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15 Farmhouse Living Room Ideas for Cozy, Laid-Back Hangouts

The style is defined by working fireplaces, ample seating, and trinket-filled built-ins

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Whether or not you actually live in the countryside, you can still design the farmhouse living room of your dreams by taking a cue from spaces that have fully mastered the look. Below, we're sharing 15 inspiring [farmhouse](#) living room decor ideas from top interior designers across the nation. These spaces prove that you can easily embrace the farmhouse aesthetic with thoughtful furniture selections, a timeless neutral color palette, and intentional decor. We're also answering all of your questions about farmhouse living rooms, including how to design one, so you can get ready for the compliments to roll in.

What is a farmhouse living room?

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Farmhouse living rooms are typically the gathering spaces you'd find in a farmhouse style home. They're conducive to large hangouts, contain plenty of seating for guests, and are often polished but unstuffy. Architectural features commonly present in farmhouse style living rooms include working fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, shiplap walls, built-ins, and exposed beams.

How can I design a farmhouse living room?

There are many ways to design a farmhouse living room. First, consider your desired outcome, whether you wish to embrace a [modern farmhouse](#) look, incorporate a coastal farmhouse aesthetic, or include [French country](#) influences. When implementing the style, designers usually include some sort of chandelier—oftentimes one that is a wagon wheel shape—a wooden coffee table, brass light fixtures, and textiles featuring a striped or windowpane design. Furniture is generally a neutral color.

Still wondering how to nail the look? Consider these 15 farmhouse living room ideas.



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Incorporate a working fireplace

A working fireplace is a common characteristic of many farmhouse living rooms. A stone fireplace adds a warm, cozy feel to this spacious room designed by Bruce Fox, the founder of [Bruce Fox Design](#) in Chicago. The gathering space also features other classic farmhouse elements, including wide plank wood floors, plaid and striped textiles, and exposed wooden beams.

