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NEW YEAR, NEW HUE!

Decorating with **WHITE**

**COZY, INVITING ROOMS
PRETTY COLLECTIBLES**
Plus! **HOW TO PICK THE
PERFECT SHADE OF PAINT**

DONE IN A DAY!
**Mini Makeovers That
Make a Big Difference**

**SIMPLY
BEAUTIFUL
KITCHENS**



COUNTRY LISTINGS

Is there anything prettier than a **WHITE FARMHOUSE**?
Not in our book. Here's why these effortlessly
picturesque homes (all with 5-plus acres!) lead the field.

IT CAN BE YOURS!
Listed for \$449,000, this
circa 1875 five-bedroom
MURFREESBORO, NC,
home features exquisite
plasterwork and eight
functional fireplaces.
Agent: *Elicia Revelle;*
joemurrayrealty.com



WIDE-OPEN SPACES

Thanks to their working past, even homes on consolidated properties tend to come with generous acreage. (This one boasts 14!)

EXPANSIVE PORCHES

Farming called for a lot of helping hands—typically from family. As a result houses were spacious to accommodate lots of relatives. Porches, in turn, were roomy, providing a shady spot for large groups to take a breather.

WEATHERBOARD SIDING

Exteriors were typically outfitted with long, thin strips of oak or pine milled on the property and known as weatherboard siding. Historically, lime whitewash was an inexpensive way to paint homes, hence the iconic, crisp white shade.

TIN ROOF

This hardy, handsome roof style was popular in the late 19th century, when many of America's farmhouses were constructed. The lightweight metal could be cheaply made, easily transported, and required little maintenance.

PHOTOGRAPH BY BRAD SIMMONS (GRAVEL SWITCH, KY); SUSAN MAGUIRE / MAGUIRE STUDIOS (HERMANTOWN, MN); MATT HARMON (LOUISBURG, NC); KIM CORKRAN (ATHENS, ME); ALAN STAMP (WAYNESBORO, VA).

Coffee beam-hued floorboards make the roomy porch a cozy spot to sit a spell.



GRAVEL SWITCH, KY \$250,000 ▶

Take in stunning mountain views from the large windows of this four-bedroom house or hit the great outdoors for fishing in the stocked pond.
Agent: Ken Garcia; bluegrassteam.com



LOUISBURG, NC \$250,000 ▶

An antiques-lover's dream, this Greek Revival-style three-bedroom house has original six-panel doors and brass carpenter locks at every turn.
Agent: Paul Setliff; era.com



HERMANTOWN, MN \$349,900

Throughout this four-bedroom home you'll find original, never-been-painted millwork. *Agent: Casey Carbert; edmundsllp.com*



Among this property's many outbuildings is a restored country doctor's office (see above).

ATHENS, ME ▶ \$239,900

Capped with a gambrel roof, this turn-of-the-century home has four bedrooms and sits on 80 acres complete with an apple orchard.
Agent: Kim Corkran; maineoutdoorproperties.net



COLEMAN, GA \$350,000

Nestled on 22 acres, "The Old Ingram Home Place" has four spacious bedrooms, plus a quaint screened-in sleeping porch.
Agent: Ben W. McCollum; wrightbroker.com



WAYNESBORO, VA \$350,000

A spacious eat-in kitchen exudes quintessential country charm inside this circa 1892 four-bedroom home.
Agent: Alan Stamp; remax.com

FARMHOUSE

Essentials

Don't have a sprawling farmhouse of your own? Try one of these iconic picks for an instant country upgrade.



Windsor Bench, \$520; *mainecottage.com*



Apron-Front Farmhouse Sink, \$573; *homedepot.com*



Galvanized Planter Set, \$46/set of 3; *wayfair.com*



Barn Red Wall Sconce, \$228; *barnlightelectric.com*