around." ☺

The dining chairs, remnants of Sue's childhood, have slipcovers that look fresh as new despite being nearly a decade old. The secret? Sue had the cotton fabric coated with plastic resin for easy clean-up.

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In her renovated home, Nancy Traversy created a children's reading room featuring open shelves packed with books she publishes (one of the books' characters appears below). Daughter Erin emerges from the Dutch door. (See our related story, Reading Club, page 178).

# It's a storybook Life

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