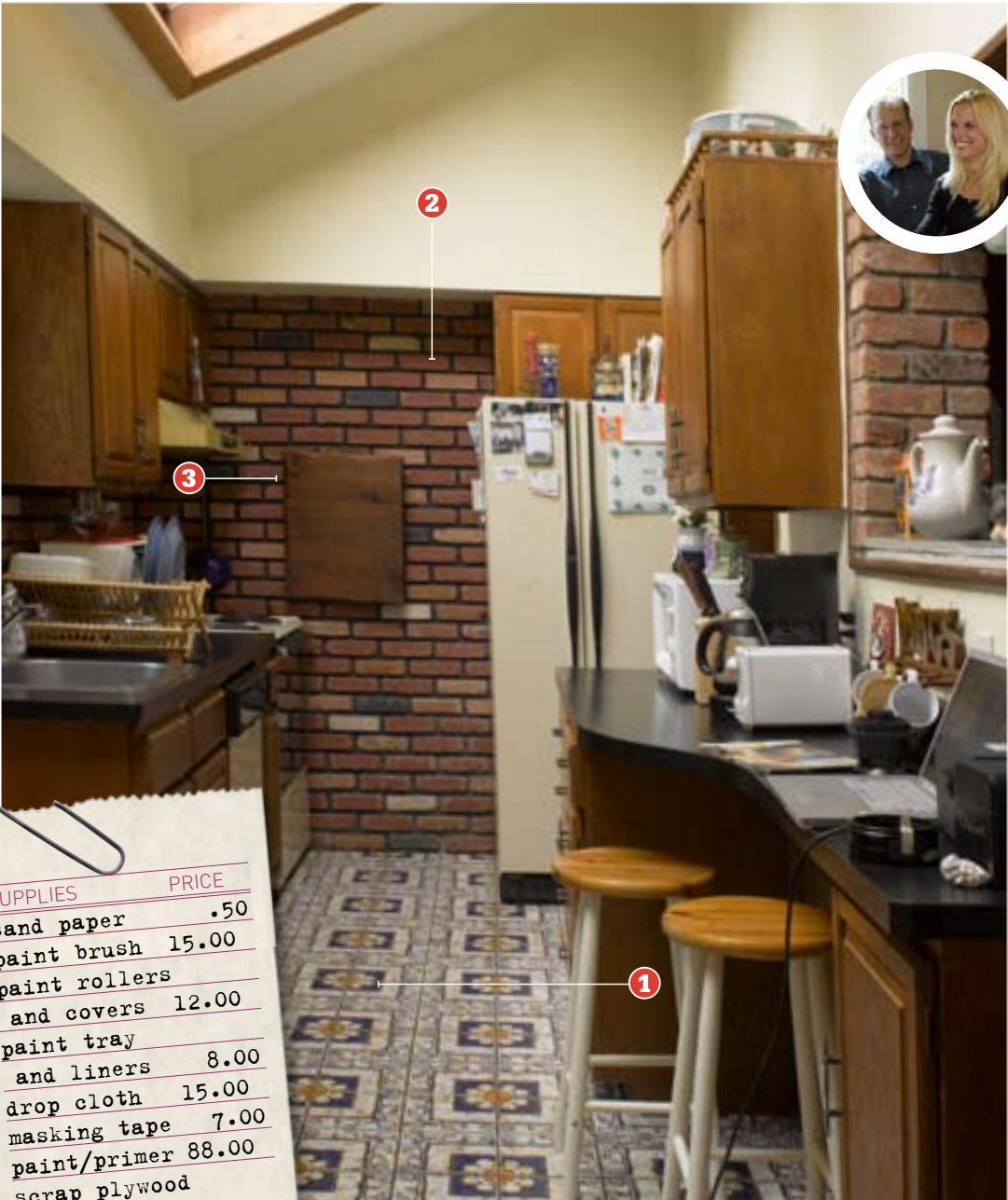


# Small Change

Rach’s design buddy **Evette Rios** turns a kitchen around for a song.

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the **OWNERS**  
Marty Kroll and  
Heather O'Brien

When Evette took her first look at Heather O'Brien and Marty Kroll's kitchen in Amityville, New York, she knew she had her work cut out for her. The engaged couple was on a tight budget, and Evette was on a tight schedule—she wanted to make over the kitchen in three easy weekends. Turn the page to see what she tackled in **WEEKEND ONE**, then check out the next two issues to see how Evette turned the whole kitchen around on a dime—just in time for Heather and Marty's big day.

SUPPLIES	PRICE
sand paper	.50
paint brush	15.00
paint rollers and covers	12.00
paint tray and liners	8.00
drop cloth	15.00
masking tape	7.00
paint/primer	88.00
scrap plywood	4.00
scrap sheet metal	10.00
aluminum trim	3.00
hinges	9.00
switch plates	2.00
Total	175.00

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TURN TO SEE **WEEKEND ONE** HOW TO'S

WEEKEND ONE	WEEKEND TWO	WEEKEND THREE	
<b>1</b> bring out colors in floor	Give dated cabinets a facelift.	Create storage space and clear counters.	
<b>2</b> brighten dark brick			
<b>3</b> cover clunky electrical box			



## EVETTE'S HOUSECALL

Heather and Marty's place looks like a lodge—it's wood panelled from floor to ceiling—but I wanted the kitchen to be a bright departure.

### painting TIPS



#### GET IN LINE

Prime the bricks, then paint between them before using a roller to paint the brick faces.



#### FROM THE TOP

Paint trim with a 2 1/2" angled brush, then paint horizontally below the trim with a small roller before using a large roller for the whole wall.



#### LIKE NEW

When you paint a wall, give window frames a new coat too, and update the switch plates—they're only about \$2 each.



1

#### PROBLEM

The couple wants to keep the tiles, but bold, patterned floors are hard to match.



#### SOLUTION

Embrace the floors by bringing out the color—we painted the bar stools blue—and give the space an overall paint job so the kitchen looks new, despite the old floors.



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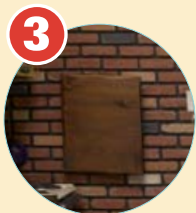
#### PROBLEM

The dark brick wall makes the kitchen feel cavelike, and it doesn't match the bright floors.



#### SOLUTION

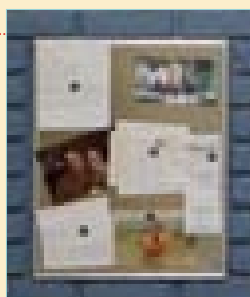
Paint the brick. We used colorful latex paint over durable oil-based primer (yes, oil-based primer works with water-based paint!)—a combination that'll stand up to kitchen wear and tear.



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#### PROBLEM

An ugly wood-paneled electrical box sits smack in the middle of the wall.



#### SOLUTION

Turn the panel into a magnetic message board. We glued sheet metal to custom-cut plywood, added aluminum trim and attached it with piano hinges.



## CHEAPfix

Give a weathered stovetop an instant upgrade with shiny new burner plates—they're only about \$2 each at hardware stores.



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