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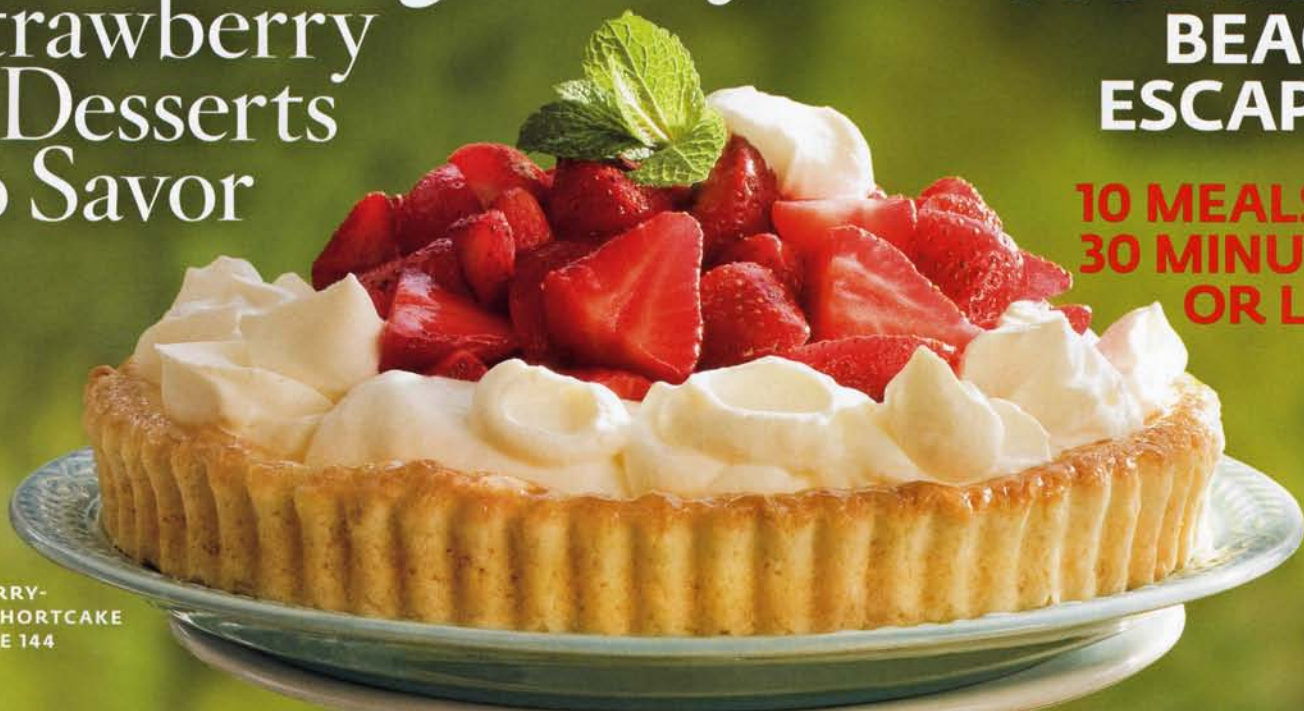
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Dear Southern Living:

“Help us fix a problem facade.”

An exterior makeover inspired by legendary Southern architect A. Hays Town bonds this Louisiana home to its region's roots. **BY REX PERRY**



Sheryl and Leif Pedersen struggled with the mismatched gables on their home in Slidell, Louisiana. “Should we paint the stucco to match the brick mortar, or try something more?” asks Sheryl. Uniting the gables with color and matching shutters certainly helps, but architect Hoyte Johnson suggests taking the changes a step further. His new facade elevates the home from a builder's stock plan to a design inspired by late Louisiana architect A. Hays Town.

Town masterfully incorporated Louisiana's Acadian and Creole architectural traditions into his designs. Hoyte borrows from Town's frequent use of large entry columns and flared eaves for a dramatic porch that replaces one of the twin gables. The new entry breaks the symmetry of the Pedersens' home without altering the footprint of the original living space. Finishing details such as a gas copper post light and large planters bring the feel of New Orleans to the home.



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