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Cottage thought #4

## Warm up white

**The big idea** Soften a bright white palette by introducing neutral shades like ivory and khaki that add warmth. Patterns also have their place in this light and open dining room, which combines a small-scale pattern on the bench with graphic stripes on the chair cushions, pillows, and rug. An off-white painted plank table serves as a gathering spot for everything from homework to Thanksgiving dinner.

**Notice the details** Forget the notion that a matching set of chairs has to surround a table for a proper dining room. Here, a plush camelback love seat mixes with an upholstered bench and two matching chairs to create a comfortable, eclectic look.

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Cottage thought #37

## Highlight a ceiling pitch

**The big idea** Make a bedroom cozier by covering a slanted ceiling with beaded board. The subtle graphic lines of the paneling draw attention to the angles from the roof and add instant architectural interest.

**Notice the details** A single modern accessory can often keep a room from feeling old-fashioned. A four-poster bed, heirloom-inspired quilt, wing chair, and old-world painting give this room a traditional feel, while the contemporary wooden stool provides an unexpected yet stylish touch. >



Cottage thought #44

## Snuggle up under the eaves

**The big idea** Take advantage of extra space under the pitched walls of a roof and create an intimate attic bedroom. Angular walls and ceilings provide visual interest and add cottage style when left open and raw, as in the bedroom at right, or clad in beaded board as above.

**Notice the details** Windows provide natural light and views and evoke the feeling of a tree house retreat. For the sloped walls of the bedroom above, the owners made simple bulletin boards with cork, fabric, and trim. The result is a great place to tack up photos and clippings, plus the ceilings appear taller. ■

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