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Beautiful beds for every Southwestern home

There's a reason why they call it the bedroom. If your bed isn't demanding its rightful place as the focal point of your private chambers, it might be time to upgrade. Before worrying about sheets, duvets, and pillows, first discover your ideal bed style.



Simply Amish Frisco

The Frisco collection is sparse, contemporary, and loaded with verve. Available in several hardwoods and finishes, and with or without attached nightstands, the Frisco panel bed exudes rustic contemporary style. Its tapered legs and low profile base makes this bed modern and distinctive.

\$6,198 queen with attached nightstands, Simply Amish, simplyamish.com

Ernest Thompson Priest

Sleep the slumber of the blessed in one of Ernest Thompson's oldest and most popular Northern New Mexico designs. Constructed with sugar pine wood harvested and cured using best practices of sustainable forestry, the Priest bed is hand-planed with mortise and tenon joinery. Decorative cutouts are hand-carded, chipped, and adzed, while finishes are hand-applied from age-old recipes.

\$2,679 queen, Ernest Thompson, southwestspanishcraftsmen.com



Modern Handcrafted Furniture Wiggle

Designed and built by Albuquerque craftsman Damian Velasquez, the playful Wiggle bed is clearly influenced by Velasquez's interest in the midcentury aesthetic. Built from brushed steel tube with a clear powder-coated finish, the metal beds in this collection come in gunmetal silver or matte black to complement a variety of décors.

\$1,695 queen, Modern Handcrafted Furniture, modernhandcrafted.com



La Puerta Originals

Incorporating salvaged building materials collected from around the world, each piece of furniture from Santa Fe's La Puerta Originals is one-of-a-kind. This rustic bed is handcrafted from antique cupboard panels and reclaimed lumber; carved finials were repurposed from antique dowry chests.

Starting at \$8,750 queen, La Puerta Originals, lapuertaoriginals.com



TEMA Contemporary Furniture **Astrid**

Dramatically simple, the Astrid bed is a fun engineering feat with its deeply splayed legs supporting the platform. It and other beds in the Copeland collection can be crafted in solid cherry hardwood or a combination of solid walnut with dark chocolate maple. The Astrid comes with one or two headboard panels and various stain options.

Starting at \$2,600 queen, TEMA Contemporary Furniture, temafurniture.com



Rustic Home **Turquoise Adobe**

Handcrafted in Mexico from Mexican pine and kiln-dried, the Turquoise Adobe bed is made of solid wood. Details include rusted clavos (nails with large domed heads) in the scallops and on each panel, as well as ornate flower carvings on the top

and on the posts. Available in turquoise, red, and other colors.

Starting at \$1,659 queen with headboard, Rustic Home, rustichome.net

Fiesta Furnishings **Magnolia**

Part of the Jason Scott Collection, the Magnolia bed originates in a small village in Indonesia. Reclaimed teak is salvaged from abandoned structures and handcrafted using a complex 10-step process

of wire brushing, scraping with broken glass, burning, waxing, rubbing with empty bottles, and state-of-the-art kiln-drying.

\$6,720 queen, Fiesta Furnishings, fiestafurnishings.com



Show House Santa Fe

Top designers transform a historic gem

by Cristina Olds



Show House Santa Fe came out of the gate flying in 2013, its inaugural year. A home in Las Campanas received a complete decorating makeover, courtesy of several of Santa Fe's top interior and landscape designers. Back for a second year, the event is expected to be bigger in every way this time around, with more rooms to decorate and more designers participating.

Show House Santa Fe will be open for touring October 4–5 and 11–12. The participating Santa Fe designers will be reimagining 20 rooms following the collective theme "Ancient-Future."

"Ancient-Future recognizes the enduring influence of Santa Fe style while embracing innovation and the unique needs of our evolving lifestyles," says David Naylor of David Naylor Interiors, who is once again co-chairing the event with Jennifer Ashton of Jennifer Ashton Interiors.