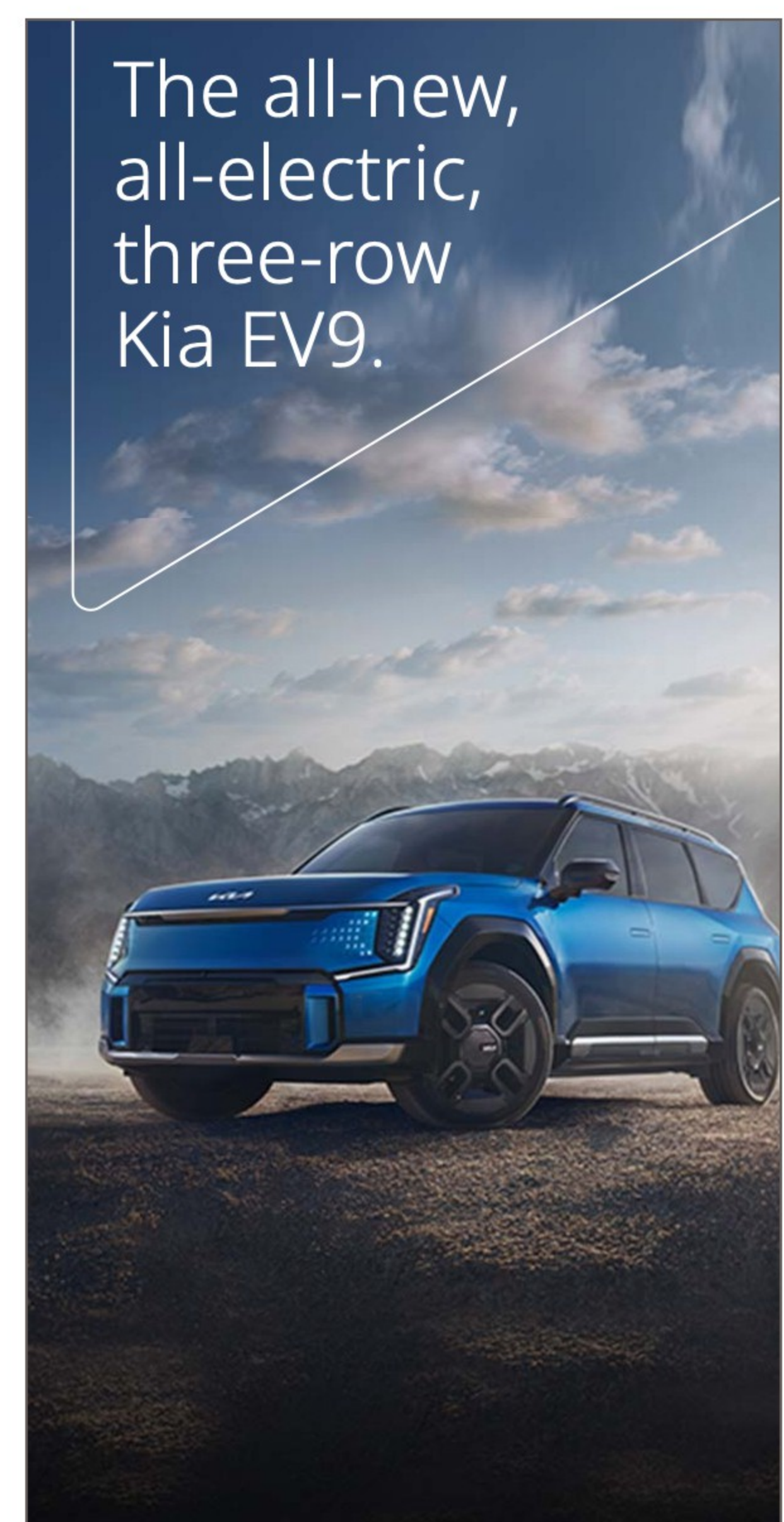


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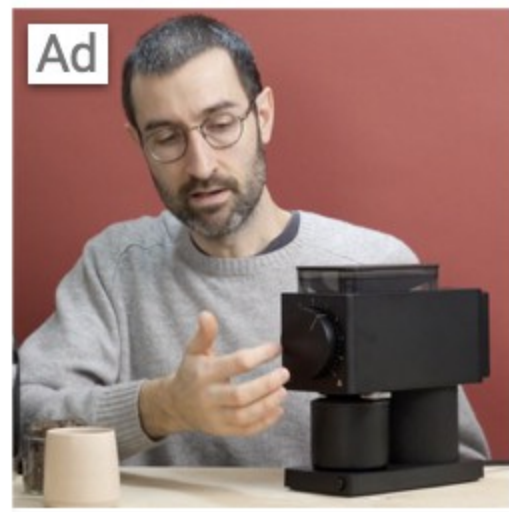
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Use neutral furniture

If you love farmhouse style but are drawn to neutral furniture pieces, you can incorporate those into your living room design too, as exemplified by this space designed by Kristen Harrison of [Bungalow 10 Interiors](#) in Northern Virginia. Harrison opted for a symmetrical setup in the space, bringing the farmhouse aesthetic to life by installing two wagon-wheel-style chandeliers with exposed bulbs, opting for a shiplap ceiling, and filling the open shelves with ceramics full of rustic charm.



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Incorporate a dramatic chandelier

Featuring a [vaulted ceiling](#) and a dramatic chandelier, this farmhouse living room draws the eye upward. Jeffrey Dungan, the founder of [Jeffrey Dungan Architects](#) in Mountain Brook, Alabama, paired warm wood with classic stone in the space, keeping textiles simple in design to allow these natural elements to take center stage.

