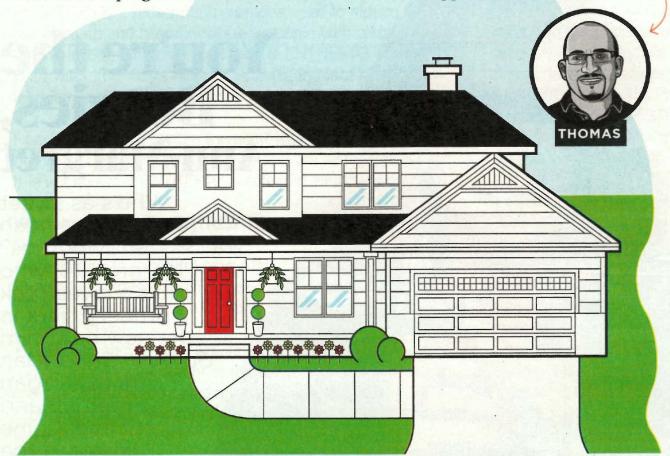
## **GOT CURB APPEAL?**

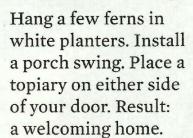
**FOR HOME SELLERS,** \$50 spent on paint and flowers could help increase your final selling price by thousands; what investment can beat that? Here are the three secrets for making a great first impression with your home—from Derek Thomas, whose landscaping has been featured on HGTV's *Curb Appeal* and *Get It Sold*.



TAKE AWAY, DON'T ADD

Gardens tend to be too crowded. Thin out plants to add pleasing "negative space," and prune lower limbs from trees to increase yard visibility. Result: a tranquil home.

DRAW EYES
TO YOUR
FRONT
PORCH



ADD

Paint your front door red. Plant flowers by your entrance, using bright choices such as petunias, geraniums, zinnias, dahlias, sages and daisies. Result: a happy home.