

# In the Western HOME

IDEA WE LOVE

## A BOLD ACCENT WINDOW

An accent wall makes a statement, but if you're a little color shy, how about just the window? This one, in the West Hollywood kitchen of textile designer Heather Taylor (*heathertaylorhome.com*), provides an unexpected style jolt. "We wanted the kitchen to feel bright, clean, and airy with pops of color," says Taylor. Her color consultant proposed blue for the window trim, which ties into the Moroccan tile on the floor. "It feels like vacation every single morning."



ASK AN EXPERT

## Chill out

*It's hot, but the environmentalist in you knows pumping the AC isn't the answer. Matt Golden, an energy efficiency expert based in Sausalito, California, and CEO of Open Energy Efficiency (*openenergymeter.org*), gives us tips for keeping cool this summer.*

### Tighten things up.

Make sure your ductwork is sealed and the home has appropriate insulation. The tighter the seal, the less energy needed to lower the temperature.

### Keep cool air inside and hot air outside.

Crack your windows at night to let the cool air in, but button them up during the day to keep the heat out. Close window blinds to prevent the sun from heating your home (especially on the western side—most solar heat gain comes from that direction when the sun is near the horizon).

### Consider getting a whole-house fan.

In the evening, run this ventilation system to exhaust air out of the house at night to cool the building. In the morning, close it up. It's less expensive than an air-conditioning system. I recommend AirScape fans (*airscapefans.com*). ☺



GIVEAWAY  
**SAVE  
WATER AND  
WIN!**

What's the most creative way you're saving water in your home and garden? The *Sunset* reader with the best idea will receive a six-piece set of patio furniture from the *Sunset* Summit Collection, the

newest addition to the Home by *Sunset* line, available only at Orchard Supply Hardware (*osh.com*). For complete rules and to submit your entry, go to [sunset.com/summitcollectioncontest](http://sunset.com/summitcollectioncontest).

## WESTERN MADE | Modern throne

Further proof that the freshest designs are being cooked up in restaurants: Eric Trine's Octahedron stool. Last year, the Ojai Rancho Inn commissioned the seat for its new bar, Chief's Peak. The bar opened, and patrons posted photos of the stools on Instagram asking, "Where can we buy these?" Trine, a design entrepreneur based in Long Beach, California, got the message and started producing the stools for retail this spring. They come in three heights, one of which also works as a side table, and are available in any powder-coat color or brass- or copper-plated (an extra \$25), with white oak or walnut seats. From \$275; *erictrine.com*.