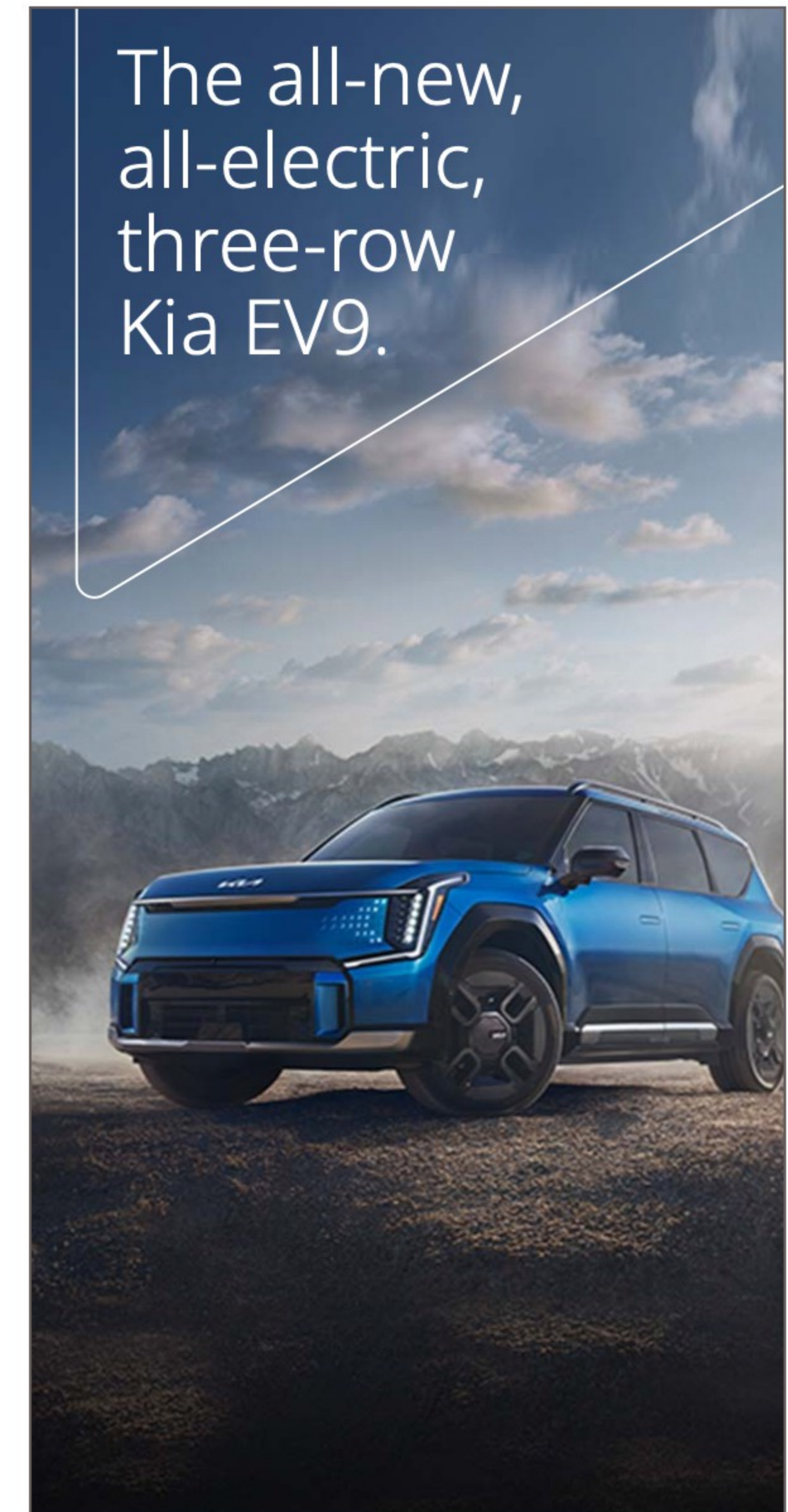


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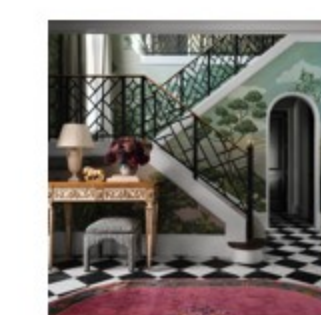
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Dress up your coffee table

Adorn your coffee table with dried florals in rich hues to add instant life to any farmhouse living room, as exemplified by this space from Kathryn Hunt, the founder of [Kathryn Hunt Studio](#) in Mattituck, New York. If you're drawn to modern farmhouse style in particular, integrate contemporary touches into your space, perhaps by hanging a Serge Mouille-style chandelier or displaying small framed abstract works on the wall.



