

# 8 Ways to Add Farmhouse French Style

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Figure 1 Vintage German wood crate

1. Add rustic elements like wooden bowls, crates, trays, totes, or architectural elements.



**Figure 2 French Graphic Print Lamp Shade** 

Crates can be found at thrift stores, and sometimes I've got them in <a href="mailto:my shop">my shop</a>. One fabulous source for graphics is <a href="mailto:The Graphics">The Graphics</a>
<a href="Fairy">Fairy</a>, and she has tips on how to use the graphics in your project.



Figure 3 My Living Room with lots of Authentic French Details

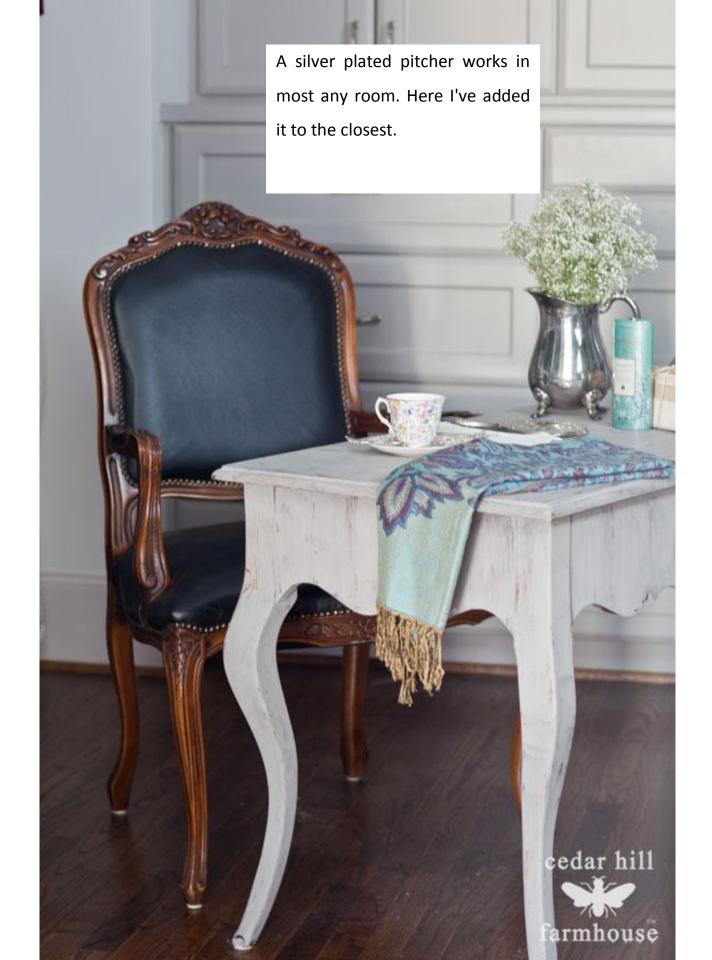
I used several items with French lettering in my home. They really give the room character and a French feel.



Figure 4 Vintage Silver tray and trophy

Silver is one of my favorite elements to add to a room.

Rather than buying new, go for vintage. Besides, new silver is difficult to find, and the quality doesn't seem to be there in newer pieces. You can find reasonably priced silver on eBay or at antique stores.



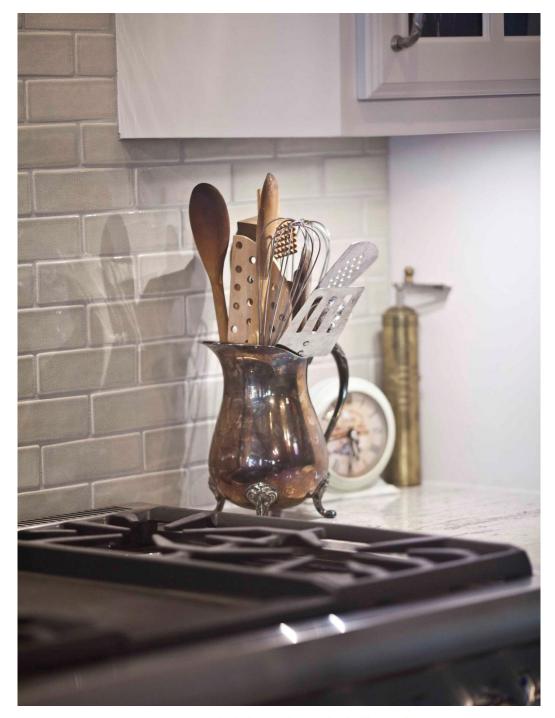


Figure 6 Tarnished Silver Pitcher used to hold Utensils

Why not use a lovely silver pitcher to hold your wooden spoons in the kitchen?



Nubby linen, homespun linen, and grain sacks add texture and give an authentic feel to a room. I love the feel of linen, it is cool to the touch, and I love the way it hangs. It wrinkles very easily, so some people don't like it for that reason. For me, the wrinkles tell me it is real linen, and it adds an authenticity to the room. Linen gives the room an 'old' look. I often have grainsacks in my shop.

