

A rustic log cabin with a stone chimney and a porch, nestled in a forest of tall trees. The cabin is built with dark wood logs and has a gabled roof. A stone chimney is visible on the left side. The porch has a wooden railing and a bench. The scene is set in a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting a quiet, serene atmosphere.

THE GREAT CABIN REFRESH:
MIXING OLD WITH NEW TO CREATE
A TIMELESS DWELLING

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OCHRE TONES

FARROW AND BALL
OCTAGON YELLOW

BENJAMIN MOORE
ACORN SQUASH

BENJAMIN MOORE
SEVILLE TAN

SHERWIN WILLIAMS
ARTIFACT

CLAY TONES

SHERWIN WILLIAMS
CANYON CLAY

SHERWIN WILLIAMS
TANBARK

BEHR
TIMELESS COPPER

FARROW AND BALL
FOX RED

MOSS TONES

BEHR
GREEN SCENE

BEHR
TRULY OLIVE

FARROW AND BALL
SAP GREEN

SHERWIN WILLIAMS
ARTICHOKE

A MIX OF OLD AND NEW

One of the easiest ways to refresh your cabin is to start by moving furniture around, not only within a room, but also from room to room throughout the house. This allows you to experiment with the layout of a room and helps give a new perspective on a space. It can also help give a newfound appreciation for some pieces that may have gone overlooked for years, tucked away in a less-used room or even in storage.

This can help train your eye on what old and new objects visually pair well together. Another helpful tip for pairing old and new furniture together while keeping a cohesive space is to try to keep furniture of similar tone together (i.e., warm cherry and mahogany).

As far as objects that cannot be moved, like cabinetry in bathrooms and kitchens, try changing out hardware. For instance, in kitchens with oak cabinetry, try switching out cool-toned metal knobs and pulls for brass. Both the brass and the oak have warm undertones that work well and complement one another. Brass also pairs well with nickel in kitchen and bathroom fixtures due to nickel's warm undertones.



ACQUIRED KEEPSAKES

All of us have had small mementos that have slowly accumulated at our cabin over the years. A special mussel shell collection stowed away in a jar, the first fly-fishing lure you tied alongside Grandpa, a small Petoskey stone collection tucked away in a drawer, these are the reminders of what make our cabins so special. Finding a new way to display family memories and mementos can give us renewed appreciation for these objects. Try displaying family pictures from over the years on a gallery wall in a central location like a main hallway or living space where they can be admired by everyone who passes by. Place shells in different-sized apothecary jars on an open shelf. Make shadow boxes of mementos and pictures that mark a special event and display them in your office or living room. These are just a few ways that can make your cabin reflect your family's legacy.