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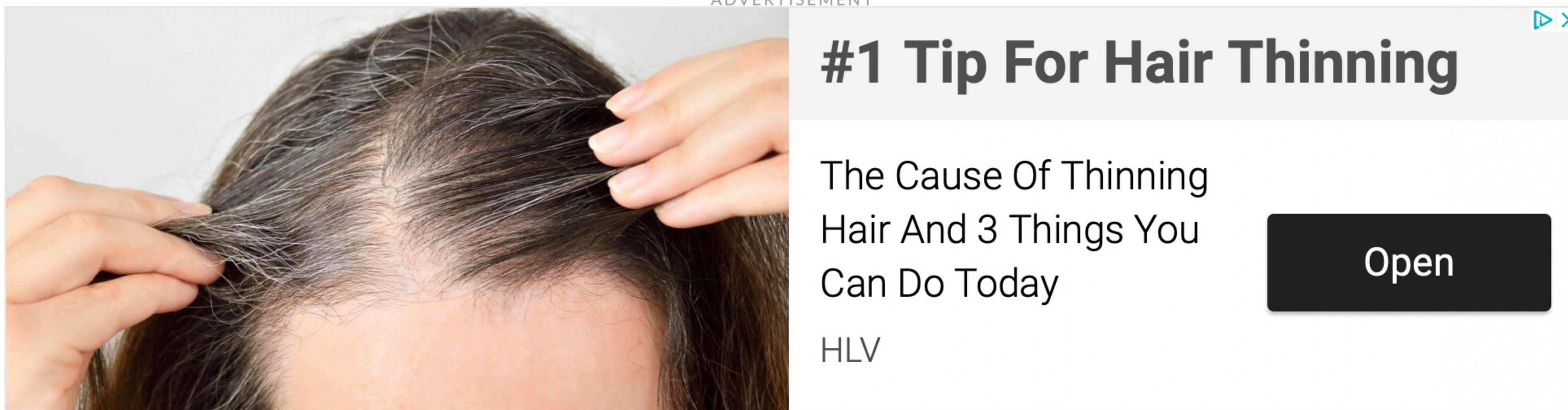
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Include a chesterfield sofa

Chesterfield sofas shine in a wide range of spaces, including farmhouse style living rooms, like this one by Kendall Wilkinson, the founder of [Kendall Wilkinson Design](#) in San Francisco. Farmhouse decor is heavy on brass accents, so don't be shy about including them in your living room, whether in the form of sconces, floor lamps, trinkets on built-in shelving, and more.

