



TO BUY: Ceiling paint: Rhythmic Blue SW6806; sherwin-williams.com for stores. Concave Copper Clad Octagonal Mirror; rtfacts.com for similar. Alla lamps in dark green; bungalow5.com for info. McLain Wiesand "Louise" console; johnrossell.com for info. Late 19th-century French painted window bench upholstered in handmade silk velvet ikat; berminghamfabrics.com for info. One-inch nailheads; diyupholsterysupply.com. Abdiel sisal rug in linen; starkcarpet.com for info.

ENTRYWAY

This space should set the stage for the rest of the home while offering practical functionality. Add a tray to catch keys and a mirror to check yourself coming and going.

TRY IT YOURSELF

Bring in a burst of color with a piece of fabric or accent paint framed with an oversize nailhead trim. The quick DIY project can be completed in a day.



Robin Henry Studio

The New York City-based designer gave the ceiling a high-gloss paint job in a subtle blue shade "to draw the eye up and through the space," she says. The glossy finish will highlight any irregularities in the surface, she says, so it's best to hire a pro.