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HGTV's Frank Fontana debuts brilliant column on Chicago style in our new At Home section

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 Let's get into it.

BOO BARRY BOO!



Bonds hits two

home runs and fans at Wrigley give him their worst — but they still scramble for those baseballs he knocked out of the park and into the bleachers. | RICK TELANDER AND MUCH MORE IN SPORTS



Barry Bonds in the on-deck circle yesterday. | RICK TELANDER/CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

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HGTV's Frank Fontana (right) works the room during an episode of "Design on a Dime" with, from left, design coordinators Ali Arthur and Kelly Edwards and condo owner Lisa Pfeimstra.

'Design on a Dime' Chicago style

HGTB helps redo a room on \$1,000

BY RONNIE MCGARATH
Special to the Chicago Sun-Times

On his way to park out the wallpaper, Frank Elstgea called aloud: "Legs, it's me, Frank, from 'Design on a Dime,'" he said. "I'll be right over." Elstgea had a ... I don't know ... I guess some special alias.

When the House and Garden Television star arrived for interview time, Elstgea always, without fail, walks in like a traffic policeman, pulls a couple of people back down in front of him, and this was about his business. Elstgea called Fontana over a few times to talk about what sort of door frames and baseboard trim that he liked, and then suddenly he lit upon one he knew he had to have a rich, mucky, mustard-yellow varnish door crocille.

Then the roll of the dice — the suspense! — will it be paid within budget? No, Fontana was able to get the \$1,000 plus he needed for \$100-\$150 just over costs over the budget for wall

GETTING MARRIED?
Fontana getting married at home in front of about 50 friends and relatives ... and creating your wedding designs showcased on HGTV's "Design on a Dime" wants you to visit www.hgtv.com and scroll down to "Be on HGTV's 'Dime'!"



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On his way to pick out the wallpaper, Frank Fontana called ahead. "Yeah, it's me, Frank, from 'Design on a Dime!'" he said. "I'll be right over. I'll be to look at ... I don't know ... I guess some animal skins."

When the *Bauer and Gosselin* television star arrived five minutes later, HGTV design consultant Lauren Pihos sat him at a table, placed a couple of sample books down in front of him—and then went about her business. Fontana called Pihos over a few times to ask about patterns of faux antlers and furred skins that he liked, and then suddenly he lit upon one he knew he had to have: a rich mucky, marshy, beige-otterlic faux crocotta.

Then the roll of the dice—the suspense!—will it be priced within his budget? Yes, Fontana was able to get the six rolls he needed for \$200, just four cents over the budget for wall-

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treatment for the current episode he was working on. The four cents would have to be made up elsewhere in the project, of course. And yes, the air rolls could be shipped overnight from the manufacturer in Germany; a crucial point, because the "reveal"—the moment that the lucky homeowner gets to furnish her new space as the cameras roll—was less than 72 hours away. The wallpaper was put on the HGTV account, and Fontana headed back to his workshop/studio at Pic Town Productions on West Elkins.

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