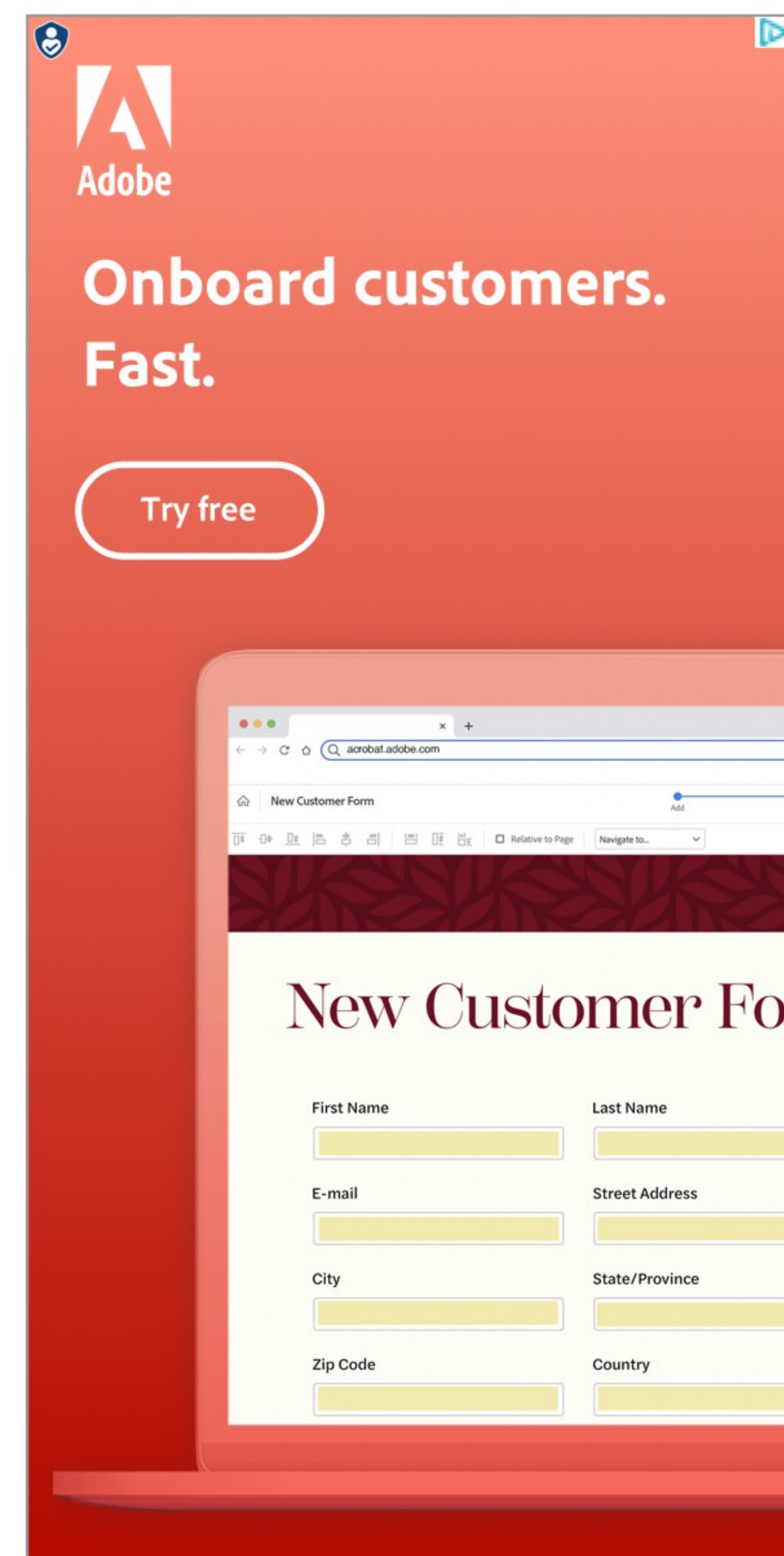


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Let reclaimed wood shine

Furniture made from reclaimed wood will instantly bring about rustic farmhouse vibes in your living room. Draw inspiration from these low-to-the-ground coffee tables that [Kligerman Architecture & Design](#) in New York styled in this living room. Due to the expansive size of the sectional, it makes sense to opt for two tables to ensure that all guests have space to set down plates and glasses during gatherings.



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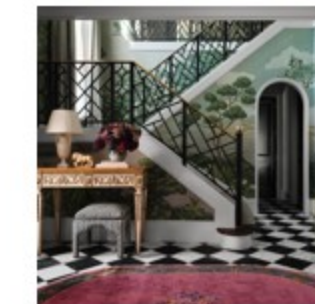
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Lonni Paul, the founder of [Lonni Paul Design](#) in Los Angeles, opted for a blue, white, and gray color palette in this farmhouse living room, styling plush armchairs alongside a simple sofa. An ornate chandelier adds a dose of glamour to the space and serves as the focal point of the room.



