

Really Hot French Decorating Advice From Top Designer Charles Spada

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Veranda featured Charles Spada's home in their February 2012 Issue, and most everyone's mouths dropped at the breathtaking photographs of his country home in Normandy. His home also was featured in the March 2011 Architectural Digest in Italy. Spada has achieved House Beautiful magazine's "Ten Most Beautiful Showhouse Rooms" award and was voted by House Beautiful as one of their "101 Favorite Designers." He was also awarded Traditional Home magazine's "Outstanding Designer" award, amongst many other awards.



Charles Spada's Normandy house gives us a glimpse of the very best that France has to offer. Stunning gray and blue painted paneled walls accented with china show the great craftsmanship that is found in many French homes. The rustic chevron patterned wood floors give this home a all natural feel. This home is filled with exceptional French styled furniture and carefully placed accent decorations. Neoclassical French empire furnishings are found along side classic french antiques make this home incredibly unique and personalized.

Gilt wall frames line the wall and black and white photographs with hand sketched art work add a subtle elegance and detail to the wall space. [Traditional Home](#) magazine featured his home in Boston that also featured pencil drawings on the wall in gilt wood frames. Simplistic pencil drawings can work in both modern and old century spaces. The lack of color brings a quiet elegance without making a room look cluttered.

Here are some of our suggestions:

1. [Framed Edgar Degas Dancer](#) Sketch \$25.
2. [Sketch of a Horse Print](#) Leonardo Da Vinci \$45
3. [Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec Declaration](#) \$19.
4. [Salvatore Rosa](#) Sketches of Ancient Characters \$25
5. [Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec Chocolate Dance](#) \$19
6. [Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec Cecy Loftus](#) \$25
7. [Juan Gris Portrait](#) of Madame Hiudobro \$25
8. [Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec Henri Gabriel](#) \$25
9. [Paul Cezanne Pigalle](#) Love and Friendship \$19
10. [Countess Raymond](#) de Toulouse Lautrec \$25



Instead of silks which commonly accompany many french styled homes, Spada chooses a masculine feel with an animal print for the settee in the main sitting room accented by a Empire chair and Louis XV chairs. If you look closely the blue paint used on the walls is also chosen for the french chair frames tying things together nicely.

Spada tells Veranda that the most important element in home decor is natural light. Floor-to-ceiling windows, or french doors can go a long way of adding the extra light into a room. He goes further to suggest that a good thought

out electrical plan can be the very detail that makes a difference. No corners should be left in the dark. One suggestion he makes is the use of Dimmer switches.

1. Dimmer Switches are switches that are used to vary the brightness of light bulbs. In the evening instead of turning on lamps, many people like dimmer switches because it is as simple as turning the lights down on the wall instead of going to the trouble of turning on one lamp after another. Dimmer switches actually save energy, as they use half the electricity of your regular wattage, there being very little consumption in the switch itself.

Here are some of our suggestions:

[Lutron Electronics Plug-In Lamp Dimmer](#) \$10

[Lutron Toggler Wall Dimmer White](#) \$14

[Lutron Electronics Diva Duo Dimmers](#), White \$18

[Westek 6089B 500W Full Range Foot Control Dimmer](#) \$10

2. Wall Lights are another wonderful way to create mood lighting. Consider wall lights just as important as you would with a chandelier. Finding a style that is nicely suited with the period decorating style of your home will offer a nice touch that will not go over looked.

Here are some of our suggestions:

1. [Elegant Lighting has a 2-Light Wall Sconce with Royal Cut RC Crystal](#) for 177.

2. [Elegant Lighting 3-Light Wall Sconce, Chrome Finish with Royal Cut RC Crystal](#) \$304

3. [Murray Feiss Wall Sconce, Oxidized Bronze](#) Antique Quartz Crystals \$311

4. [Bronze Two Light Florentine Wall Sconce Light Fixture](#) \$31

5. [Sconce Wrought Iron Crystal](#) Wall Sconce From The Gallery \$36

6. [Nuvo One Light Sconce](#) with Fabric Shade, Dune Gold \$53.

