

Better Homes and Gardens®

AUGUST 2013
BHG.COM

IS IT
RIPE?
Garden Picking
Guide p.76

Great style for less

**87 BUDGET
DECORATING
IDEAS**

Mini Makeover for
Your Living Room p.47

Bargain Hunter's
Guide p.22

Amazing Low-Cost
Kitchen Update p.57

**NEW SPINS
ON PASTA
SALAD** p.112

**BEAUTY PICKS
UNDER \$10** p.96

3
Delicious
twists on
lemonade
p.148

Display Until August 20, 2013



super saver

Mom of two, attorney, and self-taught decorator Mary Emma Civins shares how she pinches pennies to create a home that looks like a million.

BY STEELE THOMAS MARCOUX
PHOTOS KIM CORNELISON
PRODUCED BY JENNY O'CONNOR



AT HOME WITH Mary Emma Civins, Austin, Texas.

PERSONAL STYLE Classic meets contemporary.

FAVORITE VINTAGE FIND A pair of elephant lamps from the Round Top Antiques Fair that now lives in the playroom.

STYLING SECRET Classic kids' toys (like wooden planes, blocks, and animals) make a house feel less stuffy. Work them into your decor.

Custom Pattern:
Vermicelli



BUDGET TIP
Scour online sources for discounts on high-end pieces, like this acrylic coffee table found on eBay.