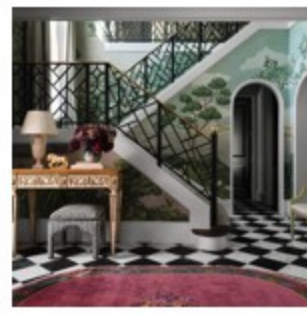
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Add a table behind the sofa

For extra storage—and style—in your farmhouse living room, consider placing a wooden table behind the sofa, where it can house a mixture of functional and decorative pieces. This style of console complements the farmhouse aesthetic perfectly and plays to the other wood tones in the room, which was designed by Sarah Eilers, cofounder of [Lucas/Eilers Design Associates](#) in Houston.

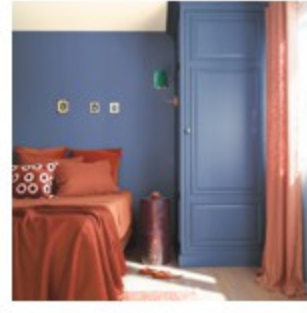
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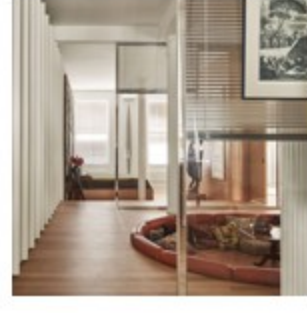
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Infuse colorful accents

Gone are the days of overly stuffy living rooms—today’s spaces, such as this room by Meg Lonergan, the founder of [Meg Lonergan Interiors](#) in Houston, are places in which family and friends can gather and relax. Celebrate farmhouse design while also making your living room nice and cozy by incorporating plenty of striped throw pillows, laying down a [soft rug](#) (or layering two, as seen here), and introducing shiplap walls. When it comes to selecting artwork, don’t be afraid to mix design styles and hang an abstract work in your modern farmhouse living room. The green hues in this painting complement the farmhouse look present and break up the otherwise neutral color scheme.

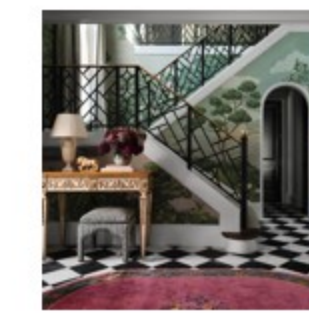


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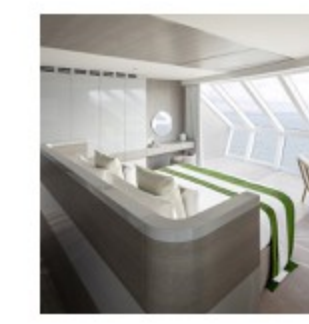
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Make sure to include texture

Textural accents are a key component of any farmhouse living room, as illustrated by this space designed by Denise Morrison, founder of [Morrison Interiors](#) in Costa Mesa, California. Start by laying down a classic jute rug on top of your wood floors—this material is known to be resilient and is seen as a classic. When it comes to farmhouse decor items, style some candlesticks on the mantel or coffee table and set out a terra-cotta vase filled with branches (greenery is a must in a farmhouse style space).



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Add a barn door

This living room's white walls got a major upgrade in the form of a barn door, which adds visual interest to the space when not in use. Designed by Robin Gannon, the founder of [Robin Gannon Interiors](#) in Lexington, Massachusetts, this living space is also home to the ever-popular wagon-wheel-style chandelier, jute rug, and wooden coffee table, but it also contains something unexpected: a velvet sofa, which adds a touch of glam.



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Keep it cozy

Designed by [Ballard+Mensua Architecture](#) in Washington, DC, this living room features bold blue walls paired with a mostly neutral palette. The room is extra cozy with not one but two stone fireplaces present. The [leather sofa](#) will stand the test of time and grow more rustic in appearance with additional use.



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Find ways to make it airy

Take a cue from [Winn Design + Build](#) in McLean, Virginia, and make over a dated sofa using a slipcover, which reflects the farmhouse aesthetic and is easy to pop into the wash as needed, for a laid-back, welcoming look. Incorporate side tables throughout the living room so that friends and family have room to set down a glass or a book while they relax in the space. Though this room does not feature an overhead light fixture, expansive windows, along with a duo of table lamps placed behind the sofa, ensure that the space remains airy.



