

A flaming torch with a palm tree background and a wooden pillar. The torch is in the foreground, with a bright flame. The background features a large, stylized palm tree and a wooden pillar. The text "BRANCHING OUT" is written in a serif font, with "BRANCHING" in all caps and "OUT" in a larger, italicized font. A horizontal line is positioned below the text.

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A lit torch with a wooden handle and a metal head, set against a background of a wooden pillar and tropical leaves. The torch is lit, with a bright orange flame. The background features a vertical wooden pillar and large, light-colored tropical leaves.

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If you gravitate toward sleek, modern design, turn to thin, horizontal slats for privacy fencing, room dividers, or feature walls. Using wood to create a dramatic feature wall in your home is a neutral way to warm up all-white style. For neutral and understated installations, look up. Wood-panel ceilings or wood beams can make a vaulted great room feel cozy. Alternatively, carved ceiling installations, doors, and posts, provide a grand introduction and are a feast for the eyes.

It can be daunting to combine a variety of wood tones, but it is just that variation that will make your home design feel effective yet effortless. Warm teak, gray driftwood, and light bamboo all offer neutral tones that can be mixed and matched with a modern color palette. For adjustments, consider stain to bring out the lost beauty in reclaimed wood.

Look for salvaged pieces to add historic significance to your new home. If you like the concept of a unique newel post but don't have a staircase, repurpose it as an art installation, or find several to use as table legs. Try and find out where your salvaged materials were originally used so you can gain more appreciation for historical details that you wood knot know otherwise.

OPENING PAGE: Carved limestone banana tree wall, kahili tiki torches, and a teak post.

THESE PAGES FROM LEFT: Dramatic living room installation. Modern bathroom with live-edge countertop. Oversize carved headboard is a surprising focal point. Carved poolside post.

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