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PERIOD BEAUTY (1)

- Along with custom stenciling and hand-painted floors, Gracewood Design offers dozens of authenticated, historic floorcloths through its Early American Collection. This 3' x 4' example from the 18th-century Edward Durant house in Newton, Mass., sells for \$360. (415) 695-1480, gracewooddesign.com

IRON COCKEREL (2)

- Highly decorative as well as historically correct, the aptly named cock's-head hinge from Old Smithy Shop makes a suitable trim for an early cupboard or cabinet. A 5 1/2"-high hinge is \$125. A smaller 4 1/2" version is \$115. (603) 672-4113, oldsmithyshop.com

HIGH POST BED (3)

- With its massive posts and heavy reed and petal carving, the Boston Federal tall carved post bed from Leonards New England is modeled on an early-19th-century original. It's available in both queen (\$7200) and king (\$7800) sizes in a traditional or antiques finish. (888) 336-8585, leonardsdirect.com

AUTHENTICALLY HOT (4)

- Widely in use by the 19th century, Rumford fireplaces burn cleanly and radiate more heat into the room. Build your own version of this historic design with easy-to-install components from Superior Clay, including herringbone firebrick. Width openings range from 24" to 48". (800) 848-6166, superiorclay.com

TEXTURE FOR THE TABLE (5)

- New tablecloths and runners from Family HeirLoom Weavers include the Black Patch table square (bottom), and short Orange Peel table runners, shown in black/mustard and black/linen. All in washable cotton/acrylic. The table square retails for \$40; table runners are \$20 each. (717) 246-2431, familyheirloomweavers.com

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HEART OF THE HOUSE (6)

- Reclaimed from old beams, Authentic Pine Floor's random-width antique heart pine is available in four grades. Lengths vary from 2' to 12', with an average length of 8'. Prices range from about \$6.50 to \$11.99 per square foot. **(800) 283-6038, authenticpinefloors.com**

SLOPING SINK (7)

- Soapstone has been used in kitchens for centuries. Vermont Soapstone custom builds its historically inspired slant-front sinks from 1 1/4"-thick slabs. Depending on size and shape, a sink in this style costs from \$800 to \$1200. **(802) 263-5404, vermontsoapstone.com**

PAINT FROM THE PAST (8)

- Olde Century Colors produces its simulated milk paints in the authentic tints of colonial days. More than 30 colors are available in acrylic and oil-based blends, too. Suggested prices range from about \$43 to \$46 per gallon. **(800) 222-3092, oldecenturycolors.com**

COLONIAL CARRY-ALL (9)

- Reproduced from a colonial-era original, the English Lantern from Hurley Patentee incorporates an impressed fanlight motif and carrying loop in the design. It retails for \$390. All fixtures are available with candles or wired for electricity. **(845) 331-5414, hurleypatenteelighting.com**

STANDING TALL (10)

- Kept painted, a standing seam roof will last practically forever. Follansbee Steel's terne-coated stainless steel roof (TCS II) goes steel one better with a zinc-tin alloy bonded coating that resists salt spray and corrosion. The material costs \$3 to \$4 per square foot; installation costs vary, depending on the complexity of the project. **(800) 624-6906, follansbeeroofing.com**