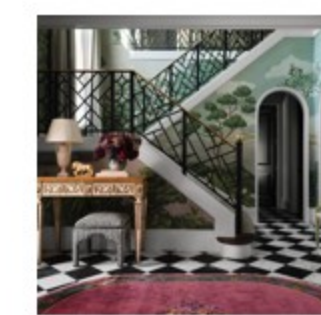
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Throw in a few modern pieces

Kara Childress, the founder of [Kara Childress Interiors](#) in Houston, introduced a modern acrylic coffee table alongside more obviously farmhouse style pieces, including the wagon wheel chandelier and wooden cabinetry, in this living room. Here, she proves that it's always possible to artfully fuse together multiple aesthetics.

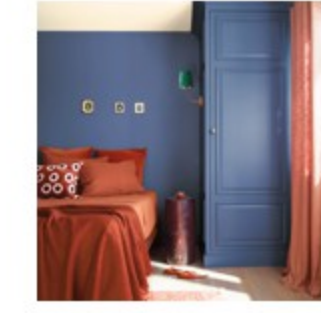
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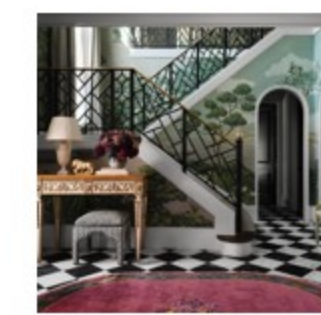
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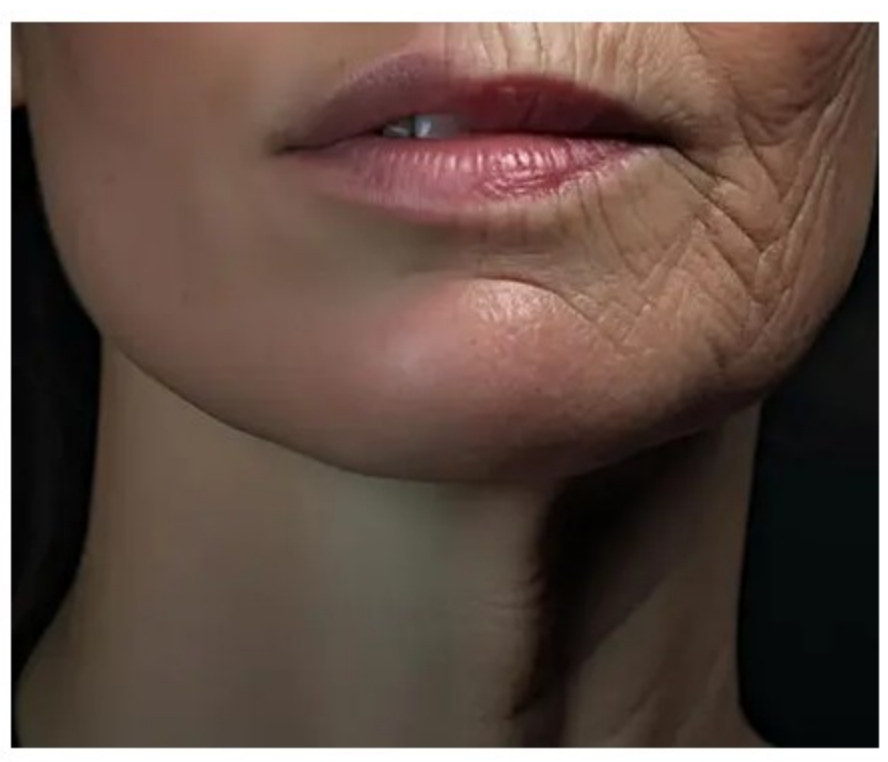
Here, Ryan Street, the founder of [Ryan Street Architects](#) in Austin, also mixed contemporary and classic farmhouse while adhering to a neutral color scheme. The bouclé on the midcentury armchair is an example of a more current fabric, while the striped chair closer to the fireplace leans traditional.

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