

The symbol of country charm!

Want to instantly up your country-cozy factor? Get a rooster—or at least decorate with one! It's the classic emblem of French-country chic, and the perfect accent for any countrified room!



Bright spot!

Welcome visitors to your home with a comfy hallway bench topped with a pair of cheerful rooster pillows.



Tabletop delight!

Rooster candleholders will set a relaxed and whimsical tone come dinnertime. \$15.99, Distinctive-Dcor.com, 866-963-3267.



Farmyard flourish!

Softened the hard edges of a range hood by adding a stenciled rooster to the front. **Tip:** Find free rooster stencil images on SprayPaintStencils.com.

Serve up smiles!

Meals will be more fun served on cheerful red rooster dinnerware. \$59.99 for 16-piece set, CountryDoor.com, 800-341-9477.



Center of attention!

The perfect spot for your rooster collection? Your kitchen! Their bright red, brown, black and green hues add a punch of color that mixes well with the wood or white tones of most cabinets. Bonus: Roosters in the kitchen symbolize good luck, health and prosperity! ▼



Stylish storage!

This rooster cookie jar is so charming you'll want to keep it front and center on your kitchen countertop. \$49.99, BedBathAndBeyond.com, 800-462-3966.



Smart ideas for Your home!



1 Rust-proof your garden tools!

Before packing away garden tools for the winter, fill a bucket halfway with sand, sprinkle with mineral oil, then stir. Push the tools upright in the bucket. The mixture forms a light protective coating on the blades that fends off rust-causing moisture.

2 Use the right-size pot for plants!

If you're repotting a plant, it into a container just one inch larger than the old one. Repotting into a container that's too large can result in soggy soil that will rot the plant's roots.

3 Best way to wash a turtle-neck!

Turn it wrong side out when you wash it! Any makeup or oil stains on the neck will be better exposed to the detergent, so all the dirt will come out in just one wash.

4 Organize home fix-ups!

Whenever you repair something or take it apart, tape nuts, bolts or screws to the object. That way, you won't misplace any tiny pieces.

5 Cleaning power from your shower!

The best time to de-gunk the bathroom mirror? In the morning after everyone takes their showers. Once the mirror steams up, wipe it off with a towel. The dirt comes off easily, and you'll save money on cleaners and paper towels.

Display your favorites!

Want to liven up your living room with roosters? Limit it to just two or three of your favorite pieces, and they'll take center stage without overwhelming.