



# Over the Garden Gate

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Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like, has never washed a dog.



## Deep toned walls

Dark chocolate walls outlined with white moldings reinforce the

geometry of the furnishings. A rectangular bed, striped bedding, squared-off nightstands, and angular lampshades are offset only by a handful of rounded elements.



*Darker walls add a cozy touch and are especially appropriate for living rooms, bedrooms, and dining rooms. If you've wanted to add more colour to your home, take a moment to step into these examples.*

*earthy*

Cocoa-coloured walls blend with kitchen cabinetry in this space and offer a neutral background for displays of collectibles. The



*cocoa*

Brown is earthy and natural and can convey a sense of familiarity.



colour relates to the countertop and is picked up in the valance fabric as well.

Chocolate brown walls and white accents set a sophisticated tone in the living room. The wall color was plucked from the ottoman fabric.

*chocolate*

# R e c i p e

## Too Much Chocolate Cake

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package devil's food cake mix
- 1 (5.9 ounce) package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to  
350 degrees F  
(175 degrees C).



## Feature Flower *Chocolate Delphinium*



Add some intrigue to your landscape with this stellar new delphinium. It offers white blooms heavily streaked and spotted with rich, chocolate purple. It's a

great cut flower, too.

Grow it for: Its intriguing colouring

Grow it with: White delphiniums to show it off

Name: Delphinium 'Chocolate'

Growing Conditions: Full sun or part shade and moist, well-drained soil

Size: To 6 feet tall

In a large bowl, mix together the cake and pudding mixes, sour cream, oil, beaten eggs and water. Stir in the chocolate chips and pour batter into a well greased 12 cup bundt pan.

Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, or until top is springy to the touch and a wooden toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool cake thoroughly in pan at least an hour and a half before inverting onto a plate. If desired, dust the cake with powdered sugar.

## Handy Hints

**Cleaning Woodwork** Did you know that cold tea will clean woodwork? Give it a try!

**Grease stains on your carpet?** Shake some cornstarch over the grease stain and let set there overnight or at least 8 hours. Vacuum.

**Ink on your nice carpet?** Don't panic. Blot up the ink with a cloth or blotter. Next, take a sponge and wet it with a solution of Lysol and Water (ratio 1 teaspoon Lysol to 1 Quart water) Gently sponge area till ink is gone. Get clean sponge and rinse with water and then dry.



**I'M LISTENING.**

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