the Cottage journal

A Collection of Our FAVORITE HOMES IN THE SOUTH



Relaxed Porches, Charming Gardens & Beautiful Kitchens



Coming Home

AFTER SITTING EMPTY FOR FIVE YEARS, THIS COZY COTTAGE WAS A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH JUST WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED BY SOMEONE WITH A DISCERNING EYE.



After 25 years of living in Atlanta, Georgia, this business professional decided to move back to her hometown. She had lived in a new house in Atlanta but was hoping to find a home in her parents' charming, well-established neighborhood. After three disappointing possibilities, her father encouraged her to look at the cottage around the corner that had been empty for several years. "I took one step in and fell in love with it," she exclaims, "and it's walking distance to my parents."

With the help of old friends, builder David Camp and interior designer Lauren Conner, the cottage's metamorphosis began. The front of the house was reworked by David to create a little portico and charming entrance. To continue the inviting welcome seen from the exterior, David made some interior changes as well. Upon entering the home, there had been a coat closet front and center. So, one of the first changes David made was to close up the opening. Now, a beautiful painting greets visitors as they enter. Other than that change, the front living room and dining room needed only painting.