The 2014 Show House is an expansive 13,000-square-foot historic property set on 10 acres on the fringes of the Santa Fe National Forest. Known as Casa La Luna, the home melds Pueblo and Territorial styles with its original 1920s features, such as hardwood floors, rosewood ceilings, and extensive stonework quarried from the home's land. "We'll honor the timeless elements of the past—wood, stone, and adobe—along with the striking design elements that remain contemporary even after hundreds of years," Naylor says, "but we'll also incorporate new materials and blend them seamlessly to create an appealing vision of modern life in an ancient setting."

In addition to Naylor and Ashton, the designers participating in this year's Show House include Jeff Fenton, Kenneth Francis, Heather French, Natalie Fitzgerald, Edy Keeler, Emily Mingenbach-Henry, Gloria Moss, Mandana Nowroozian, Annie O'Carroll, Erica Ortiz, Chandler Prewitt, Greg Purdy, Karen Rizzo, Mary Ann Salomone, Lisa Samuel, Patti Stivers, and Marty Wilkinson. The designers "were chosen for their collected and unique talents," Ashton says. "Whether East Coast, Texan, Angelino, San Franciscan, or Santa Fean, we represent the colors of the land."

Show House's sponsors, Lisa and David Barker of Barker Realty and Christie's International Real Estate, are providing the venue, plus marketing and planning support. Proceeds from the event will once again benefit Dollars4Schools, a nonprofit that funds a variety of programs for Santa Fe-area schools, as well as The Lensic Performing Arts Center's children's programs.

For more information, visit showhousesantafe.com.

step away from the slots

Northern New Mexico's casino resorts offer so much more than gambling



Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino

Above, top: Sandia Resort & Casino's 4,000-seat amphitheater is a destination for world-class performers. Above: Besides winning chips at Buffalo Thunder's roulette table, players might also earn good luck kisses.

New Mexico's pueblos are home to several world-class casinos and luxury resorts that appeal to vacationers and locals alike. After a few winning hands at the poker table, who doesn't love a round on the golf greens, luxury spa treatments, fine dining, and unique cultural and artistic activities for the whole family? We asked a few renowned businesses what keeps their guests coming back for the full resort and casino experience.

Just 16 miles north of Albuquerque, **Santa Ana Star Casino** (santaanastar.com) boasts two Las Vegas-style performance areas: The Stage at the Star and Lounge 54, showcasing comedy, nightclub-style dances with DJs, and nationally touring live performers. Fun for the whole family can be found at the Starlight Bowling Center (with 36 lanes, lights, and fog machines), or at either the Twin Warriors or Santa Ana Golf Courses. Sadie's at The Star offers authentic New Mexico dining at its finest.

The casino, which is owned by the Santa Ana Pueblo, calls **Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa** (tamaya.hyatt.com) its sister company, and includes Tamaya's perks as part of the casino's resort experience. The hotel includes 350 guest rooms with stunning views of the Sandia Mountains. Besides unique treatments at the spa, Tamaya offers cultural

activities like adobe brick making, gourd painting, and bread baking, and organizes trail rides with proceeds benefiting rehabilitated horses.