7. [International Bellagio Wall Sconce](#), Artisan Bronze \$60

8. [World Imports Lighting Light Wall Sconce](#), French Gold \$78

9. [World Imports Lighting Light Wall Sconce](#), French Gold \$89

10. [Metropolitan Vintage Candle Wall Sconce](#) in French Gold \$162

3. Hardware should be of the best quality and unfussy Spada tells Veranda. He suggests to go with a style that you will be pleased with 20 years down the road than following the trends and what is current at the moment.

Spada suggests that forged iron, gold gilt, or lacquered brass work well for doors.

He suggests that a plain polished nickel knob is an ideal pick for hardware. He also suggests that hardware should be innocuous, and shouldn't stop your eye from admiring cabinetry but complement it.

Here are some of our suggestions:

1. [Egg shaped Oil Rubbed Bronze Large Knob](#) \$1.90

2. [Liberty Hardware Provincial](#) Antique Tumbled Bronze Knobs \$4.80
3. [Liberty Hardware Pull Kentworth](#) \$22.93
4. [Liberty Hardware Rustique Laurel Knob](#) \$5.19
5. [Belwith Products French Provincial Knob](#) \$1.91
6. [Louis XVI Round Knob in French Antique Gold](#) \$12
7. [Bosetti Marella Louis XVI Brass Drop Pull](#), French Antique Gold \$11
8. [Louis XVI Brass Drop Pull](#) in French Antique Gold \$10
9. [Colonial Bronze Finishes For Life](#) Gold Cabinet Hardware \$6.
10. [Sonoma Hardware Montana Pull Bin Cup](#) \$2.89



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Normandy home to Boston designer Charles Spada



Watercloset tucked behind panelled bedroom doors boxwoodterrace.blogspot.com



Spada converted the library into the master bedroom. Curtains, walls, headboard, bed skirt, and Dore chairs in Zoffany floral. Antique French armchair in Zoffany floral. Donnafont desk. Antiques and

