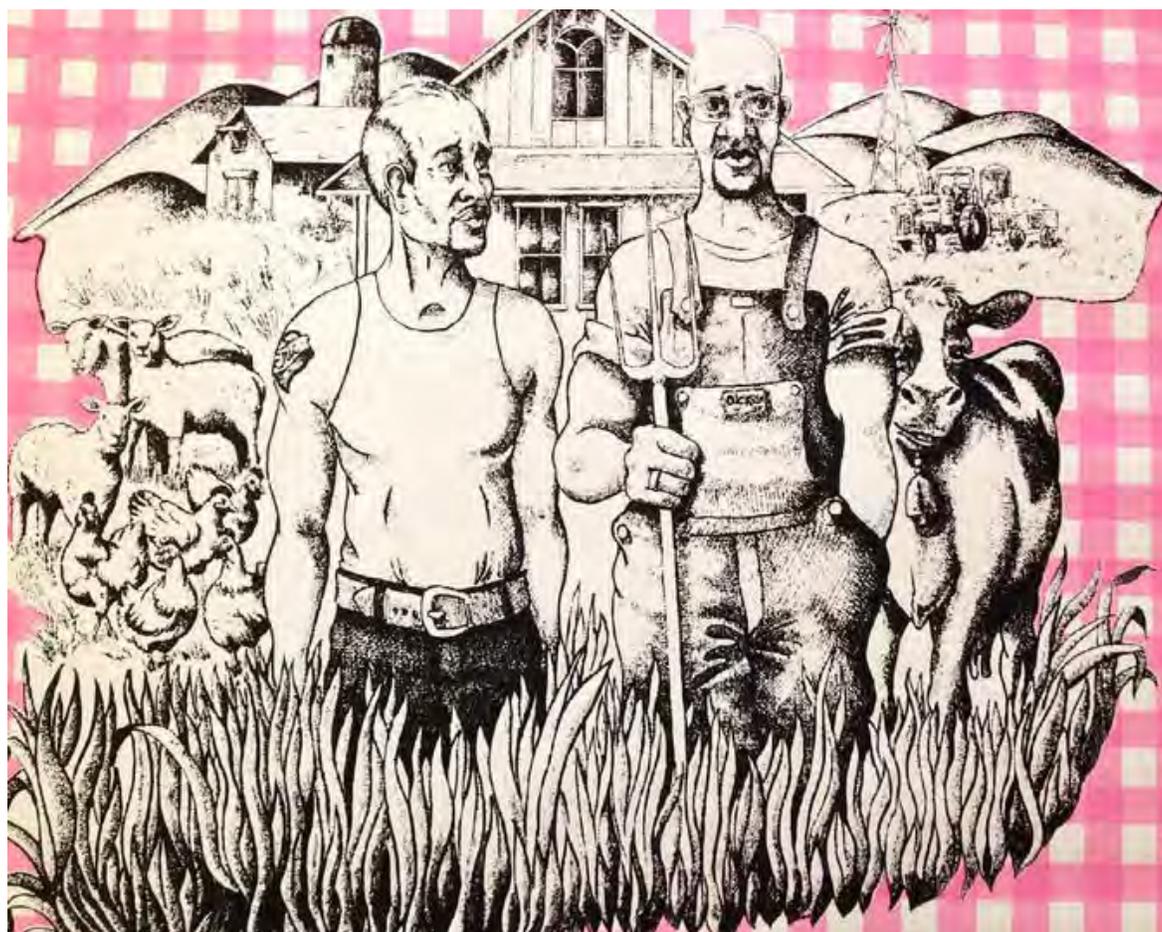




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Hudson Valley Toile Wallpaper From Sheila Bridges

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In 2006, Sheila Bridges, a Manhattan interior designer, updated the traditional pictorial wallpaper known as [toile de Jouy](#) with scenes from Harlem, including a couple dancing to a boom box. This month, she is introducing Hudson Valley Toile, a wallpaper hand-screened with six vignettes that depict changes in that upstate New York region, which has become a refuge for urbanites.

“It’s an ironic, slightly sardonic vision,” said Ms. Bridges, who has owned a house in the area for 15 years. [Rip Van Winkle](#) sits drowsily on the highway. [Frederic Edwin Church](#) paints a view of the Hudson River cluttered with smokestacks and cellphone towers. And Ms. Bridges’s version of “[American Gothic](#)” features two male farmers “who may or may not be married,” she said. The wallpaper comes in six colors and is \$200 for a roll 5 yards long and 27 inches wide.

A minimum order is five rolls; [sheilabridges.com](#).

Correction: October 14, 2014

Because of an editing error, an earlier version of this article misstated the length of time in which Sheila Bridges has owned a house in the Hudson Valley. It is 15 years, not 20.

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