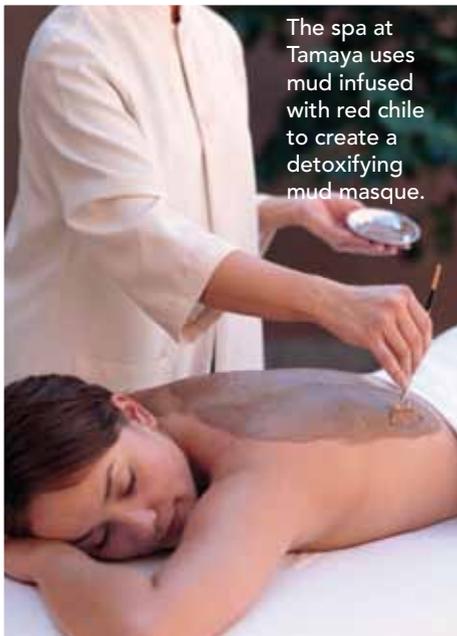
Isleta Resort & Casino's 201-room luxury hotel (isleta.com) showcasing Native art throughout is an oasis in the high desert with swimming pools, shopping, and dining options to keep visitors happy. Watch national-caliber musicians at the 2,500-seat Showroom, visit Isleta Eagle Golf Course's three 9-hole courses with GPS-enabled carts, or enjoy a scrub at the spa. Anglers might snag a channel catfish or rainbow trout at the nearby Isleta Lakes, where RV travelers are welcome to camp.

Sandia Resort & Casino (sandiacasino.com) has been in the gaming business longer than any other casino in New Mexico. The casino opened in 1994 and added the 228-room hotel in 2005; an expanded parking garage, upgraded golf pavilion, and a new spa will be completed by fall 2014. Bien Shur's casually elegant dining boasts the "best chef of the city" as voted by *Albuquerque the Magazine* readers in 2012 and 2013, and for after-dinner entertainment, the 4,000-seat outdoor amphitheater welcomes stars like Santana and Crosby, Stills & Nash. The 18-hole championship golf course—the longest course in New Mexico—challenges rookies and pros alike. Private cabana rentals are a treat for guests spending the day poolside, and the Green

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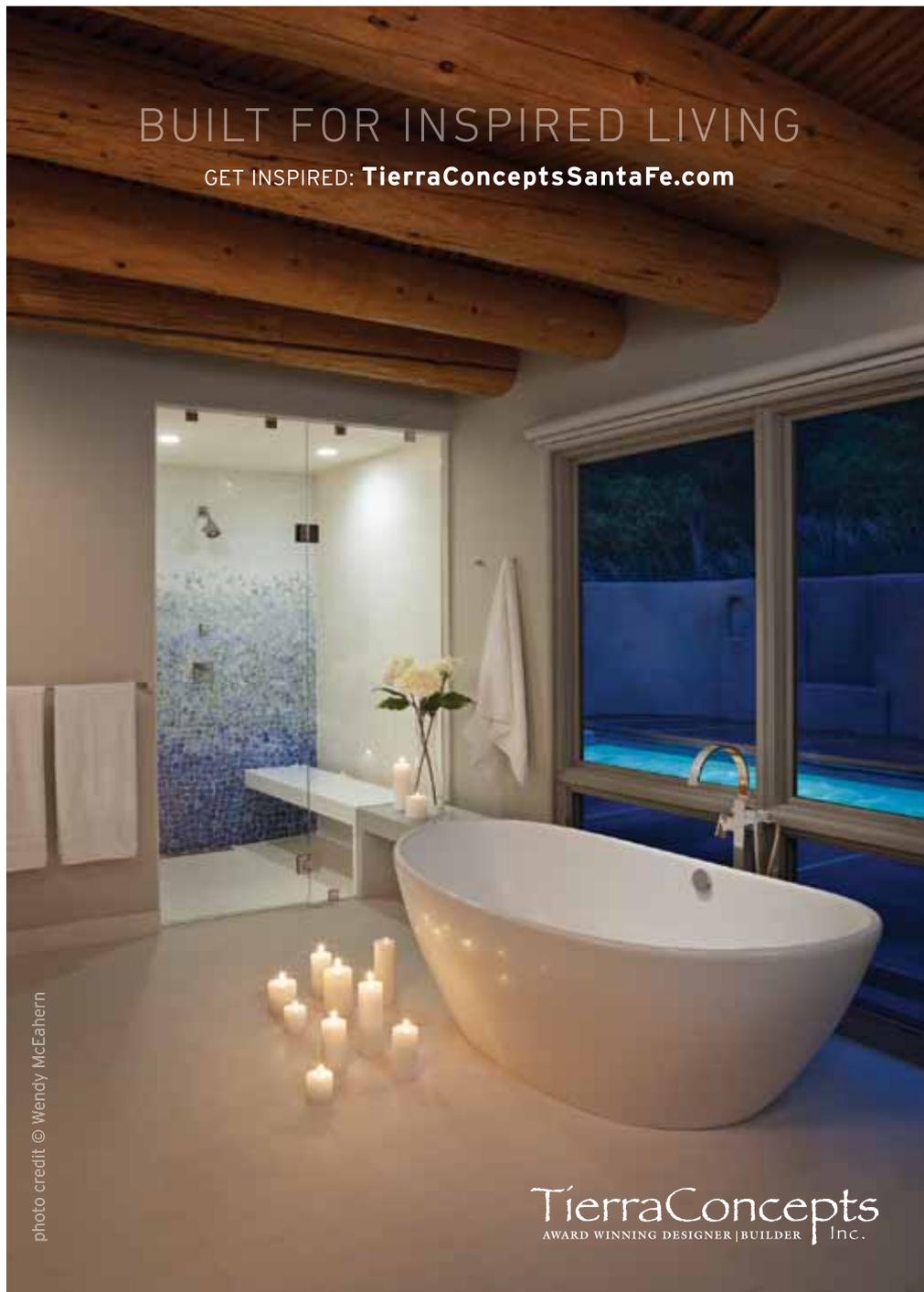
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From blackjack tables and championship golf courses to world-class spas and entertainment, the amenities at area casino resorts are sure to appeal.

