



## Dear Southern Living:

# "Please help our storybook home!"

Architect Hoyte Johnson dresses up Stephanie and Michael White's unadorned Tudor Revival-style home in Apex, North Carolina. BY REX PERRY

showed pictures of my house and its sad land-scaping to my friends at work, and they laughed," says homeowner Stephanie White. "I think it looks like a gingerbread house; it just needs a little makeup to get noticed." Hoyte comes to the rescue with rustic adornments and finishes that affirm the Tudor Revival roots of the Whites' home.

### Add Design Elements

"Let's replace the horizontal siding on the front gable with timber beams and wavy-edge siding for a rugged, natural look," suggests Hoyte. "We'll energize the blank roof with a new shed dormer in place of the skylight."

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"A gas lantern adds a beautiful
focus for the gable while hinting at the warmth inside," says
Hoyte. An arbor over the small
front terrace, a stone path, and
containers at the steps tie the
house to the new plantings that
soften the yard. \*

### NEED A HOME MAKEOVER?

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### ROOF

Add beauty to a steep roof with recycledcontent tiles that Jook like slate. Majestic Slate by EcoStar; ecostar.carlisle.com



Create instant character with wavyedge siding. Haida Skirl lap siding from Carolina Colortones; carolinacolortones.com



LANTERN
Light the way to the front door with the glow of gaslight.
Apollo Series lantern by Legendary Lighting; legendarylighting.com



Before

## FURNITURE

Sit and enjoy your new look on a swing. Front Porch Swing #4 from Charles Prowell Woodworks; prowell woodworks.com







