



Tip
Put a large chest or antique console to good use in your space and assign a drawer to each family member, including the dog!



PRACTICAL MAGIC

A 1730s Georgian chest with nine drawers enjoys new purpose in this entryway designed by Jonathan Legate. "You can display an antique like this in your foyer that's still useful," Legate says. "It's a unique alternative to having overflowing baskets in the space and is perfect for storing kids toys or even craft supplies." The chair is another practical element that can be wiped clean and is light enough to move around. A painting by Nova Scotia artist Jack Bishop is a dramatic backdrop in the space. "Don't let function blind you to beauty—there can be both," he adds.

Jack Bishop painting from Gallery Page and Strange, chest by Finer Things Antiques, chair from Zephyr, lamp, bird sculpture and decorative plate ("JFK's nightmare") from Attica, carpet by Pier 1, baskets are Legate's own.

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If your entryway will see a lot of traffic, opt for a textured rug, like jute, which will hide dirt. The hint of blue in this rug links back to the wall colour, even though it's not the same hue.

OUT OF THE BLUE

Evandra Panych mixes modern and traditional looks in her entryway design. "The tile painting is quite modern, which I like paired with the traditional console," she says. She also played with textures, with rustic baskets working alongside the polished glass vases. Hardcover books are fun accent pieces, giving height to the look. The blue wall provides a bold hit of colour that contrasts the wood textures in the space. "For a small entryway, a vibrant colour works well," says Panych.

Paint colour "Rich Navy" from CIL. Console, lamp, painting, chair, jute rug and clear vase all from Wicker Emporium, large basket from Ikea, white vase from HomeSense, smaller baskets Panych's own.

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