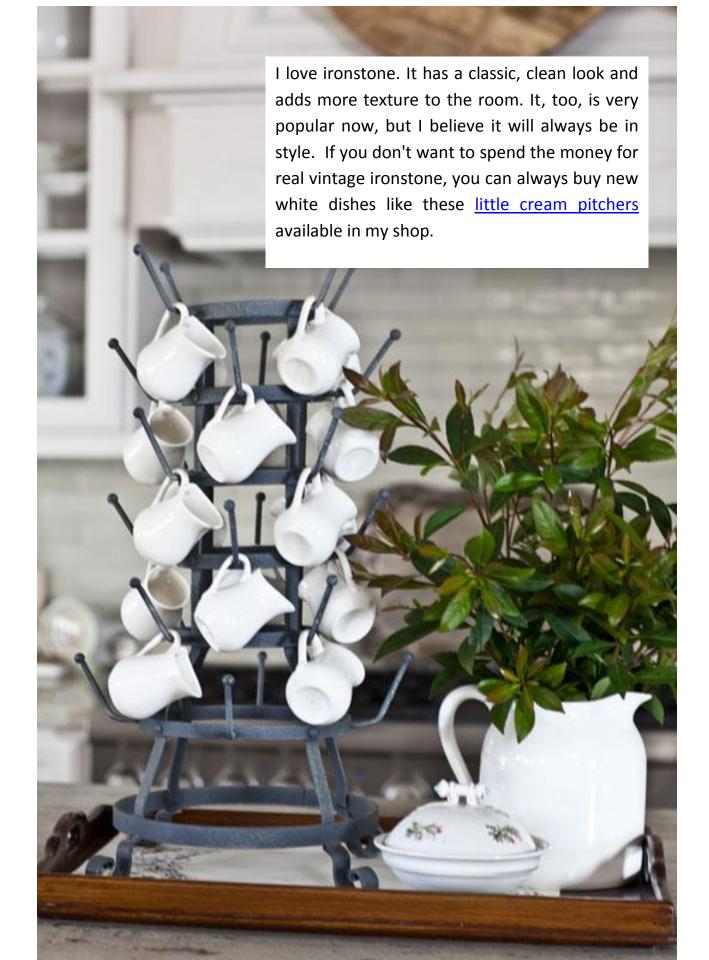


Figure 8 Linen Bedding used on Back Porch Daybed



**Figure 9 Italian Linen Slipcovers** 





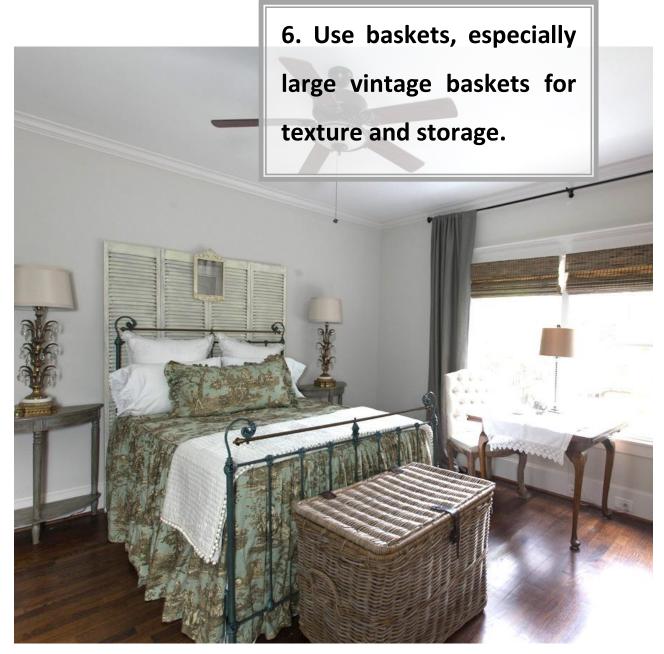


Figure 10 Tole bedding, rustic basket and French furniture make this room a luxurious retreat.

The basket gives the room warmth and a cozy factor. It also provides extra storage. At night the basket is perfect for storing the bedding.



The basket on top of the antique pine French armoire holds extra pillows, but also draws the eye up toward the room's high ceilings.



Something chippy or rusty gives the appearance that you have been curating your collection for years. It gives the room an old feeling. I just think every room should have at least one vintage item in it. If you can't find a real vintage item, try antiquing a new one to make it look old, or finding something new that is made to look old. This <u>pedestal</u> is new and available in my shop.



Figure 11Antique cabinet filled with vintage goodies.

This old cabinets has layers and layers of chippy paint. Note: loose and flaking lead based paint is a health hazard, so make sure to take precautions like using a sealer.



This vignette includes a chippy little vintage cabinet, antique ceiling tin tiles, salvaged boards and antique corbels holding the shelf.





Just adding one piece of French furniture in a room adds an amazing amount of Frenchiness. Yes many French pieces are more expensive than non-French furniture, but you can often find something at an auction, estate sale, consignment store, thrift store or yard sale for a reasonable price. I adore going to the auction, but I know some people have auction-phobia. If you have a fear of auctions, check out my post on <a href="https://www.how.to.attend.org/">how to attend an auction</a> like a pro.



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Here's one Amazon review from Rhonda L.

I have followed Anita Joyce's blog <u>Cedar Hill Farmhouse</u> for some time and in doing so became quite enamored with her execution of French style. Needless to say, when she announced she was writing a book, I was thrilled! <u>French Accents</u> is everything I hoped it would be. It is filled with pictures of Anita's beautiful French inspired home as well as others. In its chapters are great advice for infusing French farmhouse style on any budget and in any style home. Anita identifies the elements of French style, inspires creativity with numerous project details, gives advice on where to find French items, and shows how to pull it all together with items already owned for a cohesive casual French look. If you love French style and are looking for ways to transform your home to reflect that love, this book is a must read



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