

A photograph of a rustic interior space featuring a large window with a built-in white wooden seat. The seat is adorned with several pillows: two with green and white vertical stripes, two with a light green polka-dot pattern, and two plain off-white ones. Below the seat is a white wooden cabinet with a rope handle. In the foreground, a green-painted wooden chest with black metal hardware sits on a light-colored wooden floor. On top of the chest are three small white pots with green herbs, a stack of books, and a plate of red tomatoes. The background shows a view of trees through the window, and a single black pendant light hangs from the ceiling.

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The qualities that distinguish a Western country home — or one that's Western in spirit — are elemental: wood and stone harvested locally, colours and motifs drawn from nature, and a relaxed sense that you're getting away from it all, even if your home is far from the countryside.



(Opposite) The simple and striking furniture in this Vancouver great room was custom-designed to reflect the symmetry, scale, and clean lines of the new home's architecture. (This page) In the same house, a generous use of Douglas fir and bluestone and the casual, comfortable furniture inspired the home's designer, Lesli Balagno, to label it "West Coast meets Arts and Crafts."



spirit of the west



details

Use subtle colours inspired by nature (soft greens, whites, and faded pinks) to echo the blooms and foliage of the Western environment. • For an airy take on Western country, juxtapose white slipcovered furniture with a fieldstone fireplace. • Leave trim work unpainted for a casual note of warmth. • In the bathroom, embrace the view — even if it's of your own backyard — by installing a claw-foot tub beneath large casement windows.