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Native American Pueblo style and traditional Native artwork shines in the 395 rooms at **Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino** (buffalothunderresort.com), located 15 minutes north of Santa Fe in the gorgeous Pojoaque valley. Despite all the luxury, the resort is pet-friendly. The dining options are plentiful while live music and dancing can be enjoyed in the resort's various bars and stages. Buffalo Thunder houses a 24-hour fitness facility, indoor and outdoor pools, and tennis courts. The three 9-hole courses at the Towa Golf Club exceed the national average green size and include significant elevation changes, while the tranquil sanctuary of the 16,000-square-foot Wo' P'in Spa showers spagoers with decadent skin and body treatments. 



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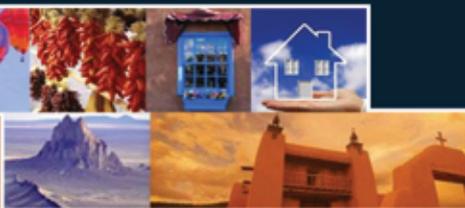
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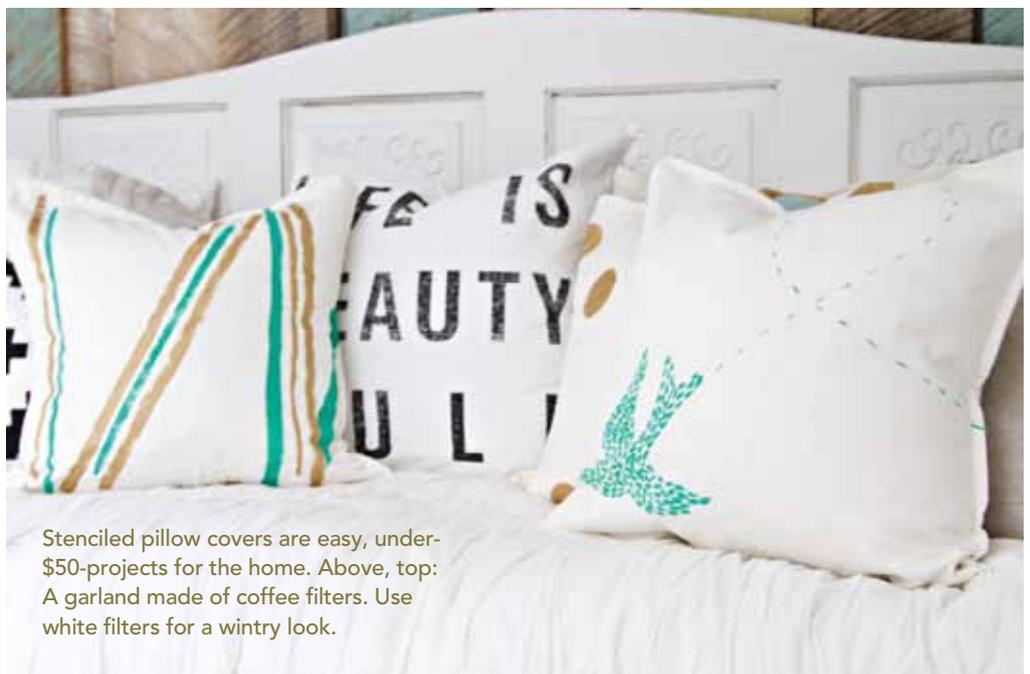
The \$50 Home Makeover: 75 Easy Projects to Transform Your Current Space Into Your Dream Place—for \$50 or Less!, by Shaunna West, Adams Media, hardcover, \$23

