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# outdoor style

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#### about the house

BUILT IN: 1946 BOUGHT IN: 2008 SIZE: 5,000 sq.ft.
"We're both from Southern California, and this house, with its stone details, painted brick, and red front door, felt quintessentially East Coast, which is such a nice change for us." *—Katie and Chris Smith, homeowners*

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### ideas to steal



### **light fixture** A sconce and a

pendant illuminate the front door. Both have beveled glass and a polished frame for a timeless look. Monterey 19"-tall polished brass outdoor lantern, from \$100, livexlightinglights .com for stores

#### hydrangea

The Smiths planted a 'Tardiva' PeeGee hydrangea between the windows to the left of the door and pruned it into a tree shape. It blooms green flowers from midsummer to fall.



#### flower beds

Mostly green with a few pops of color, the yard includes perennials such as (clockwise from top) a tall Spartan juniper, pink hydrangeas, a weeping blue atlas cedar, black-eyed Susan, and Golden Mop false cypresses.



#### front door

Painted fire-engine red, the door is an instant attention grabber, especially against the exterior's neutral stone trim and white brick. Smooth-Star fiberglass entry door with clear glass and fixed grilles, from \$438, thermatru.com for stores; paint: Hot Jazz by Dunn-Edwards

#### paint colors





#### oak tree

The fast-growing northern red oak tree on the left side of the yard has shot up more than a foot since the Smiths planted it in 2012.

Lion 8½"-tall door knocker in polished finish, \$114, jeffersonbrass.com



#### door hardware

Brass accents match the light fixtures and shine against the red door. Katie and Chris love the antique lion knocker for its grand look and feel. Schlage Georgian 4½"-tall metal keyed entry door knob with Brookshire rosette in antique brass finish, \$37, build.com