

# SAN DIEGO HOME/GARDEN

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# Country



# Girl

A blend of vintage and new furniture and a riot of floral prints are found in the kitchen "comfort zone" of Laurie Ann's Poway home. Refurbished bar stools are from her childhood home.

## At Home with Laurie Ann Ray



### Laurie Ann says ...

#### ON ACCESSORIES:

Go over the top with accessories  
Fill hutches and armoires with florals,  
boxes, vases and signs  
Display all your collectibles beautifully  
and in groups

#### ON FURNITURE:

Redesign and re-create your existing  
furniture pieces  
Give your furniture a new look with paint  
Slipcover or reupholster furniture to  
freshen it up

#### ON COLOR:

Do a red and green room, but add  
yellow so it's not too "Christmas"

**Y**ou can't take this girl out of the country, or the Poway kind of country out of this woman. For Laurie Ann Ray, born and raised in the open space of Bonita, she's never forgotten her roots ... only gone north and expanded on them. A plaque in the kitchen gives a clue to part of her mystique. It says, "Sit a spell and talk long." But she never seems to sit still.

A mover and shaker on the "shabby chic" front of country, Laurie Ann is the owner of two home design stores and a passionate, energetic interior designer of her own brand of distressed, re-imagined and re-colored furniture and accessories. She stresses, though, that what's always been in style is to be true to yourself and your home's style.



Experiments in color are a daily happening with Laurie Ann. Natural wood is hardly ever in evidence. A dark wood built-in is transformed with coats of bright paint, a blond dresser becomes blue and distressed to add faux years to its history, and solid or glass fronts on cabinet doors may be instantly replaced with chicken wire for a farm style. If it isn't old when she buys it (and she does sell new furniture), it may soon have that comforting look of having been used and loved.

Her business, *At Home with Laurie Ann*, offers classes at her Poway and Solana Beach stores on how to get the Laurie Ann lived-in look. Seasonal open-house events, including Christmas, are held at the Countryside Barn, "the ranch" in Poway. This is her third location, a ram-

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**OPPOSITE LEFT:** View from the open country kitchen. Walls are bricked with pavers. **ABOVE:** A corner is perfect for casual family dining. Doors open to the garden. Paint freshens up an old linen chest, table and chairs. Cherry built-in cabinets, original to house, are countrified with bright color; chicken wire replaces the glass.

### **Favorite things**

Laurie Ann likes these fabrics and colors:

Chandler quilts, Ralph Lauren florals, Waverly, Robert Allen

Sage green, butter yellow, crimson red, hot pink, soft cream, warm gold





CLOCKWISE from left: Front entrance is surrounded by constantly blooming gardens. ROOSTER hutch is new, one of many filled with Laurie Ann's collections. GUEST bedroom linens and window coverings are by The Chandler Collection. BALCONY, one of many outdoor spaces, has a pleasant corner for relaxing.

