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### (design challenge)

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# make a grand entrance

We gave five decorators a bare-bones console table and a 9-by-12-foot wall. The rest was up to their imagination

A foyer is more than just a place to toss car keys, doff coats and stash umbrellas: It's the first space you—and your guests—see upon arriving at your home. Ideally it should be welcoming and also reflect your personality, so that people get to know you better the moment they step inside. Starting with only an empty wall and an inexpensive console table from Pier 1 Imports, five designers show how easy it is to create inviting settings in a range of styles—and prove that an entryway needn't be spacious in order to make a big statement.

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