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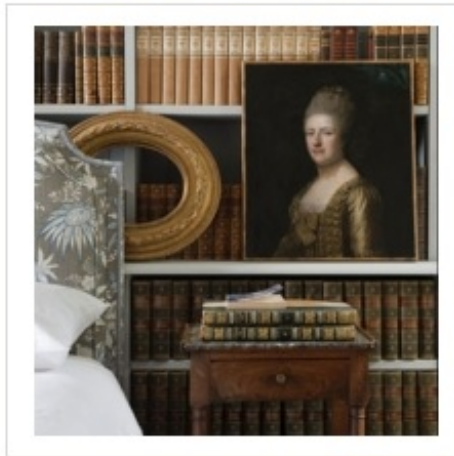
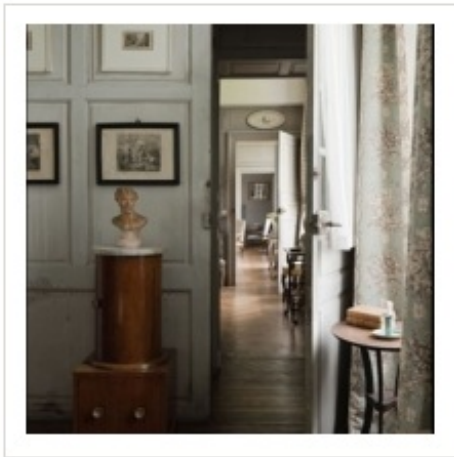
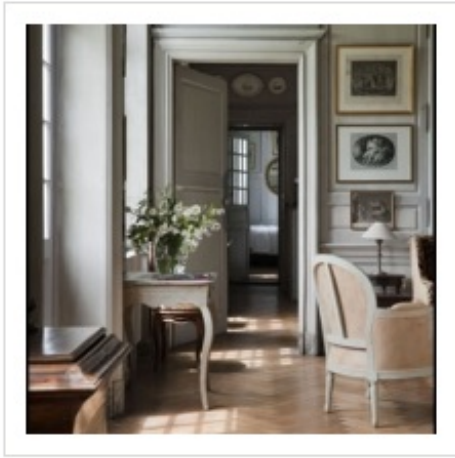
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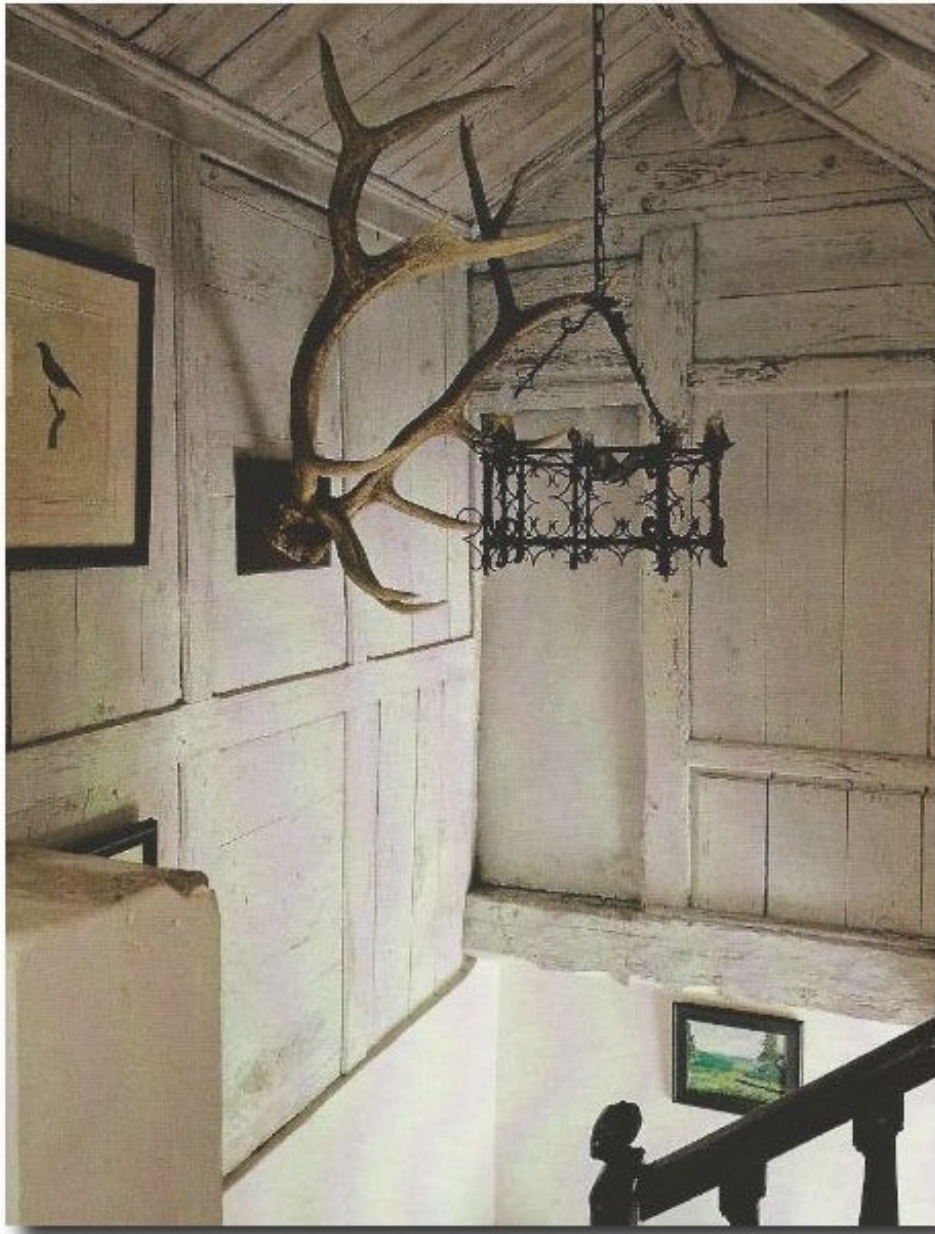


Bassano painting shows a collection of Croft plates, two
mas, Artigas cabinet, mirror, and bust, antique.
Croft dishes and English dining table, all Antiques on 5.

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