

While scouting the South, we often slam on the brakes when we spy picturesque homes like this. Have a brake-worthy home in your neighborhood? Send a picture to us at southernliving.com/wow

STYLE

TEXAS FARMHOUSE

BUILDER: Austin Pitner; bonterrabd.com **SPOTTED IN:** Fredericksburg, Texas **YEAR BUILT:** 2012 **SIZE:** 1,000 square feet



WHY WE LOVE IT This casual Hill Country cottage pours on the Southern charm with its familiar farmhouse form, picture-perfect proportions, and inviting front porch nestled beneath a curtain of large oak trees. The stone facade and metal roofing nod back to Fredericksburg's original German-style architecture. We'd love to kick up our feet and wind down our week in this soulful country home.

WHAT MAKES IT WORK Rustic materials with a few one-of-a-kind details lend the home an easygoing elegance. A wider-than-typical, 42-inch front door accessorized with iron hardware and flanked by lanterns creates a stately yet unimposing entry. Board-and-batten shutters in robin's egg blue pop against the rough limestone walls and rugged landscape.

THE WOW FACTOR That white Texas limestone! Forgoing the stucco and dark millwork typically seen in the Hill Country, Austin opted for native limestone and simple porch posts to set this home apart from other area farmhouses. The durable Galvalume roof works with the home's low-maintenance vibe and contrasts nicely with the exterior's light palette.

ONLY IN THE SOUTH The open front porch was designed specifically for rocking with a sweet tea in hand. A good standard for porches is to make them 6 to 8 feet deep—2 feet in front of your rocker and 2 feet behind it. A porch that's too narrow will drench you during rain showers, but one that's too deep can make furniture look puny from the curb. For ideal views, raise floors 2 feet above ground level.

TRY OUT THIS PALETTE



TRIM

Toasted Oatmeal
(GLN12);
glidden.com



SHUTTERS

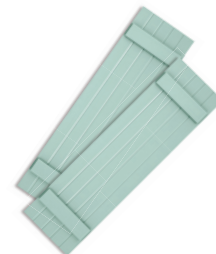
Wythe Blue
(HC-143); benjaminmoore.com

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ROCKING CHAIR

Plantation Rocker
(850S BF) in Black, \$189;
hinklechair.com



BOARD-AND-BATTEN SHUTTERS

Board & Batten Shutters (BBVC),
from \$260/pair; timberlane.com



IRON ELECTRIC LANTERN

Henry Street (B2011) by Troy
Lighting, \$276; 1800lighting.com



OUTDOOR PLANTER

Rope Edge Pot, from \$48;
shopterrain.com