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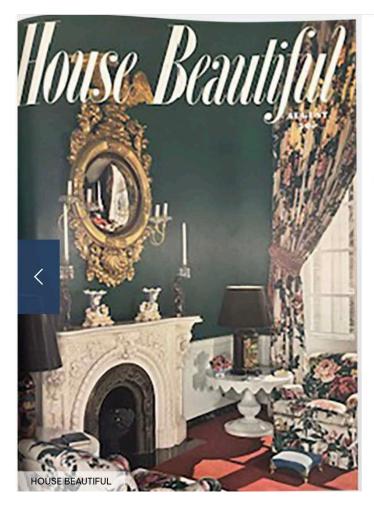
54 Iconic Moments From the House Beautiful Archive

After 125 years, *House Beautiful* has published many defining design moments. These are some of the best.

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The American home has changed pretty extensively since 1896—and House Beautiful has been there to see it all. Over the course of its 125 years in print, the magazine has catalogued such milestones as Frank Lloyd Wright's rise to fame and the unveiling of the most expensive interior design commission in history (The Greenbrier Hotel, featured on the August, 1948 cover). It's also served as a continual record of evolutions in taste and style—like craziness for canopy beds and the gradual popularization of the open concept kitchen—and documented the early stages of countless creatives who are now big names in design. In celebration of our 125th anniversary, we're looking back at some of the most iconic moments over the lat 125 years. Read on for a crash course in design history.



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That Time Dorothy Draper Revived the Greenbrier

In In 1946, decorator Dorothy Draper was tapped to transform the sprawling Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, into a grand resort following its stint as an army hospital during World War II. The job would end up being the most expensive interior design commission to date. Following its grand unveiling, *House Beautiful* put the hotel on the cover of its August, 1948 issue.