

BEFORE AND AFTER

TAKE YOUR PICK: HERE ARE THREE DISTINCT LOOKS TO BRIGHTEN AN ENTRY

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Channel Frank Lloyd Wright with these sculptural picks.



Floridus tall square planter. Galvanized copper. 24" h. x 15" sq. \$90. At retailers across Canada.

Progress Lighting sconce. Oil-rubbed bronze. 10" h. \$237. At retailers across Canada.



Obsidian (33-17). Approx. \$50/gallon. Through Pratt & Lambert.



Summerhill Hardware Avalon numbers. Bronze. 4-1/2" h. \$24 each. At Elte.

COUNTRY CLASSIC

From farmhouse to urban townhouse, this is a timeless combination.



Fairfield patio planter. Polyethylene. 20" cu. \$129. At The Home Depot.

Etched-glass sconce. Rust-resistant cast aluminum. 14" h. \$126. At The Home Depot.



Valspar Organic Garden (6005 6B). \$35/gallon. At Lowe's.



Enviromate plaque. Reflective cast aluminum. 9-1/2" h. \$30. At retailers across Canada.

RUSTIC MODERN

Mixing natural wood and industrial metal gives a chic, laid-back look.



Cedar planter. 13" h. x 16" sq. \$90. At Sheridan Nurseries.



Trans Globe lantern. Stainless steel. 8" h. \$100. At retailers across Canada.



New Jeans (6004-63). \$51/gallon. Through Sico.



Ives by Schlage numbers. Satin nickel. 5" h. \$15 each. At retailers across Canada.

WHAT THEY DID

PAINT: The exterior was painted in easy-to-work-with shades of grey that let the statement yellow door take centre stage. **Cost: \$100.** **Trim,** Kendall Charcoal and Distant Gray; **siding,** Chelsea Gray; **door,** Lemon, all Benjamin Moore.

ROOF: The leaking roof was replaced, the largest but most needed fix. Its grey tones complement the house's new palette. **Cost: \$4,000.** **Roof,** Synergy Construction and Design.

PLANTS: The old chain-link fence was replaced by more welcoming boxwood. Layered perennials close to the house soften the lines of the building. **Cost: boxwoods, \$30 each; hydrangeas, \$40 each.** **All plants,** Sheridan Nurseries.

HARDWARE: An oversized house number was painted black to match the door handle. Placing the number at the bottom of the door adds unexpected graphic punch. **Cost: \$12.** **House number,** Wattle and Daub.

STAIRS: New wooden steps that extend across the width of the entry leave space for a pair of pretty urns. **Cost: \$1,000.** **Platinum gray solid exterior stain,** Benjamin Moore.

PLANTERS: Large white urn planters add a sculptural element while round topiaries balance the square lines of the house. **Cost: planters, \$120 each; topiaries, approx. \$220 each.** **Planters,** Bliss Interior Design; **topiaries,** Sheridan Nurseries.

LIGHTING: Balanced with the planters below, a pair of simple sconces creates an appealing symmetry. **Cost: \$24 each.** **Sconces,** Lowe's.

RUNNER: Simple by-the-foot jute adds a welcoming, organic vibe. **Cost: \$8/foot.** **Runner,** Merit Decorating Centre.

SIDING: Parts of the old siding were repaired or replaced. **Cost: \$2,000.** **Siding,** Synergy Construction and Design.

DOOR AND WINDOWS: New sash windows and a panel door instantly revived the house's ailing façade. **Cost: \$2,500.** **Windows,** Canada Windows & Doors; **door,** The Home Depot. **H&H**