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Strong White  
(2001), Farrow & Ball.



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# Step It Up

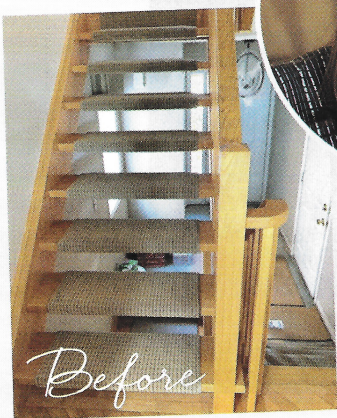
Stacy Begg's tips for decorating a dramatic entry and stairway.

**Q** I recently replaced my entry flooring with Italian hexagonal tile, a new black door is on its way, and I'm wondering if I should paint my stairs — if so, in white with a black banister? — **R.G.**, Stoney Creek, Ont.

**A** I like where you've gone with your dark tile. Start by removing the existing runner and painting the staircase white. Leave the treads and railing natural blond like your floors — see the Inspiration image above. For added traction, think about wrapping your open stairs in a natural woven runner. Continue to add interest in the stairwell by using a mix of bold prints and art. If space permits, a small upholstered bench in the entryway for putting on boots and shoes would look nice. Good luck!

1. Handmade Flatweave **runner** in Wheat by Lauren Ralph Lauren, from \$280. Wayfair Canada.
2. Tennessee Whiskey **canvas art** by Van Garrett, \$2,176. Elte.
3. Layered

**Terrain wall art** by Jean Kenna, \$2,896. Elte.  
4. Auricula Woven Jute **runner** by Dash & Albert, \$454. Tonic Living.  
5. Marin **ottoman** in Balboa Shadow, \$279. Urban Barn.



Before



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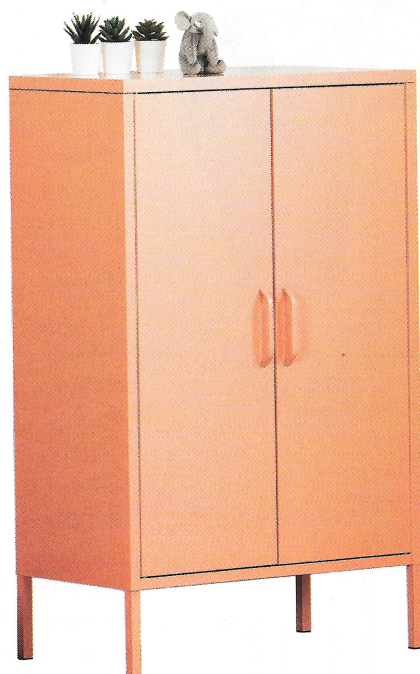


◀ **TALL ORDER** The honey-hued Pacific Coast cabinet has full-extension drawers and adjustable shelving — place one or two in the living room for stately storage. *In Sandstone by Barclay Butera. Quartered elm; cathedral elm veneer. 88" h. x 46" w. x 24" d. \$7,995. Paramount Home & Design.*

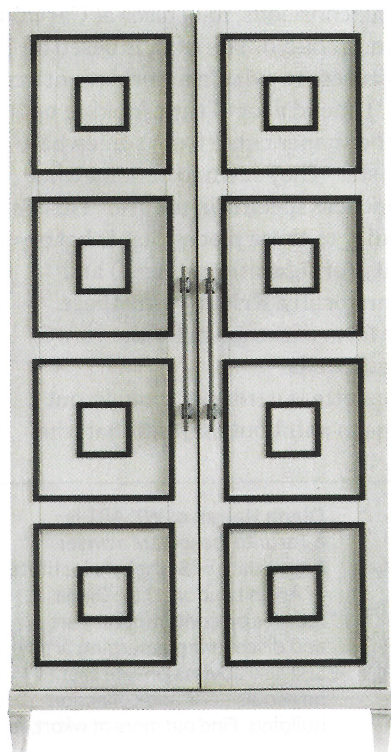
▶ **INTO THE FOLD** The versatile Idanäs wardrobe has space-saving folding doors, adjustable shelves and a hanging rod for clothes. *In White. Wood; fibreboard; honeycomb paper filling, particleboard; plastic. 83½" h. x 47⅝" w. x 22¼" d. \$399. Ikea.*



▼ **FAIR AND SQUARE** Open the Midtown armoire's embellished doors to reveal adjustable shelving and a hanging rod — ideal clothes storage for petite bedrooms. *In Flannel by GlucksteinHome. Oak veneer; metal. 80" h. x 42" w. x 21" d. \$7,199. Hudson's Bay.*



▶ **JUST PEACHY** Scandi style and a creamsicle hue make the Crea footed cabinet just right for minimalists who want a pop of colour. *In Orange. Powder-coated steel. 41½" h. x 25½" w. x 14¼" d. \$175. Simons.*



▶ **GRAND ENTRANCE** Roaring twenties grandeur gets a 21st-century treatment with the Amati Burl Wood cabinet. *By Studio Anansi. Engineered wood; burl wood; brass. 39" h. x 29" w. x 17" d. \$1,499. CB2.*



▶ **MID-MOD COOL** The leggy, mid-century-inspired Dominion cabinet makes a perfect bar cabinet. Its four doors have a grooved, textured treatment that's finished with industrial-style hardware. *In Bryn Cocoa. Acacia; steel. 52" h. x 41½" w. x 17" d. \$1,099. Urban Barn.*