

Make real money selling crafts on ebay!

COUNTRY ALMANAC®

SPRING 2005

Decorating • Collectibles • Gardening • Recipes • Crafts

FLEA-MARKET

Flair!

150 Dream Rooms From Attic Treasures

4 HOMES WITH HEART

Cottage On A Budget
Tiny Log Cabin • Western
1700s Historic Home

"We got a brand new kitchen for \$2,000!"

HOW'S YOUR CURB APPEAL?

12 Quickie Tricks That Pay Off Big

Printed in U.S.A.
\$5.95
\$7.95 CAN.
0.17



0 174808 02626 5

Display until February 28, 2005

It's hard to resist the lure of a four-poster bed. And no wonder: with its original designs providing comfort to the rich classes of old Europe, its heritage is decidedly "upper crust." In its inception, it provided an area from which to hang expensive fabrics for warmth and privacy while sleeping, and the designs naturally became more ornate over time. Today, thanks to bedrooms and central heating, the four-poster bed is now a decorative element that sets the tone—from stately to comfy—in rooms across America. (It's also a perennial top request in B&Bs.) Take a peek into these bedrooms to find your four-poster style. ☼

Short And Sweet

If you don't have the overhead space, a lower-post version makes a regal impression. What's more, you can adapt an ordinary wooden head and footboard to get the look. Make use of old turned table legs, cut down old staircase balusters or purchase new mini ones that are used in porch fences, and add them to the corners of your bed. Paint them the same color as the bed and top with a finial for a polished look.



Warm And Traditional

Borrowing directly from English-country style, the tapestry-like panels shown here create the feeling of a private sanctuary and add a distinctly regal tone to an otherwise casual room. Re-create using a heavy chenille fabric, or convert inexpensive cotton throws by hemming one end to hang from the canopy and cinching midway with a length of corded trim.



Clean And Cozy

With its clean and simple lines, the pencil-post bed has a handmade feel and is a natural for the addition of a ladder-like canopy. To keep the look spare but homey, try winding its posts with seasonal greens or silk vines, like this ivy, curly willow and flower combination that picks up the florals in the linens.