Shaunna West is real people: She hates laundry, she's not rich, she's a mom of homeschooled youngsters. She's crafty, but she's no Martha Stewart. Driven by a passion to create beauty in her home within a budget, West started the DIY blog Perfectly Imperfect in 2009. With a significant online following, she recently published her first book, *The \$50 Home Makeover: 75 Easy Projects to Transform Your Current Space Into Your Dream Place—for \$50 or Less!*

Appealing to the modern homemaker living within modest means who could use a few accents in her home worthy of popular shows like *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, *The \$50 Home Makeover* is packed with

easy-to-follow instructions in an attractive layout with loads of descriptive photos and tips. Organized in four categories—before and after, semi-handmade, upcycling, and simple DIY—the projects include painting, sewing, and repurposing with a key that ranks cost, difficulty, and how long each project takes.

The simplest projects take fewer than 30 minutes and



Stenciled pillow covers are easy, under-\$50-projects for the home. Above, top: A garland made of coffee filters. Use white filters for a wintry look.

Courtesy of Shaunna West

require little more than glue, paper, and a Styrofoam wreath form. The more advanced projects, such as the pallet wine rack or the wood slat end table, take up to four hours and require power tools like circular saws and drills.

“May the projects you tackle be less about finishing, but more about how you feel creating them and living with them.” —Shaunna West

West writes in a friendly, familiar tone, sharing her own mishaps to help others feel less intimidated by home improvement endeavors. She wasn't a crafty kid and admittedly came late to the DIYer lifestyle, but found the process of painting her old furniture for her first baby's room extremely satisfying; she genuinely wants to share that joy with others. “These simple projects will help you squeeze every last drop of style out of every cent, so that you get big improvements, but not a big bill,” she writes, acknowledging the expenses associated with crafting. If budget is not an issue, DIY-ing becomes about the simple yet profound joy of admiring the work of your own hands.

The author motivates readers to take on projects that infuse personality into their homes by way of adding little touches, just as she sprinkles her distinct voice throughout her blog and *The \$50 Home Makeover*. She opens the “Have Fun with Hardware” project with: “Hi, my name is Shaunna, and I'm addicted to pretty hardware. I have been known to buy hardware anyplace, anytime.” Her blog followers share stories online as if they and West are BFFs, which West encourages in the book with her friend-to-friend tone.

“May the projects you tackle be less about finishing, but more about how you feel creating them and living with them,” the author says. Regarding homemaking projects of any size, her advice is sage: Forget the rules and have fun; start with small projects that excite you; realize that some projects won't work and be open to trying again; and remember why you're doing this: to create a simpler, more beautiful life. —Cristina Olds

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