

The All-American Cottage

Our first-ever showcase home with *Southern Living* celebrates the ingenuity and quality craftsmanship of products made in the U.S.A.



Photos: Fred Rollison Photography

Inspired by the growing movement to bring manufacturing back home from overseas, *This Old House* and *Southern Living* joined forces with custom homebuilder Tom Dillard to construct an All-American Cottage in the Greenville, South Carolina, community of Verdae. If every builder used just 5% more American-made products, hundreds of thousands of jobs would be added to the U.S. economy. It's a worthy goal, and our quintessential cottage-style home proves it's achievable with 97% of the materials sourced right here in the United States.



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MEET THE BUILDER

Tom Dillard
Greenville, South Carolina
Dillard-Jones.com

What Inspired Me to Build All-American

"After almost a decade in the custom homebuilding industry, I have seen a decline in U.S. construction jobs—a lot of it due to the use of materials and products made somewhere other than the United States. When I saw the news coverage on Montana homebuilder Anders Lewendal and his commitment to build a home with materials made in the U.S.A., I was inspired to try it myself."

For more information or to see the plans for this home,
visit SouthernLivingHousePlans.com

THE ALL-AMERICAN COTTAGE



AUTHENTIC AMERICAN COLORS

Throughout the Cottage, designer Susan Peace-Vernon selected soothing earth tones from U.S.A.-manufactured **Valspar® Paint's** National Trust for Historical Preservation collection, an exclusive palette of documented historic colors. However, out on the porch you'll find the ceiling painted a surprising sky blue, in keeping with Southern tradition. Some believe it wards off everything from evil spirits to flying insects. But others simply feel it acts as an extension of the sky. *Shown: Valspar® 5002-5B, Dreamy Clouds*

TRADITIONAL FARMHOUSE KITCHEN WITH A TWIST

Monterey Maple cabinetry in Glacier Pewter by **Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.** proved to be a perfect mate for the trendy gray palette in the kitchen. We paired it with locally mined and honed-to-perfection Virginia Mist granite countertops and sleek made-in-the-U.S.A. appliances by **Dacor**.

FINISHING TOUCHES

The modern American blacksmiths at **Hubbardton Forge** crafted a trio of wrought-iron and blown-glass pendants for added visual interest and task lighting above the island.



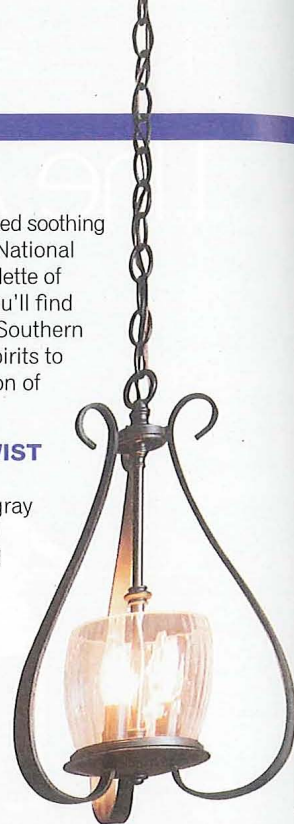
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All-American Details

1. What designer Susan Peace-Vernon calls "the single biggest hit in this interior design," *LP SmartSide* panels give the home a real cottage feel.
2. Cozy furnishings and a *Hubbardton Forge* chandelier make the dining room warm and inviting.
3. An *Isokern* modular gas fireplace was set in brick and topped by a Dillard-Jones custom mantel.
4. The study features a custom desk by the *Heirloom Companies* and a rich coat of *Valspar*®'s Montpelier Ashlar Gray.
5. Interior designer Sandy Hawkins fashioned nightstands out of antique Singer sewing machines.
6. *Wellborn Cabinet*'s Harmony Maple cabinets in Glacier finish give the master bathroom a crisp and clean look.
7. *Southern Traditions Window Fashions* provided floral-pattern window treatments.
8. No Southern cottage would be complete without an inviting, wrap-around sitting porch.

