

REAL-LIFE REDO



"THIS GARAGE HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED THE LOOK OF THE HOUSE," SAYS ALFIE. "RATHER THAN FEELING LIKE THE HOME WE PURCHASED, IT FEELS LIKE THE HOME WE HAVE CREATED."

THE PLAN: After compiling a journal of photos and ideas, Alfie and Kim began interviewing architects to find a designer who shared their vision. They hit it off with Minneapolis architect Bill Lewis and hired him to draw up the plans. But completing the work would be largely up to Alfie and Kim. "We essentially built the garage by ourselves with the help of friends and family. My father was a big help in framing, siding, and roofing the structure," says Alfie.

THE LOOK: Clay roofing tiles and wood doors echo the age and character of the house. The tile was salvaged by a contractor in Missouri who reclaimed it from an old church. "The hardest part was getting them to the roof," says Alfie, "since they each weigh seven pounds."

THE PALETTE: Warm and earthy. The Light Gray siding color and Strong White trim are both from Farrow & Ball, a British company specializing in vintage-looking oil-based paints.

THE SPLURGE: Doing their own construction freed up money to spend on the driveway. The drive was built from tumbled pavers laid over sand and crushed limestone gravel. "It took us a week to lay it all and cut the curves," Alfie says, "it's easy to repair any frost heaving, and it has a look of old pavers."

1) The **previous garage** was a boring box that stood at the end of the drive and required a ga-Aegiee turn to enter. 2) Prairie grasses separate a formerly shared drive. 3) New fixtures by Shades of Light feature a <meta> finish and Arts and Ciafis design from the early 20ih century. 4) Alfie built a cedar window box to fit below the window to the garage loft. 5) Cultured Brick veneer from Owens Corning was easy to apply and didn't require a footing. Alfie pre-applied a whitewash finish to give the veneer a weathered look.





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